



COLOR BEARER AT SHILOH

Five Times Wounded and Left for Dead on the Field, But is Still Alive.

(Extract from the advanced sheets of "War Reminiscences," by Justice Jarvis Blume, formerly of the Second Kentucky volunteer infantry.)

After the terrible battle (of Shiloh) was over and the bloody results estimated, one of those who were missing was the color sergeant of the brigade, George Berz, of the First Kentucky regiment.

His conduct at all times prior to this battle was manly and courageous in the face of danger, and it was common talk among the leaders of the division who referred proudly to the heroic gallantry of the color sergeant.

I shared the belief with many in my regiment that he never survived the battle of Shiloh, and, strange as it may seem, for over two years thereafter, after muster out and 28 subsequent years, I never knew that George Berz had survived the battle and was in the land of the living.

I looked him over incredulously, and, like a flash of lightning, it came to my mind that the speaker was George Berz, whom I had known for a number of years in Chicago as a prominent politician and at that time the postmaster of West Chicago, with whom I came almost within daily contact for a number of years.

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THE COLONEL'S STORY.

He Strives to Tell About Gettysburg, But the Fool Drummer Choked Him Off.

"Well, colonel," said the drummer, as the group lighted their cigars after supper, "they tell me that you were promoted from major to colonel on account of personal bravery at Gettysburg. I wasn't in the war myself, being too young, but I like to hear of it. Let's have your story."

"I don't like to tell my own story," modestly replied the colonel.

"Oh, please! Just go right ahead and give it to us. A brave man is always modest, and we'll excuse all the 'I's' in your adventure."

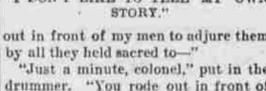
"Well," said the colonel, as he settled down in his chair, "my command was drawn up in an open field. There was a battery on our right, and it struck me—"

"Excuse me," interrupted the drummer, "but do you mean an electric battery?"

"No, sir!" replied the colonel, with a great deal of emphasis.

"Oh, very well; go on, colonel. I am interested in electricity, but if this wasn't an electric battery, I won't ask any questions."

"Just before we got the order to charge," continued the colonel, "I rode



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out in front of my men to adjure them by all they held sacred to—"

"Just a minute, colonel," put in the drummer. "You rode out in front of your regiment. Were you in a coupe or on horseback?"

"Sir, I was in the saddle, of course!" hotly exclaimed the colonel.

"Oh, I see! You adjured your men. 'Adjured' is a little beyond me, colonel. Do you mean that you addressed them?"

"They answered me with cheers," said the colonel, after a long look of contempt at the other, "and then I gave the order to move forward."

"What was your object in giving that order?" asked the drummer.

"You evidently don't know much about military matters!" exclaimed the brave officer as he moved about uneasily.

"No, I don't, but I want to be posted. You moved forward. Pretty soon you struck a farmhouse—is that what you said? Did you stop there for supper?"

"Are you a fool?" howled the colonel, as he jumped out of his chair.

"Now, what's the matter with you?" replied the drummer. "If you can't tell us about the battle of Gettysburg without getting mad about it, I for one don't want to hear the story. Just be cool and calm. You adjured your men. Then you went forward. Then you struck a farmhouse. Then what happened? Don't get excited, colonel, but give it to us straight."

"I am through, sir!" icily replied the colonel, as he rose up.

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WAR SEEMS INEVITABLE.

Dispute Between the Boers and English Rapidly Nears the Point Where Cannon Must be Used.

London, Aug. 22.—There is no longer any doubt that President Kruger has refused to submit to the demand of Mr. Chamberlain for the appointment of a court of inquiry. He may have done so diplomatically or hedgingly. But that his answer is regarded by the British government as tantamount to a positive refusal is an established fact.

The colonial office is non-committal, but there are other evidences which amply justify the statement. The report that President Kruger has proposed new terms is somewhat verified by the guarded comment of the colonial office officials and the irritability displayed there.

There is not the slightest doubt that they believe war is now the only way to settle the controversy. They would far rather have had a curt, defiant answer than the temporizing reply which the Boer president has sent.

