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(Delivered by Chief Justice Walter Clark at Lumberton May 10.)

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When I received the summons of my old comrade of Camp Hoke, as a soldier I knew nothing else to do than to obey the call. Besides, I was glad of an opportunity to meet again the good people of my old county whom I met when here 21 years ago, this month, and of whom I have always borne the pleasantest recollections. I have not been here since till now and I am gratified at our marvellous growth and development. You have the largest county in the State and I am sure that there is none better.

It lacks but little of a century since North Carolina, resuming her sovereignty, took her stand with her sister Southern States, beneath a new flag. Nearly four decades and a half have passed since we were wreathed with laurel and cypress, that banner passed into the eternal silence where live forever the deathless dead.

North Carolina sent forth more than 125,000 stalwart sons to make her declaration good. More than one-third—43,000—came not home again. Dead by the fire of battle, dead by wounds, dead by disease from exposure and hardship, 43,000 of our best and bravest are sleeping their last sleep at Gettysburg, at Vicksburg, at Chickamauga, at Charleston, in the swamps of the Chickahominy, around Petersburg, in the Valley of Virginia and wherever in that ring of fire, that circled the Confederacy, we faced the fearful odds that slowly but steadily drove us inward. In the four decades and a half since, the relentless years have driven great gaps in the ranks of the survivors. Another third, and aye, perhaps half of the remaining third have joined their comrades in the great bivouac of the beyond. Of that mighty host of North Carolinians, 125,000 strong, who may well be said to have carried on their bayonet points the fortunes of the Confederacy, as well as the fame and honor of North Carolina, less than twenty thousand are still with us.

for the Potomac. Had Burnside moved ten minutes earlier or Hill been ten minutes later we would have been cut off from the fords and the capture of that Army with Lee, Jackson and Longstreet would doubtless have ended the war and Sharpshooters would have taken its place in the history of our race with the battles of Hastings and Flodden Field—those great days which changed the course of History.

In the gallant Light Division which thus saved the day and the Confederacy at Sharpsburg, were two North Carolina Brigades—Pender and Branch. The latter was Co. D. of the 18th Regiment, from Robeson county. They thus helped to save the Confederacy. Their general of Brigade, L. O. Branch, was killed there and the brigade was commanded the rest of the war by Gen. James H. Lane, except for a short while when Gen. Jno. D. Barry, of Wilmington, commanded it.

The 18th N. C. was at the post of duty when the thin lines of Lee were broken on 2 April 1863. They were in the daily battles on the retreat to Appomattox which has been aptly called the "Funeral march of the Confederacy."

When the surrender came, that roll call of fame, the Appomattox Parole list showed that there was left of Co. D. from Robeson only Orderly Sergeant A. E. Floyd, Corporal J. P. Inman, and Privates A. N. Prophet, K. Lovett, A. J. Thompson, and Zach. Clewis. All the rest had been killed, wounded or captured. After the battle and exposures through which this company had passed during four years, the wonder is not that so few, but that any were left.

IN TROUBLE AGAIN!

John C. Davis, Formerly of Wilmington, Arrested in Washington on Charges of Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses.

John C. Davis, a native of Wilmington who created a sensation in this State in the early nineties and was an inmate of the insane asylum at Raleigh from May 24th, 1892, to November 30, 1897, was arrested in Washington, D. C., where he has been practicing law of recent years. Friday night on the charge of having obtained money under false pretenses. It is thought that the amount which Davis is alleged to have misappropriated in transactions with his clients, mostly women, will reach \$1,000,000. Martin C. Davis, a brother of John and secretary of a Washington building and loan association, was arrested Saturday on a charge of conspiracy. The largest amount alleged to have been secured from any one person by John C. Davis was \$18,000, advanced by a woman client, who received 5 or 6 notes therefor, the next largest amount being \$13,000. When a search was made of the safe in Davis' elegant suite of offices nothing was found but a few deeds.

