

CLOSING DAYS OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S LIFE



Abraham Lincoln

(Adapted from Miller in Pacific Outlook.)

It may not be given to this generation to realize what nearly infinite joy the news of Lee's surrender, was received over the entire North. No imaginings may supply the experiences of those four years of dreadful strife. There was not a home in all the land in which the war did not erect an altar of sacrifice to its necessities, wherein even the poorest made offerings of life and treasure. The news that was spread over the country in the two weeks, "Lee surrenders" meant the cessation of the frightful requirements the war increasingly made. At length it was all over. The nation had been preserved. Tens of thousands slept in soldiers' graves, a huge debt weighed down the republic, but the union had been perpetuated, and a great joy overwhelmed the whole people.

Lincoln himself became a wonderfully changed man in the few days that were given him of life after Lee's surrender sealed the end of the Confederacy. He had borne the burdens of the war and of the nation, and in a day they were partly lifted from his wearied shoulders. The end for which he had fought had been achieved, and he was measurably within attainment, and he became possessed of a high serenity that transformed his very being. He does not seem to have had any premonition of the fate that even then brooded in the swiftly advancing days. It has been urged that when returning to Washington from City Point he read to Sumner of Massachusetts the lines from Macbeth:

"Duncan is in his grave; After life's fitful fever, he sleeps well; Treason has done his worst; nor steel nor poison, Malice domestic, foreign, levy, nothing, Can touch him further!"

If when he read, he made personal application of any of these lines to himself, there is nothing to show that he did so, because of apprehension of his impending death. There is, oppositely, abundance of evidence to sustain the belief that he looked forward confidently to the carrying out of the nobly generous reconstruction policies he meditated.

On Monday, the day after Lee's surrender, so great a number of people gathered in front of the White

House that, against his inclination, for he preferred to reserve what he had to say for a formal gathering planned for Tuesday night, Lincoln addressed them. He made an end of his impromptu speech by saying:

"I propose now closing by requesting you to play a certain air or tune. I have always thought 'Dixie' one of the best tunes I ever heard. (Laughter.) I have heard that our adversaries over the way have attempted to appropriate it for a national air. I insisted yesterday that we had fairly captured it. I presented the question to the Attorney-General, and he gave his opinion that it was our lawful prize."

The unshared popular enthusiasm compelled his reappearance later the same afternoon, and he made a formal speech on the night of the next day, Tuesday, April 11. Meanwhile news from the armies fanned the general delight to continuous ecstasies. Sherman had learned on the 12th of Lee's surrender, had captured General Vance of North Carolina the next day and was awaiting an interview with General Johnson set for the 15th. After an attack lasting nearly two weeks, Mobile surrendered on the 13th, and Montgomery, Alabama, the first Confederate capital had been occupied.

April 14, 1865, dawned on Washington with all the promise of a perfect day. The very soul of spring was in the air. It was one of the lovely days that come in that latitude after the last suggestion of winter has departed. The whole earth conscientiously seemed to respond to the soft windings of that ethereally beautiful day. What wonder that Washington, wrought to exaltation by recent events, was acutely susceptible to the exhilarations of the season. The illumination of the night before had by no means exhausted joy in its expression. Like the country, the capital still intoxicated with enthusiasm.

The White House overflowed with happiness. Robert, the son, returned that morning, bearing to his father details of the events that followed in such swift succession after the president sailed down the river on April 8.

Grant had come to the front to discuss with Lincoln the problem that was still to be solved. It was Friday, then, as now, a regular day of meetings of the cabinet, and reconstruction was the theme that day considered, Grant being in attendance. How Lincoln's kindly heart beat then with generous emotions. There was no thought of revenge, of punishment or of harsh measures in that great, sagacious mind. There was but one object—the restoration of unity, and for the method sought—that which should attain that single object most surely and with the least friction or delay.

