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## WHEN DID THE WAR END?

Difficulties in the Way of Setting a Specific Day Marking the Termination of the Rebellion.

Were it necessary to set a day marking the twentieth anniversary of the exact termination of the civil war, the task might be puzzling. It is certain that there would be a widespread difference of opinion as to what day should be chosen for that purpose.

Richmond, the confederate capital, was captured and occupied by the union forces on the morning of April 3, 1865, its garrison having abandoned it during the night preceding. Hostilities, however, went on with vigor in Virginia as well as elsewhere until April 9th, when the army of northern Virginia surrendered at Appomattox. But that date does not mark the end of the war. The week following was a busy and sanguinary one in many quarters. On that same 9th of April, Canby, whose army with the aid of the fleet, had been investing the defenses of Mobile, captured Spanish Fort and its dependencies, with many guns and several hundred prisoners. Before night Fort Blakey was carried by assault, with twenty guns and 2,400 prisoners. A few days later Mobile was evacuated, and on the 14th Granger's forces occupied the city. The Union loss in these operations at Mobile was about 2,500 men killed and wounded, besides five or six vessels, which were blown up by torpedoes.

Sherman's march while carrying on vigorous operations in a portion of North Carolina. On the 12th of April, three days after Lee's surrender, he attacked the enemy's lines around Salisbury, capturing fourteen pieces of artillery and more than eleven hundred prisoners, together with great stores of ammunition, army blankets, clothing, bacon, salt, rice, wheat and cotton. Thence he moved to Slatersville, destroying railroad tracks and bridges.

Wilson, with a cavalry force of great magnitude, was continuing during this same period his memorable operations in Alabama and Georgia. After his capture of Selma, on the 2nd of April, he moved eastward, occupying Montgomery and all the prominent points on the road to Macon. On the 16th of April, in the last combat of the war east of the Mississippi, he carried Columbus and West Point; and on the 21st of April, Macon surrendered with three square field pieces and ten or twelve thousand Georgia Militia.

Sherman's march to Raleigh was begun as late as April 10th, and on the evening of the 12th Kilpatrick was fighting Wade Hampton's rear guard, while Raleigh was reached and entered on the 13th. Negotiations for Johnston's surrender were next begun, and the first memorandum for that purpose, made near Durham station, was dated April 13th. This, however, was rejected by President Lincoln, and the final agreement was signed on the 26th. As late as April 23rd the sixth corps was put on the march for Danville, in order to cut off the possibility of Johnston's escape, and General Sheridan's cavalry were engaged in the same occupation. Between the 19th and the 22nd there were military expeditions in Tennessee.

But even the surrender of Johnston's army left many confederate forces in the field, and it was clearly possible for these to carry on guerrilla operations, or even to prolong regular warfare for a time west of the Mississippi. The troops of Gen. Jeff Thompson did not surrender until May 11th, and the actual assembling and paroling of his men took place May 25th at Wittsburg, on the St. Francis river, and June 5th at Jacksonville, on the White. The entire force paraded numbered 7,451 officers and men. The surrender of Lieut.-Gen. Richard Taylor's much larger army was made at Citronelle, in Alabama, on the 4th day of May. The surrender of Commodore Farrand's squadron of twelve confederate vessels in the Tombigbee river, with their officers and men, was agreed upon at the same time, and took place on May 9th. The following day Gen. McCook, of Wilson's corps received at Tallahassee, the surrender of Jones' Florida forces, 8,000 strong.

Meanwhile there had been threats of very serious resistance by some of the trans-Mississippi forces, which expected to be joined by Jefferson Davis, then a fugitive in Georgia. The unremitting search for Davis kept Wilson's forces busy throughout the earlier part of May and until his capture at Irwinsville on the 19th. Long before this event Gen. Kirby Smith, at Shreveport, in Louisiana, had issued an order to his army announcing Lee's surrender and his purpose to carry on the war beyond the Mississippi. On the 24th of April Gen. Magruder, at Houston, addressed a great war meeting to the same effect. On the 27th Hardeman's brigade, at Independence pledged themselves to continue the war to the bitter end. On the 2nd of May Parsons' brigade adopted similar resolutions in Robertson county, Texas. On the 8th of May the citizens of Fort Bend county resolved that, "in no event will we ever consent to reconstruction," and proposed that 30,000 recruits should be added to the forces of Smith and Magruder. These are examples, to which others might be added, of the hostile feeling prevailing at that time in Arkansas and Texas.

