

## Liner of the Cavalry

By Gen. Chas. King

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There were sorrow and estrangement at Sumter's. Never before, as Mrs. Sumter declared, had Katherine ever had a secret from her mother. Moreover, Miriam Arnold was affected in precisely the same way. She shrank from all mention of that mysterious affair of Friday night.

Wednesday night when Sergeant Fitzroy returned to the post and asked to see the colonel that officer, who was at dinner, sent answer that he would be at the office at 8 o'clock and, further, sent word to Captain Snaffle to be there at the same hour.

A spell of sharp cold had followed the blizzard. The young people of the garrison were out in force at night rejoicing in the snow sports. The men had made some famous slides over at the bluffs, and the children along the officers' lines were playing hide and seek about the drifts and tunnels at the northward end of the parade.

Captain Sumter had been sent for and was admitted to a five minute talk with the colonel at his quarters and came away with a grave and troubled face to a ten minutes' conference with his gentle wife that left her sorely worried and distressed.

"Ask Kate," he said as once more he set forth into the night. "I've got to tramp and think this over before I do anything further." And at that moment Kate and Miriam had gone in to talk awhile with Mrs. Stannard.

It was just about a quarter of 9. The lights at the office were still burning, for the colonel had intimated that he might be back. Barker was bending over his desk and wondering why the colonel should be colloquing with Snaffle, Crane, Sergeant Fitzroy and sending for Cassidy and Quinlan. That was a queer "outfit" of Snaffle's at best. It seemed odd that the most pronounced "Britisher" in barracks should be a sergeant in the troop commanded by the nearest thing to an Irishman among the captains.

Barker was busy with these reflections when the colonel once more entered. The adjutant rose, but at a signal resumed his seat and waited.

Full fifteen minutes the colonel went striding up and down the long apartment. Twice he muttered something about its taking Snaffle and his sergeant an unusually long time to do a simple thing, and at last, as the trumpeters were heard, with much stamping of feet and blowing of hands, gathering for the old time nightly "walk around" that preceded tattoo roll call, Button abruptly turned on his adjutant and said:

"Barker, how long have you known Mr. Lanier?"

"Ever since he joined, sir."

"And you knew him in his cadet days?"

"Yes, sir."

"And you told me you never heard of his writing to newspapers?"

"Never sir," answered Barker. "I believe it impossible for him to have had anything to do with those inflammatory articles about the campaign."

"You consider him absolutely square—above a lie—or a trick of any kind?"

Barker faltered just one minute. "What did the colonel mean by a trick? Mischief there had been once or twice. Tricks had been played, and one only this last summer during the campaign—a trick, too, that if known were told Lanier should have truth about. At least it had been played for his benefit and had 'pulled the wool' over the colonel's eyes."

"I consider him as square a man as I know and utterly above a lie of any kind," was the final answer.

"And yet you hesitate. You know or have heard rumors," said Button suspiciously.

"I have heard rumors and slanders, Colonel Button," was Barker's probably injudicious reply.

"Well, here," said Button impulsively—"here are you and Stannard and Sumter, three of the 'old liners,' as you are called in your respective grades, and I see plainly enough you three are tacitly condemning my attitude toward Lanier. Now, I've had enough of this. There is nothing that requires a commander to show his hand to his subordinates, but as matters stand in this regiment—oh, come in, Major Stannard. I sent for you purposefully, and Sumter as well, to meet me here at tattoo." The two seniors solemnly entered the presence. "As I was saying to Barker, as matters stand in this regiment some half a dozen at least of the men referred to as its 'representative officers' are apparently resentful of my arrest of Lieutenant Lanier and attribute my course to pique, because he saw fit to show himself at the hop I declined to permit him as officer of the guard to attend. You think possibly that because men like Captain Snaffle, Lieutenant Crane and one or two of that set have been in consultation with me the matters at issue are beneath your notice. They at least are loyal to their commander and to the best interests of the regiment. Now I mean to show you, Mr. Barker," said he impressively, "go to Lieutenant Lanier and say that I desire his presence here at once."

