

A SOLDIER'S EASTER MORN

By M. QUAD

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We who held the south end of the bridge—a picket of a hundred men—were cooking our suppers when a sentry fired his musket to give the alarm, and next moment we caught sight of horsemen on the turnpike beyond the bridge.

"Fall in! Fall in!" shouted our officer in wild excitement.

Up on the hillside a thousand men, women and children looked down and held their breath and felt the blood tingle to their finger ends. They could see the long line stretching back for half a mile—900 men to 100—and, though they were our enemies, they felt pity for us.

"Steady, now, and fire low!"

There was a crash and a roar of iron shod feet as the first squadron struck the bridge, and then a hundred jets of flame leaped forth to meet the troopers, and a hundred bullets led the jets. Down went horses and men—down in one great heap of dead and dying which other horses could not leap over—and we rose up and swung our hats and cheered. Up on the hillside men turned pale, women wept and children cried out in horror at war's spectacle. We heard the enemy's bullets blow the order to retreat and dismount, and then we looked to our officers for orders to fall back.

"Hold the bridge to the last!" had been the order to the captain, and he meant to obey to the letter.

The smoke of our volley still floated lazily over the town when we heard the tramp, tramp, tramp of soldiers' footsteps on the flinty road, and between the clinks of the barricade we saw lines of dismounted men coming forward at a swiftness of pace. A moment later it was double quick, and as we opened a scattering fire they reached the heap of dead and dying and made a barricade of it. Five—ten—fifteen minutes of sharp firing, in which three or four men were killed on both sides, and then the enemy swarmed over the barricade and charged. The long, narrow bridge was like a tunnel. They were crowded together, and our bullets could not go astray. A crash of musketry—a great puff of blue black smoke—and then all was silent—all but the sobs of women and the wails of children on the hillside. It was war, but only a skirmish. The living and unhurt regained shelter of the barricade, and ten minutes later the enemy was crossing at the ford above and below, and we were being fired on from in front and on both flanks. Then the order came to fall back. There had been a hundred of us at the bridge. Only seventy retreated up the hillside, suddenly, grudgingly, and firing as we went, and the non-combatants scattered to the right and left and cried out as the bullets whistled over their heads or ploved up the ground at their feet. We fought from behind the stone walls, from behind bushes and stores and barns and sheds. We sought the pursuing enemy at every turn and left his dead on every rod of the open streets. By and by, as we fought singly or in groups and when our dead and wounded were everywhere, there came the order:

"To the church! To the church! Rally on the church!"

Some one led the way—all others followed. On the crest of the hill was the old stone church, built long before any one dreamed of fratricidal war.

For half an hour peace reigned. The enemy was gathering up the wounded—friend and foe alike—and carrying them into the quaint old houses to be cared for by the frightened and sobbing women. For half an hour, and then the truce was broken and carbines volleyed and the bullets thudded against the heavy doors and flew in at the windows and were buried in the walls and ceiling, beam and joist. We fought back—we killed and wounded. An hour went by and then there were only thirty of us living. Surrender would have been honorable, but no one thought of surrender. By and by the sun went down and darkness fell. Some rested while others fought on, but as we rested and fought there was a feeling of awe over all. Men uttered a shriek as the bullets struck them—cried out just once. Then the awe of God came upon them and they were silent, or if they wept and prayed we did not hear them. Until midnight no one slept. Then came silence and peace and men fell down and closed their eyes and forgot war and its horrors and dreamed of happy homes far away.

Then the impatient enemy made a sudden rush upon us in the darkness, and in an instant war had returned and death was stalking abroad again. It was a fierce attack, but we repelled it and sank down once more, and when our eyes opened again daylight shone in at the broken window. Hark! It is the bell above us ringing out glad notes of Easter morning. In a little room to the left of the altar is a man pulling at the rope. We stare at him. And when he has pulled the rope a hundred times he comes down and tears the barricade away from the doors and throws them wide open, saying never a word to us—we raising no hand to restrain him.

"Christ is risen! Peace on earth and good will to men!"

And so it was peace and good will. Hands were held out to us—heads were uncovered—kind words were spoken. Two hundred men lay dead and wounded—half of them our own.

"GET HIM DEAD OR ALIVE!"



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These are the orders our army has in its search for Pancho Villa, who instigated the murder of Americans at Columbus, N. M. Villa as he looks on his famous charger.

JACKSON ITEMS

Mrs. Geo. Foley went to Omaha last Wednesday to take medical treatment. She has not enjoyed the best of health the past year and it is hoped that her recovery may result.

Mr. and Mrs. Lew Kerrigan motored to Arcadia Saturday to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. Mike Maher.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kings and children spent a few hours at the Rickers home Sunday evening.

William and Rudolph Kock autoed to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Reed near Lanesboro Sunday.

Joe Dozark was a business caller in Omaha Monday.

A. C. Myers commenced the summer term of school in district No. 4 Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hannes Thies and daughter and Wm. Thies spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. John Doak.

Mr. and Mrs. John O'Donnell and Lew Kerrigan were Wall Lake business callers Wednesday.

Art Brotherson and Frank Pfafkuch made a short call at the Rickers home Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jensen and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hans Ode at Arcadia.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rickers and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rickers and children, Hilda, Malinda and Edward, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Rickers, Sr., at Arcadia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Dreessen and Mrs. Gus Getty autoed to Arcadia Saturday on a business mission. Mr. Dreessen left Monday to serve on the petit jury.

Backache, headache, dragging pains, nothing relieved me until I took Peruna.

