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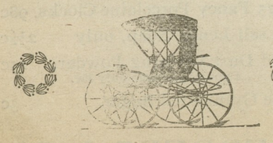

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Emmett Glenn, aged fourteen years, attired in full uniform of a U. S. soldier, with a millitary bearing of figure and a soldierly look in his eye, has returned to his home, 1929 Linden ave., Baltimore.

Into seven and a half months he has crowded more experience, had more adventures and done more traveling than the ordinary man in as many years. He has passed through one war, has been sick and hungry, and has journeyed miles in freight cars. Three trips from New York to Cuba has he made, shifting always for himself, sometimes in bad luck, but generally doing very well. He has been in the hands of the police, has begged his meals and missed them, and has dined at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Glenn found their son and brought him home late Wednesday night. The run-away's story, with a directness that guarantees its truth, in his own words is:

"Well, I'll tell you, when the soldiers began to go out to Pimlico and Buffalo Bill and his show came here I got the idea of going away. A fellow who lives on Reservoir street and myself talked the thing over and decided to go to Jacksonville. He had $20, but I didn't have a cent. The night before we went neither of us went home but stayed up till 2 o'clock to see Buffalo Bill pull out. Well, when he pulled so did we. We went over to the North avenue bridge and got down on the railroad tracks, and then we fell in with a hobo named Harry Seymour. We hung around the tunnel until a freight train came along, and we jumped her. We got around inside of a box car and were lying there all right, when the first thing we knew a brakeman came and wanted to throw us off. My friend gave him a silk handkerchief and fixed him for the ride.

His Adventures Begin.

"We got into Washington pretty early, and were loafing around when somebody called to my friend: 'You had better go back to Baltimore.' That scored him, and the next freight car that came along he took for home. The tramp and myself hopped a freight a little way out of Washington and dodged the brakeman. We didn't do a thing but ride right into Richmond. We tumbled out and began to bum our meals. Neither of us had any money, and we had to do it. I generally got ham and eggs and always asked for the lady of the house. It was in Richmond that I lost Seymour. He got arrested for bumming his meals and locked up. I wasn't touched.

"I left Richmond with some hoboes that night to walk to Petersburg. When we got to Manchester we fell into the worst looking gang you ever saw. They call that place the Hotel de Bum, and when we got there we found about fifty tramps starting for Petersburg. I didn't stop long in Petersburg, but caught a freight, went to sleep in a box car and never woke up till we got to Rocky Mount, and were standing still. I bummed some more meals, and that evening caught a train that shot me into Florence, S. C. Sometimes I had to jolly the brakeman. By this time my clothes were getting pretty bad, and I didn't lose any time getting to Savannah, same old way.

"Here's where I began to meet people. The first I met was a New York reporter who was making for Jacksonville and only bad $2; but while it lasted he bought the grub. Then both of us laid around till we got a chance, and got onto the blind baggage car on the limited express. We pulled out during the night. I had to get off at a little place called Green Cove Springs, but met some more fellows who were on the bum. The police rounded us up and locked the other fellows up. They were going to take me, too, but changed their minds and gave me ten minutes to leave town. I left on General Miles' train that passed through a little later by getting into the baggage car.

Adopted by Regulars.

"Finally I got to Jacksonville, coming in on a freight. That night I slept in a watch-box and the next night in a box car. In the morning a lot of soldiers came along and took me with them. It was the Eleventh Regulars I had struck, and after that I was all right. I went into camp with them at Tampa Heights and they swore I was their mascot. You ought to have seen me when I got there, though. I didn't have any hat—nothing but a red handkerchief tied about my head—no stockings and a pair of No. 6 shoes. My coat and pants were ripped and torn till you couldn't tell what they were. Well, the soldiers didn't do a thing but buy me a suit of clothes and this uniform on pay day. We stayed in camp until July 20. I messed with Company A and had a tent by myself. I just sat around and read and talked with the men. The boys gave me a carbine, a knife and a pistol, and Captain Hurst, of Company M, gave me a Spanish pony.

"July 20 we went to Port Tampa and three days later sailed on the Mohawk for Ponce. I had $30 when I went on that boat, but I went broke buying my meals, as, of course, I wasn't going to eat hard-tack and beans when I had money in my pocket. We got to Ponce August 1, and on the next day landed at Guanico, stayed there two days mending a wagon, then went to another town about ten miles away, stayed there a day and then went to another place, where we started to march. Sure, I rode my pony. I wasn't doing any walking.

