(Continued) CHAPTER XIV

Adventures in the Service. One day Jack received a letter from Doctor Franklin who had given up his fruitless work in London and returned

to Philadelphia.

It said: "My work in England has been fruitless and I am done with it. I bring you much love from the fair lady of your choice. That, my young friend, is a better possession than houses and lands, for even the flames of war cannot destroy it. I have not seen, in all this life of mine, a dearer creature or a nobler passion. And I will tell you why it is dear to me, as well as to you. She is like the good people of England whose heart is with the colonies, but whose will is being to slappin' back." baffled and oppressed. Let us hope it may not be for long. My good wishes for you involve the whole race whose blood is in my veins. The race has ever been like the patient ox, treading out the corn, whose leading trait They slept near her at night. is endurance.

"There is little light in the present outlook. You and Binkus will do well to come here. This, for a time, will be the center of our activities and you may be needed any moment."

Jack and Solomon went to Philadelphia soon after news of the battle of Lexington had reached Albany in the last days of April. They were among the cheering crowds that welcomed the delegates to the Second congress.

Colonel Washington, the only delegate in uniform, was the most impressive figure in the congress. He had come up with a coach and six horses from Virginia. The colonel used to say that even with six horses, one had a slow and rough journey in the mud and sand. His dignity and noble stature, the fame he had won in the Indian wars and his wisdom and medesty in council, had silenced opposition and opened his way. He was a man highly favored of Heaven. The people of Philadelphia felt the power of his personality. They seemed to regard him with affectionate awe. All eyes were on him when he walked around. Not even the magnificent Hancock or the eloquent Patrick Henry attracted so much attention. Yet he would stop in the street to speak to a child or to say a pleasant word to an old acquaintance as he did

That day in June when the beloved Virginian was chosen to be commander-in-chief of the American forces. Jack and Solomon dined with Franklin at his home. John Adams of Boston and John Brown, the great merchant of Providence, were his other guests. The distinguished men were discussing the choice of Colonel Wash-

Doctor Franklin, who never failed to show some token of respect for every guest at his table, turned to Solomon and said:

"Major Binkus, you have been with him a good deal. What do you think of Colonel Washington?"

"I think he's a hull four hoss team an' the dog under the waggin," said

John Adams often quoted these words of the scout and they became a saying in New England.

Washington set out in June with Colonel Lee and a company of Light Horse for Boston where some sixteen thousand men had assembled with their rifles and muskets to be organized into an army for the defense of

Massachusetts. A little later Jack and Solomon followed with eight horses and two wagons loaded with barrels of gunpowder made under the direction of Benjamin Franklin and paid for with his money. A British fleet being in American waters, the overland route was chosen as the safer one. It was a slow and tollsome journey with here and there a touch of stern adventure. Crossing the pine barrens of New Jersey, they were held up by a band of

money in their pockets. On the post road, beyond Horse Neck in Connecticut, they had a more serious adventure. They had been traveling with a crude map of each main road, showing the location of houses in the settled country where, at night, they could find shelter and hospitality. Owing to the peculiar character of their freight, the committee in Philadelphia had requested them to avoid inns and had caused these maps to be sent to them at post offices on the road indicating the homes of trusted patriots from twenty to thirty miles apart. About six o'clock in the evening of July twentieth, they reached the home of Israel Lockwood,

had ridden through a storm which had shaken and smitten the earth with its thunderbolts, some of which had fallen near them. Mr. Lockwood directed them to leave their wagons on a large empty barn floor and asked them in to

"If you'll bring suthin' out to us, I guess we better stay by her," said "She might be nervous." "Do you have to stay with this stuff

all the while?" Lockwood asked. "Night an' day," said Solomon. 'Don't do to let 'er git lonesome. Today when the lightnin' were slappin' the ground on both sides o' me, I wanted to hop down an' run off in the bush a mile er so fer to see the kentry, but I jest had to set an' hope that she would hold her temper an' not go

"She," as Solomon called the two loads, was a most exacting mistress. They never left her alone for a moment. While one was putting away the horses the other was on guard.