Thousands of the best women in the world are bearing the burden of backache, headache, dragging pains, a miserable half-dead, half-alive condition, produced by chronic internal derangements. Mrs. Joseph Lacelle, 124 Glenora Ave., Ottawa East, Ontario, Canada, is one of the fair women of America who has had her experience with this sort of a burden. Her experience is similar to the multitude of other women whose letters are recorded in the "ills of Life." A copy of this free booklet ought to be in the hands of every housewife in the United States. Read what Mrs. Lacelle says:

"I suffered with backache, headache and dragging pains for over nine months, and nothing relieved me until I took Peruna. This medicine is by far better than any other medicine for these troubles. A few bottles relieved me of my miserable half-dead, half-alive condition. I am now in good health, have neither ache nor pain, nor have I had any for the past year. If every suffering woman would take Peruna, they would soon know its value and never be without it."

to delegates as follows:

Arion.....	3.
Boyer.....	5.
Charter Oak.....	11.
Denison twp.....	5.
Denison City, 1st ward.....	14.
Denison City, 2nd ward.....	8.
Denison City, 3rd ward.....	16.
East Boyer.....	6.
Goodrich.....	4.
Hanover.....	4.
Hayes.....	2.
Jackson.....	3.
Kiron.....	4.
Milford.....	8.
Morgan.....	22.
Nishnabotny.....	5.
Paradise.....	5.
Schleswig.....	5.
Soldier.....	3.
Stockholm.....	7.
Union.....	10.
Vall.....	4.
Washington.....	7.
West Side.....	6.
Willow.....	6.

Democratic Party.

For President of the United States: Wm. Wilson, of Princeton, N. J.

For Vice-president of the United States: Elliott W. Major, of Bowling Green, Mo.

For Party National Committeeman: Wilbur W. Marsh, of Waterloo, Black Hawk County.

For District Delegates to National Convention: Edward G. Dunn, of Mason City, Cerro Gordo County.

For Alternate District Delegates to National Convention: D. W. Hamilton, of Sigourney, Keokuk County.

J. J. Hughes, of Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie County.

E. T. Meredith, of Des Moines, Polk County.

O. P. Myers, of Newton, Jasper County.

George Stivers, of Burlington, Des Moines County.

Frank R. Wilson, of Sioux City, Woodbury County.

Maurice Connolly, of Dubuque, Dubuque County.

For District Delegates to National Convention: W. L. Brannagan, of Emmetsburg, Palo Alto County.

John S. Butler, of Rockwell City, Calhoun County.

For Alternate District Delegates to National Convention: H. L. Pierce, of Linn Grove, Buena Vista County.

Parley Sheldon, of Ames, Story County.

Sam Swift, of Dubuque, Dubuque County.

John F. Webber, of Ottumwa, Wappello County.

Michael F. Cronin, of Muscatine, Muscatine County.

Wm. Grant Webster, of Chicago, Illinois.

Elmer J. Burkett, of Lincoln, Nebraska.

For Party National Committeeman: John Olson, of Forest City, Winnebago County.

For District Delegates to National Convention: John T. Adams, of Dubuque, Dubuque County.

For Alternate District Delegates to National Convention: Luther A. Brewer, of Cedar Rapids, Linn County.

Howard J. Clark, of Des Moines, Polk County.

George W. French, of Davenport, Scott County.

Wm. S. Kenyon, of Fort Dodge, Webster County.

For District Delegates to National Convention: John Hammill, of Britt, Hancock County.

Robert Healy, of Fort Dodge, Webster County.

For Alternate District Delegates to National Convention: Paul E. Stillman, of Jefferson, Greene County.

For District Delegates to National Convention: John H. Darrah, of Chariton, Lucas County.

J. A. Devitt, of Osceola, Mahaska County.

J. U. Sammis, of LeMars, Plymouth County.

L. B. Whitney, of Decorah, Winnebago County.

For Alternate District Delegates to National Convention: S. G. Goldthwaite, of Boone, Boone County.

Dwight G. McCarthy, of Emmetsburg, Palo Alto County.

For District Delegates to National Convention: The several precincts are entitled to delegates as follows:

Arion.....

Boyer.....

Charter Oak.....

Denison twp.....

Denison City, 1st ward.....

Denison City, 2nd ward.....

Denison City, 3rd ward.....

East Boyer.....

Goodrich.....

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Nishnabotny.....

Paradise.....

Schleswig.....

Soldier.....

Stockholm.....

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Vall.....

Washington.....

West Side.....

Willow.....

PROGRESSIVE PARTY.

For President of the United States: No nomination filed.

For Vice-president of the United States: No nomination filed.

For Party National Committeeman: J. H. Wyllie, of Sigourney, Keokuk County.

For Delegates at Large to National Convention: Jos. Misbach, of Algona, Kossuth County.

Geo. C. White, of Nevada, Story County.

For District Delegates to National Convention: W. T. Peters, of Burt, Kossuth County.

For Alternate Delegates at Large to National Convention: C. E. Hampton, of Mt. Pleasant, Henry County.

Casper Schenk, of Des Moines, Polk County.

For Alternate District Delegates to National Convention: No nominations filed.

For Delegates to the County Convention: The several precincts are entitled to delegates as follows:

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Denison City, 1st ward.....

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East Boyer.....	1.
Goodrich.....	1.
Hanover.....	1.
Hayes.....	1.
Iowa.....	2.
Jackson.....	1.
Kiron.....	2.
Milford.....	2.
Morgan.....	1.
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Willow.....	1.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the county of Crawford, this 22nd day of March, 1916.

P. J. PORTZ, County Auditor.

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