The Curbstone Diplomat

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Stalin's army won the first battle on the lower Eastern Shore of Maryland but the war will probably last a year or so longer. Ades, reported Md. Commander-in-chief of Stalin's army took the Baltimore Supreme Court by storm, when he retired Attorney Wailes, of Salisbury, thereby winning his first battle of the legal war to free Lee alias Orphan Jones. General Ades now has the State police as a personal body guard. The outcome of the lower Eastren Shore war is held in doubt, but General Ades is realizing his advantage in stalling for time.

General Ades is now fighting a hard battle on the northern section of shore, but from all reports he is still churning water, unable to make much progress.

We fight for "States Rights;" and wonder where "County Rights" come in.

It would be kind of tough if Mr. Ades did something to get himself disbarred.

These two criminal cases that are causing so much stir on the Eastern Shore, do seem rather ridiculous, don't they.

Put yourself in Lee's place. Here you are a bum and exjailbird, just a fellow trying to get along. You wander down the Eastern Shore and you finally get a job working on a farm. You decide to change your name as you do not want to much known about you. You do not like this man you work for. Finally the work is finished and you are discharged. You know the man has some money in the house and some other things you could use or sell. You would like to have these and for this reason you should have them. How will you go about getting them. You do not like the people anyhow, so you will go there and kill them all and get what you please. It might seem hard thing for some peope to do, but you feel equal to the task. You get a shot-gun and axe and murder the man, wife and two little girls. It was a lot of fun, you should have see nhow terrified they were. Then you take the money and everything you need and depart. The next thing you know you are arrested and at first you will not admit the killing, but finally you get tired and admit your guilt. They found many of the personal belongings of the murdered family in your possession. Yea, you tell 'em all about it. The ignorant people want to see you hanged. That would hurt your neck to get hanged and would be cruel. Mr. Ades understands this and it is funny why those awful citizens can't understand your feelings also. It is no use to worry about the farmer and his family because they are dead. Well, law has not gained twentieth century speed yet so you decide to go to sleep and let Mr. Ades try to educate the people of how you were justified in your act.

And just suppose you were George Davis. Unliked in Chestertown you go up to New Jersey. A nice fellow you think yourself with a jail record. In New Jersey you think it is easier to get along down in Kent. So you come back, but you have a bad reputation. You go to work for a man and want your pay in advance. The man refuses you. Awhile later you decide to go back and try again or else you will get even. You attack the wife and are arrested. Isn't it awful that the people want you hanged? Whom are the gallows for?

Do you remember the history lessons they used to teach us back in grammar school? How the brave men of Boston masked themselves, boarded the ships and threw the tea overboard. Chestertown is proud of the fact that they had a similar party and that their citizens unmasked, boarded the English ships and threw the taxed tea into the harbor.

They were our heroes. But should a thing of this kind happen today the leading dailies would refer to these patriots as the mob and rabble, that should have waited and let the law take its course.

Be a hero by being an ultra criminal.

The Centreville Observer came out a couple weeks ago with a heading on the first page about Queen Annes County being in such wonderful financial shape. Senator Roe had made a speech to the Rotary Club and informed them that the county would be out of debt sooner than any other county in the (I just forget how much territory he did cover), if they continued at the present rate.

Mr. Marion deK. Smith happened to see this article in the Observer; so he got busy and mailed editor, Charles Walls, a copy of the Kent County Auditors Report. You know the part I mean; that little table, that Mr. Smith made up about how Kent was paying off its indebtedness.

Mr. Walls met Mr. Smith at a banquet in Centreville the other week and they talked the subject over. Although we have looked and looked we have seen no mention of this correction in the observer. It certainly is a pity that Mr. Walls did not answer Mr. Smith because it would have made a good scrap. It is not too late yet.

WASHINCTON'S FAREWELL TO HIS OFFICERS

The following is one of a series of articles prepared by the George Washington Bicentennial Commission in preparation for the nation-wide celebration to be held 1932.

General Washington's last meeting with his officers took place in the back parlor of Black Sam Fraunces' Tavern, 148 years ago this December 4th.

On this day, we are told by the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission, George Washington called together for the last time the officers of the Revolutionary Army, then stationed in New York City. These were the men with whom for eight years he had counseled an dfought and starved in the war of Independence. It was not necessary to say farewell.

All realized the significance of the summons from their chief. And when, shortly after noon, General Washington entered the room they knew he had come to give them their last "orders." A month previously he had said goodbye to his soldiers and subalterns, had sent most of them back to their fall ploughing. But now he must take his leave of these, his veteran brother officers, who had shared with him in measure the heavy burden of command.

The tavern they were meeting in had associations of itself. In the days before men began to gather in knots on street corners and to stop their buggies at cross roads to talk of "inalienable rights" and "taxation without representation," this tavern had had for a device on its sign the head of Queen Charlotte, and was known in New York as "Queen's Head Tavern."

But when Samuel Frances, steward, began to invite the murmurers in the streets into his back parlor to continue their talk of liberty, the name was changed to "Fraunces Tavern." Later when the Revolution broke out in earnest and "Black Sam" Fraunces was active on the Colonial side the place become more and more a resort for "Rebels."

This historic old house still stands at the corner of Broad and Pearl Streets, and is visited annually by thousands of tourists.

The room where Washington and his officers assembled, known as the "Long Room," ten days before has been the scene of an elaborate dinner in Washington's honor celebrating the evacuation of New York by the British. Candles had then blazed from the chandeliers, bands had played, toasts had been given and tributes paid amid loud applause.

But this December noon the Chamber was undecorated. The only sound was the clank of swords as the officers came to attention at the entrance of their Commander. In all the years of campaigning they had never seen Washington as visibly moved as he was at that moment.

