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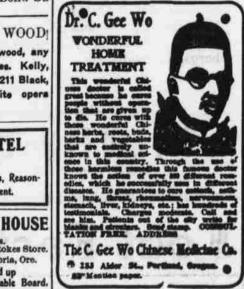
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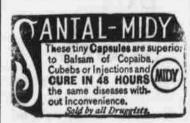
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General Stanley at Franklin

A FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY WAR STORY

November 30, 1864

[Copyright, 1904, by G. L. Kilmer.] ENERAL THOMAS said that the battle of Franklin saved Nashville and that the battle of Franklin itself was saved Opdycke's brigade of Stanley's Fourth corps. Using the same course of reasoning, General Stanley saved the battle of Franklin by his activity and firmness during the preceding twenty-four hours.

The Federal forces engaged at Frank lin, the Fourth and Twenty-third corps, belonged to the army of General Thomas, who was at Nashville. The two corps were acting as one body, and General Schofield, commander of the Twenty-third corps, was in command. Thomas had ordered Schofield to march in retrograde before Hood's army of Confederates from the banks of the Duck river along the Columbia pike, through Franklin and across the Harpeth river at that point, with all possible haste toward Nashville. But Hood nearly spolled the game the evening before Franklin was fought by throwing Forrest's cavalry and the advance of two corps of infantry around Schoffeld's column on each flank and intercepting the retreat at Spring Hill, several hours' march south of Frank-

Stanley and his corps had the lead of Schofield's column and drove Forrest away from Spring Hill, bluffed Hood's corps and division commanders and kept the Confederates at arm's length while Schofield's wagon trains and artillery and infantry of the Twenty-

Schofield had no intention of making a stand at Franklin, but in order to cover the crossing of Harpeth river stationed his own Twenty-third corps upon a line around the village from bank to bank on the south side.

He did not expect attack on the south bank, but thought that Hood would attempt to pass around the flanks as he had done before and cut the army off completely from Nashville. He took all the artillery of the Twenty-third corps with him to the north bank and a portion of the Fourth corps artillery. One of the three divisions of Stanley's corps, Wood's, was ordered by Schofield to cross to the north bank. Stanley, who was ill, accompanied Wood's corps.

The pike along which the army had marched from Spring Hill bisected the Twenty-third corps line of defense on the south bank, and where it passed through a gap was left for the movement of wagons and troops. At that point much of the Fourth corps artillery was massed. Wagner's division of Stanley's corps brought up the rear and took position two miles in front of Franklin. About 2:30 p. m., finding his flank turned by heavy columns of the enemy, Wagner decided to withdraw his command to a position about a third of a mile in front of the Twenty-third corps center-that is, where the pike passed through the fortified line. Opdycke's brigade passed inside the works as reserve to the Twentythird corps line on the pike, 200 or 300

The interest of the battle turns upon the action of Opdycke's brigade and of Conrad's and Lane's at the extreme front. The Confederate attack, when it came about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, was very sudden, and Wagner ordered Conrad and Lane to fight, This they did stubbornly, checking the advance of the Confederates. When at last, being overwhelmed in front, their right and left flanks turned, they did retreat, they were followed with a rush by the Confederates, who felt sure that Schofield's army was in a trap and that they would drive it into the river. The soldiers of Conrad and Lane reached the works with broken ranks. Nevertheless they had sufficient self control to rally and take part in the recovery of the line. This counterstroke was initiated by Opdycke and his brigade, Stanley having been anticipated by just so much time as it took for him to ride from the north bank of the river to the scene of

There was no more brilliant episode in the whole war than the ride of Stanley from the north bank of the river to the scene of fighting on the south bank. He was distant from Wagner's exposed brigades when they began to fire upon the advancing Confederates about one mile. Leaping into his saddie, he galloped across the bridge, through the ranks of the stragglers, his face set in the direction of the battle. It was then 4 o'clock, and for more than four hours the officers and soldiers had been aware that the whole army was to cross to the north bank

of the river at dark. Retreat and not battle was in the air. But the ball was open, and the well

known figure of Stanley was seen rushing to the front. Without waiting for orders Opdycke had set his brigade in motion to recover the guns and parapets abandoned to the Confederates. Spurring his horse forward and striking and shooting right and left, he set the example for his officers and soldiers. Two regiments were at his heels deployed; two were in the second line and three were in the rear line.

Just us the column was under way Stanley came up upon its left flank. Seeing that Opdycke, riding at the head of the center of his brigade, was

charging to recover the lost works, he gave him no order, but rode forward with the third line. The melee that ensued between these seven regiments joined by the stoutest hearted of Conrad's and Lane's soldiers, and the Con oners and flags were gathered in, the guns recovered and turned upon the Confederates, and the works were retaken and held. Stanley's horse was killed under him, and he himself, while swinging his hat to cheer on his men received a most exasperating wound from a bullet which plowed a gash three inches in length across the nape of his neck close to the spine. Ignoring this painful, not to say dangerous hurt, he remained on the ground until the line was reorganized, Opdycke's brigade and the rallied troops of Conrad and Lane in the recaptured works with the guns in their possession, confidence restored all along the line and victory in sight if not already complete. In fact, he did not relinquish active command of the Fourth corps until the troops reached their destination at Nashville next day.

Next to the personal bearing of Stanlev and Ondycke and the conduct of Opdycke's regiments interest centers upon the action of the troops under Conrad and Lane after retiring from the extreme front to the Twenty-third corps breastworks. Historical narratives relating details of the battle, but more especially the official reports, are clear upon this point. In a history of Franklin put forth in 1886 by General J. D. Cox, commander of the Twentythird corps in that battle, the author says:

"Our men, who had been driven back from the line, rallied by officers of all grades, returned to their posts. While rallying these men Stanley was wound-

General Opdycke in a narrative print ed in 1881 said:

"General Stanley added his effort to rally under a very heavy fire of mus



ketry the scattered troops to the support of the men at the regained works General Thomas' official report of the battle says that Stanley was "severely wounded while engaged in rallying a portion of his command," and Schofield's states that the wounding took place while Stanley "was gallantly urging forward his troops to regain the lost works."

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