In the afternoon he drove, as was his wont, with Mrs. Lincoln his sole companion. Returning, he read to friends from some late book of idle humor, protracting his reading so that dinner was delayed because of it. A theatre party had been planned for the night. Laura Keane was giving a performance of "Our American Cousin," which was at once her farewell and her benefit. Grant was to have been a guest, with Mrs. Grant, and the very fact that Grant's changed plans took him from Washington

made attendance more imperative with Lincoln, that the audience assembled in expectation of their coming might not be disappointed. So, with Mrs. Lincoln and two young friends, the president was driven to Ford's theatre, but a few blocks away, arriving after the performance had begun. The actors suspended, the orchestra broke into the inevitable "Hail to the Chief," and the audience rose in greeting that was a tumult of enthusiasm as Lincoln, conspicuous everywhere because of his great height, made his way along the wall of the gallery to the box that had that morning been reserved for his occupancy and decorated in his honor.

Beautiful and balmy as the morning had been, the night was cold, and feeling after a time a sense of chilliness, Lincoln put on again the overcoat he had removed. Seated in an arm chair, he appeared to enjoy the performance thoroughly. Between the acts his box engaged a larger share of the attraction of the audience than was usual, for Grant's appearance there was momentarily expected and all were anxious to see the silent general who had achieved such world-enduring victories.

The hum of low-toned conversation rose while the orchestra's brisk music supplied the entertainment of the intermissions. Literature, politics and finance doubtless formed the subjects then, as they do now. Our Mutual Friend, by Dickens, was then running as a serial, as was Armadale, by Wilkie Collins. Thackeray had died but a little more than a year before. Speculation ran riot in the shares of Pennsylvania oil companies. People still talked of the adventures of the Waterloo, a war vessel which had sailed from Hampton Roads the year before to round the continent

movement through the theatre of a man extremely pale and extraordinarily handsome. Entering the door that opened on the passage in the rear of the president's box, he closed and barred it behind him. Opening then unnoted the door to the box itself, he stood within a few feet of the president. Lincoln's countenance, so lined and seamed with heavy cares, was relaxed in smiles. His sad, deep-sunken eyes, darkened with great troubles so long a time, gleamed in humorous appreciation. He released himself to the enjoyment of the hour in the happy consciousness that with the union and himself, all went well. The uninvited comer raised his Derringer, took deliberate aim and lodged in Lincoln's brain, piercing the left side of the skull just behind the ear. There followed a few hours of unconsciousness. Then, his life work done, Lincoln passed, as Stanton said with inspiration, into the possession of the ages.

PUNCH'S TRIBUTE TO LINCOLN

Sir John Tenniel, the chief artist of England's Punch, during the course of the war between the states, drew many cartoons in most of which Lincoln was caricatured. Some were amusing, some were merely cynical, and some were brutal. But when Lincoln was assassinated Tenniel drew a cartoon that appeared over the caption, "Britannia Sympathizes With Columbia." In the issue of May 6, 1865, representing Britannia laying a wreath on the martyred Lincoln's bier. It was accompanied by these verses:

You lay a wreath on murdered Lincoln's bier,
You with mocking pencil went to



THE BIRTHPLACE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

by way of the Straits of Magellan, and with its 20 officers and 186 men had been given up as lost. The stage itself supplied subjects for entertaining gossip the while, during the intermission after the second act, the audience still scrutinizing the presidential box. Had not Edwin Booth, at the little White Garden theatre in New York, but just concluded a three months' run of Hamlet, regarded as "an incident in Shakespearean history quite unprecedented?"

"At length the curtain rose for the third act. Grant had not come, and hope of his coming was now abandoned. The audience addressed itself to enjoyment of the play, as did the occupants of the presidential box. The first scene over, the second was in progress. So completely did the action of the stage engage attention that few noted, fewer heeded, the

trace.
Brood for the self-complacent British sneer,
His length of shambling limb, his furrowed face.

