

A SOUTHERN PRIVATEER.

Sea Adventures of John N. Maffitt, Jr., During War.

Twenty-nine years ago, May 15th, 1886, there died in Wilmington, N. C., John Newland Maffitt, Jr., a Confederate privateer, whose experiences in the civil war are of unusual interest at this time, says the Washington Post.

The father of John Newland Maffitt was destined for mercantile pursuits by his parents, but he chose otherwise, having his heart set upon the ministry. His parents were of the Established Church of England, while he was converted to the Wesleyan doctrines.

The opposition which his cherished ambition met with at home decided him to cast his lot in America, and hence he landed in New York in 1819, and three years later was received into the New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church.

John Newland Maffitt, Jr., born in Dublin, Ireland, February 22, 1819, was naturally but an infant when his father left Ireland, and a few years later his mother brought him to the United States. His father became a noted evangelist and did most of his work in the South. After the separation of his mother and father the son lived with his mother in New Orleans. At the age of 13 he received the appointment to the United States Naval Academy from North Carolina.

When the Civil War came he had reached a lieutenantancy and was on the reserve list. But following the example of so many of the young men of the South, who were officers in the army and navy, he resigned his position and was made a first lieutenant in the Confederate navy. His first service was in command of the Savannah, defending Hatteras and Port Royal, under Commander Tannall. The early blockading of all Southern ports rendered it difficult for the Confederacy to establish any considerable navy. During the second year of the war Lieut. Maffitt was sent with a cargo of cotton to England.

Capt. Bullock, the naval agent of the Confederacy in London, had contracted with Miller & Sons, shipbuilders of Liverpool, to construct a line of vessels with which to recruit the Confederate navy, which work, of course, must be clandestinely performed. While Lieut. Maffitt was in England the first vessel in the contract was completed and made ready for service. Upon the complaint of the United States minister the vessel was seized, but was released and was allowed to sail, clearing from Liverpool as the "Oreto."

At Nassau the Oreto was delivered by Lieut. Maffitt, whereupon the United States consul charged that the vessel was intended for the Confederacy. The admiralty court ordered her release and she proceeded to Green Kay, one of the Bahamas Islands, and was there equipped with armament previously sent in a schooner.

The Oreto, now being regularly commissioned as a Confederate States naval cruiser, with Capt. Maffitt commanding, he changed her name to that of the Florida, and sailed away to run the blockade at Mobile. An epidemic of yellow fever, which reduced the crew of 18 men to one fireman and four deck hands, forced the Florida to make for Cardenas, Cuba, where she remained some time under medical charge and for recruiting purposes. She sailed again on September 1, 1862; ran the blockade at Mobile and found shelter under the guns of Fort Morgan, where she was again fully fitted out and manned.

Notwithstanding the blockading fleet had been strengthened in order to capture the little cruiser, she made her escape, and a few days afterward Capt. Maffitt took his first prize off the coast of Cuba for which he was promoted. A few days later he captured and burned the clipper ship Jacob Bell, bound for New York from China with a cargo valued at \$1,500,000.

After cruising, capturing and destroying commerce until the Florida had become one of the most dreaded vessels of the sea, she was run into Brest, France, for repairs. It was just one year from the date of her equipment until the Florida was at Brest, and in that time Capt. Maffitt had captured 55 prizes, some of them very large and richly laden vessels. The yellow fever and other tropical disorders had shattered his health and he was obliged to take a rest. With the exception of a short time as commander of the Albatross he never saw service again.

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SOUTH AMERICAN SHIP LINES.

Propose to Operate Fast Line of Steamships of 16,000 Tons.

Washington, May 29.—Plans for steamship lines between the United States and South America were presented to-day to the Pan-American Financial Conference here by the transportation committee. All delegates to the conference agree that transportation is the one thing essential to closer relations between the Americas. Permanent committee of representatives of the United States, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Uruguay, Ecuador, Peru to work for development plans was recommended.

