

THIS WAS THE CIVIL WAR

Confederate General's Bluff

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John Bankhead Magruder had delighted in amateur theatricals when he was a garrison officer in the "Old Army" before the Civil War.

With his play acting he combined the qualities of a good host—he set a good table and he knew his wines. All this won him the title of "Prince John."

But he never put on an amateur show which matched the professional act he staged at Yorktown, Va., in April and the early part of May 1862.

This was "Prince John's" day in the sun and his acting was so good that it brought from one of the better critics on the scene—Confederate Gen. Joseph E. Johnston—the "rave review" that "this judicious course saved Richmond."

Testy old General Johnston, Magruder's commander, was not one to bestow so generous an accolade lightly.

Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan had landed about 100,000 Union troops at Fort Monroe, Va., by the first days of April. The peninsula lay ahead, a narrow neck of land with Richmond, Va., the Con-

federate capital, about 75 air-line miles away and Richmond was the goal the North was clamoring to be taken.

First Target

McClellan started his army up the peninsula on April 4. The first target was Yorktown, Va., on the York river where it flows into Chesapeake Bay.

The Army of the Potomac came to a dead halt the first day when it ran into a 10-mile long entrenched line running across the peninsula nearly to the James river on the left.

To McClellan, it appeared to be a formidable line. Big guns poked their noses from it at frequent intervals. Much activity behind the lines could be observed from the ground and verified from an observation balloon.

Obviously here was a situation calling for siege, bombardment and then a grand assault when the line was breached.

McClellan promptly telegraphed Washington for heavier artillery and more troops. His intelligence, which came from Detective Allan Pinkerton, was that 50,000 Confederates manned the line.

Lincoln's Message

President Lincoln, skeptical, ordered the guns and the troops sent but on April 6 he wired McClellan that "I think you better break the enemy line from Yorktown to the Warwick river at once."

McClellan ignored the telegram and went about preparing for the siege.

Magruder, a major general, now staged his best production. He kept marching his men around where they could be observed by the Union forces and counted many times. Bugles blew up and down the line, indicating closely positioned forces. Campfires dotted the landscape, Magruder gave the impression that he confidently awaited attack. "Little Mac" believed it.

Actually, at the start, Magruder had about 15,000 men—not the 50,000 McClellan gave him credit for. Most of the "guns" that awed the Federals were "Quaker guns"—peeled logs painted black, the same kind Johnston had used at Manassas to fool McClellan before.

Magruder's tricks worked all through April while Johnston hurried troops into the peninsula. Civil War history contains no account in which

so few bamboozled so many with so little.

Early in May, McClellan decided he was ready to reduce the line with his new big guns.

But on the night of May 3-4 Johnston quietly abandoned the Yorktown line and started his army northwest toward Richmond.

McClellan then "took" Yorktown without a fight and called it a "glorious victory." He sent his cavalry in pursuit. They caught up with the Rebels outside Williamsburg, one-time capital of Virginia where Thomas Jefferson went to school at William and Mary college and served in the House of Burgesses with George Washington and Patrick Henry—the same Williamsburg which now had been restored to its 19th century glory.

The armies fought the battle of Williamsburg on May 5-6, 1862, as a sort of curtain raiser to the maneuvers which would be called the Peninsula campaign.

The battle, fought as a delaying action by the Confederates while their army made its way up the peninsula, hinged on an engagement on the Federal right where Brig. Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock commanded. It was his first combat of the Civil War as well as the first for many of his men. There was a gap between his troops and other Union forces. Seeing the gap, the Confederates under Maj. Gen. James Longstreet and Maj. Gen. D. H. Hill attacked.

Thomas W. Hyde of the 7th Maine Volunteers and under fire for the first time, described the attack:

"... on the Confederates came, and a fine picture of a charge they made. They were at the double quick, and were coming over a ploughed field, diagonally across our front. They could not see us as we lay flat on the ground. From my place on the left of the regiment, I saw General Hancock, bareheaded, alone, a magnificent figure; and with a voice hoarse with shouting he gave us the order, 'Forward, Charge!' The papers had it that he said, 'Charge, gentlemen, charge,' but he was more emphatic than that; the air was blue all around him."

