

FIRST GUN OF CIVIL WAR

In the black hour just before dawn on April 12, 1861, Charleston, S. C., lay like a city of the dead.

At 4:29 A. M.—a single gun's report split the silence. And on the instant, the sound was caught up by all the harbor forts and batteries.

The Civil War was on. The Confederate government had opened fire on a United States fort—on the American flag.

For years the war had seemed inevitable. The government and the Northern people at large had refused to believe the South would secede.

Then, one by one, the Southern States seceded. And each of them promptly seized such United States

forts, arsenals, warships, etc., as lay within its boundaries.

South Carolina had long clamored for secession. She was quick to leave the Union. It seemed child's play to capture such ill-defended Government property as lay in and around Charleston.

Major Robert Anderson, U. S. A., was in command of Fort Moultrie, on the water-edge near Charleston. He had a garrison of seventy-five men. Fort Moultrie was weak, from the landward side. With his handful of soldiers Anderson could not possibly hope to defend it.

A steamship, carrying reinforcements, ammunition and food was rushed to him from Washington. The Confederates drove it away. A relief squadron of three ships was fitted out, but it came to grief outside the harbor bar.

He was short of men, of food, of ammunition. The Confederates called on him to surrender the fort. He refused, but at last agreed to give up if relief did not reach him by April 15, 1861.

For thirty-six hours the bombardment raged, every gun in the harbor being brought to bear on the doomed little fort. Some of the Sumpter cannon were hit and put out of commission. Wide gaps were hammered in the walls.

The walls were shelled, the buildings were afire, the ammunition was gone. But he refused to give up the flag. He kept it, and four years afterward, raised it with his own hands above the recaptured fort.

Sumpter's fall ended all talk of the compromise or of conciliation. The first shot at Old Glory had been the first shot in a four-year war.

NOTICE

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Dated at Juneau, Alaska, Feb. 23, 1915.

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INDIGENT HOME ASKS FOR HELP

With a plea for further improvements at the Home, in order that the indigent pioneers shall spend their last days in Alaska amid the most comfortable surroundings, the Board of Trustees of the Sitka Pioneers' Home, a Territorial institution created by the Legislature two years ago, yesterday filed its first report to the Senate.

The report is signed by Governor J. P. A. Strong, chairman of the board, W. P. Mills, Treasurer and George Kosstromoff, Secretary.

Proof of the hard fight to keep the institution alive during the past two years is contained in the foreword of the report, which says:

"At one time it was feared by the Board that the appropriation made for the maintenance of the Home would be exhausted before another appropriation could be made by the Legislature. Happily, such fear proved groundless and the Home was enabled to continue through appropriations received from the federal indigent fund from the judges of the four judicial divisions, for the support of inmates from their respective divisions."

Shoup's Work Praised. In praise of Supt. A. G. Shoup, the Board says they "feel that they can not close this report without rendering due acknowledgement of the invaluable services of Honorable Arthur G. Shoup, a member of your honorable body, in the establishment and conduct of the Home. The success achieved in its management has been due largely to his unselfish efforts in behalf without other compensation than the knowledge that he was assisting in making the declining days brighter, happier and easier for men who have spent their years in Alaska as trail-blazers and pioneers in a new land."

Character of Inmates. In his attached report, Supt. A. G. Shoup says:

"Almost all of the men who have come to the Alaska Pioneers' Home are of the highest type of American trail-blazers. They are men who have lived alone in the silent places, and are of a naturally adventurous disposition. In fact, it is this very quality that has kept them upon the Alaska frontier, and it is to such men that the Territory must credit much of its development."

"Some friends of the institution have suggested that more rigid discipline should be enforced upon these men in this Home. To me, however, it seems that to annoy these men with unnecessary restrictions would be an unkindness that is not called for. The Alaska Pioneers' Home was established as a place where these men might spend their declining years in comfort, and is intended as a partial reward for their path-finding services. To avoid restraint was one of the factors which made them independent prospectors and frontiersmen. And, as a matter of fact, the best way, in my opinion, to insure good comfort and avoid friction among such men is to allow them to follow their own inclinations as much as possible. They, like all of their kind, are big-hearted and generous to a fault, and are the last men in the world to impose upon the rights of others or to allow others to impose upon them. Of course, there have been some occasional cases of admitting men who never were of any use and they have given some trouble; but for such cases there is the simple remedy of summary dismissal from the Home. Instances of intemperance here have been exceptional. Owing to the weakened physical resistance of these men, if for no other reason, intoxication cannot be permitted more than under any circumstances and that is one thing against which a positive rule has been established. The most effective factor in discouraging heavy drinking by an inmate of the Alaska Pioneers' Home is the bad standing he thereby estab-

lishes for himself among his comrades.

"Much of the success of the Alaska Pioneers' Home so far, which has been under rather adverse conditions, is largely due to the hearty moral support tendered by the people of Alaska, and I wish particularly to thank those who have assisted with generous presents at each Christmas time, and in donating books for a library. For the support given, and confidence reposed by the Board of Trustees, I am deeply grateful."

Expenses. At the present time the Home has a balance of \$11.02. The total appropriations for the Home have been \$17,359.01. The total expenditures have been \$17,347.49.

The aid of the Federal judges in Alaska, who are disbursing officers of the indigent fund, was invoked in maintaining the Sitka Home. The report shows the following appropriations; from July 4, 1913, to March 1, 1915:

Table with columns for date, amount, and source (e.g., 1913-July 4. Appropriated by Legislature \$10,000.00)

The inmates. On an average sixty-four inmates have been taken care of at the home since it opened its doors.

