

The Times' Daily Short Story.

UNOFFICIAL INFORMATION

One of the prominent Union generals of the war—we will call him General Tomlinson—could not abide a woman in camp.

One spring morning when the sun was warm and the buds were opening after a hard winter the army was ordered very suddenly to break camp and move southward.

"Captain Murdock," said the general to his aid, "since when have the officers of my staff taken to such refined apparel as that?"

"Very well," replied the commander. "Turn it over. You should have done so earlier."

At the end of the first day's march the general went into camp opposite the only house there in the vicinity.

"I think, general," he replied, scratching his head meditatively, "that is some stuff sent me by my mother to turn over to the surgeons to be cut up for hospital supplies."

"I thought that house was vacant," said the general.

"They look like nice people," continued the general. "I must go over and ask them if they want anything."

"I'm sure it is unnecessary, general," said the aid quickly. "I have given orders that—"

"You seem to be interested in them, captain. Some of these southern women are very pretty. I'll pay my respects, which is no more than my duty under the circumstances. We must do what we can to placate the southern people. I think I'll go now."

"Do you desire me to attend you, sir?" asked the aid, vainly endeavoring to conceal a look of agony.

"You? Yes, certainly."

The two walked across the road and

UNOFFICIAL INFORMATION

entered the house. Captain Murdock called aloud: "Mrs.—Bates!"

"Well?" asked a soft voice. "General Tomlinson desires to pay his respects to you."

"I will be down directly." There was an anxious look on Mrs. Bates' face when she entered which the general, naturally attributing to fear of the Yankees, endeavored to dispel by offers of a safe-guard, supplies from the commissary stores and other favors.

"Ah, yes! I remember. We should like to see him very much, Mrs. Bates." The lady went upstairs and in a few minutes came down, leading her boy, his eyes shining with a bright expectancy.

"Well, my little man," said the general, taking him on his lap, "are you a Union or a Confederate boy?"

"I'm a Union boy." "That's good. Why are you a Union boy?"

"Because papa's Union." "Papa Union?" asked the general, surprised. "Where is papa?"

"I fancy your papa has gone on with the retreating southerners," said Murdock.

The boy looked a strong protest to this statement, then jumped down from the general's lap and rushed with open arms to Murdock. The general looked on with a singular expression.

"Mrs. Bates," he said, "unless you'll give me your word you're not a widow I shall have to send you through the lines. My aid has, I fancy, already made some headway in your good graces, and I should not be surprised to hear your boy call him papa. Good morning, Mrs. Bates. Call on me for anything you require."

The general and his aid walked back in silence to camp. Before resuming their labors the general remarked: "The presence of women and children in camp is demoralizing, even though left by the enemy. I feel their influence myself. I trust I shall never have official information that any of my officers has disobeyed my instructions in this respect." And he began to dictate a dispatch.

Mrs. Bates, alias Mrs. Murdock, went north the next day. She had been caught without transportation when the army moved and was obliged to go with it. The general did not refer to her again even as Mrs. Bates.

F. A. MITCHEL.

A DUAL PERSONALITY

Rice Planter Found Himself a Common Sailor.

STRANGE LAPSE OF MEMORY

Young Du Bois Suddenly Became Another Man—Fall on Ship's Deck in a Storm Restored Recollection of Previous Career.

Quincy, Ill., Dec. 26.—A marvelous case of dual personality has been disclosed by the arrival here of Charles Du Bois, who is twenty-eight years old and whose family home is in Gibson City, Ill. He became, figuratively speaking, another man for several months until the memory of his previous life came to him suddenly while he was acting as a common seaman on a ship. The story of his experience is supported by plenty of evidence.