With the former Great Britain would have plain ground for a quick commencement of hostilities.

Under the circumstances which it is believed now exist aggressive action needs considerable explanation to justify it in the eyes of the world and the English minority which still declares that war would be an outrage.

However, if Mr. Chamberlain has his way, it is believed President Kruger's counter-proposals will meet with scant attention, and unless the Boers completely back down, which is not likely, the crisis will quickly develop into war.

It is gathered that the colonial office has been aware of the nature of the Transvaal's reply for some days and that it was communicated to the war office, hence it is probable that Great Britain will delay the denouncement as little as possible.

A high colonial official yesterday frankly expressed his disgust at what he terms "Kruger's cupidity and hypocrisy." He said: "The kind of game which Kruger is playing must be clear to Americans. The protestations of the Boers that they wish to live a quiet, agricultural life may be the tune of some on the veldt, but the gang in Pretoria is simply after money. Though Kruger says many harsh things of the outlanders, he never hesitated to make money out of them, either by fair or foul means. This Transvaal question cannot be judged by recent occurrences. You must go back 50 years. It has been hanging fire all that time and the sooner it is settled now the better."

Though the official did not actually say so, it was clear that he believed war was the only method of settlement. It is learned that the government is somewhat annoyed at the public's slight interest in the Transvaal affair. The official above quoted said: "Dreyfus seems the only thing our people think about, though England is in a most serious crisis. This indifference is perhaps typical."

A dispatch from Cape Town says there is great danger of an outbreak of violence on the frontier, and that the seum of South Africa is enlivening throughout the colony and is being sent to Pizani and Jameson, on the border.

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NEWS OF OHIO.

Gathered by Telegraph From All Parts of the State.

Decided in Favor of Long. Columbus, Aug. 22.—Secretary of State Kinney yesterday decided the democratic contest in the Twelfth senatorial district in favor of George Long, of Miami county, who, as a result, goes on the democratic ballot to succeed himself in the state senate. There were two nominations, W. T. Amos, of Shelby county, and Long both claiming to be the legal nominee. The district election board was unable to decide the matter, their deliberations resulting in a deadlock, which threw the contest into the secretary of state's office. From Kinney's decision there is no appeal.

Held in Heavy Jail. Cleveland, Aug. 22.—Coroner Simon began an inquest Monday into the death of Jerry White, of Lorain. White died in the Central police station last Friday night as the result of injuries received in a fight said to have taken place in Charles Scheinold's saloon. These men, Nathan Tripp, James Roland and John Morrison are under arrest charged with having caused his death. In police court Monday they were arraigned on the charge of manslaughter. The cases were all continued to Aug. 23. Bail was fixed in the sum of \$5,000 in each case.

The Scientists' Conclave. Columbus, Aug. 22.—The opening exercises of the 48th meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science began Monday. The section of greatest general interest is that of anthropology. Prof. Thomas Wilson, of the Smithsonian institution, vice president of this section, in his address, gave Denmark the credit for the first practical scientific investigation into prehistoric anthropology.

Skull Crushed by a Coupling Pin. Akron, Aug. 19.—Erie railway trainmen picked up a man at Sterling Thursday night, who had been the victim of assault and battery. The man's skull had been crushed in by a coupling pin, which lay at his side, and there was not an article of any kind in his pockets. The man was well dressed and an entire stranger in the vicinity. He will doubtless die.

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Wellington Secret Orders.

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MASONIC. WELLINGTON LODGE, No. 127, F. & A. M., meets Tuesday night on or before each full moon and two weeks thereafter. W. W. Metzger, W. M. F. G. Yale, Secretary.

WELLINGTON CHAPTER, No. 109, R. A. M., meets on Tuesday night following each full moon. E. R. Stanzard, High Priest. F. G. Yale, Secretary.

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W. R. C. Hamlin Relief Corps, No. 28, meets on the first and third Tuesday nights of each month at Grand Army Hall. Visitors welcome. Mrs. H. A. Knapp, President. Mrs. Ada Kerns, Secretary.

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