

RAMBLING THOUGHTS

In its career as an independent nation for 141 years, the United States has had only four generals of the army. They were Washington, Grant, Sherman and Sheridan. And Sheridan was general for only sixty-five days while on his death-bed. These four were also lieutenant-generals, which is the next grade below generals, and we have had but a few others in the lieutenant-general group, including Winfield Scott, Schofield and Nelson A. Miles. Now, it is proposed to revise the grade of lieutenant-general so that Pershing may be appointed. It would put him nearer in rank to the leaders of the allied armies in Europe.

Of all American officers, much the greatest power was given by Congress to Washington. He was elected in Congress to be commander-in-chief—that title is now held only by the President of the United States—and he was also given power to raise and equip an army.

Grant, Sherman and Sheridan never had power to raise an army. The Continental Congress really made Washington the military director and he held the job for eight years.

After he had been President and while Adams was chief Executive, Congress again passed a law which made Washington commander-in-chief. At the time of his death he held the rank of lieutenant-general.

It was fifty-six years later when Congress revived the rank of lieutenant-general in order to reward Winfield Scott for his conquest of Mexico.

That was in 1855 and long after the Mexican War ended. Scott held that rank was only by brevet and retired in 1861 from active duty.

In 1864 Congress revived the grade of lieutenant-general for some major general "distinguished for courage, skill and ability."

Lincoln thought that would fit Grant and he promptly appointed him. A year after the war, Congress revived the grade of general of the Army and President Johnson appointed Grant to that office and made William Tecumseh Sherman lieutenant-general.

The presidency called Grant to the White House in the spring of 1869 and so he retired as general of the Army—his new office making him commander-in-chief and so above even the general.

Grant put Sherman in his old shoes as general and Sheridan in Sherman's old shoes as lieutenant-general. In 1870 Congress decided that both office should expire with their then occupants.

Sherman continued to be general until 1884, when he asked to be retired, although he continued to draw full pay.

Then when Sheridan was dying, Congress once more revived the grade of general and President Cleveland put "Little Phil" in that position, but he held it only from June 1 until August 5, 1888.

The grade of lieutenant-general was abolished in 1907, it having been revived for Schofield three years after Sheridan's death.

From 1866 until Sherman retired as general in 1884, we had both general and lieutenant-general continuously.

A scientist of national fame is authority for this statement:—War has already debted the human race to the extent of 31,000,000 lives.

When I asked how this could possibly be true when there were not that many soldiers in all the fields of war, he replied:—

"I didn't say there were 31,000,000 soldiers dead. I said the human race had been tapped to that extent.

Then this man of science showed me how the world is losing at the rate of more than 10,000,000 human beings in a year.

Germany's official report shows that in 34 months of war her actual dead soldiers foot up 1,100,000.

It is measured from that figure, that the total dead in all armies reach 6,000,000.

"Now," said the man of science, who is also a physician, "wipe out 6,000,000 young Europeans and you destroy the fathers of what otherwise would have been in years to come 9,000,000 children."

"But, even that," I added, "does not reach by a half your colossal estimate."

"No," said this student of birthrate, "because I have only told you how many children will be born because 6,000,000 possible fathers have already died. You forget that three times many more men, nearly all in the younger class, are in the armies of the world and not in homes."

The scientist paused and then made this observation:—

"The fact that for three years past these millions of healthy young men were not in the home but on the battlefield has cut at least 160,000,000 more from the baby supply of Europe and Asia—an average—and it is a low one—of one child in three years for every soldier."

Three years of war! Thirty-one million human lives!

All who think that too big a price to pay for one Prussian ambition say aye. The ayes seem to have it unanimously.

OXFORD NEWS.

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Recent Gloomy Semi-Official Forecasts Are Held to be Wholly Erroneous.

(Washington Special)

From highest official sources it is learned that the United States fighting forces will begin to take a major part in the military operations on the western front before January 1. Gloomy semi-official forecasts of a few days ago that the United States could not place more than 100,000 men on the fighting line by January, nor more than 600,000 in France by September 1, 1918, were held by a high official to be wholly erroneous. The details of the plans for moving the American armies to Europe manifestly cannot be told. But this much may be told—there will be fast as it can be trained and transport every unit of American soldiers to France as fast as that unit can be trained.

There will be a million and a quarter fighting men under training in little more than a month. There will be 20,000,000 men under arms in the spring.

It has been officially stated that all this force will be sent to France as fast as it can be trained and transport facilities now are assured. Heavy artillery will be used on a huge scale on the American fighting fronts in France, including the largest siege guns. It is officially announced that the item of \$2,500,000,000 in the emergency appropriation just submitted to Congress under the heading of "armament of fortifications" is to be used exclusively to manufacture of artillery for use of American troops.

The war department has designated Brigadier General Peyton March now in France, as chief of artillery for all American forces. He will have under his command every type of ordinance capable of being used in mobile operations, from heaviest siege guns to smallest cannon.

