

Macon Telegraph and Messenger. IN THE TWILIGHT. When violets peep up from the meadows, And far off little stars to see, And in their bright, happy beauty, Come back to the buds of the tree, When birds have fled to the glowing, And dew-drops fall soft in the sea, In the beautiful evening twilight, My love is coming to me.

Soft hands will be clasped in the evening, And the story that never is old, With starlight laughing above us, Sweet, tender accents be told, I'll be happy, so happy that evening, When only the stars will us see, For faithfully down by the gateway, My love'll be waiting with me.

Hill tell me so soft that he loves me, And swear to his bright eyes to blue, That through all years of the future, He'll ever be tender and true. And when life's sweet dreams are over, And I stand on the golden sea, I know my love will be waiting, And watching there then with me. Macon, August 25th, 1879. H Y S.

THE SURRENDER AT APPOMATTOX.

Gen. John B. Gordon on the Unwritten History of the Event. On the night of the 7th of April was held Lee's last council of war. There was present Gen. Lee, Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, as head of the cavalry, and Pendleton, as chief of artillery, and myself. Gen. Longstreet was, I think, too busy engaged to attend. Gen. Lee then exhibited to us the correspondence he had had with Gen. Grant that day and asked our opinion of the situation. It seemed that surrender was inevitable. The only chance of escape was that I could cut a way for the army through the lines in front of me. Gen. Lee asked me if I could do this. I replied that I did not know what forces were in front of me; that if Gen. Ord had not arrived—as we thought then he had not—with his heavy mass of infantry, I could cut through. I guaranteed that my men would cut a way through all the cavalry that could be massed in front of them. The council finally dissolved with the understanding that the army should be surrendered if I discovered the next morning, after feeling the enemy's line, that the infantry had arrived in such force that I could not cut my way through.

My men were drawn up in the little town of Appomattox that night. I had about 4,000 men under me, as the army had been divided into two commands and given to Gen. Longstreet and myself. Early on the morning of the 9th I prepared for the assault upon the enemy's line and began the last fighting done in Virginia. My men rushed forward gamely and broke the line of the enemy and captured two pieces of artillery. I was still unable to tell what I was fighting. I did not know whether I was striking infantry or dismounted cavalry. I only knew that my men were driving them back, and were getting further and further through. Just then I had a message from Gen. Lee, telling me a flag of truce was in existence, leaving it to my discretion as to what course to pursue. My men were still pursuing their way on. I sent at once to hear from Gen. Longstreet, feeling that if he was marching toward me, we might still cut through and carry the army forward. I learned that he was about two miles off, with his men faced just opposite from mine, fighting for his life. I thus saw that the case was hopeless. The further each of us drove the enemy the further we drifted apart and the more we exposed our wagon trains and artillery, which was pecked between us. Every time either of us broke only opened the gap the wider. I saw plainly that the Federals would soon rush in between us, and then there would have been no army. I therefore determined to send a flag of truce. I called Major Hunter, of my staff, to me and told him that I wanted him to carry a flag of truce forward. He replied: "General, I have no flag of truce." "I told him to get one. He replied: "General, we have no flag of truce in our command."

"Then said I: 'Then get your handkerchief, put it on a stick, and go forward.' "I have no handkerchief, general." "Then borrow one, and go forward with it." "He tried, and reported to me that there was no handkerchief in my staff." "Then, major, use your shirt!" "You see, general, that we all have our flannel shirts."

"At last, I believe, we found a man who had a white shirt. He gave it to us, and I tore off the back and tail; and, rigging this to a stick, Maj. Hunter went out toward the enemy's lines. I instructed him to simply say to Gen. Sheridan that Gen. Lee had had written me that a flag of truce was sent from his and Grant's headquarters, and that he could act as he thought best on this information. In a few moments he came back with Maj. Sheridan's staff. This officer said: "Gen. Sheridan requested me to present his compliments to you, and to demand the unconditional surrender of your army."

"Major, you will please return my compliments to Gen. Sheridan, and say that I will not surrender." "But, General, he will annihilate you." "I am perfectly well aware of my situation. I simply gave Gen. Sheridan some information on which he may or may not desire to act." I showed Gen. Sheridan Gen. Lee's note, and he determined to await events. He dismounted, and I did the same. Then, for the first time, the men seemed to understand what it all meant. And then the poor fellows broke down. The men cried like children, Worn, starved and bleeding as they were, they had rather have died than have surrendered. At one word from me they would have hurled themselves on the enemy and have out-

their way through or have fallen to a man with their guns in their hands. But I could not permit it. The great drama had been played to its end. But men are seldom permitted to look upon such a scene as the one presented there. That these men should have wept at surrendering so unequal a fight; at being taken out of this constant carnage and storm; at being sent back to their families; that they should have wept at having their starved forms lifted out of the jaws of death, and placed once more before their heartstones, was an exhibition of fortitude and patriotism that might set an example for all time.

"Ab! sir, every ragged soldier that surrendered that day, from the highest to the lowest, from the old veteran to the beardless boy, every one of them, sir, carried a heart of gold in his breast. It made my heart bleed for them, and sent the tears streaming down my face, as I saw the poor, riddled, battle-stained flags that they had followed so often, and that had been made sacred with the blood of their comrades. The poor fellows would step forward, give up the scarred rag that they had held so precious through so many long and weary years, and then turn and wring their empty hands together and bend their heads in an agony of grief. Their sobs and the sobs of their comrades could be heard for yards around. Others would tear the flags from the staff and hide the precious rag in their bosoms and hold it there. As Gen. Lee rode down the lines with me and saw the merrymaking, and heard them cheering 'Uncle Robert' with their simple but pathetic remarks, he turned to me and said, in a broken voice, 'Oh, general, if it had only been my lot to have fallen in one of our battles, to have given my life to this cause that we could not save.' I told him that he should not feel that way, that he had done all that mortal man could do, and that every man and woman in the South would feel this and would make him feel it. 'No! no!' he said, 'there will be many who will blame me. Ba, general, I have the consolation of knowing that my conscience approves what I have done, and that my army sustains me.'

In a few hours the army was scattered, and the men went back to their ruined and dismantled homes, many of them walking all the way to Georgia and Alabama, all of them penniless, worn out and well-nigh heartbroken. Thus passed away Lee's army; thus were its last battles fought; thus was it surrendered, and thus was the great American tragedy closed, let us all hope, forever.

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