

# HOW AN "OLD CONFED" HELD DEWEY A PRISONER.

## Story of the Man Who Stood Over the Future Admiral When the Steamer Mississippi Burned at Port Hudson the Night of March 14, 1863.

Admiral George Dewey knows what it is to have met the enemy and become his, for on the night of March 14, 1863, when the steamer *Mississippi* was captured by the United States forces, he was executive officer of the vessel. He was a young man, full of life, and was captured by the Confederates. He was held in a prison at Port Hudson, Louisiana, and was there for several months. He was treated with honor and respect, and was allowed to write letters to his family. He was released in June, 1863, and returned to the United States. He later became a prominent naval officer and was awarded the Medal of Honor for his service at Port Hudson.

### TOLD BY A TEXAS EX-CONFEDERATE.

George Dewey's capture is well remembered by J. J. McDonald, a cotton merchant now living in Houston, Tex. Mr. McDonald was in Port Hudson at the time the steamer was captured. He was a member of Company F, First Alabama artillery, which was engaged along the west river bank. He enjoyed the distinction of having been one of the guard which covered Lieutenant Dewey and a small band of soldiers—less than a dozen—who fell into the hands of the enemy that dark night in March thirty-six years ago. Mr. McDonald had given the order to fire to pass Fort Hudson on the night of March 14, 1863. He was a member of the company which was engaged in the capture of the steamer. He was a member of the company which was engaged in the capture of the steamer.

### ORDERED TO PASS FORT HUDSON.

For some time the naval forces of the United States had been endeavoring to pass Fort Hudson on the night of March 14, 1863. The Confederates were under the command of General Gardner, while Colonel Steadman commanded the Alabama regiment of artillery. The batteries on the river bank were numbered from one to nine from right to left. On the night of March 14 an effort was made by the United States fleet to pass Fort Hudson. The Confederates were ordered to fire on the fleet. The batteries on the river bank were numbered from one to nine from right to left. On the night of March 14 an effort was made by the United States fleet to pass Fort Hudson. The Confederates were ordered to fire on the fleet.

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The *Mississippi*, a boat of 2,000 tons burden was on fire. It was the first time that a steamship had been captured by the Confederates. The steamer was burning and was being towed by the Confederates. The steamer was burning and was being towed by the Confederates. The steamer was burning and was being towed by the Confederates.

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# MUST STARVE TO LIVE.

The Only Folly to be Performed by the Contents Was.

Medical science has taken up the food question so closely during the recent years and gone to such trouble and expense to find out every deleterious quality in articles of everyday consumption that the man who studies hygiene attentively can only say—if he believes all he reads—at the great risk of contracting disease or poisoning himself.

It is not to be thought of as an article of diet. It is a troublesome compound, consisting largely of alum and potatoes, and concocted in some insipid and totally unfit for food. It is a mixture of lard, beef tallow, and a number of tuberculous substances which are constantly being placed upon the market. Mutton and lamb are also to be taken on similar grounds, and no one would think of touching pork for fear the late patented piggy might have died of anthrax.

The vegetable chorizo to his joy and delight, at that time of these things, except beef, effects his style of diet. But the triumph is short-lived. Beef and vegetables are to be avoided because of the worms, tomatoes, radishes, cabbages may become poisonous by the application of improper fertilizers, and therefore, are best left alone, while in addition to the disease microbes which devote its attention to the potato, there is always the risk of damage to digestive organs.

Butter and milk are poisoned with boric acid and other noxious preservatives, to say nothing of the artificial coloring matter which is frequently added to them. It is dangerous to eat so many of them as to be liable to keep them good, and recently too a French bacillus has found his way through the shell. In addition to other drawbacks, cheese helps to ruin digestion.

Haw fruit helps along cholera to a great extent. It also contains prussic acid and the skin, pipe and stone. When cooked it induces dysentery. Of lard and potato stuffs little need be said, except that the latter is a most dangerous article. It is a most dangerous article. It is a most dangerous article.

Fish, although possessing highly nutritious qualities, should be avoided, owing to the large quantity which is sold in an unfit state for human consumption, and the difficulty of obtaining it really fresh. With beverages the same difficulties present themselves to the careful feeder. Beer, wine or spirits are not to be touched. They affect the brain and eyes, and set injuriously upon the coating of the stomach. The coffee may set up indigestion, but at least they are sure to induce dyspepsia. Water is full of disease germs, and if distilled becomes dangerous by reason of its lack of mineral matter in solution. Poultry if fresh appears to be the most wholesome sort of dish, as there is only a vague, undecided sort of microbe to its account. Therefore, duck and green peas appear to be the dish to stand upon; but let the peas be fresh, and the lot should be eaten, owing to a solution of copper being employed to give them a fresh bright color.

# GENERAL FORREST'S DISPLAY OF FEARLESSNESS.

## He Once Braved the Fury of a Mob and Cut the Rope From a Man's Neck.

Nathaniel Bedford Forrest was born in Marshall County, Middle Tennessee, July 13, 1821. He inherited the sturdiness and dogged obstinacy of the English and the clan and dash of the Scotch-Irish. His paternal ancestors having been English, while his mother, Beck, was of Scotch Irish parentage.

William Forrest, his father, removed with his family to Tippah County, North Mississippi, in 1834, and died soon afterward, leaving the care and protection of his wife and a little child. Forrest was a young man, full of life, and was captured by the Confederates. He was held in a prison at Port Hudson, Louisiana, and was there for several months.

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Commissioner's Land Sale. By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Gaston county, N. C., made in the special session of the court on the 15th day of September, 1899, the undersigned will sell to the highest bidder at public sale in Gaston, N. C., on Wednesday, the 14th day of September, 1899, at the hour of twelve o'clock in the forenoon, the following described real estate lying in Gaston county, N. C., to-wit:

Mortgage Sale. Under and by virtue of a Mortgage, with full power of sale therein made, executed and delivered to me by the said J. M. Culp, on the 15th day of September, 1899, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the county of Gaston, N. C., I will sell to the highest bidder at public sale in Gaston, N. C., on Wednesday, the 14th day of September, 1899, at the hour of twelve o'clock in the forenoon, the following described real estate lying in Gaston county, N. C., to-wit:

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Administrator's Notice. The undersigned having qualified as administrator of the estate of the late Benjamin Johnson, notice is hereby given that the estate of the said Benjamin Johnson, deceased, is now open for the settlement of all claims against and by the said Benjamin Johnson, deceased. First day of settlement, 1899. On or before the 15th day of September, 1899, all persons indebted to the said estate will please make payment to the undersigned. H. M. SULLIVAN, Administrator.