Fight With the Spaniards.

"On the morning of August 10 we got to Homaduras and had a hot little fight. You see, we were crossing two bridges outside the town and the Spaniards were ahead of us, waiting to close in on the advance guard. Well, the volunteer Spanish fired too soon and queered the game. Only three of our men were killed, and fifteen Spaniards were killed and twenty-five wounded. The whole thing only lasted three hours. Where was I? Why, on the firing line in front. I fired four shots from my carbine, but didn't have time to do any more, as I was taking biscuits and water to the other boys. Remember now, I wasn't a mascot then. I was courier to the colonel of the regiment. The Spaniards retreated during the night and next morning we hoisted Old Glory where they had been.

"We marched for three days after that through the worst roads you ever saw in your life—mud up to your knees. At Lasmarara we were fired on by some Spaniards who were near the creek outside the town. We charged them right through the town. They were so scared that lots of them threw themselves into the water, head first, feet first, every old way, and 85 bodies were taken out of the river, most of them drowned. I went through the town on my pony, and the women ran out and spat at us. After this fight the regiment went into barracks in one of the towns, I forget how to spell the name, and I went with them.

On A Hospital Ship.

Then I had the dysentery, and the hospital ship Relief came in and they sent me on board. The day after I got on her she left and went to New York. Those Red Cross nurses are all right, I tell you. They treated me fine, and I was well in three weeks. Then Major Bradley hired me as a nurse and I was making $25 per month. I didn't know a thing about nursing, but I waited on the sick soldiers and did other things. After working a little while as a nurse I went into the steward's department and was enlisted as a regular.

"When we got to New York I stayed right on the boat and went back with her to San Juan, where we took on some sick soldiers. Then we stopped up at another place and I went ashore for awhile. I got into a pretty good fight there. Some Spanish policemen were clubbing an American soldier and a lot of the soldier boys started to mob the police. They ran, and everybody fired at 'em. I emptied my pistol. We brought 247 soldiers to Hampton Roads and only one died. We went from there to New York and then back to Ponce, to Arecibo and got back to New York on November 29. On the next day I got discharged by the steward because I wouldn't give him $10 out of my salary.

Met Miss Helen Gould.

"I didn't have any place to go, and one of the men on board the Relief told me about the Soldiers' Home, where Miss Helen Gould was, on Fifteenth street. I went up there and found a lot of soldiers, but none of the fellows I knew. Major Moulton took me in and treated me fine. They had cots there and you got your meals. Pretty soon I met Miss Sullivan and Mrs. A. E. Gallant and Mrs. Dr. Rosewell O. Stebbins and some more ladies, who came up there. They all took an interest in me, you know, and I didn't do any work about the home. The only thing I did was to go about with the ladies and help them to fix up for Christmas festivals and things. I met Miss Helen Gould up at the St Barnabas Club, where Miss Sullivan took me to help her. Miss Gould asked me all about myself, and where I had been, and then I told her that fairy story. Christmas Day I took up a lot of violets and lilies of the valley, with a round-robin, signed by all the soldiers, to Miss Gould. I went up to the house; when they let me in I asked for her and she came down in a minute. I told her the soldiers had sent her the flowers, and she said it was the gift that gave her more pleasure than any others. She wished me a Merry Christmas and a Happy New-Year and shook hands with me. The ladies at the home and Miss Gould gave me an invitation to the Waldorf-Astoria to a reception, where Chauncy Depew spoke. I went and had a good time. A couple of times after that I went there by Miss Gould. Well, the home broke up on Tuesday, and Mrs. Stebbins and Miss Sullivan took me home with them on Tuesday night to 4 East Forty-third street. I staid there until Wednesday, when Miss Sullivan brought my mother around."

Young Glenn has grown fully three inches, his mother says, and weighs twenty pounds more than when he left. He is a good-looking little fellow, with a dark complexion and big brown eyes. He still says that his ambition is to become a soldier, and that he hopes some day that he will be one. He has, he says, obtained his discharge papers. Mrs. Glenn has been too glad to get the boy back to reproach him, and all the boys of his age in the neighborhood look upon him as a full-fledged hero.

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