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## ONCE IN THE LIMELIGHT

Being Tales of Those Who Reached the Front Page  
and Then Dropped Back To Obscurity

### "BAT" MASTERSON.

In the days when "gunfighting" was considered the king of sports, there lived in Dodge City, Kan., an enthusiastic exponent of the art. He was "Bat" Masterson. Born in Iroquois county, Illinois, in 1854, and brought up on a farm, Masterson at an early age became an artistic manipulator of the "six gun" and jumped into the limelight by the powder route.

It became rather obvious to the general public who from time to time came into contact with young Masterson that his talents of a lead-throwing nature were good, and he received a wide berth from those of meeker spirit.

In the early days of the great West, when it was necessary to get food from the game herds of the plains, Masterson was employed to kill buffaloes for some of the great hunting outfits which plied between the Arkansas and Canadian rivers, and it was during this period of game massacre that he received the nickname of "Bat."

In 1872, due mostly to the accurate rifle fire of Masterson, 300 thousand buffalo hides were shipped from the single town of Dodge, which would indicate that his knowledge of the grazing grounds was only second to that of "Buffalo Bill."

When the Cheyennes took to the warpath in 1874 he enlisted as a scout under General Nelson A. Miles, and saw considerable service. It was during this period that the famous battle of "Dobe Walls" took place at Dodge, when Masterson and some 15 other buffalo hunters stood off 500 Indians who had "jumped" the reservation and attacked the town.

Masterson during the fight, according to the tales of some of the survivors, jumped from a second-story window of the dobe buffalo shack and scalped a number of Indians under heavy fire.

Later, when he had reached the advanced age of 22, Masterson was elected sheriff of Ford county, Kansas, which housed within its borders the lively town of Dodge.

Masterson's reputation as a gun fighter grew with the town, and it soon became apparent that "Bat" rather enjoyed the prospect of a "meeting-up" with a "bad" man, so much so, in fact, that "bad men" decided that Dodge was rather an unhealthy place to "start something."

To more clearly illustrate the foresight and activity which the wary Masterson displayed on various occasions, it is necessary to explain the conditions which existed in Dodge City at the time he was in his prime.

Several gentlemen from Texas, who by nature were inclined toward quick shooting, had wandered into Dodge City at various periods in quest of explosive enjoyment. Their demise had been quick, and relatives in the Lone Star State had intimated that some day they would journey north and wipe Masterson and Dodge City off the map.

Masterson had several friends in Dodge who were rather handy with their artillery, and, always believing in preparedness, Bat rallied them to his standard. Luke Short, Wyatt Earp, "Gyp" Halliday and a few more "quick-pulling" residents of Dodge started cleaning up their sawed-off shotguns and oiling their Colts. These gentle souls were all proficient gun artists, and they resented very much the idea that the fair reputation of Dodge should be threatened by an invasion from Texas.

Word went out that when the war started every man with a Texas cow hat was legitimate prey, and each night the Dodge residents waited for the opening of hostilities.

One afternoon Clay Allison, the Texas chieftain, rode into Dodge and announced that he was out for blood. Masterson was seated in the sheriff's office, and hearing the oratory, started out the door and covered Allison from the rear with a shotgun. He made no sound, but waited. Finally, the Texan turned around and discovered that he was in rather a dangerous position, which resulted in a "drawing of horns."

Realizing that Dodge and Masterson were ready for any emergency, the Texas belligerents decided that "peace talk" was in order, and what might have been one of the bloodiest chapters in the history of Dodge was

never written.

Masterson later came East and was appointed a Deputy United States Marshal for the Southern District of New York by President Roosevelt. He later was offered a position as a sporting writer on a metropolitan daily and now turns out sporting "dope" in truly docile manner. He is very much averse to publicity on his past life and has never been known to "give out a story" concerning it. Those who knew him in the wild days of Dodge, however, never tire of telling of his exploits.

"Bat" is now a familiar figure among the bright lights of Broadway, where he now is known by the imposing cognomen of "William Barclay Masterson."

### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

During the month of July Register of Deeds Carpenter issued 34 marriage licenses, 28 to white couples and five to colored couples.