On the 13th of May a body of union troops under Col. Barrett had a sharp skirmish at Palmetto ranch, about fifteen miles above Brazos, in Texas. The confederates, under command of General Slaughter, aided by Col. Ford's cavalry and three field pieces, drove back Barrett's command toward Brazos, with a reported union loss of about seventy or eighty in killed, wounded and missing. Thus the last combat of the war, somewhat curiously goes into the record as a confederate success. However, in spite of all the threats and pledges to carry on the struggle in Texas, wiser counsels prevailed, and on the 26th day of May Kirby Smith, through his chief of staff, Lieut. G. G. Buckner surrendered his entire army to Canby.

These historical reminiscences show the difficulty of fixing upon any specific day as marking the end of the war. The difficulty is increased by the gradual process of reduction in the union armies, a process extending far beyond the times when the last confederate troops were assembled for parole. But a greater constructive extension of the war period was furnished by the various agreements and statutes of the government, each depending upon such phrases as "the duration of hostilities." With the downfall of the confederate government the southern states acted independently of each other, and a process of military occupation and political reconstruction was undertaken in each of them. In a war between two nations a treaty of peace often furnishes the historical date for the conclusion of hostilities; but there was no treaty-making power at the south. By degrees congressional legislation began to refer to the war as a thing of the past, in such phrases as "the late insurrection;" yet more than a year passed after the last confederate troops disbanded before the formal official announcement that the insurrection was over. At length such a proclamation was made by President Johnson, and thereafter the judicial tribunals fixed upon that announcement as the true legal date of the end of the war. Thus the adjutant-general's office, in a letter to General Carleton of February 24, 1883, uses this expression: "The supreme court of the United States has decided that the war of the rebellion closed on August 20, 1866, the date on which the President issued his proclamation declaring the insurrection at an end." And only two or three months ago Secretary Lincoln, referring to the same subject, reminded the senate committee on military affairs that "the supreme court of the United States, in the case of the Protector, 12 Wall, 700, held that the war ended in all the United States, except Texas, on April 2, 1865, and in Texas, on August 20, 1866."

These citations form perhaps as convenient and terse a method as any of presenting the fact that, for legal purposes, the civil war is interpreted as a five years conflict. So far, however, as actual hostilities are concerned, they were all over before the 1st of June, 1865.

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In the former war between the western powers and Russia the allied Baltic fleet of over fifty vessels was expected to do wonders. The little that was done, so out of proportion to the means at hand, disgusted all those who had built on the hope of seeing Sir Charles Napier dictating terms of peace at St. Petersburg, as did Nelson fifty years before. Nelson had no Cronstadt to confront, nor was he hampered at every step by instructions not to attack certain places—places where British capitalists had planted industries or where they were particularly interested in mercantile pursuits. So between the places like Cronstadt, "whose stony strength would laugh a siege to scorn," and which they dared not attack, and the points which must not be touched, the operations were limited. Bomarsund was bombarded and the Aland Isles captured, but it was a barren victory, except that it yielded the first Russian general and a whole division of troops as prisoners of war. Then Sweaborg was fired. For two days this fortress, which protects the town of Helsingfors, three miles distant, was under bombardment, and then it was discovered that the efforts of the fleet had been thrown away and that no damage of any importance was inflicted, except, of course, on what might be termed the inoffensive portion of the place.

In anticipation of another visit, the Russians—or the Finns, for Finland has to pay the penalty of its half-and-half home-rule—have been strengthening the fortress once more. Should war break out, an interesting point of comparison would be in the difference between the attacking power of the few heavy guns of the present British fleet, now destined for the Baltic, and the force which Napier led, of old line-of-battle ships, sputtering sixty-four pound balls from ships of 131 guns, the whole broadside of which is now thrown in a single shot from such monsters as the *Bentley*, *Infelix* or the Italian *Duilo* and *Dandolo*.

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