March Now on Retired List



Maj. Gen. Peyton C. March, chief of staff of the United States army during the great war, has retired from active military service. But he will be long in the public eye-because of the many service rancors that only time will straighten out. It is too soon to write the history of the World war and to pass judgment on the quality of his services as head of the army staff.

It frequently is said that General March was the Stanton of the War department during his term of duty as the chief of the general staff. General March is credited by many with deciding things in advance and, when his decision was made, with telling Secretary of War Baker to "sign

In war times some one in the War department must be an autocrat. March unquestionably was the military autocrat of the department during

war. Naturally, he made enemies. Today it is known that some of the of the things which he did. But high service he unquestionably performed. He cut red tape and made things move with a rapidity that they never had moved with before,

General March was given the Distinguished Service Medal for his conduct of the great staff department in the days of the war.

"Really, My Dear Watson-"

Senator Thomas E. Watson of Georgia (portrait herewith) certainly started something when he said in debate in the senate:

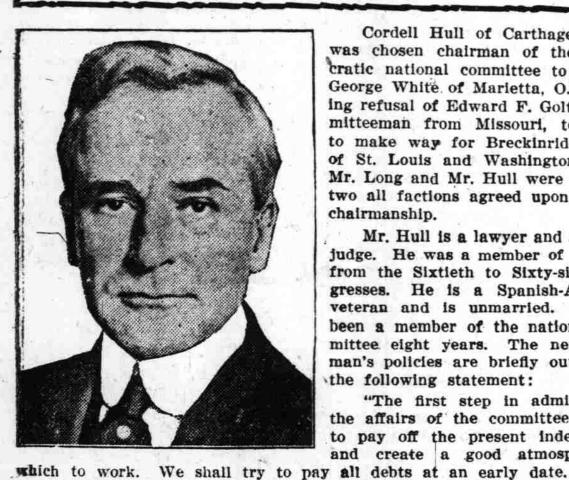
"How many senators know that a private soldier was frequently shot by his officers because of some comwhint against officers' insolence; and that they had gallows upon which men were hanged, day after day, without court-martial or any other form of brial? How many senators know that? I had and have the photograph of one of those gallows, upon which 21 white boys had already been executed at senrise when the photograph was taken; and there were others waiting in the camp jails to be hanged morning after morning."

Senator Wadsworth of New York, chairman of the military affairs committee, demanded that Senator Watson appear before that committee and substantiate his statements. The Geor-

gian replied he defied the "demand." He would debate it out in the senate. He intimated that he had no confidence in the committee and that his witnesses would be in danger. After debate a special committee was eppointed to investigate the charges: Brandegee of Connecticut, Ernst of Kentucky, Wills of Ohio, Overman of North Carolina and Shields of Tennessee.

General Pershing made a statement declaring the Watson charges to be without foundation." The Georgian warned Pershing that a general who called a senator a liar could be called before the senate and reprimanded. After more debate, extending over several days, the situation was apparently straightened out so that Senator Watson will go before the special committee.

Hull Succeeds White



Cordell Hull of Carthage, Tenn., was chosen chairman of the Democratic national committee to succeed George White of Marietta, O., following refusal of Edward F. Goltra, committeeman from Missouri, to resign to make way for Breckinridge Long of St. Louis and Washington, D. C. Mr. Long and Mr. Hull were the only two all factions agreed upon for the chairmanship.

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Mr. Hull is a lawyer and a former judge. He was a member of congress from the Sixtieth to Sixty-sixth congresses. He is a Spanish-American veteran and is unmarried. He has been a member of the national committee eight years. The new chairman's policies are briefly outlined in the following statement:

"The first step in administering the affairs of the committee will be to pay off the present indebtedness and create a good atmosphere in

"We shall make every possible effort to develop the Democratic national committee into the most militant and efficient organization within our power."

Macnider, American Legion

Hanford Macnider, the new naonal commander of the American Legion, is an American fighting man of fine physique and appearance. He was born in 1884 at Mason City, Ia., where he is a banker. He was graduated from Harvard in 1911 and served on the Mexican border in 1916 as a first lieutenant in the Iowa National Guard.

After the outbreak of the World war he entered the officers' training camp at Fort Snelling and was commissioned second lieutenant. He arsived in France September 20, 1917, as an officer in the Ninth United States infantry. During his overseas service he was promoted to major and later became lieutenant colonel of infantry in the Aisne, Marne, St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne operations, a por-Mon of the time in command of his regiment. He was wounded at St. Mihiel, and holds the following deco-



rations. Diginguished Service Cross and one cluster, Chevaller de Legion e Honneur, Croix de Guerre (five citations, five palms, one fold and one silver star) and the Italian war cross.