Following is a list of the white couples obtaining license:

- William Baucum and Melva Hope, of Lowell.
- Osy Black, of Cherryville, and Pearl Sellers, of Kings Mountain.
- James Cochlin and Geraldine Cathcart, of Gastonia.
- Wayne Cloninger and Madie Yount of Dallas.
- Charlie Craig and Espie Waddell, of Gastonia.
- D. D. Dixon and Katie B. Arrowood, of Bessemer City.
- Clarence Denton and Stella Davis, of Gastonia.
- James Ewing, of Belmont, and Susan Helton, of McAdenville.
- Julius Fowler and Bertha Ham, of Gastonia.
- R. J. Freeze and Ella May Wilkinson, of Belmont.
- J. J. Grayson and Nora Bookout, of Gastonia.
- Fred Haas and Minnie McGee, of Belmont.
- Vernon Harselton, of Cherryville, and Sara Lillian Roper, High Point.
- J. P. Havenner and Rachel Dellinger, of Cherryville.
- J. P. Hart, of Stanley, and Georgia Handshell, of Mt. Holly.
- Henry King and Sallie Haynes, of Lowell.
- W. P. Lytle and Pearl Redmond, of Gastonia.
- George Laws and Victoria Queen, of Mayworth.
- B. E. Patterson and Bessie Beam, of Gastonia.
- William C. Ratchford and Nan E. Carson, of Gastonia.
- C. S. Ramsey, of Bessemer City, and Espy Champion, of Gastonia.
- J. H. Stewart, of Kings Mountain, and Beulah Crawford, of Clover.
- D. T. Sparks and Rettle Woodruff, of Gastonia.
- A. L. Stone and Wilma Massey, of Mt. Holly.
- Walter F. Sisk and Annie Brown, of Cherryville.
- Luther Thomas and Emma Kirby, of Mount Holly.
- W. R. Vandyke and Mary Griggs, of Gastonia.
- J. C. Yount, of Newton, and Charlotte Smith, of Hickory.

### ITEMS FROM YORK.

York News, 6th.  
Mrs. J. W. Campbell, who has been visiting at the home of Dr. A. Y. Cartwright in York, has returned to her home in Clover.  
Rev. M. M. Richardson has returned to Clover after a visit to relatives at Simpsonville.  
Mr. T. J. McNeely, of Clover, spent several days last week in Asheville.  
Miss Annie Lee Adams, of Clover, spent Wednesday in Dallas, N. C., as the guest of Miss Katie Lee Lewis.  
Mrs. F. E. Clinton, of East View, spent the week-end with her father, Mr. H. F. Forbes, at Crowder's Creek, N. C.  
Mr. Z. Blackwell, of Gastonia, spent Friday in the city on business. The Enquirer, 7th.  
Miss Martha Brandon, of Gastonia, recently visited her parents on Clover No. 2.  
Mr. Roy Bradley and Miss Janie Bradley, of Gastonia; Mr. Frank Mendenhall and Misses Nellie and Alda Mendenhall, of McConnelville, and Messrs. John Sherrer and William Turner, of Sharon, visited the family of Mr. J. C. Lilley, near Fildbert last week.

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## Who's Who Behind the Scenes in the War Army

By GEORGE GARVIN,  
Staff Correspondent International News Service

### MAJOR HENRY H. ARNOLD, Junior Military Aviator.

Born in Pennsylvania June 25, 1886, and appointed to the Military Academy from that State in 1903. Upon his graduation, in 1907, he was assigned as a second lieutenant in the Twenty-ninth Infantry and continued in that arm of the service until he demonstrated his ability as an aviator, when he was assigned to the Signal Corps.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Major Arnold is a pioneer in the aviation service and with Major Foullos and Major Milling, is without a peer in America. He received his first instructions as a flyer at the Wright Brothers School in Dayton, Ohio, in 1911. Upon being licensed as an aviator he was assigned with Lieutenant Milling to open the first army school for flying at College Park, Maryland. Several months later, with Milling, he was ordered to Fort Riley, where the two young officers worked out a system of target location and fire observation with the field artillery forces stationed there.

It was while on this detail that Arnold first demonstrated his remarkable ability and his capability of maintaining his head in an emergency. While making a flight of 1,200 feet in the air his motor went bad and with no inherent stability his machine started on a plunge for the earth. When within 100 feet of the ground and only a question of a few seconds interim between life and a horrible death, he righted his machine and made a safe landing for both himself and the machine.

During the same year he startled the aeronautical world by his remarkable work when he captured the Mackay trophy when it was first offered for reconnaissance work.

In 1913, at his own request, Arnold was returned to the infantry. In 1916 he was ordered back into the aviation service and assigned to the military training school at San Diego, Cal., to organize the supply system. From there he was sent to the Canal zone, where he organized the Seventh Aero Squadron and placed in command of that squadron, which required regular and frequent participation in aerial flights.

