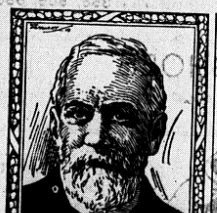


DURING the latter part of the war, in 1864, and until its close, in 1865, I was connected with the armies under Gen. Sherman, usually designated the Army of the Tennessee, the Army of the Cumberland and the Army of the Ohio, wrote Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard. The campaigns were exceedingly active. From Chattanooga to Atlanta Sherman's soldiers were under fire every day, except the three just before crossing the Etowah, for 113 days. There was not a day or night in which there were no soldiers slain. The screeching shells burst over our heads while we were sleeping, but, wonderful to tell, the soldiers had become so used to this conflict that they lost very little sleep in consequence of the fitful and random firing at night.

In that period of 113 days there were 19 sizable battles fought. In one attack I made at Pickett's Mill I lost 800 killed and three times as many wounded within the space of 15 minutes. At night I sat among the wounded and realized something of the horrors of war. It seems to me today as I think of it like a terrible nightmare, but it was a more terrible reality, which I will not attempt to describe.

When I come to think of the "March to the Sea" and later the "March Through the Carolinas," what occurs to my memory first is the exceeding hardihood of the soldiers. They recovered quickly from their wounds, I mean from those that were not too severe, and there was scarcely any illness. But when Columbia was on fire an untold number perished in the flames. Still more perished from accidental explosion of confederate shells at Columbia and Cheraw. We like to turn away from the mangled corpses and distorted faces of the wounded that cannot be described. I feel the same horror and depression in view of these things as I did at Gettysburg, where on both sides upward of 50,000 men were placed hors de combat. For several days poor fellows, union and confederate soldiers, waited in patience, unattended by surgeons, simply because there were not enough of them.

Without further detail, imagine the joy that came over the armies of Sherman as they gathered about Raleigh, N. C., in 1865, and were told that Lee had surrendered and that Grant had sent Lee's soldiers home to begin life anew; that Johnston had surrendered on the same terms as Lee and all that belonged to Slocum's, Schofield's and Howard's armies were to march on the morrow toward Washington, the capital of the nation, soon to be mustered out of service and then to go home. I remember the sudden depression at the news of Lincoln's death; but still this going home produced too great a joy to be ever this catastrophe of their heavy loss very long before their minds. They marched habitually at 20 miles a day from Raleigh to Richmond, and never seemed weary at the close of any day's march—the camp fire was bright, the old songs were sung over and over again and the comradeship knitted during the war would never cease—it was at its best when the word "peace" filled all the air.

I know that we were proud when we marched past the president of the United States in our last great review; but, as I remember it, it was a tearful pride even then. A regiment had gone out 1,000 strong; it had been recruited and re-recruited; it had been veteranized and added to in other ways; and now it was bringing home less than 300 of all the men who had gone out from that section of the country from which it had come. The joy of going home for the 300 was great, but it was a tearful joy the instant one thought of the 800 or more who could not go home, who never did go home, who were buried somewhere in the broad land over which the 300 had marched, and too often with a headpiece marked "Unknown."

After the war I stood in the large cemetery near Murfreesboro, Tenn., with Gen. R. B. Hayes (afterward president) and Mrs. Hayes. I remember how Mrs. Hayes, who was an exceedingly handsome woman, looked up into the faces of the general and myself as her large, dark, speaking eyes were flooded with tears, when she said: "Just look there, that plot of ground is covered with headstones marked 'Unknown.' Unknown, unknown," she repeated, "and yet he gave his life that his country might live!"

It was a touching picture, but every time I think of it I say to myself: "Really, that 'unknown' soldier, apparently unknown, recorded unknown, was not really unknown. Somebody knew him. His comrades knew him. A mother, a sister, a wife and children, if he had them, knew him. There is a better record somewhere than that in the soldiers' cemetery." Our faith is so strong that we all believe in the resurrection and in the future life and have a great satisfaction in feeling that no sacrifices and particularly not that of life itself for duty, for what one sincerely believes to be duty, has ever been or ever will be made in vain.

The saddest pictures of all, to my mind, are those connected with a losing battle like that of Fredericksburg, and still more that of Chancellorsville. At Fredericksburg the army of Burnside went straight forward to its own destruction. The lines of Lee, half encircling Burnside's points of attack, were complete. It was like a trap into which an animal deliberately puts his feet. We sprang the trap, and it is a wonder that Lee had not dealt with Burnside's army as the sturdy Thomas dealt with Hood's at Nashville. I can see in my mind's eye those immense plateaus in front of the Marye Heights and other confederate intrenchments and barricades covered with the dead and dying. The plateaus were fairly blue, as they were dotted with the wearers of our uniform.

Gen. Couch was standing by my side in the steeple of a church, near the close of that battle, where we together were taking a fresh reconnoissance, when I noticed that his voice trembled as he spoke to me. He said: "Oh, Gen. Howard, look there! Look there! See the ground covered with the boys in blue, and all to no purpose."

After we had returned, all of us who could return, to the other shore of the Rappahannock, the depression of the soldiers was greater than at any other time during the war. We could hardly speak to each other. Now, after years, we can recognize the fact that our grief was balanced by the joy of the confederates over a great victory, and yet not a decisive one, gained by them.