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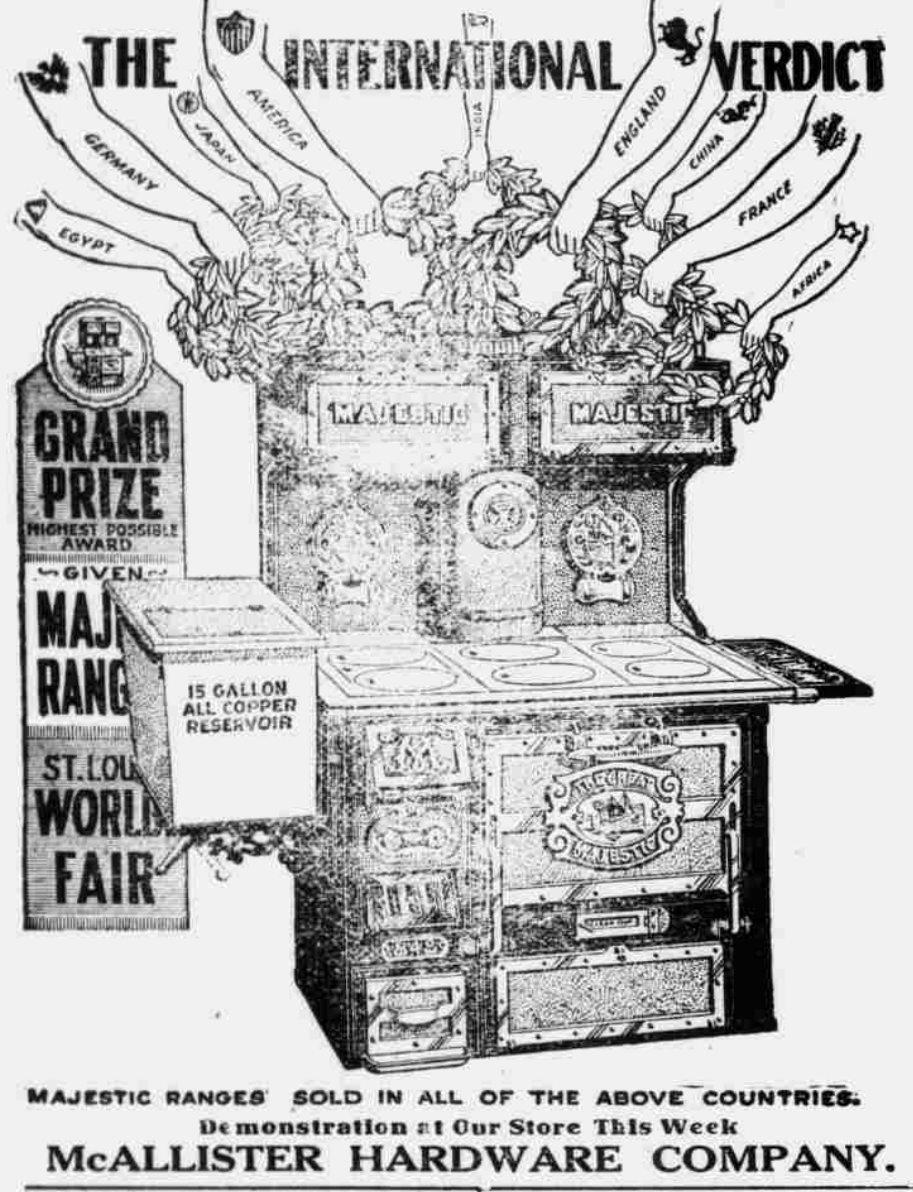
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We fell back across the river the night of the 18th and on the 20th the enemy attempted to follow Hill's Light Division and driven into the Potomac at Shepherdstown. The 18th Regiment, including Co. D., charging to the bluff, shot those who attempted to cross and captured numbers who had huddled under the bluff for safety.

On 13th December 1862 the 18th was at Fredericksburg and aided to drive Burnside, who had succeeded to the command of the Federal Army, in headlong and disastrous retreat across the Rappahannock.

In May 1863, the 18th N. C. was in the Chancellorville campaign where Stonewall Jackson was mortally wounded and whose death 46 years ago today so impressed North Carolina that we have adopted that anniversary (10 May) to be observed in honor of all the Confederate Dead.

Gen. Jackson had gone out in front of our lines with a numerous staff and, returning without giving notice, his retinue was mistaken for the enemy's cavalry. The Eighteenth fired a terrific volley, several of their bullets struck Gen. Jackson, who thus died before the war was more than half over and by the bullets of his own men, who would gladly have died to save him. His death was the heaviest blow which befell the Confederacy. His fall saved the Union Army, who were cut off from the fords and with "one hour more of Jackson" must have surrendered. The regiment had only three officers not killed or wounded.

The next month, June 1863, saw the 18th N.C. with our Robeson county company in full march for the Potomac again. Though the Brigade had lost 800 killed and wounded at Chancellorville in less than thirty days it was hunting the enemy on his own ground. They crossed at Shepherdstown, marched through their old battle ground of Sharpsburg and in the first three days of July were engaged in the great battle of Gettysburg. On the 3rd day their brigade was in the world famous charge of Longstreet and went further than any of Pickett's men in that charge, and regiment for regiment, by the official reports, had twice as many killed and wounded. The 18th N. C. was the last regiment to recross the Potomac on retreat.

On the 18th N. C. was in the Mine Run campaign, which was the coldest weather during the war. When Grant crossed the Rapidan 4 May 1864, the 18th N. C., with our brave Robeson county company, was in the first column that he struck. The bloody fights in the Wilderness and around Spottsylvania followed and the 18th was engaged with the enemy almost daily for 60 days while Grant was "swinging round the circle" (as he called it) from the Rapidan down to the James. Down returns lost more men than Lee had in his whole army. But he had the exhausted resources of the North to recruit from and indeed the whole world to draw from while we were wholly unable to fill up our ranks. The enemy deliberately entered upon the brutal policy of stopping all exchanges of prisoners, deeming one Confederate more than equivalent to one Union soldier. At the "Bloody Angle" or "Salient" on 12 May the enemy overwhelmed our lines and nearly half of the 18th were captured, including some of the Robeson county boys. In those 60 days the 18th captured more prisoners than it had men, besides those of the enemy whom they killed and wounded.

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