Israel Lockwood sat down for visit with them when he brought their food. While they were eating, another terrific thunderstorm arrived. In the midst of it a bolt struck the barn and rent its roof open and set the top of the mow afire. Solomon jumped to the rear wheel of one of the wagons while Jack seized the tongue. In a second it was rolling down the barn bridge and away. The barn had filled with smoke and cinders but these dauntless men rolled out the second

Rain was falling. Solomon observed a wisp of smoke coming out from under the roof of this wagon. He jumped in and found a live cinder which had burned through the cover and fallen on one of the barrels. It was eating into the wood. Solomon tossed it out in the rain and smoth ered "the live spot." He examined the barrels and the wagon floor and was satisfied. In speaking of that incident next day he said to Jack:

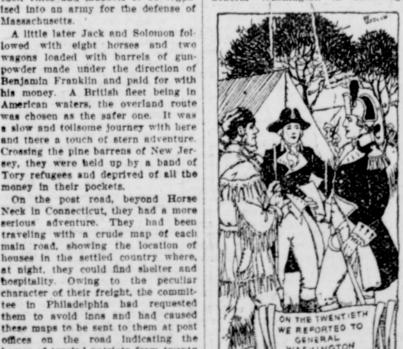
"If I hadn't 'a' had purty good con trol o' my legs. I guess they'd 'a' run erway with me. I had to put the whip on 'em to git 'em to step in under that wagon roof-you hear to

this trying duty, Lockwood had led the horses out of the stable below and rescued the harness. A heavy shower was falling. The flames had burst through the rock and in spite of the rain, the structure was soon destroyed.

"The wind was favorable and we all stood watching the fire, safe but helpless to do anything for our host," Jack wrote in a letzer. "Fortunately there was another be use near and I took the horses to its barn for the night. We slept in a (woodshed close to the wagons. We sipped out of trouble by being on hand when it started. If we had gone into the house for supper I'm inclined to think that the British would not have been driven out o Boston.

"We passed many companies o marching riflersen. In front of one of these, the fife and drum corps playing behind hira, was a young Tory who had insu zed the company, and was, therefore, made to carry a gray goose in his arms with this maxim of Poor Richard on his back: 'Not every goose has feathers on him."

"On the twentleth we reported to General Washington in Cambridge



This was the first time I saw him in were like chain light nin' on a graded the uniform of a general. He wore a pole—you bear to me"
blue cost with buff facings and buff "If the seneral y Dilet makes as three miles above Horse Neck. They blue coat with buff facings and buff

lets, a black cockade in his three-cer-nered hat, and a blue sash under his coat. His hair was some to in a "You keep out o' that business," queue. He was in boots and pure. said Solomon. "They's too many that powder house. There we maw a large

"'All full of sand,' the offer whis

"Not far from the powder house I overheard this little dialogue between a captain and a private:

"Bill, go get a pail o' water,' said the captain. "I shan't do it. "Tam't my turn,"

the private answered." The men and officers were under many kinds of shelter in the big camp. There were tents and marquees and rude structures built of boards and roughly hewn timber, and of stone and turf and brick and brush. Some had doors and windows wrought out of withes knit together in the fashion of a basket. There were handseme young men whose thighs had never

faded, moth-eaten uniforms and wigs This great body of men which had come to besiege Boston was able to shoot and dig. That is about all they knew of the art of war. Training had begun in earnest. The sergeants were working with squads; Generals Lee and Ward and Green and Putnam and Sullivan with companies and regiments from daylight to dark.

Jack was particularly interested in Putnam-a short, rugged, fat, whitehaired farmer from Connecticut, of bluff manners and nasal twang and of great aufmation for one of his yearshe was then fifty-seven. He was often seen flying about the camp on at the last game was well appreciated a horse. The young man had read of the heroic exploits of this veteran of the Indian wars.

Their mission finished, that evening Jack and Solomon called at General Washington's headquarters.

"General, Doctor Franklin told us to turn over the hosses and wagons to you," sald Solomon. "He didn't tell 'twasn't nec'sary an' be knew it. We oak. want to enlist."

"For what term?"