The chief proposal of the committee was the creation of a shipping company to operate a fast line of steamships of 16,000 tons capacity. Some of the committee suggested the organization of a corporation whose stock would be open to public subscription, that any unsubscribed stock would be taken by the United States and South American countries. It is proposed that the board of directors be chosen by the subscribing countries in proportion to their holdings.

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A PRIZE-WINNING LETTER.

A Father's Terrible Confession and His Remorse.

The American Magazine has been offering prizes for the best letters entitled, "The Meanest Thing I Ever Did." In the June issue the prize-winning letters are published. The first prize was awarded to the following letter—a father's terrible confession:

"A great, strong Swedish farmer told it to me—this story of the meanest thing—told it to me with tears and sobbing, after a lapse of eighteen years.

"You know my son Christian? he began. 'It happened when Christian was ten years old, and Peter was only eight.

"Every night all summer long, Christian and Peter had brought the cow from the pasture and had kept her out of the lucern lots where fences were down along the way.

"On the 5th of October the school teacher took them to the hills to gather flowers and autumn leaves. They came home after dark, tired out, and finding no one at home, crept up-stairs and went to bed. They were sleeping soundly when their mother came a few minutes later, and she had not the heart to ask them to get the cow.

"I helped Rasmussen dig the last ten feet of his well that day, and when we had finished he invited me to supper. After that we sat for a long while enjoying our pipes and stories, so it was 11 o'clock when I got home.

"When I came to the kitchen I saw that the milk had not been set in the window to cool. Then I was angry. I took the pail and went out to milk. The cow was not in the barn. Now, I was furious.

"I took up a loose halter strap that hung over the stall and rushed up to the boys' bed room, muttering and banging doors as I went. My wife in her night dress, stepped before me at the head of the stairs and tried to explain. I pushed her aside and bade her hold her tongue. I am ashamed to tell it, how I, a great big brute of a man, stood over those two crying, pleading, trembling, writhing, helpless little boys, my own flesh and blood, and whipped them lash upon lash.

"When I paused for breath Peter sobbed, 'Father, what is it for?'

"What is it for?' I repeated savagely. 'Come, I will show you what it is for!'

"I dragged them from their bed by the arms, one in each of my monster hands, down the stairs, out into the night and a mile away, down to the pasture bars.

"The cow stood at the bars, and when I had let her out the two little fellows freed their hands from mine and drove her home.

"In the morning Peter did not get up. I had relented by this time and ordered that he was not to be awakened till noon. At noon he was in a burning fever and talked deliriously about the cow. Doctor Davis came and said it was pneumonia. A week later we laid him away.

"Christian did not get whipped any more, and he has forgiven me years ago; but I would give my life and all that I possess to know that at the last I could clasp little Peter in my arms and know that he forgives me, too."

WATCH WHAT YOU FEED STOCK.

Veterinarian Attributes Many Diseases to Improperly Cured Feed.

(Anderson Daily Mail.) Dr. J. C. Mitchell, veterinarian, attributes the diseases prevalent among all kinds of stock to the mouldy condition of food being used now. He says that this time of the year the owners of stock are feeding last year's hay and fodder, which in many cases has been damp, due to rain, and which has been allowed to go through a sweating process. He says also that the condition of some of the cotton seed meal being used is not up to the standard; that this meal was manufactured from seed from dog-tail cotton; cotton that was allowed to stand in the fields through the winter seasons.

The doctor says that these kinds of feed cause cryptogamic poisoning, which affects the spinal cord. The stomach is torn up and the disease becomes generalized and affects the nervous system, causing dizziness, blindness, staggers and laziness. Dr. Mitchell says this disease is more prevalent among mules and horses now than among cows, because cows are now being fed green grass as a rule. Dr. Mitchell says he finds more sickness among the stock now than has existed in some time. He attributes the diseases to the condition of the feed almost entirely.

