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# THE LANTERN.

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## BILL ARP ON WAR AGAIN.

**Says Civilization Condemns it—Believes it Was Left to the People We Would Have Peace—Thinks Politics is the Cause of Our Present Attitude Toward Spain—Some War Experience.**  
Bill Arr in Atlanta Constitution.

And thou serenest moon that sleep  
such holy face  
Looks down upon the earth asleep  
in night's embrace  
Dost thou not know some spot, some  
refuge for the blest,  
Where free from toil and pain the  
weary soul may rest?  
Behind a cloud she hid her face in woe  
And in a sad, sweet voice she whispered  
"no."

One great philosopher declared that war was the state of nature. Another said that peace was only a breathing time that gives man leisure to contrive an abed to execute military plans. Sir Edmund Burke denied this, and so did I. The great majority of mankind love peace and naturally prefer it to war. Burke said that politics was the cause of war and somebody else said war is hell, and we see already that the two great parties are quarreling about this war, and each is claiming the glory of Dewey's victory as a party triumph, but if the voice of the people—the men and the women—could have been heard, there would have been no war. The spirit of the age in which we live is against war. Even duelling and single combat has passed away under the influence of a higher Christian civilization. Boys do not fight at school like they used to. They have never heard of the bully boys who thought it smart to put a chip on the hat and dare anybody to knock it off. In every school I ever went to there were one or more of these bulldozing, domineering boys, and they got licked sooner or later. The country people do not care to fight nowadays. They are more peaceable and less aggressive. I remember when on muster days there were a dozen fights in one day right around the public square. When Als Bowles, Nick Rawlins, and Jim Robins would be stripped to the waist and walking around and strutting, crowing and bragging. "I'm the best man in Pinkneyville deestrik," and Bowles would emphasize it with a jump up and crow. But that has passed away. We see no maimed eyes or ears or noses now. And yet Nick Rawlins and Bowles were really good men at heart, and would have died in the defense of a friend. They fought because it was the fashion on those days, but their victories brought no rewards and no premiums, and their children knew it. I met one of Nick's sons in Rome not long ago—a moral peaceable Christian man whom the people all respect. Well, now, the argument is that if the sons were better morally than their fathers were, then the nation is better and less aggressive than it was fifty years ago. Andrew Jackson was a type of that age; and he rode into the presidency on his war record, but he couldn't do it now. He built Jozed Spain out of Florida, and would have bulldozed England out of Canada if he had lived up to that way.

But I was looking heavenward last night and pondering on that peaceful moon that is shining so peacefully upon us in this favored region, and I was grateful that the war nor any of its signs had reached us. We read of it in the great papers and can't help but rejoice in our naval victories. The great dailies are crowded now with thrilling, exciting news and we read so eagerly that even Old Aunt Lydia Pinkham's medicine ad is taken for a war dispatch and is half read before we know it. I reckon it is good for fever—war fever—or it wouldn't be dovetailed so close into the war news. But nobody around here seems to be hankering after a fight, and a good old veteran's widow told me that the reason

was because we were right in the heart of Sherman's belt and the population hasn't changed any to speak of. "We can't forget the horrors of war," she said. "I was living in Cassville when it was burned and I don't want to see any more war, and I want my children to keep out of it. A bad peace is better than a good war if there ever was such a thing. War is like Texas mud on women. It is awful. Men get the glory and women and children are the greatest sufferers. When they burnt Cassville our husbands and sons who were at home were taken prisoners and sent away. So there was nobody left but women and children and no houses to live in. We bunched up in some little shanties, but they took our cows and drove them all to Cartersville and we didn't have hardly anything to live on. Five of us went to Cartersville the next day to beg for our cows and we did get them back by signing some loyalty papers which was a lie. One widow woman whose husband was killed wouldn't sign. She had four children and she took them to the graveyard that night and slept on the ground by her husband's grave. In a day or two we got a little corn and I rode an old sore-legged mare twenty miles to the nearest mill, for they burnt all the mills inside the belt. In a few days we got a little more corn and three of us women rigged up an old broken-wheeled wagon and got a lame mule and an old mare and took our corn to the mill. It took us nearly three days to make the trip, for the wagon broke down right in the creek and we had to wade in and get our sacks out of the water and pull the wagon out by hand. We patched it up again and went on till we got to a pretty steep hill and the team stalled and wouldn't pull at all. You ought to have heard us clucking and hollerin' at them, but it was no go. We shouldered our little sacks, for they were mighty little, thank the Lord, and about that time an old man came along and helped us all he could and we got to the mill at last and dried our corn and got back home as thankful as possible. You would have died laughing at us if you had seen us getting our corn out of that creek."