"Till the British are licked." "You are the kind of men I need," said Washington. "I shall put you on scout duty. Mr. Irons will go into my regiment of sharpshooters with the rank of captain. You have told me of his training to Philadelphia."

So the two friends were enlisted and began service in the army of Washington.

A letter from Jack to his mother dated July 25, 1775, is full of the camp

"General Charles Lee is in command of my regiment," be writes. "He is a rough, slovenly old dog of a man who seems to bark at us on the training ground. He has two or three hunting dogs that live with him in his tent and also a rare gift of profanity which is with him everywhere save at head-

"Today I saw these notices posted in

"Punctual attendance on divine service is required of all not on actual

"'No burning of the pope allowed."

'Ten for getting drunk.'

"Thirty-nine for stealing and desertion. "Rogues are put in terror, lasy are energized. The quarters are kept

clean, the food is well cooked and to plentiful supply, but the British over in town are said to be getting hungry." Early in August a London letter

was forwarded to Jack from Philadelphia. He was filled with new hope as he read these linest "Dearest Jack: I am eafting for

Boston on one of the next troop ships to join my father. So when the war ends-God grant it may be soon will not have far to go to find the Perhaps by Christmas time we may be together. Let us both pray for that. Meanwhile, I shall be happier for being nearer you and for doing what I can to heel the woulds made by this wretched war. I am sits to be a nurse in a hospital. You see the truth is that since I met rot, I like all men better, and I shall love to be trying to relieve their sufferings . . ."

It was a long letter but above to es much of it as can claim samissien to these pages.

letter?" Jack asked himself, and then he held it to his lips a mement. In thrilled him to think that even then she was probably in Boston. In the tent where he and solonom lived when they were both in coron in the formal they are they are the formal they are the formal they are they are they are they are the formal they are the formal they are the they are the they are the they ar they were both in camp, he found the scout. The night before Solomon had slept out. Now he had built a smell fire in front of the tent, and lain down on a blanket, having collvered his to port at headquarters.

"Margaret is in Boston," said Jack as soon as he entered, and then standing in the freeight read the letter to his friend.

"Thar is a real, genewine, they gal," said the scout.
"I wish there were some way of geiting to her," the young man to

"Might as well think o' gots" to b-i an back ag in," and Solesias. "Since Bunker, Hill the British are like a los o' hornets. I run onto one of 'en to thing but the air an' ron like a secret rabbit. Could 'a' kified him cary but I kind o' enjoyed segin' him run. He

tag to try shy duty and see if I can get late towa and out again," he pro-

He received us politely, directing a know ye over in town. The two young officer to go with us to the Clarkes an' their friends an' Colonel Hare an' his friends, an' Cap. Preston, an' a hull passle. They know all bout ye. If you got snapped, they'd 'We keep 'em bere to feel the stan' ye ag'in' a wall an' put ye out o' the way quick. It would be ple for the Clarkes, an' the ol' man Hare wouldn't spill no tears over it. Can Preston couldn't save ya, that's sartin.

No. sir. I won't 'low it. They's plenty

e' old cusses fer such work." For a time Jack abandoned the idea. but later, when Solomon failed to retoro from a scouting tour and a re port reached camp that he was captured, the young man began to think of that rather remantic plan again. He had grown a full beard; his skin was tapped; his clothes were worn and torn and faded. His father, who had visited the camp bringing a supply of clothes for his son, had fulled, at first, to recognize bim. felt the touch of steel; elderly men in

(To be continued)

School Notes

(Agnes Hayes, Reporter)

A special feature in Miss Leitner's room is an aquarium made by the biology class. Two agile water-dogs which have enormous appetites for angle worms are the most noticeable animals.

There will be a double-header here Friday afternoon. Both the boys' and girls' teams will play Shedd. The large crowd of townspeople present by the high school.