Macnider was elected commander of the Iowa department of the Legion in September and has been commander of the Clausen Worden post of Mason City. His name was put forward for national commander at Minneapolis in-1919 and in the balloting he stood next to Franklin D'Olier. He has been a boy she once saw. vigorous exponent of adjusted compensation for all ex-service men,

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an atarm clock.

HE Old Folks decided that it was time for them to be young again, So, they set up Christmas tree in a corner of the big dining room.

Santa Claus came bustling in and began to make things pleasant. Tied to his belt there was Its bell was ringing

like everything. This was to wake the Old Folks up. First, he called the roll, to see if

they were all up and awake. Then, he began to pick the presents off the Soon the room was gay with dolls,

horns and jumping jacks. A doll was riding in her carriage,

squeaking and rising up every few feet as she rode along. There was a talking doll, too. She

sang and talked when they pushed the buttons on her dress. There were hot dolls for cold nights

and cups and balls for the Old Folks to play with when they could not sleep. The Old Folks all played with their

presents. They blew on their horns, and amused themselves with the jumping-jacks, and sent the moving toys running about the room all at once. But, after all, the Old Folks, thought

it wasn't so very much fun because there were no real children there. So they sent out to see if they could find

They found Lucy, Peter, Billy, Mary, Sally, Hilda, Ruth, and some other children, who all came to see the Old Folks' Christmas tree. Lucy told the Old Folks the story

about her dog Trump.

Trump was a tramp dog, but he could do some tricks. He loved to be dressed up in a blanket, with a belt. Then, with a beribboned straw hat on his head, he would walk across the room upon his hind legs. After Lucy came Peter.

Peter said that he did not know any stories, but once he carried the flag for the big boys' baseball team, and they let him go in to see the baseball game, free.

Then Billy told a story. He said that once he sat up all night, waiting for Santa Claus to come and fill his stocking. That is, he tried to sit up all night; but Santa Claus didn't come and so he fell asleep in the dark. The next day the doctor came to see him. The doctor told him he had had "stockingitis."

Billy said, too, that when he woke up in the early morning and found that Santa Claus had forgotten to fill his stocking, he was going to throw himself on the floor and pound his heels on it and holler. But then he happened to remember how ugly his



First, He Called the Roll.

brother Harry looked when he did that. So Billy thought he wouldn't; and he didn't.

Mary told about the songs she sang to her doll.

She said that the song that her doll liked the best was:

The little dog went to the market town, With one foot up, and one foot down; But when he came to a muddy place He jumped cle-e-ean over!

Mary said that she always jumped her doll at the "jump" part. Sally thought that it was a long time since she had known a story, 'most as long as the night before Christmas," but she did remember a ride she once had on a little donkey. She said they had to send the old

donkey on ahead to make the little

donkey hurry. Then she remembered about the cats at her grandma's house. There was a big cat for the big mice, and a little cat for the little mice.

When she said her evening prayer clean water.

that night, her mother said to hert "What are you going to say, in your prayer tonight, about that poor little blind boy you saw to-day?"

So Hilda asked God about him. The very next day she took the little blind boy a big orange. It was now Ruth's turn.

"Once I asked a little girl if that was her sister," said Ruth. "The little girl said: "'t ain't a sister. It's a baby."

One of the other boys now had a tory to tell.

"Once I saw a cyclone come around the corner of a street," he said. "A man had a tent there with a lot of dolls in it. 'The man wanted to sell the dolls, but the cyclone took the tent right up into the sky, with all the dolls

"Another man asked him: 'What are you making such a fuss about? Weren't your dolls for sail?' and everybody laughed except the doll man."

The Old Folks were having such a good time listening to the stories that they thought the children ought to have a good time, too. So they took all their presents that had come off the tree and gave them to the little folks who had come in.

Every boy and every girl had a toy and a box of candy-Lucy, Peter, Billy, Mary, Sally, Hilda, and the

Then, all the young Old Folks and all the children manched around the dining room singing. They sang "Merry, Merry Christ-

mas," and so tile fun ended. But I guess it didn't quite end then,

either. For, as the young Young



Every Boy and Every Girl Had a Toy.

Folks went out of the door and down the street, the young Old Folks could hear them laughing, long after they turned the corner.

Besides, the young Old Folks have been talking about their "Old Folks' Christmas" ever since.

