

Duel of Southern Generals

A duel between two Confederate Generals almost in the midst of an important engagement, in the early stages of the civil war, had something to do with the final collapse of the Southern cause," said an ex-Confederate living in New York after his return from the Davis and J. E. B. Stuart memorial celebrations in Richmond. "We were not as united as the new generation would have you believe."

There was always a misunderstanding between the Richmond government and the trans-Mississippi department. Early in the conflict I was sent to Arkansas to learn the cause of the trouble in the leadership. "Five men, whose names later became a part of the history of the cause, were at variance at a time when unity was essential. These men were Sterling Price, Marmaduke, Walker, Holmes and Fagan. Price was the chief of the Missouri troops. Marmaduke was a born soldier. Walker was a marine. Holmes was uncertain in judgment. Fagan was a good fighter who was discreetly discarded."

When I reached Arkansas these five men were being hoisted for the purpose of wrestling it from the enemy. It was a strategic position at the time. It is not necessary to go into details of the story. The point is that the attack failed. "It was a blow to the Richmond Government and to the cause. The failure lay not with the soldiers but with the leaders. Holmes had planned the fight. Marmaduke showed that he had no conception of the strength of the fortifications of the enemy or of the enemy's dispositions among the leaders. It was a disaster. This was not the case between the Richmond and the trans-Mississippi departments."

"If I remember correctly Walker ranked Marmaduke. In one of the movements Walker had ordered his men under his command to retreat. To Marmaduke was given the post of danger—covering the retreat. He was not to be reinforced by Walker. "It was important that he should have this aid. Walker was not a man, save his own division, was to be seen. Not only that, but Walker had failed to communicate with Marmaduke. Marmaduke extricated himself from the situation by a miracle."

"The general engagements that followed Walker, though still in command, held himself aloof from Marmaduke. The two men had each other in the war. Marmaduke was enough of a soldier to let that pass at the time. Walker was sullen and sulky. "Marmaduke sent an aide to ask Walker for orders. Walker refused to answer because he was not his superior officer. Walker's superior officer to receive a verbal message from an inferior. Marmaduke reduced his request to writing. Walker never replied."

"After the troops had been rescued from the situation, Walker is what is amounted to, Marmaduke, smarting under the conduct of Walker, informed Walker's superior of existing conditions and demanded that his troops be withdrawn from Walker's command. Failing in this Marmaduke said his resignation was ready. "This was an interesting situation at such a time. I don't think it had its counterpart during the remainder of the war. "Marmaduke's attitude widened the breach. Walker remained obstinate. There came the climax. "Marmaduke challenged Walker. The latter accepted. The affair was known only to a few. The meeting took place almost within sight of the soldiers. "Marmaduke was an expert marksman. He killed his adversary the first shot. Think of such a thing at such a time! "Marmaduke and his seconds were promptly arrested. Only Walker's unpopularity Marmaduke would have been court-martialed. Through the influence of officials high in authority the affair was dropped, but it took time to restore the army to discipline. And while the time came the enemy had secured advantages which were maintained throughout."

"The Richmond Government was charged with indifference to the situation beyond the Mississippi. It was due very largely to the lack of unity among the leaders in the West. "By the time they had come to their senses the damage had been done. The South's defeat had been ascribed to many causes. One of them, not generally known, I have said. "All the participants in the Walker-Marmaduke duel are dead with the exception of Marmaduke's chief, Col. John C. Moore. He is, or was a year ago, still living in Kansas City."

CLIMBING THE TIAN-SHANS.

Difficult Task of Locating the Lofly Khan-Tengri.

Almost in the centre of Asia, on the border of Asiatic Russia and the western Chinese Empire, stand the Tian-Shan Mountains. From the midst of them flow out almost countless glaciers, which form rivers reaching to very points of the compass. Above these glaciers stand peaks rivaling in grandeur the most majestic of the Himalayas. And above them all, somewhere about the point from which the greater glaciers seem to flow, as if it were itself the fountain and origin of them all, stands the snow-capped summit of Khan-Tengri, a majestic pyramid.

So far can this peak be seen, outstanding as the most remarkable feature of the whole Tian-Shan range, that nothing would appear more simple than to locate it, at least with regard to the general mass. Let, on the contrary, says the Youth's Companion, when Dr. Gottfried Merzbacher set out in the spring of 1902 to continue in that region the explorations begun by the great Russian, Semenov, he spent two full years in the immediate vicinity of the peak, often crossing ranges within 20 miles of it, photographing it with a telescope lens at a distance of five miles, and scaling glacier after glacier which seemed to lead directly to it before he discovered that it does not, after all, stand in the centre of the chain, but on a minor ridge at one side, and that all the glaciers flow from a common field of snow and ice at the foot of a remarkable ridge known as the Marble Wall.

It was in June, 1902, that Dr. Merzbacher, after years of preparation in mountain climbing in other parts of the world, set out with four other Europeans, all experts in the work they were to carry on, to decide the actual location and importance of Khan-Tengri. The others were a geologist, an expert alpinist engineer, a mountain guide and a preserver of specimens. They entered Asia by the Transcaspiian Railway to Tashkent, and thence went by rough journey over the Central Asian steppes, by tarantass to the shore of Issyk-Kul. There their real struggles began. There lay before them, in the almost impenetrable fastnesses of the mountains, a complete cartwheel of glaciers, near the hub of which was the peak they sought.

