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WAS JUST VISITING

"Yank's" Presence in Confederate Lines Explained.

In View of His Extremely Unconventional "Uniform" He Could Hardly Be Charged With Spying, as Gen. Gordon Quickly Saw.

In his "Reminiscences of the Civil War," General Gordon relates that while the two hostile armies were confronting each other on the Rapidan, the Confederate and the Union pickets became so very "chummy" that the commanding generals were apprehensive lest important military information might leak out.

An almost continuous exchange of tobacco for coffee was going on between "Yanks" and "Johnnies;" also such exchanging of newspapers. When the river was so deep that the soldiers could not wade across, they rigged miniature boats and rafts loaded with whatever they wished to trade and sent them over as the breeze favored. The confederates on both sides scrupulously respected these small argosies, and always sent back a fair equivalent. The men not only conversed across the river, but "visited" back and forth for an hour or two at a time. The officers began to fear that they might become too friendly to fight with proper energy; and at last General Lee instructed General Gordon to put a stop to it.

Mounting his horse, the general started to ride along the river front, and almost immediately came upon a Confederate outpost, where his sudden appearance seemed to create an unusual degree of excitement and stir.

"What's going on here?" demanded the general.

"Nothing at all, sir!" cried one of the soldiers eagerly; while another attempted to explain that the confusion was owing to their haste to "present arms" to him.

General Gordon was satisfied that this was a subterfuge, but he could see nothing amiss, and had turned to ride away when he saw some tall weeds on the river bank begin to shake.

"What's in those weeds?" he asked, wheeling his horse.

"Nothing at all, sir!" cried a chorus of voices.

"Break down the weeds!"

Very reluctantly one of the men did so—and there lay a large, red-headed "Yank" in *paris naturalibus*, having evidently but that minute swum across the river.

"Where do you belong?" the general asked him severely.

"Over yonder, general," replied the Yankee, with a wave of his arm across the river and an inscrutable grimace.

"What are you doing here?"

"Just a little friendly visit to the boys, general."

"Don't you know that there's a war raging in this country?"

"Yes, sir; but 'tain't ragin' today," was the quaint reply; and the ring of listening "Johnnies" grinned broadly. Something had to be done to preserve dignity and to enforce orders.

"Have you anything to say why I should not have you shot as a spy?" demanded the general sternly. "Is that your uniform?"

"Wal, general, it's the uniform my mother gave me," came from the weeds in a drawl so irresistible that the "Johnnies" shouted.

Quickly perceiving that this was a case where it was necessary to treat

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the matter as a joke or else to mete out extreme severity, General Gordon chose the former alternative.

"Look here," said he; "if I let you go back to your own lines this time, will you—"

It was unnecessary to finish the sentence. With a spring to his feet the "Yank" dived off the river bank; immediately his red head was seen parting the water rapidly in the direction of the other shore.—Youth's Companion.

Weeping Stove Pipes.

Weeping stove pipes, from the joints of which a tarlike liquid leaks out, is often a difficult trouble to remedy. It is due to insufficient draft. The smoke moving slowly through the pipes condenses, and the liquid so formed oozes out at the joints of the pipes. Sometimes having the pipes on an incline, upwards towards the chimney, will increase the draft. Some find that a little opening in the pipe next the chimney, with a sliding cover, increases the draft up the chimney, when open, and so causes the smoke to pass out quickly. It all comes to this: Increase the draft and the heat of the pipes, and so cause the smoke to pass out so quickly that it cannot cool and condense in the pipes.

Wear Sunflower in France.

The fame of the sunflower as the emblem of Kansas has penetrated France, and is the object of much appreciation on the part of the French people, according to word received at Camp Funston. A letter from a member of the Eighth division states that the members of the division all wear a big sunflower on an arm band as a distinguishing emblem of the division, which received its training here. The division, the first to be trained at Camp Funston, was trained by Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood.

Short-Sighted.

"What does Bliggins think the outcome of the war will be?" "Bliggins is a profiteer. He's interested in the income."

Midget Had Soldier Son.

Admiral Dot, P. T. Barnum's midget celebrity, who died a short time ago, lived to give a stalwart son to the American army in France. Both his parents were of normal size. As midgets go, Admiral Dot was of lesser eminence than Gen. Tom Thumb, but after the latter's death in 1883 he remained first among his kind until his retirement to become a hotelkeeper a quarter of a century ago.

Admiral Dot was American born and purely a native celebrity. He lived to be fifty-nine years old, while Gen. Tom Thumb died at forty-six, and the Polish dwarf Borulwaski missed becoming a centenarian by two years.

Its Sort.

"Looking at that letter you have just posted, makes me think you have one thing in common with the kaiser."

"What is it?" "A mailed list."



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Department of the Interior.
U. S. Land Office at LaGrande, Oregon, Dec. 4th, 1918.
Notice is hereby given that Jesse E. Sinclair, of Richland, Oregon, who, on December 12th, 1911, made Homestead Entry No. 010661, for N 1-2 S-W 1-4, SW 1-4 NW 1-4, Sec. 29, SE 1-4 SE 1-4, Sec. 30, and who on May 11th, 1917, made Ad. H. E., No. 018231, for NW 1-4 SE 1-4, SW 1-4 NE 1-4, and E 1-2 NW 1-4, Section 29, Township 9 South, Range 44 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Woodson L. Patterson, United States Commissioner, at his office, at Baker, Oregon, on the 6th day of February, 1919.
Claimant names as witnesses: Arthur Mill and Arnold Welch, of Richland, Oregon; J. W. Goodman and John W. Boyce, of Baker, Oregon.
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Department of the Interior.
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Notice is hereby given that William I. Hall, of Durkee, Oregon, who, on August 19th, 1915, made Additional Homestead Entry, No. 015146, for SE 1/4 SW 1/4, and SW 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 3, Township 11 South, Range 44 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before A. B. Combs, Jr., Clerk of County Court, at Baker, Oregon, on the 6th day of February, 1919.
Claimant names as witnesses: Charles Peterson, Thomas Chandler, Lemuel Smelcer, and Mrs. Wm. Hall, all of Durkee, Oregon.
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Notice is hereby given that William Barron, of Richland, Oregon, who, on March 24th, 1914, made Homestead Entry, No. 013905, for E 1-2 SW 1-4, W 1-2 SE 1-4, Sec. 22, and on April 7, 1915, made Additional Homestead Entry, No. 014534, for SW 1-4 SW 1-4, SE 1-4 SE 1-4, Sec. 22, NE 1-4 NW 1-4, and NW 1-4 NE 1-4, Section 27, Township 9 South, Range 44 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before A. B. Combs, Jr., Clerk of County Court, at Baker, Oregon, on the 7th day of February, 1919.
Claimant names as witnesses: Fred Giles, Harvey Morgan, and John Gray, all of Richland, Oregon; Albert Lentz, of Baker, Oregon.
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