FESTIVITIES OF OLD TIMES

Lord of Misrule Was Important Functionary at Yuletide Celebrations of the Long Ago.

THE Lord of Misrule was an impor-tant functionary at the Christmas festivities of those long-ago times. An account of this important personage has been preserved by the historian and antiquary, John Stow, who lived during the reign of Queen Elizabeth and during the first year of the reign of King Charles I, and was, therefore, a contemporary of Shake-

"In the feast of Christmas," writes Stow, "there was in the king's house, wherever he lodged, a Lord of Misrule or Master of Merry Deports, and the like had ye in the house of every nobleman of honor or good worship, were he spiritual or temporal. The mayor of London, and either of the sheriffs, had their several Lords of Misrule."

At Cambridge university the Lord of Misrule was a master of art, elected to superintend the representation of Latin plays by the students, besides taking charge of their games and diversions during the Christmas season. A similar Master of Revels was chosen at Oxford.

In the Inns of Courts in London, where the barristers had their offices and belongings, a Lord of Misrule reigned with great splendor, "being surrounded with all the parade and ceremony of royalty, his guard of honor, and even his two chaplins who preached before him in the Temple

sovereighty, and we are informed that in the year 1635, this mock-representative of royalty expended in the exercise of his office about two thousand pounds from his own purse, and at the conclusion of his reign was knighted by King Charles I at White-

Saving the Leftovers.

Instead of always frying up any left. over potatoes, why not use them for hot tea scones? They only take a few minutes to make. To half a pound of cold potatoes add two ounces of flour and a teaspoonful each of salt and baking powder. Knead them all together, then add just enough milk-sour milk if you like-to make a stiff dough. Roll out and cut into doing the duty of life, knowing the either squares or rounds with a pastry cutter or tumbler and bake on a tin. in a quick oven.

To Sweeten Musty Teapot. To sweeten a metal or enamel teapot which has become musty, fill it with boiling water and drop in a red-Hilda told a story about a little blind | hot cinder, close the lid and leave for a short time. Then rinse out with EMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 4

PAUL IN MELITA AND ROME.

LESSON TEXT-Acts 28:1-31, GOLDEN TEXT-I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth .-Rom. 1:15, 16. REFERENCE MATERIAL-Mark 16:18;

Rom. 1:8-17. PRIMARY TOPIC-The End of Paul's

Journey. JUNIOR TOPIC-The End of a Long Journey. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC -Paul's Ministry in Rome.

-Paul Living in Rome.

I. The Shipwrecked Crew on Melita (vv. 1-10).

Through the storm they lost their bearings, and when they were safe on land they learned that the island was called Melita.

1. The hospitable reception of the natives (v. 2). They built a fire and made them as comfortable as possible from the cold and the rain.

2. Paul gathering sticks for a fire (v. 3). This is a fine picture of the world's greatest preacher and missionary not above picking up sticks for a fire. The ability and disposition to serve naturally in whatever way is the evidence of capacity for great commissions.

3. Paul bitten by a venomous serpent (v. 3). With the sticks that Paul gathered there was a serpent. Perhaps" it had already curled itself up for its winter sleep, but when the warmth of the fire aroused it it darted at Paul and fixed its fangs upon his hand. The natives expected to see him fall down dead, yet he shook it off, nothing harmed. At first the natives concluded that he was an escaped murderer and that this was retributive justice being meted out to him. When they saw that he was unharmed they concluded that he was a god.

4. Paul heals Publius' father (vv. 7 10). These people are now getting some return for their kindness. When this man of note was healed others came also and were healed. To this they responded in appreciation by loading them down with necessary sup-

II. Paul Arrives at Rome (vv. 11-16) When Paul landed at Rome Christ's charge to the disciples was fulfilled. After three months' stay at Melita, Paul departs for Rome in the ship Alexandria, whose sign was Castor and Pollux. At Syracuse they were delayed three days, perhaps for favorable winds. At Puteoli he found brethren, at whose request he tarried seven days. At Appili-Forum and at the Three Taverns brethren from Rome met him. From Puteoli the news went before Paul's coming, and so interested were the brethren that they came more than forty miles to meet him. This greatly encouraged him, for which he gave God thanks. No one, perhaps, ever enjoyed more close fellowship with God, and yet no man ever enjoyed more and derived more benefit from human fellowship than he. His readiness to preach the gospel at Rome, which he had expressed in the Epistle to the Romans, written from Corinth about three years before, was now realized. He was treated with great leniency at Rome, for he was allowed to hire a house there and live alone except that the soldier that remained his guard was constantly with him. Being chained to a soldier was rather irksome, but yet it gave him a chance to preach to the soldiers which he could not have had any other way. He rejoiced in whatever circumstances. just so the gospel was preached.