The high school rooms have been kept fragrant this week with spring flowers. The members of the science classes were the leaders of this unusual attractiveness. As a result of the search for wild flowers a number us what to do with ourselves 'cause of students are suffering from poison

The Brownsville team won the game here with the close score of 7 to 3. The Brownsville players were Robertson, p (2); Wada, c (1); Dougherty, i. b.; B. Walker, s. b. (1); Cochran, t. b.; Morse, s. s.; L. Walker, l. f. (1); Newland, r. f. (2); Sawyer, c. f. The Halsey team was Van Nice, p; Cross, c; McNeil, f. b.; Muller, s. b.; Koontz, s. s. (2); E. Corbin, t. b.; Palmer, 1. f. (1); Miller, r. f.; Hendricks, c. f. Norton and U. Corbin substituted part of the game.

The high school will give three

The attendance was good at the French play Friday night, the gross receipts being about \$43; net, \$30.30, which goes to the gymnasium fund.

In "The Surprise of Isidor" the characters were: Isidor, Milford Muller; Madame Duveal, Grace Pehrsson; The Doctor, Kenneth Van Nice: The Doctor's Wife, Iona Albertson; Jane, the Maid, Gladys Hadley.

In "The Return of the Soldiers" the cast was: Comus, Truman Robnett: The Lieutens t, Kenneth Van Nice; Maria, the Maid, Agnes Chandler; Suanne, Leone Palmer; Mrs. Larmignac, Ellen Van Nice; Mr. Larmignac, Milford Muller.

The audience evinced pleasure at the way the plays were presented and the singing by a large troupe of pupils, with piano accompaniment, came in for a good share of the applause.

ADJUTANT BIRD A SCAVENGER

Member of the Stork Family is a Favorite in Germany and

Tire adjutant bird is a member of the famous stork family that figures so largely in fairy tales. It lives on the roofs of houses in Germany and often is a family pet. The gawky bird is popular with the people in India also, and they are careful not to harm him. He eats any rubbish in the neighborhood and is a great help in the sanitary department. When other food is scarce the adjutant goes fishing in the shallow streams, and being about five feet tall he can venture into the water a goodly distance without wetting his feathers. He is also willing to eat tiny birds and mice, which he has no difficulty in catching with 1.4 long, sharp beak. From tip to tip his outstretched wings measure 14 or 15 fast scroes.

Question of Management. Ho Tin-That's a swell shirt you have on. How many yards does it take to make a shirt like that? Bo Can-I got three shirts out o one yard last night -Nebraska Aw

High Waterfalls.

The Victoria falls on the Zambesi river in Rhodesia, South Africa, are the highest falls in the world. They fall from a height of over 400 feet. Livirgstone, the great African explorer, was the first European to see these falls, which he discovered in 1855. The Grand falls in Labrador are probably the highest falls in North America. They drop from a height of about 325 feet.

Brownsville Briefs Shedd Snapshots

(By Special Correspondent)

Mrs. Emma Harrison came home from Lebanon Friday, returning

Mr. and Met. Lawrence Dawson of Berlin spent Sunday visiting relatives north of town.

Mrs. Jessie Lasley died in a hospital at Albany Monday, following a surgical operation. Mable Burson, Marvel Laurence,

John Bowers and Bruce Burson motered to Lebanen Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Crume and M. and Mrs. George Crume went

to Salem Sunday to visit relatives and take in "blossom day." The runaways, Ivan Oxford and Archie Samuel were caught at Soda

Archae Samuel, were caught at Sodaville last Thursday. They didn't stay very long. Enough said. D. Harper, a missionary on furough, from India, spoke at the Bapist church Sunday evening, telling of is work there and also on the urg-

nissionaries in that far-off country He addressed an interested audience The delegates to the association being held at the Baptist church in Lebaron from here were : Mrs. C. E. Stanard, Mrs. Charles Howe, Mrs. Emma O'Mara, J. C. Harrtson and esse Greene. The assembly met o Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and

good program was given.

ent need of both money and medical

Last week while Cleve and Cecil Jarrison and Jack Gamble were haul ing wood from Rock Hill, Cecil's wagon broke through a culvert, throwing im clear of his load and completely spectting it. He was fortunate ir falling into a mudhole, otherwise his njury might have been serious. As it was he was only jarred up a bit. Last week the brake pole on Jack Gamble's wagon broke, letting his oad down onto the neckyoke and breaking that, causing the team to run away Mr. Gamble was thrown out on the gravel and his shoulder blade was broken and he was bruised up in general. He was immediately taken to the hospital in Lebanon. He returned home Sunday but will be un able to haul any more wood for awhile

Will Elmore is building a new

Ex-postmaster Cooley is employed in the woolen mil.