At a moderate calculation there were sent into eternity more than a million of men, who left home in the prime of health and in strength; more than a million of souls by the terrible conflict. For one, I am glad, indeed, that there is an effort on foot to settle difficulties without bloodshed. Of course, the waste of human life is not all of it. There is in every war a waste of possession, a destruction of property and a degradation of character hard to avoid at the best. I know that there are some things worse than death. I know that the union of our states was worth all that it cost, and I know that, humanly speaking, it was necessary that we should be purged as by fire; but is it not wise now to do all that we can to hold up to the world the blessings of a great peace; even the peace that passeth understanding, which never must exclude any of the noblest qualities of a womanly woman or a manly man?

A soul full of memorial greetings to all our sorrowing comrades of the civil war.

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### HULL OF GREAT BATTLESHIP FLOATED AT CAMDEN.

### GOV. WARNER IS A GUEST

**Miss Carol Barnes Newberry, Daughter of Assistant Secretary of Navy, Sponsor for the Mighty Vessel.**

Camden, N. J.—Into the restless waters of the Delaware river, on whose shores so many of the ships of the "new navy" have been built, there was launched Tuesday the great steel hull of what will be the formidable battleship Michigan. Built by the New York Shipbuilding company at South Camden, the Michigan, a sister ship to the South Carolina under construction on the Pt delphia side of the Delaware, is more than 50 per cent. completed and will be turned over to the government in about a year. The launch of the Michigan was entirely successful and was witnessed by a number of invited guests, including Assistant Secretary of the Navy Newberry, Secretary of the Interior Garfield, Gov. Warner of Michigan, the United States senators from Michigan and other prominent persons of Washington and the Wolverine state.

The sponsor was Miss Carol Barnes Newberry of Detroit, daughter of Assistant Secretary Newberry.

Fair weather favored the event and a great crowd was on hand in and about the yard to see the big ship take the water.

Following the launch the invited guests were entertained at luncheon by the officials of the company.

The Michigan comes closer to the dreadnaught class of warships in the English navy than any other big fighting vessel in the American navy. The new vessel is known as an "all big gun" battleship, as it will carry eight 12-inch breech-loading rifles. The general dimensions of the Michigan are as follows: Length on load water line, 450 feet; extreme breadth, 80 feet; draft, 24 feet 6 inches; total coal bunker capacity, 2,200 tons. The hull is of steel throughout. Although a very heavy vessel, the contract calls for a sustained speed of 18½ knots an hour for four consecutive hours.

### EVELYN WITHDRAWS HER SUIT.

**Does Not Want Her Marriage to Harry Thaw Annulled.**

New York.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, through her counsel, Tuesday withdrew the suit she instituted some time ago for the annulment of her marriage to Harry K. Thaw.

Immediately following the dismissal of the action Daniel O'Reilly, personal attorney for Mrs. Thaw, issued a statement in which he declared that Mrs. Thaw had been an unwilling party to the proceedings from the first. It was only because of pressure on the part of her husband's relatives that she had any part in such a proceeding, said Mr. O'Reilly, and that she withdrew the action because she believes her husband's present position demands her loyalty.

### SAVES WIFE FROM CREMATION.

**Illinois Man Finds Her Bound and House on Fire.**

Benton, Ill.—While Frank Blanchard, residing near here, was absent from his home Monday night, two men entered the house, bound Mrs. Blanchard and gagged her, and after sprinkling coal oil over the floor, set fire to the place. Blanchard returned in time to rescue his wife, who was badly bruised, and to save the house from destruction. Two previous attempts had been made to burn the house. Blanchard is unable to give any reason for the crimes.

### MAYOR McCLELLAN LOSES.

**Ballot Boxes in New York Mayoralty Contest to Be Opened.**

New York.—The boxes containing the ballots cast in the McClellan-Hearst mayoralty contest nearly three years ago, which have been the object of contention and litigation since that election day, are to be opened. This was decided by Justice Lambert in the supreme court Tuesday, when he overruled a motion containing 20 separate objections made by counsel for Mayor McClellan.

**Pastor Saves Son, But Drowns.**

Jacksonville, Ill.—Rev. S. H. Glasgow, for many years pastor of the Woodson Presbyterian church, was drowned Tuesday afternoon at the village, after rescuing his little son, who had been overcome by cramps while bathing.

**North Carolina Strongly "Dry."**

Raleigh, N. C.—The majority for prohibition in North Carolina is upward of 40,000, and it is possible it may reach 50,000.

**Mount Pulaski Banker Dies.**

Springfield, Ill.—Capt. David Vanhise, president of the First National bank of Mount Pulaski, died Tuesday, aged 85 years. During the civil war he was captain of company D in the One Hundred and Sixth Illinois Volunteer infantry.

**Two Killed by Lightning.**

St. Joseph, Mo.—During a storm Monday night George and Claude Blessing, sons of George Blessing, who lived a mile south of New Hampton, Mo., were killed by lightning.


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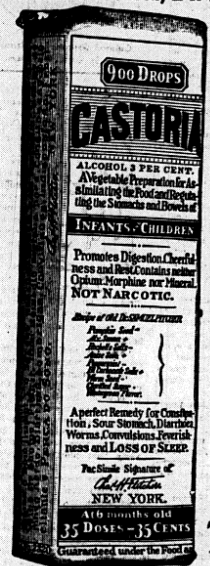


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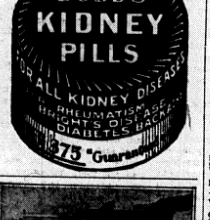


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