

HE GUARDED JEFF DAVIS. MR. METCALF

SOLDIER WHO WATCHED OVER CONFEDERATE PRESIDENT.

Was on Duty at Fortress Monroe When Davis Was a Prisoner There —He Served Thirty Years in the Regular Army.

St. Louis.—S. A. Trask, who recently resigned as assistant marshal of Webster Groves, Mo., and who served many years in the United States regular army, was at one time a guard over Jefferson Davis, the leader of the confederacy, while the latter was a prisoner at Fortress Monroe, Va., soon after the close of the civil war.

For 35 years, he has been a wearer of the blue, having served for 30 years in the regular army and for two years and six months served as conductor on the Suburban railway in this city. He has occupied the position he lately resigned for a period of two years and four months.

He removed to St. Louis on his retirement from the army, and has lived here up to the date of his appointment as assistant marshal of Webster Groves, when he moved, with his family, to that place.

Trask participated in many of the most important campaigns and engagements against the hostile tribes of Indians in the west, notably the great winter campaign in the Big Horn country, under Gen. George Crook, and which terminated with the battle of Red Rock Canyon, on the north fork of the Powder River November 25, 1876. In this battle there were engaged from 3,000 to 5,000 Sioux and Cheyennes under White Antelope, and 13,000 cavalry under Col. R. S. MacKenzie. The fight resulted in breaking the spirit of the red men, who had slaughtered Gen. Custer and his brave band.

Trask served under Gen. Crook in Arizona during the campaign of 1872 and 1873, when six months of scouting and skirmishing subdued the Tonto Apaches. His troop, under command of Capt. George Price, was the first that ever succeeded in marching through the Tonto basin, which for ages was the stronghold of the Tontos. He was at Fort Grant, Ariz., when the Tonto chief surrendered to Gen. Crook.

He was also present at Fort Laramie, Wyo., when the great Chief Red Cloud made his last treaty with the government, and was selected as orderly to the Indian commissioner when 3,000 feathered and painted braves, the picked men of the Sioux Nation, came to the fort to listen to the speeches of their chiefs and the commissioner in regard to that treaty.

Scouting, escorting and campaigning took up the first 15 years' service of Mr. Trask, and he can relate many hair-raising incidents in which he participated.

Mr. Trask served 15 years as post quartermaster sergeant. He was appointed from regimental quartermaster sergeant, and was among the first to fill that important position.

He was on duty at Fort Bowie, Ariz., when the noted Chief Geronimo surrendered. He took an important part in that campaign by supplying and issuing stories to the troops on the field.

He was on duty at Fort Abraham Lincoln, N. D., in 1887, and under Lieut. A. C. Sharp, wound up the business of that post after it had been ordered abandoned. He lowered the last flag that floated over that historic post, and has it as a sacred memento.

He was then sent to Fort Bennett, S. D., where he took a similar part in



S. A. TRASK. (An Old Soldier Who Has Remarkable Record.)

the abandonment of that post, and with his family went through some thrilling experiences with the treacherous Mission River and Dakota blizzards.

For his faithful services he was ordered to duty at West Point, where he served for two years and a half in charge of the quartermaster stores. He can relate many interesting anecdotes of that famous military school.

At his own request, he was then ordered to report for duty at Fort Meade, S. D., at that time one of the most important points in the northwest. There he served for five years, and for his faithful service during that time received special mention from the inspector general.

At the close of hostilities with Spain Mr. Trask, having reached the period of 30 years' service, and having a family of interesting children, applied for his retirement from active service. His request was granted, and with his wife and children Mr. Trask came to St. Louis to take up his residence.

Though 58 years old, he is still hale and hearty, and looks as rugged and active as a young soldier.

MR. METCALF

Goes to Frisco as the President's Agent.

BOYCOTT OF JAPS

By the People of that City Causes Alarm in Official Circles, as It Violates Treaty Rights.

Washington. — President Roosevelt on Friday night directed Victor H. Metcalf, secretary of the department of commerce and labor, to proceed to San Francisco and make a thorough inquiry into the situation affecting the exclusion of Japanese children from the schools provided for white children and the determination to place Japanese pupils in separate schools. The president is anxious to obtain at first hand from a cabinet officer who is acquainted with local conditions in San Francisco full information affecting every phase of the subject.

The determination to send Metcalf to San Francisco was one of the results of the request made by Viscount Aoki, the Japanese ambassador, who at a conference with Secretary Root on Thursday asked in behalf of his government that the Japanese subjects in California be accorded their full rights under the treaty of 1894, including that of the children to attend the public schools of San Francisco.

This request was the subject of earnest discussion at the cabinet meeting Friday, when the conclusion was reached that the best thing to do was to send Mr. Metcalf to secure all the data which could have any possible bearing on the situation. He will leave here to-day.