Recapitulation of the statistics on the inmates is as follows:

Table with columns for category and count (e.g., Average age, sixty-four inmates; Number American born, sixty-four inmates)

WAR SIDELIGHTS.

A new process of making saltpetre is said to have increased production of the soil tenfold in Germany.

The London Times fund for the sick and wounded has passed the \$5,000,000 mark.

Brand Whitlock, American minister to Belgium, has been notified that in order to aid cattle raising in Belgium, German military authorities will exempt all breeding animals from requisition.

LONDON.—A dispatch to the Morning Post from Basel, Switzerland says: "Out of about 30,000 beds in the military hospitals of Berlin, 24,000 are occupied. This does not take into account the numbers of convalescent soldiers in their own homes or in private houses."

The Temps, commenting on the action of the recent Socialist Congress in London, warns people against the idea that war can be abolished. It says:

Statistics show that from 1496 B. C. to 1861 A. D., there were 237 years of peace, and 3,129 years of war, that is, one year of peace to fourteen of war.

In connection with the German Red Cross work, there are now 1,800 specially trained ambulance dogs employed, each being in charge of an ambulance man who understands the management of the dogs. Altogether \$250,000 was spent in training and breeding these dogs, and the German military authorities say they could use thousands more, for one dog will oftentimes find eight wounded in a single night.

"The idea of starving out Germany is absurd," and "harvesting machines are following the German troops." These are late words from Berlin.

A bill is to be introduced in the French chamber of deputies providing for a credit of \$100,000,000 from which loans are to be made to small business interests ruined by the war.

"My joy was tempered by the sight of that one-time so flourishing region which for long weeks has been in the hands of an enemy without human feelings," said the Emperor recently concerning the late Masurian campaign. "The enemy has in senseless fury destroyed during his flight almost the last home. Our beautiful Masurian country is a wilderness. What cannot be replaced has been lost, but I know myself to be one with every German when I solemnly promise that everything in human power shall be done to create anew from life from the ruins."

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Grand Vizer Gives World Turkey's Position

FROM CHICAGO HERALD

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 21.—Prince Said Bala, the grand vicer of Turkey, in the first interview he has ever given, has outlined to the world the Turkish reason for entering the war.

"We have rejected the triple entente offer to guarantee Turkey's integrity for thirty years," said the grand vicer, "because acceptance would have been detrimental to Turkey's sovereignty. Turkey's experience with the promises made by the powers forming the triple entente (Great Britain, France and Russia) has not been favorable to the promotion of confidence."

"Turkey knew that to enter into relations with Great Britain, France and Russia would have been a harmful factor in respect to the country's interest. Russia, moreover, is our hereditary enemy, from whom we could not expect lasting effects of a change of heart. Had the past actions of these powers been different the page of history which is now being written might have read differently."

"Tired of Hypocrisy." "We were tired of the hypocrisy acquitting the powers of the triple entente when dealing with Turkey, so we did what provocation forced us to do—went to war."

"Turkey was made the object of many falsehoods by the entente. Now the allies assert that the government lacks the support of the people. Could we make such a good military showing after the current war and other troubles if the government had not obtained the hearty co-operation of all Ottomans?"

"The Turkish people want the chance to work out their destiny. Our start six years ago was good. Much has been accomplished already everywhere in material and intellectual progress. We have initiated many measures promoting the well-being of the people in Constantinople. Today we have electric traction, telephones, public schools, street lights and a university admitting women. Public health has been conserved, vice curbed."

"Stung, By Heck!" "The government ought to get after them smart city chaps," said St. Green, as he tore up the letter he had just received.

"What's the matter now?" asked the postmaster. "I saw an advertisement that said that for \$2 they would tell you how to make butter from grass," replied St. Green. "So I sent the \$2 and got back a card that says: 'After you get the grass ready, feed it to a cow and then churn the milk.'" (Louisville Courier-Journal.)

"Aw, Now Stop!" "So your work is monotonous, is it? Why don't you get a job in a shoe store?"

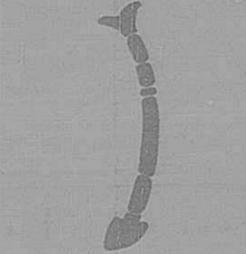
"Why there especially?" "Something new going on all the time." (Boston Transcript.)

"Bad Marriage." "Here you, you'll get the road into trouble. You blamed this wreck on the engineer?" "Well, isn't that the usual thing?" "Of course. Only this time the engineer wasn't killed." (Louisville Courier-Journal.)

"Too Familiar." "I suppose you are familiar with the works of Bobby Burns?"

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Literary Disappointment. "What's the matter with your friend there?" "Oh, he's a politician in hard luck. Got a confession that no magazine seems to care to buy." (Luck.)

All in. Judge—Did th' looker-on at the fight go home in the interim? Ignorant Witness—No, sir; he went home in the ambulance. (Baltimore American.)

Bank Director Defined. Eph—What is Mose doin' in de city? Ben—He is a bank director. Eph—What's his duties? Ben—He stan's in de door an' tells folks wheer to go.—(Youngstown Telegram.)

Didn't Break Her Word. "Maud married! Why only last June she told me that she would not marry the best man that walks the curb."

"That's all right, the man she married rides in an automobile." (Boston Transcript.)

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