His gaunt, gnarled hands, his undeveloped kempt, bristling hair,
His garb uncouth, his bearing ill at ease,
His lack of all we prize as debonaire,
Of power of will to shine, of art to please.

You, whose smart pen backed up the pencil's laugh,
Judging each step as though the way were plain,
Reckless, so it could point its paragraph,
Of chief's perplexity, or people's pain.

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DAN KELLY WILL TRY ONCE MORE

New York, April 14.—It would seem that after the many criticisms Dan Kelly, the world's record sprinter at 100 and 220 yards, would have to give up all hope of living up to the reputation which preceded him from the West. He still believes, however, that he can make good, and will make one more effort to do so before abandoning the track and confining himself to the broad jump. To this end he has decided to quit New York in favor of Philadelphia. He will make that city his home about May 1. There he will place himself in Mike Murphy's hands and train daily under the University of Pennsylvania mentor's direction at Franklin Field.

HAUGHMAN ENDORSED BY HOME PAPER

H. C. Haughman, professor of the Springfield schools, has been prevailed upon for some time to file his petition for the nomination on the Republican ticket for the nomination of County School Superintendent. Not until recently was he influenced to even entertain such a thought, but so strong was the sentiment that he could get the nomination that he has at last decided to enter the race. For the past ten years Mr. Haughman has been one of Lane county's most successful teachers. For a time prior to coming to Springfield he was principal of the Garry school at Eugene, but at the advanced salary he accepted the schools at this place. Mr. Haughman has assisted with county teachers' examinations for four successive years. Since taking the principalship of the Springfield school he has made very gratifying progress for its betterment. The board are so well pleased with his discipline in the school room that they have offered him and almost insisted on his accepting the principalship of the schools for another year, and have offered him a raise in salary. His exceptional ability, together with his great energy in expediting matters in the school room has given his staff of assistants and scholars perfect confidence and has caused the Springfield schools to rank among the very best in the state. Mr. Haughman would make one of the most able and best qualified school superintendents in Lane County. He is a man of dignified bearing, yet his affable ways and quick conception of the necessities of the public schools over the county, should make him a strong candidate for the nomination for County Superintendent at the primaries, April 17th.

HOUSE REFUSES MORE THAN TWO WARSHIPS

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auxiliary vessels to supply a fleet with the means absolutely essential to its existence. "It may be," he said in conclusion, "that this great mistake is due to the fact that a collier which is as essential to the efficiency of the navy as a battleship is not so attractive, does not involve the expenditure of so much money and does not afford the opportunity for the same spectacular display upon the ocean or at the summer resorts along the coast, and for that reason we have made the mistake of building a navy that today, in order to make its voyage from one ocean to another, is obliged to rely upon the vessels belonging to other nations."

Race Track Bill Passes

The house bill prohibiting race track betting in the District of Columbia passed the senate today.

CANDIDATES ANSWER QUESTIONS SUBMITTED

To the editor:—The following letter has been submitted to the candidates for the office of sheriff: Dear Sir:—You are a candidate for the office of sheriff of Lane county at the coming election. As electors of Lane county we desire to know your sentiments on the following questions: 1. Are you in favor of the Local Option law of this state? 2. If elected to the office of sheriff, will you use your best efforts for the rigid enforcement of this law? Please answer yes or no to these questions. Two of the candidates, Harry Bown and F. H. Snodgrass, subscribed "yes" to both questions, and expressed themselves in favor of the rigid and impartial enforcement of all laws. Mr. Griffin answered "yes" to the second question, and that he was in favor of the enforcement of all laws. In regard to question No. 1, he stated that he was not familiar with the Local Option law. Mr. Nicklin's reply is as follows: "I am a firm believer in the strict enforcement of all laws. If nominated and elected sheriff of Lane county I promise a full and faithful performance of my duty relative to the Local Option law as well as other laws in force." Very respectfully, G. F. HURD, Geo. A. DYSON, Committee.

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