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A Flatboatman's Honor

By THOMAS R. DUNN

Early in the nineteenth century the means of communication between northern cities and New Orleans was by flatboat on the Mississippi river. The flatboat was a lumber yard loosely put together and derived its name from the fact that its bottom was flat instead of being the usual shape of a boat. These boats were supposed to drift with the current of the big river, though their momentum was occasionally added to by enormous sweeps worked by men on the roof or deck and were always steered by a sweep. On reaching New Orleans they were broken up and sold for the lumber there was in them.

The flatboatman was a crude being not unlike the plainsman of some forty or fifty years later. A crude code of honor existed in both. There were a great many things that were not scruple to do that we in a more civilized community would consider very wrong, but when their sense of honor was at stake they would fight hard to do what they felt was right.

Roger Dixon was a flatboatman in the early thirties. The boat he was on having tied up in a creek on the Louisiana shore, he went up on to the bank, where he found a gambling den, and there he proceeded to lose all the money he had, but, being convinced that he had been cheated, used a long knife he carried hung between his shoulder blades on the manipulator of the gambling outfit, leaving a considerable wound. Dixon was arrested and put in jail. The flatboat went on south with the current, leaving him devoid of funds and without even his liberty.

The arrest and imprisonment of the culprit occurred just as the court was adjourning for the season and would not be held again for several months. Dixon, having no money, was unable to get bail, which was allowed in his case since the wound he had inflicted was not mortal. He therefore had the prospect of languishing in jail during a hot summer, with the further prospect of being sent to state prison for felonious assault for two or three years longer when the court came together.

The prisoner, being remanded to jail in default of bail, stood before the judge a melancholy sight. He was about to be led away when a planter dressed in the costume of the time—tight trousers strapped over his boots, a coat with a flaring skirt, a ruffled shirt and a bell covered beaver hat—said to the court:

"Yo' honnah, what's the amount of the bail in this case?"
"Five thousand dollars, colonel."
"I'll go it fo' this man, suh."
"Yo' bettah not, suh. You'll lose yo' money."

The colonel asked the prisoner if he would come back certain sho' if he furnished the bail, and, though the reply was simply "Reckon," Colonel Armstrong was convinced, the bond was executed, and Dixon went free. The trial was fixed for the 4th of November, four months later.

Dixon was a Tennesseean, whose domicile, where lived his wife and children, was on the banks of the Tennessee river, near the site of the present city of Chattanooga. There was no means of getting there by the way he had come, for boats in those days never went upstream, so Dixon cut across country on foot. As he left the place of his misfortune one of a knot of men who stood looking after him said, "There goes your \$5,000, colonel."

When the 1st of November came round Colonel Armstrong had not heard a word from the man he had befriended. The kind hearted colonel was an object of sympathy on the part of the inhabitants of the locality, for no one expected that a man was coming away from Tennessee for the purpose of being sent to state prison when he could get off by staying at home. The second and third days of the month passed, and on the morning of the fourth the court came together for the purpose of trying Dixon, but there was no Dixon present. Out of sympathy for Colonel Armstrong the judge delayed matters as long as possible.

Suddenly there was a sound of heavy boots on the courthouse steps, and the culprit rushed wildly into court and said:

"Reckon I ain't too late, Judge, am I?"
The bail furnisher embraced the newcomer, while those present cheered.

Then Dixon was asked to tell how he had come. He had made his way down the Tennessee river in a dugout to its mouth, where he expected to be picked up by a flatboat on which he might work his way down the Mississippi river. Having waited several days in vain for one, he continued on in his dugout, over the rest of the way from Cairo, a distance of many hundred miles, to his destination. When the story had been told the prosecuting attorney, considering that the gambler who had been stabbed had recovered and had since been killed by another person he had secured, requested the case be dropped, and the prisoner was discharged. Again he set out on his homeward journey through a wild country. He was offered money by the kind hearted planter who had befriended him, but he declined it, saying:

"I might not hev it to send, and if I hev it I might not get it yare with out bringin' it myself."

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INDECISION CONCERNING BUILDING OF CATHEDRAL

Public Will Render Verdict as to Which Plans Will Be Chosen.

New York, Nov. 22.—The many years work in the building of the great Cathedral of St. John the Divine which has proceeded in the odd manner of building the interior office—that is the dome covered nave—has come to a standstill because of indecision as to the exterior design. It is announced that the novel method will be employed of letting the public render a verdict on the two plans which had been tentatively adopted for the exterior.

Duplicate designs are to be placed on public exhibition in the synd hall on the Cathedral grounds, and the architectural league building and the public critics are invited to send their views to Bishop Greer or to any of the trustees of the Cathedral. The original plan has as a feature a great central tower ending in a spire while a later design presents two companion spires in place of the one central tower and minor towers to the number of seven while the entire exterior is practically a mass of miniature towers. The original design is, with the exception of the central tower scheme generally plain while in the second design hardly a square foot of exterior space is left uncovered with ornament.

Bishop Greer himself is a strong advocate of the new design as more inspirational than the old one. Advocates of the old plan declare that the great central tower is the more impressive and that the two main spires of the new design lose their effect from the mass of minor towers and ornament.

ADVANCES IN FREIGHT FROM KNOXVILLE SUSPENDED
Washington, Nov. 22.—Advances in freight rates on iron and steel articles ranging from one to seven cents a hundred pounds from Knoxville, Tenn., to destinations on the Queen and Crescent railroad have been suspended by the interstate commerce commission until March 23 next pending formal investigation.