Du Bois went to Louisiana seven years ago to work on a rice plantation. Five years later he and another young man named Albert Carlisle agreed to run a rice plantation on shares near Gueydan, La. One Sunday morning in June, 1902, Du Bois says he got in his buggy to go to church in Gueydan. While on the way he suddenly dropped out of existence so far as his memory was concerned. When the memory of his former career returned he was 400 miles from the United States coast and on the full rigged sailing ship Endymion, bound for Diego, Suarez, Madagascar. The vessel was flying the Russian flag, but Swedish was mostly spoken on board, and the captain's name was Peterson.

Found Himself at Sea. When Du Bois recovered his former self a storm was raging, and the right side of his jaw was aching him. A lurch of the ship had sent him sprawling on the deck. The shock of the fall had caused him to regain the memory of his career, but at the same time he was bewildered by his strange surroundings and by finding himself a seaman.

He was attempting to collect his thoughts when the mate of the ship ordered him to make fast the sails, but the work seemed so new to him that he required instructions. Every task which he was ordered to perform subsequently was strange to him, though he was informed that he had done seaman's work satisfactorily while he was in his other psychological state.

Du Bois says the mate told him that he (Du Bois) had gone aboard the Endymion at Pensacola, Fla., on the afternoon of Aug. 18, 1902, and together with a German, a Frenchman and two negroes, had signed as sailors before the mast. Du Bois found his own signature on the ship's book, though he had not the slightest recollection of having penned it.

The mate also told Du Bois that the latter had acted in a peculiar manner, but that it had occasioned not much comment. The Endymion after discharging her cargo at the Madagascar port went to the island of Reunion and next to Rangoon, British Burma, and finally, after several delays and trying experiences, dropped anchor in the harbor of Leith, Scotland, on Dec. 1 last.

Du Bois says he was paid \$145, and he made haste to return to his home in Illinois. He reached New York Dec. 14 and last Friday arrived here, where his sister, Mrs. R. O. Bendles, lives. He had written to her from Madagascar and had told her of his remarkable experience.

The only clue that Du Bois has regarding his whereabouts between that Sunday in June, 1902, when he started for church in Louisiana, and Aug. 18 following, when he woke to his former self on board the Endymion, was the information given to him by the German who shipped as a seaman with him at Pensacola.

Evans Sails on Tuesday. Honolulu, Dec. 26.—It is the present intention of Rear Admiral Evans to sail with the Asiatic squadron for Cavite next Tuesday. The colliers Pompano and Nanshan sailed yesterday via Midway and Guam. Governor Carter and the Merchants' association have called President Roosevelt and Secretary of the Navy Moody expressing the appreciation of the people of Hawaii for the visit of the squadron and asking that its time of departure be extended to Jan. 1 or later.

West Virginia Back in Trouble. Cameron, W. Va., Dec. 26.—Great surprise was occasioned here when a notice was posted on the door of the First Citizens' bank, signed by A. E. Fox, cashier, stating that, owing to unusual withdrawals and inability of the institution to realize on its paper, the directors had ordered the bank to be closed pending an investigation of its affairs. The notice stated that the assets are sufficient to pay all the obligations of the bank.

Charged With Robbing Estate. Providence, R. I., Dec. 26.—Abbot L. Stoddard of this city, but formerly of Norwich, Conn., has been arrested on a warrant charging him with the stealing of promissory notes and other evidential paper valued at \$32,000 from the estates of three elderly women of Ledyard, Conn. An attempt to secure bail was unsuccessful, and Stoddard was locked up for the night in the central station.

Ordinance For Military Schools. Washington, Dec. 26.—The secretary of war has approved a recommendation of the general board that congress authorize the distribution of absolute ordnance to military schools.

Itching, Bleeding Piles

Are instantly relieved by a free application of the Cooling, Soothing, Antiseptic Healing Remedy, Paracamph. It prevents Itching, stops Bleeding and relieves the Pain by penetrating to the source of the trouble, quickly Cooling and Soothing the injured nerves and drawing out all Fever and Inflammation. One trial will convince you thoroughly. EVERY BOTTLE IS GUARANTEED TO GIVE SATISFACTION OR MONEY REFUNDED. SOLD ONLY IN 25c., 50c. AND \$1.00 BOTTLES. AT ALL GOOD DRUGGISTS.

