

as if he felt a certain sense of relief because we were there to greet him, and after a most hearty hand-clasp the merchant asked :

"Where is Major Lee?"

"He went to headquarters last evening, sir, and it is not certain that he has yet returned."

"Lead me to his tent; I would speak with him at once."

However willing we were to do as he wished, it was not possible for David and I to introduce visitors to the encampment, as we speedily learned when the officer of the day, summoned by one of the sentinels, came up to see who the newcomers might be.

To him Master Schuster repeated his request, and the officer at once led him away, leaving us alone with Master Baldwin. The kindly gentleman did not wait for us to give words to the questions he could read in our eyes; but said, immediately it were possible to speak without being overheard :