C. C. Clay Dead.
Paris, Ky., Nov. 22.—Cassius C. Clay, president of the Kentucky Constitutional convention of 1859, one time candidate for governor of that state on the democratic ticket and prominently known throughout the south, died here yesterday. He was a graduate from Yale in the class of 1866. He was 76-years old and leaves one daughter, Mrs. Cyril Goodman, of Cairo, Egypt.

Steamer Aground.
Alpena, Mich., Nov. 22.—It was learned here today that the steamer Hazard, owned by S. C. McLouth of Marine City and loaded with cement, is ashore off Lockport in Lake Huron. It is said that 300 barrels of cement will probably have to be thrown overboard before the vessel can be released. The steamer Nicholas, with a cargo of fax, is aground off North Point.

BIG REAL ESTATE CO. IS IN BANKRUPTCY

New York, Nov. 22.—The New York Real Estate Security company with large realty holdings of office buildings and apartment houses was forced into bankruptcy today by creditors with claims for balances due on the purchase of bonds. The assets, consisting of equities in mortgaged real estate and rents due, are stated in the bankruptcy petition to approximate \$100,000.

HABEAS CORPUS WRIT IN BEHALF OF ZELAYA

New York, Nov. 22.—A writ of habeas corpus in behalf of Jose Zelaya, former president of Nicaragua was issued by Federal Judge Holt yesterday. It is returnable at 2 p. m. Monday next, when arguments will be heard. Zelaya was arrested here Wednesday midnight at the request of the Nicaragua government, on a charge of murdering two Nicaraguans. Zelaya, in an affidavit filed today denied the charge and said he has been unlawfully deprived of his liberty. He has been in the toms.

SHIPS ORDERED TO CHANGE POSITIONS

Washington, Nov. 22.—Secretary Daniels has ordered Rear Admiral Badger, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, to send the battleships Connecticut, Kansas and Ohio of the fourth division, from Mediterranean ports to the east coast of Mexico as reliefs for the Louisiana, Michigan and New Hampshire of the second division. The fourth division will sail for Mexico on December 1, calling at Guantanamo for coal, and probably will reach Vera Cruz about December 20 or 21.

Although it had been announced that the second division would relieve the third in Mexican waters, all seven battleships remained in gulf ports upon the arrival of the second. At the navy department it was stated today that the Louisiana, Michigan and New Hampshire would leave for home ports immediately upon arrival of the vessels from the Mediterranean. The battleship New Hampshire is due in Vera Cruz today from Tuxpan.

EDGAR HOWE HAD CAREER OF SPORT

Chicago, Nov. 22.—Inquest yesterday into the death of Edgar C. Howe, whose body was found near a western suburb Thursday, failed to determine whether the case was a murder or a suicide. It served, however, to bring out the lights and shadows of a "sports" career. Howe was a gambler. He could spin a wheel or deal faro with the best of them. When horse racing was a pastime in this city Howe was on the "inside" of a "good thing" and after a "killing" his money was spent freely. He was one of the most prosperous gamblers in the city. With the closing of the local tracks more than a decade ago, Howe's fortunes changed. He was "broke" and his friends knew it but with the old pride of a gambler who had been on top he never would admit it.

HE FINDS SOLDIER IS WORTH MORE THAN \$750

Chicago, Nov. 22.—The inquiry of Judge Landis of the United States District court to find out why a "soldier's life is worth only \$750" has been answered. The judge's curiosity was aroused by a settlement of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad company with Mrs. Mary Panek for the death in a wreck of her son, a soldier, for \$750, less \$250 attorney's fees. Judge Landis appointed new attorneys for Mrs. Panek and when the case was called a settlement out of court for \$2500 was announced. Judge Landis said this was satisfactory. All concerned exonerated Edward J. Smejkal, Mrs. Panek's attorney in the original settlement of any blame.

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CLOTHING DECREE IN ENGLAND IS DEBATED

Why Are Officers Required to Be so Spick and Span Off Duty?

London, Nov. 22.—The recent announcement that officers of the guards regiments would be required, when not in uniform, to wear black frock coats and silk hats when in the neighborhood of Buckingham Palace, is causing some debate in social and military circles as to the aim of the new order. The British officer, as soon as he goes off duty, has been accustomed to don civilian clothes including ordinary derby hats and even caps. The new order for the silk hats was issued by Major General Sir Francis Lloyd, the new general officer commanding the London district and the question has been raised whether the intention is to live up to the traditions of the guards regiments that they should be leaders of fashion in times of peace. It is also advanced that people look to officers of the guards to keep up their reputation for smartness both on and off parade and that to see an officer in London dressed like a chauffeur or groom is a violation of the best traditions of the brigade of guards. On the other hand it is advanced by those who have been aroused by the order that no laws are unchangeable that the motor car and the growing popularity of golf have changed the laws of fashion and that to insist upon a silk hat in London is hardly less extreme than to demand a revival of knee breeches, satin coats, lace cravats and three cornered hats.

GERMANS TO PROBE ANGLIC AMERICAN TOBACCO TRUST

Berlin, Nov. 22.—Dr. Joseph Helfferich, a social democratic member of parliament has asked the government whether it had decided to open an investigation into the relations of the "Anglo-American Tobacco Trust" with the German cigarette industry. Dr. Max Richter, under secretary of interior, replied that a commission of inquiry was to be appointed and members of parliament would have the right to attend its sittings.

APPRECIATION EXPRESSED OF LORD HALDANE'S SPEECH

Washington, Nov. 22.—White House officials informally expressed their appreciation of the speech of Viscount Haldane, lord high chancellor of Great Britain, in London last night, in which he lauded President Wilson's interpretation of the Monroe doctrine.



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