Sold by D. F. DAVIS, "The Druggist," 262 North Main Street, Barre, Vt.

IN BOSTON MARKETS.

Quotations on the Leading Products That are in Demand.

Boston, Dec. 23.—Butter is dull, with prices somewhat lower on fresh made. Receipts have been larger and the demand is quiet; Northern creamery round lots, 24 1/2c; Western, 24 1/2c; Vermont dairy, 21 1/2c; renovated butter, 17 1/2c.

Cheese is in light demand, with prices steady and unchanged. Round lots, Vermont twins, 11 1/2c; New York twins, 12 1/2c.

Eggs are very strong, with the supply small owing to the cold weather. Refrigerator eggs are in steady demand, prices going higher for choice lots. Western fresh, 35c; eastern, 37c; 40c; nearly, 40c; refrigerator, 28c.

Beans are steady with a firmer tendency, owing to strong country markets. The supply is limited. Carload lots, pea, \$2.15c; medium, \$2.15c; 2.20; yellow eyes, \$3.10; red kidneys, \$3.15c; California small white, \$2.45c; foreign pea and medium, \$2; jobbing prices higher.

Apples are doing better, with choice lots quoted higher. The supply of common fruit is gradually being reduced. Harves, \$2.25c; snows, \$2.50c; Kings, \$2.50c; Baldwin, \$2.75c; greenings, \$2.75c; Hubbardston and Hubbardston, \$1.50c; northern spits, \$1.75c; The apple shipments from Boston for the week ending Dec. 19 were 272 bbls to London and 1482 bbls to Liverpool.

Cranberries are firmer at \$2.25 per bx and \$2.65 per bbl. Domestic grapes sell at 12c for Niagara and 13c for Catawbas. Almeria grapes are selling at \$3.50c per bbl, with the market being pretty well cleaned up.

Table nuts are steady and are selling at: Walnuts, 12 1/2c per lb; castanas, 10 1/2c; pecans, 10 1/2c; almonds, 13 1/2c; hickory, \$2 per bu.

Potatoes are quiet but steady. Aroostook hebrons, 70c; Green mountains, 75c; York state Green mountains, 65c; sweets, Norfolk, cloth heads, 75c; Jersey double heads, \$2.50c.

Celery is selling at: Pascal, \$3.40 per long bx; Boston market, \$4.00 per long bx; white, \$1.25 per doz.

Onions are quoted at: Spanish, large, \$2.50; natives, \$1 per bu; bbls, \$2.50c.

Cucumbers sell at \$1.50c per bx. Yellow turnips are selling at \$1 per bbl; white French, \$1.50 per bbl; white, 50c per bu; beets, \$1 per bu; carrots, 75c per bu; parsnips, 75c per bu.

Cabbages sell at \$2.25 per bbl for native; Savoy, \$1.25 per bbl; red, \$2.50 per bbl.

Lettuce is quoted at \$1.50c to \$2.50 per bx; radishes, 35c per doz; mint, 75c per doz; cress, 50c per doz; beets, 40c per doz; oyster plants, \$1 per doz.

String beans sell at \$10 per bx for green.

Spinach is quoted at \$1 per bu; beet greens, \$1 per bu; parsley, \$1.50c to \$1.75 per bu; peppers, \$2.50 per bu.

Brussels sprouts sell at 10c per qt. Cauliflower sells at \$7 per bbl.

Hay is very dull, with prices weaker and lower on some grades. Receipts are heavy and the demand light. Straw is steady for rye, with out in full supply and easy. Millfeed is steady.

Hay, No. 1, \$1.75 to \$1.85; low grades, \$1.25 to \$1.50; rye straw, \$2.50c; oat straw, \$0.60.

ens, northern, 15 1/2c; western, 15 1/2c; fowls, northern, 13 1/2c; western, 11 1/2c; ducks, 14 1/2c; geese, 14 1/2c.

