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HE MET THE NEW GENERAL

Canadian Officer Omitted Some of His Decorations, and Was Not Recognized by Lieutenant.

Col. R— of the Canadian forces had just been promoted general and assigned to the command of a brigade at the front. His native modesty was not impaired by his new rank. He put on his cap an almost invisible little bronze ornament and pinned on his shoulders two crossed sabers, likewise bronze and almost invisible. In the press of business, relates a correspondent, he neglected to add the red band of the staff, the blue brassard, or the scarlet and gold fancies that properly adorn the collar of a general officer of his Britannic majesty's army. A couple of weeks had passed and he hadn't yet found time to go to town and buy all the things that make one look like a person of really high rank. And at the time he was living with Spartan simplicity in his dugout.

One day into the dugout blew a very young lieutenant—a lieutenant of infantry, in spite of a cavalier style of conversation.

"Howdy," said the lieutenant. "Dirty hole, what? Rotten sort of sewer you've got to live in. Staff's taken all the decent places, I suppose. I say, tell a fellow a bit of news."

(A lot of questions about the service, Russia, difficulty of getting leave, the acceptance of the polite offer of a cigarette.)

"Well," said the lieutenant at last, "I'm told you chaps have got a new general. What sort is he?"

"Oh," replied General R—, "a pretty fair sort."

"You've got to show me," said the lieutenant, whose language showed traces of both American and insular British influence.

"In that case," said General R—, smiling, "just look him over."

The young lieutenant looked. He took stock of a tunic that didn't show a patch of red anywhere. Then he caught sight of the crossed sabers, and leaped to his feet, redder than the reddest of the proper ornaments of a British staff officer.

General R— continued to smile sweetly.

His Coded Message.

That the big Fifth avenue hotels in New York have their courtesies, or as they are generally known, "four-flushers," was shown recently to many who were in the Peacock Alley of one hostelry. A bellhop had paged a man successfully and found him seated with two ladies. Obviously the individual enjoyed being with the ladies, and he wasn't a bit indignant about being paged publicly before them. "Here, boy, what is it?" he demanded with an imperious wave. "Telegram, sir," answered the bellhop, presenting his tray. The man took one look at the face of the message, flushed a bit uncomfortably, and then ordered the message returned to the office, where he would call for it later. "It's a code message, and I can't read it now," he explained to his fair companions. "I'll get my code book and get it later at the office." At the office the boy laid down the message with the explanation. "But it's not in code," retorted the clerk. The boy pointed to the face of the message. "It was code as far as his pocketbook was concerned," he said. "His spelling couldn't see the \$5 cents." For there on the envelope it read, "C. O. D. \$5."

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

This is not only one of the best and most efficient medicines for coughs, colds and croup, but is also pleasant and safe to take, which is important when medicine must be given to children. Many mothers have given it their unqualified endorsement.

Christian Church Notes

At last the teachers' training class met and took the examination over the first book. Those taking the examination were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Robertson, Edith Robnett, Joy Forster, Dorothy Miller, Arthur Robnett and Mr. Hendricks. The class will start in the second book at the first of the year.

The Sunday school gave a brief Christmas program Monday night, beginning with a little dialog, in which the spirit of war and hate was silenced and love and kindness enthroned instead. Then the Christmas numbers carried out this latter theme.

The Christmas sermons were preached December 23. The morning topic was "The Birth-day Glorious," the evening topic "The Contents of the Manger." Dale Humbert sang at both services, and in the evening there was also a quartet composed of Mr. Humbert, Mrs. Robnett, Dorothy Miller and Brother Hendricks. The New Year's sermon will be preached Sunday evening on the topic "Time Past." Special music.

A Christian Endeavor expert class has been organized under Arthur Robnett, who is also county chairman of this department. The class will be ready for the examination in six weeks.

Beginning with the new year, the committee chairmen in the C. E. are as follows: Lookout, W. H. Robertson; Prayer Meeting, Arthur Robnett; Missionary, Joyce Forster; War Service, Gertrude McKern; Social, Jean Savage; Music, Donna Robertson; Sunday School, Edith Robnett.

Mrs. Madden was with us Dec. 16. In the morning she told us of the customs of the Japanese, showing many curios. She was dressed in typical Japanese costume. Mr. and Mrs. Madden went to Japan over twenty years ago. For a few years they have been stationed at Osaka, doing very valuable work there. Mrs. Madden is now professor of missions at the E. B. U. In her stereopticon lecture Sunday evening she showed Japanese pictures that were beautiful and those which show that the Japanese need our help. The morning offering for missions was ten dollars.

Here's hoping you have enjoyed a glad Christmas day and will begin the new year with renewed hope and love, to make this year better than the last.

Church Reporter.

Fires are becoming more numerous every day. Many fine barns and their contents have been destroyed in the last ten days. Prices are so high on all farm products that the average farmer is not carrying enough insurance on what he has. Are you one of these, or are you on the not insured list? You owe it to yourself and family to carry enough for protection. The cost is a small item compared with the benefits. Don't delay. Write or phone our office and we will come. We write the best insurance in the state for the money. Miller & Walter, Agents Oregon Fire Relief Association of McMinnville, Corvallis, Oregon.