Incidental to the inquiry into the school question Mr. Metcalf will pay some attention to the charges made by Viscount Aoki that Japanese restaurant keepers in San Francisco have suffered indignities. Seven or eight reports have been made concerning a boycott inaugurated against these restaurants and these reports state that agents have been posted to prevent patrons from entering the restaurants and in several instances stones have been thrown and windows broken.

A member of the cabinet said after the meeting that the general opinion of the cabinet was that the situation was exceedingly grave and would require the most delicate treatment to prevent an open rupture.

A BLOW TO MR. HEARST.

New York Supreme Court Says that Many Candidates of the Independence League Must Get Off the Ticket.

New York.—The appellate division of the supreme court, reviewing the decisions of the board of elections on contested nomination cases in New York county, handed down a decision Friday removing from the ticket a majority of the candidates nominated by the Independence league for congress, the state senate and the assembly. In a few instances contested candidates will have places on the ballot for the reason that objection to their candidacy was not made within the prescribed time. To these will be added several against whom no protest was entered and who still will be placed, not under the balanced scales, the emblem of the league, but in another column beneath a distinctive symbol.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

Commercial Progress Is Not Checked by the Few Adverse Factors that Appear.

New York.—R. G. Dun's Weekly Review of Trade says: Traffic delays, high money and some unrest in the ranks of labor have not checked commercial progress on the whole, although in special industries the restraining influence of these adverse factors are felt. Some irregularities of temperature also provide the week's trade reports with less glowing descriptions of retail distribution. Wage earners are agitating for more pay or shorter hours in several industries, especially in the railway service. Manufacturers and dealers are making plans for the greatest business on record in jewelry and other holiday lines.

A further advance of about 50 cents per ton in the price of pig iron is the best evidence of continued prosperity in that industry. There is little speculation beyond what might be called legitimate provision for future needs.

Gave His Life for Others. Spartansburg, S. C.—Newton TILLOTSON, 55 years of age, for 22 years in the employ of the Southern railway, was killed Friday by plunging in front of a passenger train in a successful effort to save an aged man and woman who were crossing the track in a buggy.

Found Four More Corpses. Kansas City.—Four bodies were removed on Friday from the ruins of the Chamber of Commerce building in Kansas City, Kan., making the total known dead to date eight.

PERISHED IN FLAMES.

People in an Apartment House at Kansas City, Kan., Are Roasted to Death.

Kansas City, Kan.—Four persons are known to be dead, eight others are missing, two are fatally injured and 50 are suffering from hurts as the result of a fire which destroyed the Chamber of Commerce building in this city Thursday. A single body has been recovered from the ruins, that of D. R. Young. It is known that Charles A. Lynch, a laborer, and the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George Sparks are dead, but their bodies have not been recovered. J. F. Branham, a wagon maker, died at the hospital. It is thought that the total dead will be about ten.

The Chamber of Commerce building was situated at Park and Central streets, in the Riverview district of this city. It was at a junction of the elevated railways two blocks west of the Kaw river and a mile southeast of what now is the business district of this city. It was erected 14 years ago at a cost of \$55,000, to be used as a board of trade. The city grew away from it, however, and it was never used for its original purpose.

When the firemen arrived at the burning building they saw men hanging from window sills on the upper floors, and frantic women with babies in their arms and children clinging to them leaning far out from the windows, unable to find any means of escape and yet taking advantage of the little fresh air which the windows afforded. The firemen quickly ran their ladders up, but they did not reach above the third floor. Many persons were on the floor above. The firemen first devoted themselves to the people on the second and third floors and did not heed the screams of the people above. Many persons in the interior of the building were already overcome by the dense smoke and had to be carried out by the firemen. But many were able to escape down the ladders without assistance.

After getting everyone they could find out of the second and third floors, the firemen turned their attention to the people above. As the ladders did not reach above the third floor, the men on the fourth floor literally pitched their wives and children down to the firemen on the ladders and then jumped down themselves.

RESCUED FROM A RAFT.

Five Survivors of the Wreck of a Houseboat on the Florida Coast Are Landed at Norfolk, Va.

Norfolk, Va.—Counting the minutes, which seemed to them to be but few intervening between them and death, bruised, bleeding, hungering and athirst, five men adrift on a bit of wreckage off the Florida coast saw one of their companions whose sufferings had driven him mad throw himself into the sea to death and not longer afterwards a ship which was coming saved their lives.

The five survivors of one of the greatest tragedies which has ever occurred on this coast were landed here Thursday by the British steamer Heatherpool.

The survivors are Frank Revely, foreman, of Marianna, Fla.; Gus Johnson, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Ben Clarke, of Somerville, Mass.; Abner Bell, of Kissimee, Fla., and John Campbell, of Philadelphia.

They, with about 145 others, were constructing a concrete viaduct for the Florida East Coast railway, through the Florida Keys, and were aboard houseboat No. 4, which lay anchored off the coast on the night of October 17. The great hurricane which swept over the coast struck the houseboat about 1 o'clock on the morning of October 18, and No. 4 broke adrift.