Troops to man this artillery will be raised by transferring cavalry and excess infantry units to artillerymen. No mounted cavalry whatever will be taken to France.

Part of the American artillery will be manufactured in France but the bulk of it will be of home manufacture and all will be manned by American artillerymen. The war department made this plain in correcting an erroneous impression given out in a recent statement by George Creel's commission on public information that France was going to manufacture all American field artillery.

SPECIAL EXCURSION FARES FROM OXFORD, N. C. VIA SOUTHERN RAILWAY SYSTEM.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

Having this day qualified as administrator on the estate of Roland Goss, deceased, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please come forward and make prompt settlement. This 19th day of July, 1917. B. F. GOSS, Admr. T. Lanier, Attorney.

LEGAL ADS

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

At a Circuit Court Continued and held in the county of Mecklenburg, Virginia, at the Court House thereof on Tuesday the 22nd day of August, 1916.

Old Dominion Trust Company,
Curator of the estate of
W. W. Gooch, deceased, plaintiff,
VS

Margaret Corwin Radcliff
Gooch, Annie Wayne
Suhor, etc, Defendants.

And the Court doth further order and adjudge and decree that this cause be referred to C. T. Reekes one of the Commissioners of this court and the said Commissioner is directed to take and state the following reports, viz:

First: An account of the assets both real and personal of which the late W. H. Gooch died, seized and possessed, wheresoever the same may be situated and as to the real estate he is requested to report the number of acres, the buildings, the character of the land, of each of the several tracts, together with the fee simple and annual value thereof; and as to the personal estate, the said special commissioner is directed to report the same consists of money due the estate that said Commissioner is required to report the evidence of the debt and whether the same is secured and if secured, how secured, and the characted and value of the security.

Second: An account of all the debts, obligations and liabilities due by the estate of W. H. Gooch, deceased, together with a statement showing to whom said debts or obligations are due, how the same are evidenced and whether the same are secured or unsecured and if secured how secured.

Third: An account of all debts for which the late W. H. Gooch is bound as endorsed, guarantor, security or otherwise, together with a report as to the solvency of the original obligors or debtors, and whether or not the said W. H. Gooch or any one else holds or should hold security or collateral for the payment or said original debts.

Fourth: And said Commissioner is further directed to report any other and further matters deemed material and pertinent to the matters above directed, and to return to this Court all the evidence taken by him in pursuance of the above enquiries.

Fifth: Before preceeding to take above accounts the said Commissioner shall advertise the time and place of taking the same once a week for four successive weeks in some newspaper published in the city of Richmond, Va., also in the county of Mecklenburg, Virginia, and also in the city of Oxford, N. C.

An extract from the records.
Teste: H. F. HUTCHESON, Clerk.

Extracts from decre entered in vacation in said court on September 18, 1916:

The court being of opinion* * * doth judge, order and decree that the said Commissioner C. T. Reekes, shall further inquire and report: (X) What debts of W. H. Gooch (dec'd), if any, in order to conserve the best interests of the estate should now be paid, and

(Y) Whether the payment of said debts will affect the priority in the order of payment prescribed by law, and if so, how.

To the Clerk of Mecklenburg Circuit Court.

WM. R. BARKSDALE, Judge,
Sept. 18, 1916.

An extract from the records,
Teste: H. F. HUTCHESON, Clerk.

Boydton, Va. July 12th, 1917 COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE

Parties interested in the decrees, from which the foregoing are extracts, will take notice that I have fixed upon Tuesday, the 14th day of August, 1917, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 6 p. m. of that day as the time, and Grace Hotel, Clarksville, Mecklenburg County, Va., as the place for preceeding to execute the same, at which time and place they are required to attend with such books, papers, vouchers and evidence as will enable me to comply with the said orders of the Court. If the taking of said accounts, for any reason, be not begun on that day or if begun, be not completed, the same will be adjourned from day to day, or from time to time till completed.

CHAS. T. REEKES,
Commissioner in Chancery for the said Court.

The Filipinos.

(Washington Star)
Filipinos in this country are strong American patriots and eager soldiers. Events may prove that the islands so unexpectedly are after all to be accounted among our valuable National assets.

WILLIS MOSS LOT FOR SALE.

Under and by virtue of a certain Judgement and Decree of the Superior Court of Granville County made and entered on the 15th day of March 1917, in the special proceeding entitled: "Abraham C. Coghill Admr. of Willis Moss, dec'd. and others, Ex Parte," I will offer for sale by public auction at the court house door in Oxford on

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4TH, 1917

at 12 M. the house and lot situated on the South side of Hillsboro street in the town of Oxford where the late Willis Moss resided. Said lot is about 50 feet front and runs back 150 feet by parallel lines and adjoins the lands of Emily Hunt on the East and the lot of the late Cameron Green on the West. There is a good residence on this lot.

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