III. Paul's Ministry in Rome (vv 17-31).

1. His conference with the leading Jews (vv. 17-22). He did not, as usual, wait for the Sabbath day to speak to the Jews. He only allowed one day for rest. His object was to have a fair understanding with them. When they came he endeavored to conciliate them. He told them that, though he came as a prisoner, he was not a criminal. Though his own countrymen had so sought his life, he did not come with an accusation On the Twelfth day he abdicated his against them. The result of this interview was that the Jews cautiously took neutral ground, but expressed a desire to hear what Paul could say in defense of a sect which was everywhere spoken against. The fact that this sect was spoken against is no evidence that it was wrong. Many times a thing may be wrong in men's minds, because their judgments are biased. If a thing is right in the sight of God it matters not what men think about it. 2. Paul expounding the kingdom of God and persuading concerning Jesus (vv. 23-31). He pointed out a real

Consecration,

Jesus as the King.

kingdom—the Messianic Kingdom with

If you want to live in this world, blessings of it, doing your work heartily, and yet not absorbed by it, remember that the one power whereby you can so act is, that all shall be consecrated to Christ, - Alexander Maclaren.

Supplication of Solomon. Now, my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and let thine ears be attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.—II Chronicles 6:40.





good to h mother and sister. Eve one knew would be good to a wife, and they knew, too, that he wanted Elizahe for his wife.

"You're foolish not to take him they said. "We all know you have the opportunity to do so every the he goes to see you. We would was he'd proposed any number of time "I don't know about that," Elle beth would laugh. They could

nothing out of her. Once some of them spoke to Hor "We wish you two would get me

ried. We're tired of seeing you cour ing all the time." Howard smiled.

"It's up to Elizabeth," he said One woman spoke to Elizabeth day in a very serious fashion.

"The trouble with you," the wo said, "Is that you've always had much attention. Not only Hown but everyone has been charmed you, and you think that will go on the end of time. You'll find it won They'll stop, and then, where will you be?"

"I don't want to be married so to escape being an old maid." En abeth laughed. "I've seen too man happy ones to be afraid. What



more-I think a lot more of a perso who is faithful to someone they've loved than to marry for the sake of marrying. Lots of the "old maids" are that. Some of the married one have been so afraid they'd be though unpopular and unwanted that they's married out of sheer cowardice."

This was very puzzling. Had Ella abeth loved someone in her earlie days-perhaps when she had goo away on a visit? No one knew, B everyone was puzzled. So much puz zled that they asked no more que tions. They stopped telling her she should marry Howard. They stopped telling her what a wonderful husband he would make, and how much h

loved her. They were speculating on which it it could have been when the true edy occurred. And had the myster ous man married or had he been al ready married and so Elizabeth, at a nice, quiet girl had quickly taket herself home and out of the way?

It was snowing hard. Elizabeth was getting together her Christma presents when the door bell rang Outside stood Howard. "I thought perhaps you'd not min

around the presents," he said. knew it was just about your time How lovely it was outside. The snow was falling, the air was so clear and cool, and here was Howard,

if I went with you when you tool



straight and tall, his face glowing with health, his eyes so clear, so kee and so devoted. It made even the cold, crisp air seem warm and sol and affectionate.

They had delivered the present and were now passing the sma church. Inside someone was practi ing on the organ. That was doub less the organist practicing for the music for the service in the morning There was much beautiful music ways for Christmas! So many wo derful hymns, and such an atmospher about it all.

"I wish," Howard said, "that he stop practicing the Christmas mus and play us a wedding march." "Perhaps he would," said Elizabet

"Do you mean it?" Howard shoute "Oh yes, my dear, of course I men it. You've not said a word about marrying the last four times I've see you and I've been about to do it m self. The people—they tried to kee me from seeing how wonderful yo were by talking about you, making you what they saw in you-not givin me a chance to see for myself"

The organist played the wedding march. The clergyman came or hurriedly to marry them, bringing to witnesses with him.

"The Christmas bells and the we ding bells are joining together for us," Howard said a little later. They took the basket which he

had the presents in it back hom Then they announced to all the pe ple what they had done. "Merrie Christmas!" everyon

wished them. But Elizabeth answere "We don't need to be wished Werr Christmas,' but we thank you all ju