The houseboat soon afterwards foundered and all of the 150 men aboard were thrown into the sea. The houseboat was dashed to pieces by the waves.

Many of the men were killed by heavy timbers which struck them as they were struggling to find means of rescue. Six men lashed together two timbers, one 10 by 20 inches in thickness and breadth and the other 6 by 14 inches and both 20 feet long, and lived on this raft until one man became mad from suffering and injury and threw himself into the sea.

On the morning of October 19 Capt. Grieves, of the Heatherpool, standing upon the bridge of his ship, heard cries for help and discovered the raft.

TRAIN STRUCK A CAB.

Three People Killed in a Collision at Woodside, L. I.

New York.—Three persons were killed and three seriously injured in a collision at Woodside, L. I., Thursday, between a Long Island railroad train and a coach which was returning to New York from a funeral at Calvary cemetery. The dead: Patrick Healy, 44 years old. Anna Healy, 3 years old. Eleanor Healy, 2 months old. The injured: Mrs. Patrick Healy, spine injured. Thomas Lynch. Edgar Griffin, driver of the coach. Griffin drove the vehicle directly in front of the rapidly approaching train.

Has Evidence of Municipal Corruption.

San Francisco, Cal.—F. J. Heney, assistant district attorney, announces that he has evidence tending to show corruption in municipal affairs, and has advised the indictment of municipal officers by a grand jury.

Rejected the Compromise.

Chicago, Ill.—A compromise of two cents an hour increase in wages offered by the railroads was rejected Thursday by committees representing the Switchmen's union all over the country.

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UNDERTAKING.

BEST-GUARDED MAN IN EUROPE

He is "Abdul the Damned," the "Sick Man" of Turkey.

Constantinople.—In the Turkish budget for the coming year several



THE SULTAN OF TURKEY. (Forty-Three Thousand Spies Are Employed to Guard Him.)

million dollars are set aside to provide for the personal security of the sultan, Abdul Hamid. It is well-known to people who have traveled in Turkey that the sultan has at his personal service a regular army of spies

who are said to number 43,000. Three thousand of these are employed near the sultan's palace, while several thousand more are scattered through the capital, some of them making a special object of their espionage the foreign ambassadors.

All over the Turkish empire are the sultan's spies, scattered so that even high officials do not escape their vigilance. Besides, the bodyguard of the Turkish sovereign, which numbers 35,000 men, is like a living wall which surrounds the sultan in moments of danger. These soldiers are paid between \$40 and \$100 a month.

The sultan leads a very regular life. He rises at five or six every morning, and after a walk in the spacious gardens of his palace he is ready for breakfast, which he generally eats all alone. Osman Effendi, his special secretary, tastes all food before the sultan partakes of it, and he is the only one allowed to be present at the morning meal of the Turkish sovereign. After breakfast the sultan spends an hour or two in his libraries, of which he possesses four, well stocked with books and manuscripts in all sorts of languages, among which are thousands of works of great value which have never seen the light of publicity.

PRIEST A NOTED COMPOSER.

Produced Many Celebrated Oratorios That Have Brought Fame.

New York.—Rev. Father Hartmann von an der Lan-Hochbrunn, a member of the Franciscan Order of Friars, who is a celebrated composer of oratorios, and who has the distinction of being the third musician selected as a member of the Italian Academy of Immortals and the fourth German admitted to membership, is in this country.

Father Hartmann is a native of Salurn, Tyrol, and comes of a German family which was admitted to the nobility by King Leopold I, in 1694. If he were not a priest he would bear the title of count, to which he is entitled by virtue of his ancestry. As a musician he is regarded as among the most talented of the European composers, and his oratorios "St. Peter," dedicated to Cardinal Parochi; "St. Francis of Assisi," dedicated to the emperor of Austria; "The Last Supper" and "The Death of Christ," dedicated to the German emperor, rank among standard musical productions. He was educated in the Conservatory of Music of Posen, under Busch, Zipperle, Deluggi and Auzoletti.

After becoming a friar his work as an organist attracted the attention of Peter Singer, a celebrated European musician, who at once marked him out for promotion. In 1893 Father Hartmann became the organist of the Catholic church in Jerusalem, and was director of the Philharmonika there. Called to Rome in 1895, Father Hartmann became organist of the Church Ara Coeli, and two years later was appointed a director of the Conservatory of Music of St. Chiara in Rome. Because of his musical triumphs Father Hartmann was decorated by the pope with the Golden Cross, first class, Ecclesia et Pontifice. The emperor of Austria has conferred upon him the Golden Medal of Merit and he is also a Knight of Austria. He has also the decoration of the Franz Joseph order, founded in 1848.

Cute.
In peek-a-boo time she was fond
Of porous plasters, she
Laced baby ribbon through their holes
And then, real prettily,
Tied all the ends in fluffy knots
Till each one was a gem
Seen through a peek-a-boo; no wonder
She was stuck on them.
—Houston Post.