I wish that every jingo could hear this old veteran tell her war experience. It is both patriotic and amusing. How they endured it we do know not, but one thing is certain, they will keep their children and grandchildren out of the next one if they can, and I reckon they can.

"Yes," said she, "the yankees will have to go out the belt to git soldiers this time."

Now, there is no sign of war in these parts yet. There is plenty of patriotism, but it is not hot. If you throw water on a Cartersville boy he don't sizz. When Georgia is actually invaded watch them. But there is no excitement or very deep concern. When the old Cassville woman was told of Dewey's great victory she never smiled, but said, "Four hundred poor fellows killed and most of them had mothers and wives who loved them. I reckon on a Spanish woman loves her children as dearly as we love ours, for a woman is a mother all the world over." But business goes on, and so does baseball and billiards, and I find time and inclination to work in my garden and kill the potato bugs and to tie up the vines of the rose-bushes and frolic with the little chaps, who are so happy to get here and in whose sunshine I am happy, too. Yesterday my wife, Mrs. Arr, was sewing away on some baby garment, and remarked in her serious way that the veranda floor needed a coat of paint mighty bad. Well, never said anything, then she remarked that the paint wouldn't cost more than on 25 cents. Well, I never said nothing again. In a little while she said that if I would

buy the paint she would have it painted, and it should cost me nothing. So I said "very well. I reckon I can afford the paint." She said that company was coming next week, and I had better get the paint right away so that it would have time to dry. This morning I got the paint and I heard one of the girls ask her who she was going to get to paint the floor. "Why, your papa, of course," she said. He can do it as well as anybody. He painted it the last time; don't you remember? And that is the way I am inveigled into trouble. Hard, hard, indeed, is the contest for liberty at my house, but we have got the prettiest roses in all town except where they employ a gardener, and my wife flattered all the work out of me just as easy.

## Make Him Move On.

The Spanish minister Senor Polo y Bernabe, late representative of Spain to the United States, still tarries in Canada. The Canadians are tired of it. The papers are growing warm on the subject, declaring that his residence there is little short of scandalous, as it would be calculated to impair the cordial relations existing between the two countries.

A few days ago the Toronto Globe asked some very searching questions concerning the Senor Polo and his threasure welcome. The Globe wanted to know what he was doing there and what business could engage him so long in a friendly country, adjoining the United States. Continuing The Globe said that unless Senor Polo departed a very ungracious construction would be placed upon his action. In short, he would be regarded as a spy, pure and simple.

But our Canadian neighbor did not stop here. It turned its attention to the Canadian government and solemnly warned it of its duty in the premises and insisted that the government take immediate steps to assist Polo across the Ocean, and expresses surprise that he should have been allowed so long a residence.

This is hot shot and to the mark. As suggested in the same article what would have been thought if our minister had taken up his abode in Portugal after receiving his passports from Spain? The Spanish minister is certainly aware that he has no considerable sympathy in Canada and none from Englishmen anywhere.

The Globe is "eminently correct" if he will not move after a polite request, use other means and get him out. His stay there is a violation of the spirit, if not of the exact letter, of neutrality laws. He knows that, and casting his far-famed and much-vaunted courtesy to the winds, appears to have taken the dogged resolution of remaining until his stay there was terminated by force.