And Barker took his cap and cape and departure without a word.

Just as Barker neared Stannard's, at the head of the row, two cloaked and hooded forms hurried forth, and Barker almost collided with them.

"Oh, good evening, Miss Kate! Good evening, Miss Arnold! was his embarrassed greeting. Then, with attempt at jocularity for which he later could have kicked himself: "I'm just in time to see you home and head off hobgoblins and hoboes. Indeed, I beg pardon," he blundered on. "I'm just bound for Lanier's. Any message?"

"You might say we wish him speedy deliverance," answered Kate Sumter. Silently Lanier heard the summons. There was no reason why he should not go, said the doctor. "The air will do you good," he added, "and we'll be here when you come back."

Ten minutes more and for the first time since Friday evening the accused officer stood in the presence of his colonel.

"Mr. Lanier," said Button presently, "I am free to say that I have had grave reasons for forming a most unfavorable opinion of your conduct. It has been my intention to forward charges of a serious nature against you and to urge your trial by general court martial. But such is my regard for these gentlemen that I stand ready to abandon my views and adopt theirs on your simple word. Can I say more?"

There was a moment of silence. Then Lanier spoke, "It depends, sir, I think, upon what you wish me to answer."

Button colored. Turning to his desk, he took from an envelope several newspaper clippings. "Do you care to say what part you took in their preparation?"

"I took no part."

"You do not know the author?"

"I took no part, sir. I do not wish to say that I do not know the author."

"Then permit me to infer that you know him—a member of this command, for no one else knew the facts—and you shield him?"

"I am shielding no man, Colonel Button."

"Yet you know the author and you will not tell?"

"That little I know came in such a way that I cannot tell," was the resolute answer.

"Enough said—or refused to be said—on that head. We will go to the next. Who personated you the night you left your troop at Laramie and went, contrary to orders, to that frolic at the post?"

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## O. A. C. OPENS SEPTEMBER 23

New Members of Faculty and Nine New Assistant—Four New Buildings Ready—New Range of Green Houses—Enlarged Facilities.

CORVALLIS, Or., Sept. 16.—On September 23 registration for the new year at the Oregon Agricultural college will begin. The institution opens with an increased faculty and large additions to its equipment, including 2 new professors and assistants and four new buildings.

The new members of the faculty include Dr. E. G. Peterson of Cornell, professor of bacteriology; Dean of Women Anna Z. Crayne of the University of Virginia, and the St. Louis Medical college; Dr. J. M. Morel of the Universities of Belgium and Paris, in charge of the new work in veterinary science; G. R. Samson, United States department of agriculture, instructor in animal husbandry; H. S. Marks, Cornell, instructor in mechanical engineering; J. F. Meister, Cornell, instructor in electrical engineering; G. F. Sykes, Brown university, instructor in zoology and physiology; S. M. Dolan, Notre Dame, instructor in civil engineering; Grace Campbell, Iowa state college, instructor in mathematics; and Edith Kunev, Willamette university, instructor in modern languages.

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Miss Annabelle Lee, University of Michigan, will be general secretary of the college Y. W. C. A. and Miss Annie Pettigall, Simmons college, Boston, will have charge of the business management of the women's dormitory.

The central agricultural hall, the armory, the heating plant and the new range of greenhouses for the horticultural department are all to be completed ready for occupancy at the opening of the first semester. Their construction has cost in the aggregate some \$134,000, adding greatly to the facilities for instruction and scientific research.

The agricultural hall, a \$40,000 brick and stone structure of four stories, containing 42 class rooms, laboratories and offices, is south of the agronomy building, which is connected as a wing. When the horticultural building, now housed in the south end of the new building, is added as a south wing, the whole will compose one of the largest and most imposing edifices on the campus. The agricultural hall also contains at present the departments of botany and plant pathology, poultry husbandry, art, zoology and entomology, industrial pedagogy and the offices of the dean of the agricultural school and the experiment station.

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