When the United States entered the war against Germany he was relieved of duty on the Canal Zone and ordered to Washington to assist Gen. George O. Squier, Chief Signal Officer, and is now busily engaged with Major Foullos in perfecting plans for the monster aero fleet which will shortly be put in operation on the European battle fronts.

During his entire connection with the aviation service Major Arnold has demonstrated the peculiarly unique and characteristic executive ability, the absolutely essential requisites for a commander of flying forces.

A fire in the business section of High Point Friday night destroyed property valued at \$50,000. Defective wiring is said to have been the cause.

The postoffice department has made a ruling that postal employes are not exempted from military service. Thousands of men in the postal service may be called. Postmasters are instructed not to ask for exemption for carriers or laborers, or for second-class offices below the \$1,000 grade, clerks, in the first-class offices below the \$1,100 grade, or any above these grades unless they are qualified distributors of mail.

## International Trade Is Mutually Advantageous to Both Nations

By GEORGE E. ROBERTS, Noted Financier

INTERNATIONAL investments are the natural corollary of international intercourse and international trade. Some countries are further advanced industrially than others, and it is mutually advantageous that they shall supply the more backward nations with railroads, docks and other public utilities and take their pay by the only means practicable—to wit, in government bonds or by becoming in a greater or less degree the proprietors or creditors of the enterprises. This is what critics call the exploitation of one country by another. It was under exploitation of this character, at the hands of England, Holland and the other countries of western Europe, that the development of the United States was so rapidly accomplished until it is now in position to exploit other countries in turn.

WE HAVE ACTUALLY ENTERED UPON THE GREATEST AND MOST COSTLY WAR OF OUR HISTORY BECAUSE THE RIGHTS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS BEYOND OUR BORDERS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED.



Photo by American Press Association.

G. E. ROBERTS

## Mount Holly Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
MT. HOLLY, Aug. 8.—Miss Lottie Sprinkle, of Mars Hill, was recently elected by the school board to teach the fourth grade. Miss Sprinkle comes to the board highly recommended. She has had five years experience and is well qualified. The board decided to open school Monday, September 3, but on account of the teachers' institute the opening will be the following Monday, September 10.

The Mount Holly school was recently made a state high school and will receive additional appropriations from the county and state.

The Baptist Sunday school will go to Lakewood Park Saturday for its annual picnic. Plans are being made for a big day and all the people are urged to go.

Miss Sarah Rutledge will leave Thursday for New York to visit some friends.

Miss Annie Rutledge will spend several days in Rutherfordton visiting friends.

Mr. Lawrence Holland and family, of Shelby, have returned home after spending several days with relatives.

Miss Eula Patterson, of Fort Mill, S. C., spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Patterson.

Mrs. Charles Dettler, of Charlotte, spent the week-end with Capt. Holland and family.

## EMBARGO ON COAL AND COKE

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—President Wilson today extended the general embargo to cover coal and coke.

This precaution was taken against the danger of American supplies leaking into Canada in such quantities as to increase the fuel shortage, which is already acute.

## DOMESTIC TROUBLES CAUSE SUICIDE

(By International News Service.)

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 7.—Jordan Lambert, millionaire and vice-president of the big Lambert Pharmacy Company, committed suicide at an early hour this morning by shooting himself while in bed. Domestic troubles are said to have been the cause of his suicide.

## CROATIA DEMANDS HER FREEDOM

(By Agency Radio to I. N. S.)

ZURICH, Aug. 7.—Stephen Radica leader of the Croat peasant party, speaking today in the Croat Diet, demanded the complete emancipation of Croatia. The closing of Hungarian schools in Croatia, absolute separation from Hungary and the establishment of an independent Southern Slav state for the freedom of Austrian Slavs, says an official dispatch from Budapest.

## ANOTHER GERMAN WHO DON'T LIKE WILHELM.

(By International News Service.)

CLARKSBURG, W. VA., Aug. 7.—"I'm a full-blooded German, but I want to help lick the Kaiser. I don't like his way of doing business." With this Henry C. Gensjager, a prosperous young German farmer applied to Lieutenant Ashby Powell here for enlistment in the army. He was accepted.

## SOUTH RALLIES AND RAISES BIG CROPS.

(By International News Service.)

JACKSON, MISS., Aug. 7.—The campaign conducted in the South last Spring for food and feed crops has been successful. The corn yield of Mississippi will be the greatest ever known. In some sections, 100 bushels will be gathered to the acre. Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee will also produce big yields. More acres were planted to corn than ever in the history of the South, according to unofficial reports.

