

Washington Crossing the Delaware.

The campaign of 1776 had been but little else than a series of discomfitures, and the inefficient provision made by Congress for keeping up an army was manifest to all. Distrust began to prevail, and the sun of American liberty seemed about to set amid clouds of hopeless despair. Hourly the army was melting away, and despondency was brooding over every patriot's mind. New Jersey was now in possession of a victorious enemy, and nothing but the feeble barrier of the Delaware lay between Cornwallis and his well-disciplined army and Philadelphia, the Federal Capital, where Congress was in session. Yet Washington was firm and undaunted. His faith in the ultimate triumph of the Americans seemed never to have burned with a brighter and steadier light than at this moment. While there was the shadow of an army in the field; while Congress maintained its unity; while a single ray of hope for final success remained, no thought of abandoning the righteous cause was harbored in the mind of that great and good man. Already, in the very darkest hour, he had conceived the masterly stroke of military skill, which presently brought forth such a radiant spark of hope and joy upon the frozen banks of the Delaware. The British commander was in comfortable winter quarters at New York. His troops were loosely cantoned about the Jerseys, from the Delaware to Brunswick, so that they could not readily be brought to act in concert on a sudden alarm. The Hessians were in advance, facing the American lines which were along the west bank of the Delaware. Everything showed a careless confidence on the part of the enemy, and the time seemed now propitious for the "coup de main" Washington had of late been meditating. "He calculated upon the eager support of his troops, who were burning to revenge the outrages on their homes and families, committed by these foreign mercenaries. They considered the Hessians mere hirelings, slaves of a petty despot, fighting for sordid pay, and actuated by no sentiments of patriotism or honor. They had rendered themselves the horrors of the Jerseys by rapine, brutality, and heartlessness. At first, their military discipline had inspired awe, but of late, they had become careless and unguarded; knowing the broken and dispirited state of the Americans, and considering them incapable of any offensive action." "Christmas night was fixed upon for the enterprise. Two thousand four hundred strong, with a train of twenty small pieces, were destined for the attack. The troops began to cross in boats a little after sunset. The weather was intensely cold; the wind was high; the current strong, and full of floating ice. Washington, who had crossed with the troops, stood anxiously, yet patiently, on the eastern bank, while one precious hour after another elapsed, until the transportation of the artillery should be effected. The night was dark and tempestuous; the drifting ice drove the boats out of their course, and threatened them with destruction." It was nearly four o'clock when the troops began to march. Trenton was nine miles distant. To surprise it was out of the question. Washington resolved to push forward and trust to Providence. The attack was nearly simultaneous; the outer guards were forced, and after a sharp and vigorous contest in the streets of Trenton, one thousand Hessian prisoners and considerable military stores, rewarded the skill and bravery of the Americans. Bent upon following up his blow, Washington barely allowed his troops a day or two to recover from recent exposure and fatigue before the brilliant affair at Princeton added new laurels to his name, changing the whole aspect of the war, and gave a triumphant close to what had been a disastrous campaign. "This year's campaign, the most critical one of the war, and especially the part of it which occurred in the Jerseys, was the ordeal that made his great qualities fully appreciated by his countrymen, and gained for him, from the statesmen and generals of Europe, the appellation of the AMERICAN FABIAN."

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Senator Blaine was asked recently how it came about that he, a Western Pennsylvanian by birth and education, made his start in business and politics in the far East. He said it was all owing to his wife. Her mother, who lived in Augusta, fell dangerously ill, and Mr. and Mrs. Blaine made a journey to be at her bedside. While in Augusta, Mr. Blaine, then quite a young man, learned that "The Kennebec Journal," an old established weekly paper, was for sale. He formed a partnership with one of the old editors of the paper, bought out the principle owner, and thus obtained a foothold in Maine. The paper was prosperous and the foundation of Blaine's success.

The Springfield "Republican," (Independent), says: The Republican party is recovering popular confidence. The restoration of the political fortunes of the South to itself, so that that section no longer has a grievance, the general improvement in national administration, the resumption of specie payments and the return of prosperity all redound positively to the credit of the Republican party. The lollies of the extra session and the failure of the South to accord the freedom of political opinion elsewhere common throughout the country, redound equally to the discredit of the Democratic party and so negatively to the advantage of the Republicans.

A merchant's daughter on returning from a butcher's shop, laid a steak on the table, and said: "That's the most refined butcher I ever met. I asked him if this steak was tender, and he said, O, so beautifully: 'Tender as a maiden in the first blush of love; a steak fit to be classed with tender and hallowed association, and one likely to be flattered at being devoured by so fair and beautiful a maiden.'" H— pushed his glasses up on the top of his head, looked at the girl and thundered: "What under the canopy was that fellow giving you? And as color came and went, she replied: "Giving me taffy, I suppose."

WHAT TURKS DRINK.—In Turkey, where wine and intoxicating drinks are forbidden by the Korah, the juice of the grape is boiled down in great quantities, and commonly used in the household, much as we use jam, answering the purpose of both butter and jam. It is considerably thicker than treacle, and in winter can be cut with a knife like butter. It is put up in goat-skins, and is a common article of trade in the market. It is called "pekmez," and is used as a drink when diluted with water. It tastes somewhat like new cider.

A LATE Victoria dispatch says: At 10:30 o'clock this morning, flames were discovered issuing from a small shanty on Government street, occupied by a Chinese woman. The firemen extinguished the flames and found the dead body of the Chinese woman and a Chinaman lying on the floor, having been almost lacked to pieces with an ax. The police are searching the Chinese quarter for the criminal.

The annual report of the General Land Office discloses the fact that the homestead entries for the financial year, exceeded the entries in any previous year for a considerable period. The area homesteaded last year was 5,250,111 acres—quite an extensive territory.

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LAND OFFICE, ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 9, 1879. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and secure final entry thereof at the expiration of thirty days from the date of this notice, viz: Daniel G. Otto, Homestead application No. 2411, for the lots 1, 2 and 3, SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, section 15, T. 41, S. R. 12 W., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: D. B. Cooley, of Curry county, and James Cooley, of Curry county, Oregon. Wm. F. BENJAMIN, Register.

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