The enormous increase in the flour production of the interior mills of Minnesota and the Dakotas is one of the striking features of this exceptional wheat year, a year in which relative prices in most markets have ruled at premiums over futures instead of at discounts, as customary in most years.

Northwest expert opinion is that this country is not far from the turning of the ways when only in occasional years will there be any large wheat surplus for export. Probably in no year on record have our western and northwestern markets shown the indifference to and independence of foreign market influences as in this current season.

Renewed talk of war in the far east and not only confirmation of late heavy export takings of both grains, but also apparently well founded reports that the whole truth had not been told, that actual export purchases, particularly of wheat, were even greater than given out, were the leading bull factors.

President's Annoyer Arrested. Washington, Dec. 26.—Having addressed a letter to President Roosevelt, the nature of which led the secret service officers on duty at the White House to believe that he was insane, the police arrested Jerman Kehl, thirty-nine years of age, a native of Constitution, Chile. When taken into custody he had on his person a loaded revolver and a pair of steel knuckles. He claims to be an inventor and to have several patents pending, and he desired to be protected.

Charges Against an Iowa Mayor. Council Bluffs, Ia., Dec. 26.—Mayor Dell C. Morgan has been cited to answer to a suit instituted in the district court to oust him from office on a charge of corruption, maladministration in office and of having a compact with gambling houses to afford them police protection. The suit is brought in the name of S. R. Wade, an attorney. There are four counts against the mayor.

Jack O'Brien Beats Jeffords. Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—Jack O'Brien of this city had the better of the six round bout with Jim Jeffords last night at the Broadway Athletic club. In the third round Jeffords had O'Brien a little groggy, but he soon recovered and held the advantage to the end of the fight.

M. Zanardelli Growing Worse. Rome, Dec. 26.—The condition of former Premier Zanardelli is growing worse, owing to dysentery and fever, due to acute anemia.

Man's Head in Woman's Trunk. San Bernardino, Cal., Dec. 26.—The arrest of Miguel Antonio and Trinidad Figueroa at Bakersfield on the charge of murdering Lee Gar, a Chinese, at The Needles last Sunday, may develop other tragedies. In the woman's trunk has been found the head of an unknown man. The woman, who is a Mexican, and Antonio, her companion in flight, who is a Cuban, were brought to this city and are now in the county jail. Lee Gar, the murdered Chinese, was collector for a laundry and went to the house in response to a summons. The officers found his body with the head almost severed with a razor, which was subsequently found, together with blood soaked matting from the floor.

Dowie Again in Hot Water. Chicago, Dec. 26.—More legal trouble for John Alexander Dowie was started yesterday when a petition was filed in the United States district court asking for permission to start suits against him in the state courts while bankruptcy proceedings are pending. The attorney who filed the petition and who represents several creditors gave as a reason the belief that Dowie is to leave the jurisdiction of the court on Dec. 27 for Australia. Judge Kohlsaat intimates he would not object to the start of suits in the state courts, but expressed a desire that Dowie's counsel be advised and given a chance to appear in court.

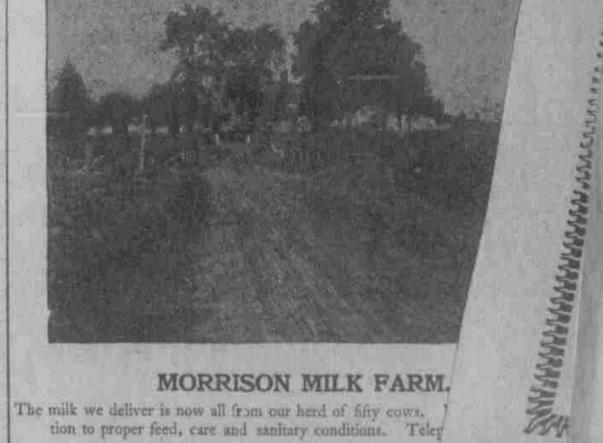
Three Connecticut Holdups. Ansonia, Conn., Dec. 26.—An highwayman have made three holdups in this vicinity within the last forty-four hours. In the first two the robbers were successful and made the victims hand over what money they had on their persons, but their third attempt failed, when, through the aid of his horse, Joseph Keefe, aged seven years, escaped. Keefe notified the authorities, and in a men armed with all sorts and carrying lanterns and wood and lovely parts of their search, however, was fruit.