Setting out round the "tire" with heavy burdens of photographic plates, tools and supplies of all sorts, borne by the explorers' native porters, they entered upon river after river of ice, and with endless toil made their way up each broken, rock-strewn surface. Sometimes so ragged were these ice

paths that no more than two or three miles could be covered in a day. On one afternoon, while they were making camp, a terrific earthquake shock brought down rocky walls and shattered ice masses, so that they doubted their ability to get out by the way they had entered the mountains.

Glacier after glacier, led them upward, at elevations of 15,000 to 18,000 feet, only to confront them at last with some rock wall which could not be scaled. Yet every now and then the tantalizing peak appeared to the right or left or dead ahead of them. Meanwhile as their stores were used they filled the packs with fossils and other specimens. Their photographic plates became invaluable records of mountain-top panoramas. Line by line their maps were corrected and revised as they traced out the mountain streams.

By the first winter they had travelled once around the "wheel," and reached the road to Kashgar. In that old Central Asian market town they spent the winter, going on frequent expeditions up the south, snow-free ranges of the Tian-Shan.

The next spring saw them tireless in their endeavors, again attempting some of the same glaciers which had turned them back the year previous, and at last, toward the end of that season, two of them, abandoning their porters at an elevation of about 15,000 feet and pushing on alone up the Inlichek Glacier, suddenly found themselves, at an elevation of nearly 20,000 feet, directly at the foot of the long-sought Khan-Tengri, which rose 4,000 feet higher, unscalable above the icy river.

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Deprived of His Flogging.

The Lord Mayor's barge is being broken up for firewood at Deptford. The first Lord Mayor to deviate from the customary procession by water from Westminster Hall was Alderman Wood, in 1816, and superstitious people thought this wicked innovation was the cause of a curious disaster that befell him. During his term of office Wood committed a journeyman sugar baker to jail for leaving his employment in a dispute about wages. But he forgot to specify that the prisoner should also be flogged, as the statute provided. On his release the sugar baker, by way of retaliation, brought an action against the Lord Mayor, and recovered "moral and intellectual damages" for being deprived of his flogging! This episode illustrates the genial relations between capital and labor in the brave old days.—Westminster Gazette.

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Girl-Preacher's Convert.

Frances Bradley Storr, the Doncaster girl-preacher, who is twelve years of age, has already preached in many towns to congregations ranging from 1,000 to 1,500, and her immediate future engagements are at Bradford, Wakefield, Huddersfield, Sheffield, and towns in Durham, Leicestershire, and Nottinghamshire. She writes out her sermons in full, but goes into the pulpit with a postcard containing the principal heads, trusting to her memory to fill in the details. She preaches somewhere every Sunday night. Her sermons last from twenty-five to forty minutes, and convert results from each service. She commenced preaching of her own free will—pleaded with her mother, who is a police court missionary for the British Women's Temperance Association, until she was allowed to take up the work.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

Pray for Peace; Exalt War. That war, though sometimes inevitable, is always an evil, few will deny. If anyone doubts it he will probably be converted by the sight of the field after battle, or of a hospital full of wounded, or of a country ravaged by an invader. But the war passion, the meaner passions is a false abundance of the annals of the commonwealth and the stock exchange. All the churches pray for peace, though some of them, the State churches especially, do not patronize the object of their prayers. That the citizens of a free country should be trained to arms and capable of taking part in defence in case of need is very well. But the cultivation of the war passion in the minds of children, thus filling the veins of the nation with the increasing national proclivity to war, which seems now to be coming into vogue, is surely not so well.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

The Union in Strength.

To the Editor of the New York Sun: Sir,—Having been under the care of doctors lately, I am told that if I wish to keep in good health I must follow these instructions:

"Eat only a light breakfast"; also, "Breakfast should be the best meal of the day."

"Run or walk two miles before breakfast"; also, "Never attempt to do anything on an empty stomach."

"Take a cold bath the first thing in the morning"; also, "Remember the shock to the system of suddenly entering heat or cold is very injurious."

"Never use a pillow"; also, "The most refreshing sleep is obtained when the head is elevated."

"Do not get into the habit of sleeping in the daytime"; also, "Always take a nap in the afternoon."

"Eat only at meal times"; also, "Eat whenever you feel hungry."

"Get up at 5 o'clock every morning"; also, "Sleep until thoroughly rested, no matter how late it is."

When doctors disagree—oh, but what's the use? Valentinarian.

Maidenly Reserve.

"Indeed, you shall not kiss me, Archie Feathertop," indignantly exclaimed the young girl, repulsing him with a haughty gesture. "Why not?" he demanded. "Because you—haven't shaved!"—Chicago Tribune.

Wise Precaution.

Little Ethel—"Mamma, don't people ever get punished for telling the truth?" Mamma—"No, dear; why do you ask?" Little Ethel—"Cause I just tooked the last three tarts in the pantry, and I thought I'd better tell you."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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What Whiskers Once Meant.

"Whiskers" was a word formerly used to designate the hair on the upper lip. Scott more than once speaks of "whiskers on the upper lip," and so does De foe in "Robinson Crusoe." Johnson defined a "whisker" as "the hair growing on the upper lip or cheek unshaven; a mustache." It seems to have taken its name from a fancied resemblance to a small brush, to "whisk" properly meaning to sweep, and a "whisker" having been a particular kind of feather brush—also, in the slang of a former time, a switch or rod. In the seventeenth century a "whisker" signified among other things a brazen lie, a "whopper."

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