Rev. J. C. Orr stays another yea with the Presbyterian church.

W. J. Lane still has all but two o those second-hard sewing machines.

Ivan Oxford and Archie Samuels schoolboys, with a gun and \$15 started out last week to see th world, and officers in all direction: were asked to look for them.

A shower was given Wednesday by last week in honor of Miss Claric-Gourley, a bride-to-be, at the home o Mrs. Albert Foote. Thirteen of her girl friends were present and after a social hour Mrs. Jesse Cross, in the guise of a wash woman, presented her self at the door with a clothes basket which was laid at the feet of Miss Gourley. Instead of the week's wash ing, it was found to contain many lovely gifts. The rest of the evening was spent in music and games and ended by each telling the funnies story she knew. Home-made candy was served

(Enterprise Correspondence)

H. B. Sprenger of Albany was in Shedd Saturday.

Glenn Hill of Harrisburg was a Shedd visitor Thursday.

G. T. Hockensmith, an auto dealer of Albany, was a business visitor in Shedd last week.

Mearle Farwell has returned from Hilts, Cal., where he has been working for the last few months.

L. E. Pennell and T. A. Trimble 'rove up from Portland Wednesday evening and returned next day.

Mrs. Emma Gregory, Miss Pearl Thompson and Mrs. Claire McCormick drove to Salem Wednesday.

Rev. Mr. Ritchie was a business isltor at Portland last week. Miss Jelen also returned to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson of Brownsville spent Sunday with Mrs. Nelson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clell

Ray Meyers of Washington passed through Shedd last Tuesday. Mr. Meyers was connected with the A. D. tern paving company when it perormed a grading contract here.

Misses Lyda Gregory, Ellen Speerstra. Viola Arnold. Rita Haverland. haperoned by Mrs. Speerstra, atended the movie in Albany Monday

The Shedd high school boys and irls played ball at Harrisburg Frilay. The score for the girls was 18 o 19 in favor of Shedd and for the

oys 0 to 14 in favor of Harrisburg. McDonald Brothers have purchased the Morgason property across from the U. P. church in Shedd. They ave also bought the garage building from Roy Commons and Intend moyng it to the new property and remodeling it into a first class garage, that tourists will know hence forth hat Shedd is on the map.

Friday was Shedd's shopping day n Albany. Among those that were lown were Miss Pearl Thompson, Mrs. Claire McCormick, Mrs. George Maxwell, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. C. A. Pugh and daughter Katherine. Mrs. Harry Sprenger, Mrs. Vern Arhold, Mrs. Fred Sprenger, Mrs. H. S.

Alford Arrows

Pugh and Mrs. Lyman Pennell.

(Enterprise Correspondence)

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burkhart of Sa-

em spent the week end at their farm. Mrs. Ernest Mabe and daughter of Walton visited at the Lee Ingram

home Sunday. Ivan Tandy of Harrisburg was a Sunday evening caller at the Cheste

Curtis home. Miss Hattie Dannen and Mrs. C. C. Dickson of Shedd called on Mrs. E. A. Starnes one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mercer of Eugene. accompanied by Mrs. Mercer's mother, Mrs. Isom, wentto Portland last

Rev. Mr. Neugen of Peorla preachd at the Alford church Sunday afernoon. He will preach there each econd and fourth Sunday at 3.

A basket social and program will e given at the Alford school the eveing of April 26. Come and bring a asket. It is for the benefit of the school.

American Eagle Fire Insurance Co.

Hay is worth just as much in storage a ou might get for it in case of fire. The American Eagle Fire Insurance company will pay you 85% of the cash value in case of loss by fire.

C. P. STAFFORD, Agent

Any Girl in Trouble

may communicate with Ensign Lee of the Salvation Army at the

White Shield Home, \$65 Mayfalr avenue, Portland, Oregon.

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