Curtis Mill Closed. Montville, Conn., Dec. 26.—The stringency in the cotton market and the difficulty in handling products economically the Mass. Manufacturing company has closed their mill at Oakdale for an indefinite period. The company notified the hands remaining at work that the services would be no longer required.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

ELEGANT PREMIUMS GIVEN WITH OUR Perfumes and Toilet Waters

During the Holiday Season. Write for Free Catalogue. CURTIS & MOORE, Manufacturing Chemists 208 State Street, Boston.



MORRISON MILK FARM. The milk we deliver is now all from our herd of fifty cows, bred to proper feed, care and sanitary conditions. Teleg



MINISTER BUCHANAN.

public and other distinguished officials. All the representatives of foreign governments now here had been invited to attend the reception.

No news of any moment has yet been received from the Darien district. Advice received by the provisional government contradicted the report that Colombian soldiers were landed on the island of Pines. The Colombian cruiser General Pinzon was seen two days ago enroute to the southward.

The Bogota government claims that its object in sending troops to Chocó, in the northern part of the state of Cauca, was to prevent an uprising of the inhabitants there.

C. Mallet, the British consul, has of-

BUCHANAN PRESENTED.

United States Minister Officially Welcomed in Panama.

Panama, Dec. 26.—This afternoon at 5 o'clock W. I. Buchanan presented his credentials as envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to the republic of Panama.

The reception of the minister at the palace was on a magnificent scale. Troops were lined from his residence to the palace, to which he rode in a government hack, accompanied by several representatives of the government and a military band. There was a guard of honor at the palace entrance, and Minister Buchanan was received by all the ministers of the re-

publicly informed the Junta that he has received a cablegram from the British foreign office to the effect that Great Britain formally recognizes the republic of Panama.

More Marines Landed. Colon, Dec. 26.—The balance of the marines from the United States cruiser Prairie, numbering 150, have been landed and have gone by train to Bas Obispo station, on the Panama railroad.

Cuba Recognizes New Republic. Havana, Dec. 26.—The government has issued a proclamation recognizing the republic of Panama.

To Standardize Harriman Lines. Omaha, Neb., Dec. 26.—W. V. S. Thurn, director of purchases for the Harriman lines, who has been in Omaha several days, announces that the equipment of the entire Harriman system will be standardized. When the plan has been carried into effect it will be possible to duplicate any piece of rolling stock at any shop of the system. The work of bringing the equipment to a uniform style will be worked out gradually as new stock and repairs are required. The plan of standardizing will include the Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Oregon Short Line, Oregon Railway and Navigation company, Illinois Central and Chicago and Alton.

Death of Moody Merrill. Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 26.—Moody Merrill of Boston, alias C. F. Grayson of Silver City, has died suddenly at Silver City from pneumonia. Merrill, it is said, had held very high positions in Boston, whence he suddenly disappeared and was supposed to be dead until a short time ago political enemies revealed his whereabouts, and he was arrested in New York city on serious financial charges. In New Mexico he had made a new fortune, represented the Colers of New York in the southwest and had been president of the Silver City National bank.

A Tripartite Oil Pool. Berlin, Dec. 26.—The Frankfurter Zeitung says that an international petroleum pool has been arranged between United States, Austrian and Russian interests. The arrangement embraces a plan for increasing the export of Gallician oil to Germany.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for all diseases of the throat and lungs. A doctor's medicine for 60 years. A household remedy everywhere. Lowell, Mass.