GETTING A BATH IN BOGOTA

Attempt Was Fraught With Much Difficulty and Considerable Profanity, According to Writer.

Ever since our arrival Hays and I had been threatening to patronize one of the two public bathhouses with a first-class bogotano reputation rumor had it existed in the capital, says Frank's Vagabonding Down the Andes. But in a land where the temperature rarely reaches 50 and the floors are tiled, it takes courage, and we had been satisfying ourselves and our duty to humanity by bravely splashing a basin of icy water over manly forms each morning on rising. By dint of strong resolutions often repeated to be up at six and visit one of the enses de banos we did finally manage one morning to find ourselves wandering the streets by eight, with towel and soap under our arms, and stared at by all we met. We discovered La Violeta at last, next door to a blacksmith shop. The keeper we woke up told us we might have a cold bath, but that the sign on the front wall: "Hot baths at all hours," was to be taken with a bogotano meaning.

A few mornings later we did actually find the other establishment open. We entered a large patio, the most striking of several buildings, within which was a round, or, more exactly, an eight-sided house, and in time succeeded in arousing the place to the extent of bringing down upon us a youth hugely excited at the appearance of a crowd of two whole bathers all at one time.

The youth assured us there was plenty of hot water. I won the toss and was soon stripped. But the shower was colder than the ice fields bounding the poles. When I had caught my breath I hawled my repertory of profane Spanish at the youth, who could be seen through a hole above pottering with some sort of an upright boiler and firebox, and now and then peering down upon me. Suddenly the water grew warm, hot, boiling, then, just when I had soaped myself from crown to toe in the steam, it turned as suddenly cold again, and an instant later stopped entirely. My eyes tight closed I shouted at the youth above.

"Es que el agua caliente se acago," he droned. "It is that the hotel water has finished itself."

There being no deadly weapon at hand I turned on a tap of ice-cold water and raced to the dressing room still half soaped. Hays, scantily clad, was gazing fiercely at the youth through a hole in the door.

"Then there isn't any more hot water?" he demanded.

"Not now, señor, but there will be soon."

"Good. How soon?"

"Early tomorrow morning, señor."

"Why, you cross-eyed son of spigdom," exploded the ordinarily even-tempered ex-corporal, "I came here and stripped to an undershirt that I might dance in my bare feet on this tile floor in honor of Jose Maria de la Santa Trinidad Simon Bolivar! Get up on that roof and fire up or . . ."

The youth was already feverishly stoking armfuls of wood under the upright boiler, and by the time I left for home Hays was shadow boxing to keep warm with a fair chance of getting a bath before the day was done.

Could Exterminate Germans.

Experiments made since the German bombardment of Arrmentieres with a mysterious gas shell have disclosed that the poison was arsine, known in the laboratory as arsenureted hydrogen, one of the deadliest fumes known to the chemists, according to a trench correspondent.

In Arrmentieres the gas from the shells continued its deadly work for nearly a week, although the shells were all thrown in one hour. More than 4,000 men, women and children died, many in convulsions and many stark mad.

The significant fact in regard to the arsine bomb which the Germans likely overlooked is that while the amount of the drug in Germany is limited, the allies have limitless supplies. If Britain and France wish to retaliate they could in less than a year manufacture these bombs in sufficient quantities to kill every living thing in the German empire.

It would be a question only of getting enough airplanes to carry and drop them.

Can You Beat It?

Once upon a time they published an order prohibiting gambling in Sing Sing. Two inmates were seen exchanging token money and they were haled to the court.

"What's the charge?" asked the judge.

"Alleged gambling," said the deputy.

"I thought all the cards, dice, gambling paraphernalia and such were destroyed."

"They were," answered the deputy, "but these two fellows were bettin' on whether it will rain today or not."

Distracting Attention.

"In the good old days town scolds were severely dealt with."

"So they were, but the ducking stool has gone out of fashion."

"Yes. About the only way we can hope to get any relief from a scold nowadays is to coax her into a motion picture theater and get her interested in a movie."

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M. E. Church Notes

"With Jehovah there is loving kindness, and with him there is plenteous redemption." Psa. 130:7.

The total Sunday school offering for the Armenian sufferers fund amounted to \$65. Special mention is due to some good friends who came to the rescue of this worthy cause.

Preliminary quiz questions on the first book in the bible study have arrived, which will be given out preparatory to the coming examination.

The Baraca boys gkve their annual New Year's party in honor of the Philatheas on Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. McWilliams (this year on Dec. 26). A special feature during the evening was the making up of souvenir booklets for the absent Baracas who have joined the colors. Eleven of the boys have answered the call of their country. These booklets were written in by groups of those present, newsy items, poetry, etc., and the cover sketched by the famous "Pick" artist with the likeness of a modern army or navy recruit. There were 47 present. Out of town members present were Miss Clara Luther, now a teacher at Fossil, Or., and Mr. Ted J. Porter, who has just finished a course in military tactics at O. A. C. and will leave at once to take an officers training course at Camp Lewis, Wash.

The stereopticon on Hoffman's pictures of the life of Christ, with the songs and sermon by the pastor, on last Sunday evening were in keeping with the Christmas season. The service was all very impressive and instructive.

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