So long as Polo remains in Canada he can be of invaluable service to the Spanish government by transmitting in cipher all we know ourselves of the movements of fleets and armies, and other information which will give aid and comfort to the enemy. For of course Canada is supplied with all American news. But, doubtless, now his stay must end since attention has been called to it and our Canadian friends are not disposed to tolerate any infringement of our rights.—The State.

Two Atlanta dailies were discussing the war situation yesterday. "Well, sir," said one, "we is gone dis time." "Ain't they no scape for us. We is teetotally gone!" "How come?" "W'y dey got guns now dat kin shoot twenty mile—guns dat'll keep a nigger runnin' all day long—keep him in de night time!"—Atlanta Constitution.

## Mackey in Morro Castle.

When in Washington a few days ago we met Hon. Thomas J. Mackey, who some years ago was a familiar figure in South Carolina politics. He was in fine health and spirits and told us one of his interesting adventures at the close of the Civil war. When he surrendered he was captain of Engineers in the Confederate States Army. He surrendered in Texas and as it was the rule to give paroleed soldiers transportation home he got a ticket to Charleston by way of Havana. His wife and one child were with him on the trip. Like most of the Confederate soldiers he was without money but good luck came to his assistance. He sold his sword to a United States officer for fifty dollars. And about that time he was attacked by a number of roughts. Although the odds were against him he drew his Colt's Navy and in the faces killed three of the roughts. A United States officer who saw how he handled his pistol when he turned it loose on the roughts, paid him five hundred dollars for the weapon. Judge Mackey was glad to get rid of his pistol for he did not care to keep it after killing so many men with it. Just at this time the United States officer in command seized two hundred bales of cotton which belonged to a young Cuban and was forty cents a pound, in jail. The young Cuban was sent to jail and shortly afterwards sent for Judge Mackey who during the investigation had declared in Spanish that the young Cuban had a clear legal right to the cotton and it was not subject to confiscation. Being on good terms with Gen. Smith, of the United States army, who was in command of that department, Judge Mackey succeeded in having the cotton restored to the young Cuban. He declined to charge any fee for the service, but the young man compelled him to take a large sum of money and wrote a letter to his father setting forth the handsome way in which he had been treated by Judge Mackey. The father was a man of high social position in Havana, and of immense wealth. When Judge Mackey and his wife and child reached Havana he stopped at the English hotel, but the old gentleman took him to his home and made him the guest of honor. It happened that the host was a brother-in-law of the colonel who was in command of Morro Castle. The colonel invited the whole party to a swell dining and insisted upon Judge Mackey spending several days with him. He thought Judge Mackey was a lawyer and had no idea that he was a military engineer. During the stay Judge Mackey had the freedom of the fort and misled the colonel by asking if powder was kept in certain big water tanks. The colonel then pointed out where the magazine was located.

During his stay Judge Mackey found all about Morro Castle and put his information down in writing after he retired to his room at night. When he returned to America he presented a diagram of Morro castle and of surrounding forts to the War Department. His diagram is highly prized by the Department at this time and it is expected that it will be used when Havanna is besieged.—Abbeville Median.

"But you confess, father," protested the beautiful girl when the father showed indications of a desire to withhold his consent, "that you do not know of a single solitary thing that is in the least derogatory to his reputation."

"That's just it replied the old gentleman. "I don't like the idea of bringing you one into my family who is so shy as that."—Chicago Post.

Nearly every woman has her ideal—either man, dog, or wheel.

## FROM THE CAMP.

**Experiences of a Recruit—Before and after Muster—Lieut. Gaston much Admired.**  
CAMP ELLERBE, COLUMBIA, S. C., May 19, 1868.  
Mr. Editor: Yielding to the entreaties of friends at home, to whom I promised to write, and that being too great an undertaking separately, I have decided to give an account of myself through the columns of THE LANTERN, if you will kindly lend me space to do so, in order that I may kill several birds with one stone.