Without any formal preliminaries he began to speak.

"With a heart full of love and gratitude I now take leave of you. I most devoutly wish that your latter days may be as prosperous as your former have been glorious and honorable."

And with these simple words he turned to General Knox, who happened to be standing at his side, and embraced him.

"Gentlemen," he then addressed the other officers, "I cannot come to each of you to take my leave, but I shall be obliged if each of you will came and take me by the hand."

They gathered around him then to shake his hand in a long, firm clasp. There was little said on either side. It is this scene that painters have depicted so often—Washington surrounded by his officers in full dress uniform, many of them almost over come by emotion. It was the end of an association of eight years, years of starvation, calumny, misunderstandings, as well as of triumphant accomplishments.

The boat was waiting for him at the water front, ready to take him to the Jersey shore on the first lap of his journey to Annapolis to present to the Continental Congress his resignation as Commander in Chief of the Continental forces. When the final farewells had been exchanged the officers accompanied their chief to the harbor, making an aisle through the cheering and sobbing troops drawn up to present arms for the last time to their commander.

Washington stepped into the boat followed by General Von Steuben who was to make the journey with him. Turning them, as the boat pulled off, he lifted his hat in a last gesture of farewell to the gentlemen who had served him so well.

FERRY CO. SUES P.R.R.

A penalty of $20 per vehicle and psasenger transported by the Pennsylvania Railroad in local traffic between Norfolk an dCape Charles since the inauguration of service by the Peninsula Ferry Corporation last March is asked in a suit against the railroa dfiled by the ferry company in Northampton Circuit Court Friday of last week.

The Peninsula Ferry Corporation holds that the Pennsylvania Railroad is not an authorized ferryl operator, but can haul psasengers and vehicles between Norfolk and Cape Charles only in conjunction with its railroad service. Two suits brought by the ferry company against the railroad already are pendng in Federal Court, one seeking an injunction to restrain the railroad from operating a local ferry service and the other seeking relief from allegedly unfair advertising.

A heaing on the two suits has been delayed pending a decision in the suit of the Pennsylvania Railroad against the ferry company to test the validity of the ferry frachise granted the Peninsula corporation in Northampton Cicuit Court. The State Supreme Court of Appeals refused last Wednesday to grant a writ of error in a judgment of the Northampton court upholding the franchise.

"Now that the validity of our franchise is settled," C. W. Harrison, presidet of the Peninsula Ferry Corporation, said today, "we are hopeful of a nearly hearing on our two petitions in Federal Court."

In its latest suit, the ferry company claims that if its suit for an injunction is sustained and that if the court hold the Peninsula Ferry Corporation is the only legal ferry operating between Norfolk and Cape Charles it is entitled to damages for local traffic handled by the railroad steamers since the ferry company, begun operation. Accordingly, its new suit asks for $20 for each passenger and vehicle transported in local traffic between the two points since March.

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MARYLAND BATTLE FLAGS PLANTED IN STATE HOUSE

Battletorn and greyed with age, the battle flags of Maryland have been assembled in the State House and are being put into suitable condition for preservation as a lasting remainder of the State's momentous past.

Some of the valued historic emblems are stained by blood of the men who gave their lives in the famous battles of American hisory. Many are merely a crumpleld mass of rugs, so fragile they may be handled only with the utmost care.

Parts of others are missing or are scorched by shell fire and blackened with the smoke of gunpowder.

The collection dates back to the Revolution and foremost in the collection is "Old Glory," the famous flag which led Marylanders to victory in the Revolution and the War to 1812. Some authorities believe it to be the oldest American flag in existence. It was used in the Battle of North Point.

Another valued object is the "Old Defenders" flag, originally adopted by the Old Defenders' Association of the Civil War. Sixteen Confederate banners are being preserved for future generations, among them the Confederate Flag of Company H, First Maryland Infantry. It bears a circle of starts with the inscription "My Maryland."

A group of Federal Army flags borne in the Civil War also is included. The colors carried by Maryland's troops in the World War are among the collection.

Ducking on the Susquehanna flats this season has been one of the worst known for years, less ducks having been bagged this year up to this time than has been known in former years.

The first four days were foggy, until noon each day, which of course was responsible for the small bags, as the most ducks are killed in the early morning.

However, a few sink box hunters reported the limit on Monday the ducks having been killed on the lower end of the flats late in the afternoon.

L. B. Manlove, a farmer of lower Cecil county, reported to Sheriff Albert Buckworth, the first of the week, that two or more persons visited his farm, located near Cecilton, last Friday morning, and shot fifteen of his turkeys, which were roosting in trees near his barn. The thieves hurriedly picked up the dead birds and made off with them.

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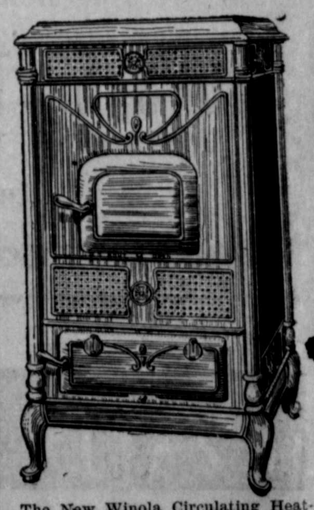
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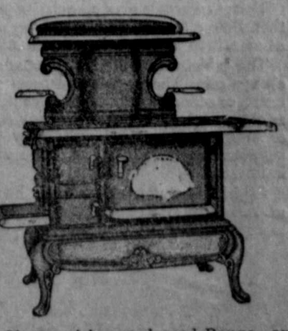
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