## A Toast to the Flag.

Here's to the Red of it—  
There's not a thread of it,  
No, nor a shred of it  
In all the spread of it  
From foot to head,  
But heroes bled for it,  
Faced steel and lead for it,  
Precious blood shed for it,  
Bathing it Red.

Here's to the White of it—  
Thrilled by the sight of it,  
Who knows the right of it,  
But feels the might of it,  
Through day and night?  
Womanhood's care for it,  
Made manhood dare for it:  
Purity's prayer for it  
Keeps it so white.

Here's to the Blue of it—  
Heavenly view of it,  
Star-spangled hue of it,  
Honesty's due of it,  
Constant and true,  
Here's to the whole of it,  
Stars, stripes and pole of it,  
Here's to the soul of it,  
Red, White and Blue.

—John J. Daly.  
Col. A. H. Boyden, of Salisbury, is ready to go to France, according to a report sent out from Washington. The Salisbury man thinks all traitors ought to be hanged and that the war should be fought to a finish.

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State of North Carolina—City of Gastonia—Gaston County

Prof. Logan D. Howell, a native of this State and for several years past a teacher in the Morris high school, New York city, died there Saturday. He was 49 years old. He was a brother of Prof. Harry Howell, superintendent of city schools at Asheville.

Governor Bickett commuted the sentence of Dr. J. W. Summers, of Charlotte, to a fine of \$1,000. Dr. Summers was sentenced to three years on the chargin of malpractice. He will be required to quit the practice for three years.

## Co-operative Efforts of Railroads Should Prove of Lasting Value

By A. C. BEDFORD, President of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey

IF under the stress of war, acting under strict government supervision and regulation, the railroads can, in co-operation and with competition practically eliminated, give to the government and the public a greatly improved service, is it conceivable that after the war the railroads should be forced to continue the wastes and losses due to the unnecessary competition practically forced by law prior to the war?

THIS WAR WILL ALSO SHOW US SOME GREAT PRINCIPLES TO APPLY TO OUR DOMESTIC LIFE. IT WILL SHOW US THE NECESSITY FOR CO-OPERATION.

It will demonstrate to our people what can be accomplished by believing in men and by mobilizing our resources for the benefit of peace as well as for the necessities of war.

We see that it is desirable and worth while to do certain things for the benefit of the public, acting through its government, in time of war. Why, then, will it not be beneficial and worth while to do similar things under government supervision FOR THE PEOPLE IN THEIR INDIVIDUAL RELATIONSHIPS, IN THE TIME OF PEACE WHICH MUST FOLLOW THE WAR?

## YOUNG RE-APPOINTED. Again Heads State Troops as Adjutant-General—Royster Resigns.

Greensboro News.  
Raleigh, Aug. 7.—Effective September 1 General L. W. Young will be the adjutant general of the North Carolina national guard according to a commission issued today by Governor Bickett. General Young was adjutant general three years of the Craig administration and became brigadier general and commanded the North Carolina brigade during its service on the Mexican border. Col. B. S. Royster, who had been brigadier general and could not go to Mexico on account of health conditions, becoming adjutant general in the place of General Young.

Now General Royster resigns as adjutant-general to give place to General Young. Along with the resignation of General Royster came the resignation of Col. G. L. Peterson as property and disbursing officer, this being also effective September 1. His successor will not be named until General Young comes into office September 1.

Governor Bickett made no statement as to his action in appointing General Young adjutant-general. It is known that he offered to restore the office to him when he returned from the border, but General Young preferred to wait for resumed service as brigadier general for the front in France which the war department is now falling to award to him in the general adjustments of the army staff.

## ATLANTA PRISON BIGGEST IN WORLD.

(By International News Service.)  
ATLANTA, GA., Aug. 7.—The capacity of the Federal prison was increased by 2,000 inmates when the doors were thrown open to the new left wing of the annex, which has been in process of erection for the past four years.

The second wing is now being completed, and when opened, will make the Atlanta pen the biggest in the world. The present population of the prison is 1,239.

All the work on the annex was performed by prison labor. The construction was slow and tedious because of the ponderous task of transporting the huge granite blocks of which it is being built, from Stone Mountain.

The annex is the most up-to-date prison in the country, commodious, hygienic, airy and well ventilated with all modern equipment.

The Argentina government has sent a final note to Germany demanding a satisfactory reply for the sinking of the steamer Toro. Germany has failed to give satisfaction and as usual wants to prolong the discussion as long as it is possible.

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