One week ago today I decided to enlist in the cause of my country, and made preparation to leave on the next train to Columbia, which I boarded at 11 o'clock p. m. When I arrived at the capitol city it was too late to "catch" a street car, so we secured the services of a hackman and went immediately to Camp Ellerbe, where we found the boys all in bed (if indeed you could call such quarters by that name), it being then about 3 o'clock. I lay down on the ground by the side of my friend John Hinton, until morning came. I did not sleep much but my friend seemed to, or he made a great noise over very little sleep, I don't know which. I arose early in the morning feeling sore and tired. I had not been up long when Capt. Hardin came around to see me. He expressed himself as being both glad and surprised to see me, but was sorry I had not reached camp in time to muster into the service with the Chester Lees, they having mustered in the evening before. The Catawba Rifles, of Rock Hill, were still short of the required number and Capt. H. escorted me to their headquarters, where I met their Capt. Fret Moble, who seemed even more delighted to have me with him, for the obvious reason that he needed recruits to complete his quota, which, by the way, enabled him to muster in the service that afternoon. Let me say in this connection that I have never met one more courteous and gentlemanly of bearing than Capt. Moble, which is as truly the case with many of the young men of the company from Rock Hill.

I was very unhappy for a few days, due to the change of food and rough fare incident to camp life, but have overcome the trouble at this writing, still I am even more afflicted than ever if possible. They have just given me my first introduction to military drilling and I feel as though all my joints were dislocated, and then too they have no regard for my feelings, since they come to my "bed room" at any hour of the night to stand me out away down on the branch, it maybe, where it is so dark and lonely; where the owl hoots and the whip-crow will perch himself upon the limb of one of the tall poplars, on the banks of the little stream, the tops of which reach high up into the heavens, and entertains me with his merry whip-crow-will song—on guard. Now, does not that seem a little tough? It is all true and will not strike with surprise the survivors of the last war. I mention this to give those young men who have had no experience in warfare some idea of its hardships, which is but a beginning to the end—the first letter in the alphabet.

There are many here who do not count the cost and such expressions as these are frequent and spoken of with no slight degree of emphasis: "If I could just stretch my feet under my daddy's breakfast table this morning, you'd never find me in another 'how heaven' while I live." "I wish I never had heard of Uncle Sam, I won't be the next time he gets into a fight I won't be his second." As for myself, excuse me; I have nothing to say. I'll tell everything if I ever get home again.

Well, Mr. Editor, there are many other matters to which I might allude, but I fear lest I impose on your kindness, so bear with me for once again and I am done.

'Tis this: I wish to say, for the gratification of the friends of Licut. A. L. Gaston, that I have heard many compliments paid him, since I came here, from the members of other companies. It is generally conceded I think that he is the most striking in military appearance and the finest looking officer in the camp, which taken together with his culture, self-possession and unassuming manner, attracts the admiration of the stranger at once.

With sincere regards to all, I remain—Very truly,  
C. H. CULP.

## Death of Andy R. Smith.

Our fellow citizen, Andrew Rhett Smith, is no more. He died suddenly in the Presbyterian church of heart disease Sunday morning, while Rev. Alexander Sprunt was preaching. Mr. Smith was in customary health that morning and apparently in good spirits as he walked to the church with some friends. As soon as his condition was discovered, physicians were summoned and his body carried into the vestibule where death came almost in a moment. His body was then removed to his home on Main street, where only was his sister, Miss Sue Smith. His wife was visiting relatives in Camden and as she could not be reached by telegram arrangements were made at Blacksburg for a special train to go to Camden to break the news and bring hither the young wife, who had so suddenly, and unexpectedly been bereft of a very fond husband. Rev. A. Sprunt and several of Mrs. Smith's special friends accompanied the train on its sad mission. At about 11 o'clock that night the train returned, bringing Mrs. Smith and some of her relatives.

A. R. Smith was born in Chester county in the Harmony neighborhood, December 11th, 1853. He came to Rock Hill when a young man and bought cotton for the late J. M. Ivy.

He leaves a valuable estate, besides \$15,000 in insurance policies, \$10,000 in the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York and \$5,000 in the Mutual Reserve Fund Life.—Rock Hill Herald.

The highwayman holds up other people in order to support himself.