A Visit to Oconee.

(D. W. Hiott, in Pickens Sentinel, June 3.)

Last week I had the opportunity of making a most delightful visit to Oconee county to attend the laying of the corner-stone of the new school building at Oconee Creek school by the Woodmen of the World. The day was a favorable one and a great crowd assembled in good spirits to enjoy the occasion.

Matt Murphy, one of our former citizens, was master of ceremonies. Major Stribling, of Walhalla, and State Superintendent of Education J. E. Swearingen delivered good addresses. This scribe made a few remarks on Woodcraft for the good of the order. Mr. Grubbs, of Walhalla, furnished good music. A delightful picnic dinner was served. It was, in my judgment, a great day for education and Woodcraft.

I had a delightful visit to the home of Sam W. Smith, formerly of near Easley, but now one of the prosperous farmers of Oconee.

Matt Murphy is growing rich from the fertile soil and is considered one of the leading citizens of the community. The beautiful new school house, which stands on the brow of a hill overlooking the surrounding country, would do credit to any community. It is situated about six miles from Salem and about the same distance from West Union.

GERMANS AGED 60 TO FIGHT.

Boys of 14, Too, Says Correspondent.

London, May 31.—The Nation prints extracts from a letter from a correspondent abroad in which he says:

"During the past days I have had frequent opportunities of conversing with Italians of all classes—workmen, business men, members of the consulate staff—returning from Germany. They are in magnificent spirits, but they tell me frankly that the Germans are more confident of victory than ever and that every man who can carry a rifle or help to kill will count. All the male population between 14 and 60 years will eventually be called out.

"The Kaiser has never been so popular, and every atrocity is hailed as a new glory. The greater the number of nations against them the greater their triumph will be in the end. That is the genuine feeling in Germany. Depression and murmuring are unknown there and food is cheaper in Germany than it is in Switzerland or Italy. We must understand that the job is a stiff one and the end is far off, even if new countries intervene."

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Gases Cause Terrible Suffering.

A dispatch from Petrograd, Russia, under date of June 7, says:

"The effects of the German gas warfare on the Bzura-Rawka front have been so terrible that it is feared here it will be necessary to revise all the generally accepted text-book ideas regarding choice of territory for military operations. The Russian position in the Bzura-Rawka region was technically perfect, but down the centre of the long valley the gases flowed as through a trough. The scenes which followed were appalling. Every living thing suffered. Hardly a horse or cow or fowl remained alive. Women and children, as well as other non-combatants and soldiers were killed in large numbers.

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Vanderbilt Will Filed for Probate. No Public Benefactions.

New York, May 29.—The will of Alfred G. Vanderbilt, who perished on the Lusitania, was filed for probate to-day and disposes of an estate valued at more than \$50,000,000.

Margaret Emerson Vanderbilt, his widow, receives two millions, in accordance with a pre-nuptial agreement, and also an additional one million and the income of a trust fund of five millions and real estate here and abroad.

Various relatives are given sums ranging from \$2,000 to \$500,000 and a house and farm. Employees get a year's wages. The remainder is bequeathed to children of both first and second wives.

Under the terms of the will, the bulk of the estate is left to the infant sons of his second wife, Margaret Emerson Vanderbilt. The children are: Alfred, G. J. and George. Their bequests will be in trust.

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The examination for the award of vacant scholarships in Winthrop College and for the admission of new students will be held at the County Court House on Friday, July 2, at 9 a. m. Applicants must not be less than sixteen years of age. When Scholarships are vacant after July 2 they will be awarded to those making the highest average at this examination, provided they meet the conditions governing the award. Applicants for Scholarships should write to President Johnson before the examination for Scholarship examination blanks. Scholarships are worth \$100 and free tuition. The next session will open September 15, 1915. For further information and catalogue, address President D. B. Johnson, Rock Hill, S. C. 23*

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