

My Recollections of a Talk With General McClellan.

Editor Watchman:

In the year 1864, while traveling farm inspector in Texas, for the Watkins Mortgage company, I went to Vernon, a small town on the Ft. Worth and Denver railway. I arrived there in the evening and found a large number of people gathered about the village hotel.

I was curious to know the cause of the gathering, and was told that General McClellan was a guest for over night, and that he would take the back the next morning to visit the works at the Hardeman Copper mines, of which he was the general manager, as well as one of the largest stockholders.

As my journey was in the same direction the thought occurred to me that probably we would be fellow passengers. Somehow I can't tell why, I felt a timidity about riding in company with such a distinguished man.

I decided when we clambered into the hack the next morning, that I would not venture to speak unless he spoke first.

We had scarcely gotten outside the village when the General began some small talk. That broke the ice, and in less than fifteen minutes we were chatting with each other as familiarly as if we were school-boy acquaintances.

He asked me where I came from originally, and when I said Bellefonte, the home of War Governor Curtin and of General Beaver, he seemed quite delighted, and asked me a great many questions.

Of course our conversation soon drifted to the rebellion, and my ingenuity was taxed to the utmost to not hurt his feelings, for I never have been an admirer of the General—except perhaps for a short time in the earlier days of the war.

I asked him if the so-called "Quaker" guns that history says he had mounted at Manassas during the first winter of the war, were the only ones at his command. His reply was that the government did not think he needed anything better, and refused to give him any more real guns.

I then asked him about the events when he was encamped on the banks of the Chickahominy, and ordered General Hooker to cross over and feel the strength of the enemy. Hooker crossed over as ordered, and advanced to within about four miles of Richmond, encountering only some pickets.

McClellan ordered Hooker back, and went to work to fortify himself, and next the battle at Fair Oaks was on. Hooker complained to McClellan, and said that he believed he could have captured Richmond if he had been given support. McClellan told me that he did not think as Hooker did—that he believed that Lee withdrew his men on purpose to get McClellan to cross over the Chickahominy, when he (Lee) would pounce upon McClellan and crush or capture his army.

We then talked about the battle of Antietam. I told him that I read that he, (McClellan) assigned as a reason for not following up Lee after that battle and capturing or destroying his army, was that the Union army were without shoes. He said that such was the fact. I then asked him if he did not believe that Lee's army was quite as bad off for shoes as his own army. He said that he thought not.

From that I drifted to what I had read at the time, but did not pretend to know whether or not there was any foundation for it, namely: The newspaper report that when he was nominated for the presidency that a shout went up along the confederate lines.

The General said that he knew that there was such a newspaper report, and that it had done him a great deal of harm, but that a resolution of the National Democratic convention that nominated him blasted his hopes entirely. He said that after Grant had captured Vicksburg and opened the Mississippi to the sea—after Sherman had cut the Confederacy in two and Lee had been beaten back from Gettysburg, and Grant and Sheridan were driving everything before them in Virginia, it was suicidal for the convention to resolve that the war was a failure, and that it ought to cease. He said that Grant's slogan, "I propose to fight it out on this line if it takes all summer," carried the country by storm.

That ended our conversation about the war, but we talked about many other things, which it is not worth while to relate here. I considered him a very pleasant companion indeed, and felt quite elated because of the consideration such a noted man showed such an humble individual as myself.

Respectfully, DANIEL McBRIDE.

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 1, 1908.

A young mother living in New York, recently drowned herself in agony at the discovery that she was a consumptive and had transmitted to her idolized boy the seeds of consumption. When the doctors told her the child was diseased she caught him in her arms and they died together. Consumption is not hereditary. Consumptives have been cured, a fact which has been proven in autopsies in which the lungs show the healed scars of tuberculosis. Hope should never be taken from the consumptive. It is a certain thing that people with obstinate cough, bronchitis, bleeding at the lungs, weakness and emaciation, conditions which if neglected or unskillfully treated terminate in consumption, have been perfectly and permanently cured by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery.

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The resolution recommends the abolition of child labor; the regulation of the work of women so as to protect the physical and moral health of communities; the suppression of the "sweating system;" the protection of the worker from dangerous machinery; a reasonable reduction of the hours of labor to the lowest practicable point; a living wage as a minimum in every industry and for the highest wage that each industry can afford and many other matters of reform as affecting the working men. The committee also recommends the forming of classes in the church for the study of sociology and the establishment in theological seminaries of courses in economics.

Postmasters in Classified Service. All the fourth class postmasters in the states east of the Mississippi river and north of the Ohio river have been placed in the classified service by an executive order of the president.

Hereafter all the appointees to the fourth class postmasterships in these states must undergo civil service examination. Postmasters now holding office will not need to take the examination.

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Will Try to Revive Electrocutated Man. County Physician Frank G. Seammell, has announced that he would make an effort to resuscitate the next man electrocuted in the New Jersey state prison at Trenton in order to disprove the claim of a New York physician, recently put forth, that electricity does not kill, but that electrocuted criminals die under the surgeon's knife in the autopsy or in the quick lime in which they are buried.

The next man to be electrocuted is John Mantasanna, who is to die during the week of Dec. 21.

Rebels Win in Haiti. President Nord Alexis, of the Haytian republic, has been deposed and is now safe on board the French training ship Duguay Trouin, and Port Au Prince is in the hands of the revolutionists. General Antoine Simon, the leader of the insurgents, is marching up the peninsula with an army of 5000 men, and a new president, General Legitime, has been proclaimed. At the last moment President Alexis yielded to the urging of those about him and decided to take refuge aboard the French warship. A salute of twenty-one guns announced his departure from the palace. Thousands had gathered there, threatening to tear down the walls to drive out the president and his loyal followers. The mob was armed, and men and women, beside themselves with rage, heaped curses on the head of the aged man, who had been deposed from the presidency, but who had fiercely expressed his determination to fight to the last.

All along the route the people who lined the streets jeered and cursed at the fallen president.

Steamer Goes Down in Storm. Wreckage which has come ashore at Cape Bay, N. F., leaves little room for doubt that the sturdy little steamer Soc City, which for twenty years plied as an excursion steamer on the Great Lakes, went down with her crew in the midst of a gale that lashed the New Foundland coast for two days. The exact number of the members of the crew is in doubt. It is known, however, that no less than eighteen men were on board, and it has been reported that the crew was recently increased to twenty-eight men.

Child Turning to Stone. Slowly turning to stone, each of his limbs already having become hard and still, Benjamin Jordan, whose parents live at 310 East One Hundredth street, New York, is in Mount Sinai hospital and is hardly expected to recover. Dr. Karl Goldstone said that the child, a few days after birth, had commenced to turn cold in the limbs, and he thought ossification was about to follow through the entire body.

Baby Emperor is Enthroned. With all the ancient ceremonial that has grown around the throne of China in the course of centuries, the little three-year-old ruler of the Middle Kingdom, Pu Yi, was enthroned. The mandarins and the other officials, resplendent in the particolored jackets that mark their dignities, assembled here from all parts of the empire to give personal testimony to their loyalty to the new regime.

Miners Can't Smoke at Work. As a result of the explosion in the mines at Marianna, Pa., near Pittsburg, Steve Kaczort, Joe Warnick and Julian Budny, miners employed by the Bessemer Coal & Coke company, near Tarentum, have been locked up at the Allegheny county jail without bail to await trial on a charge of violating the mining laws.

Two Drowned Shooting Rapids. Joseph H. Painter, thirty years old, a botanist in the National museum, and his companion, Robert Wallace, sixteen years old, were drowned while trying to shoot the rapids in the Potomac river about ten miles north of Washington.

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