"Well, we started and the long line of sabre bayonets came down together as if one man swayed them as we crossed the crest, and with a roar of cheers the 7th Maine dashed on. The foe, breathless from their long tug over the heavy ground, seemed to dissolve all at once into a quivering and disintegrating mass, and to scatter in all directions. Upon this we halted and opened fire, and the view of it through the smoke was pitiful. They were falling everywhere; white handkerchiefs were held up in token of surrender. We gathered in some 300 prisoners before dark. Then the rain came, though there is nothing especially remarkable about that, for it was always coming down."

McClellan came by and complimented Hancock's troops and telegraphed Washington that "Hancock was superb." From then on this "tall, soldierly man with the light brown hair and a heavy military jaw... who always has a clean white shirt..." was "Hancock the Superb."

The Confederate rear guard, having delayed the Union army long enough for Johnston to move his army and trains out of danger, withdrew.

Trouble in China

Washington - (UPI) - Assistant Secretary of State W. Averell Harriman said Sunday that "economic disaster" would force Red China to relax its restrictions on the Chinese people. He said Communist China has been plunged into "great economic difficulties" by collapse of its food program.

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4,037 Visit Museum in April; 572 Are Students

Jacksonville - The Jacksonville museum recorded the largest April attendance in its history last month, according to Miss Mary Hanley, curator. Attendance for April was 4,037, an increase of 380 over April, 1961. Accumulative attendance since July 10, 1950, to May 1, 1962, is 463,355.

Guests registered from 33 states and Canada, Norway, Sweden and Germany. A total of 572 students and their teachers from Hedrick and McLoughlin Junior High schools, from the eighth grades of Eagle Point and Kerby and the sixth grades of Jackson school, Medford, fourth grades from Gold Hill and Tri-City, Douglas county, and the third grades of Wilson school, Medford, the Walker school, Ashland, and the Jacksonville and Kerby schools, visited the museum.

Number of Students

Since the beginning of the current school year in September, 1,745 pupils have been conducted through the museum.

Other groups visiting in April were Bluebirds, Girl Scout Troop 174, Medford, members of the Oregon Gold Star Mothers, and the Odd Fellows Historical Trek, both in convention in Medford, and 23 members of Alpha Zeta Theta Rho, Roseburg.

Gifts and loans presented during April were from M. A. Kusler, Mrs. L. D. Inskego, Mrs. R. C. Housel, Bruce B. Martin, Herb Grey, Mrs. Louise Isaacs, Henry H. Prings and Sam Van Dyke, all of Medford; Mrs. C. C. Thompson, Central Point; G. C. Nicewood, Jacksonville; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kimmell and Mrs. Larkin Grubb, Ashland; Milo Claughton, Camas Valley; W. B. Garrett, Glendale, and V. G. Barnhouse, Ashland.

Judges Discuss New Legislation

Proposed legislation clarifying the statutes relating to preliminary hearings was discussed at a meeting of the Oregon District Judges' association in Eugene recently, according to District Court Judge L. L. Sawyer.

Judge Hayes, Douglas county, commented on the proposed legislation. Judge Alderson, Lane county, presented a survey of court rules used by the various district courts.

During the session a legislative committee was established with Judge Jenkins, Washington county, appointed chairman.

Judge Thalhofer, Deschutes county, president of the association, commented that the efforts of the association's study committee can result in greater court efficiency and can affect economies in the operation of the various district courts.

PLANS FRENCH VISIT

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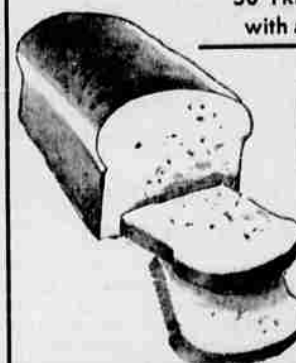
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