

# CONFEDERATE VETERANS AND GRANT AGAINST TAFT'S RECENT CHARGE

Hearst News Service.  
Birmingham, Ala., June 10.—Reflections on the character of General Grant, made by Secretary Taft in his Memorial Day speech at Grant's tomb, New York, have put that presidential aspirant "in bad" with many Confederate veterans. "Untimely" and "ill-advised" are among the mildest of the characterizations of Taft's speech by leading members of the United Confederate Veterans, who are in Birmingham today at the general encampment. Among a majority of the boys in gray there is great respect for the memory of General Grant, and the statements of Secretary Taft do not meet with the favor of the men who so often saw their victories turned into defeats through the military strategy of the short, calm, implacable leader of the union armies.

Three men are being prominently considered as the successor of the late commander in chief of the United Confederate Veterans, General Stephen D. Lee.

These are Gen. W. L. Cabell, of Dallas, commanding the Trans-Mississippi department of the United Confederate Veterans, and since the death of Gen. Lee, the lieutenant general commanding the organization; Gen. Clement L. Evans, of Atlanta, commanding the army of the department of Tennessee, and Gen. George W. Gordon, of Tennessee, commanding the Tennessee division of the United Confederate

Veterans. All three of these officers held the rank of brigadier general in the Confederate army, and according to precedence in command, ranked in the foregoing order.

Since the death of Gen. Lee there are still living two officers who held commissions as lieutenant generals in the Confederate army. These are Gen. Alex P. Stewart and Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, of Kentucky. Neither Gen. Stewart nor Gen. Buckner have been able to participate as actively in the reunions and affairs of the United Confederate Veterans as Gens. Cabell, Evans and Gordon and are not regarded as possible candidates.

The United Confederate Choirs of America, which was organized at Richmond last year, began its general convention today. Mrs. J. Griff Edwards, of Portsmouth, Va., is the present commander of the society.

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# DEMOCRATS OF MONTANA

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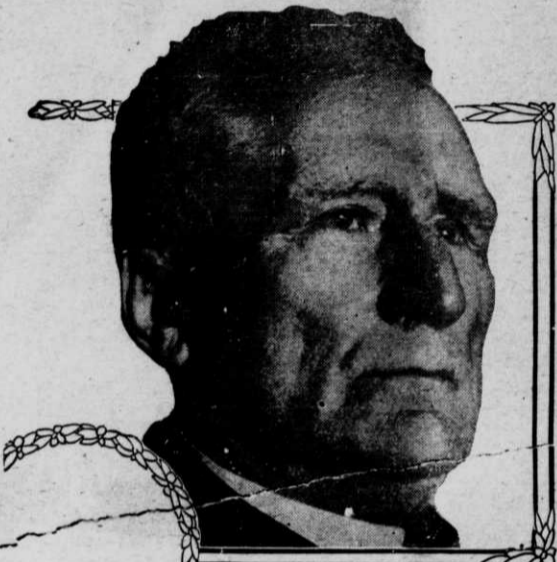
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# SCHOOL OF MINES ANNUAL EXERCISES

Hearst News Service.  
Rolla, Mo., June 10.—Missouri School of Mines, one of the leading institutions of its kind in the world, held its annual commencement exercises today. Reunions were held by several classes and attracted many noted mining engineers.

# FAMOUS CONFEDERATE CHIEFTAIN



Copyright by Walden Everett.  
Recent portrait of Col. John S. Mosby, who won national fame as commander of Mosby's rangers who did much damage to the northern forces during the civil war by cutting communications, destroying supply trains and capturing cavalry outposts. After the war he became a Republican and supported Gen. Grant for president in 1872. He served as United States consul at Hong-Kong from 1878 to 1885; since that time he has made his home at San Francisco where he practiced law for some time.

# A Case of Elastic Conscience.

[Original.]  
When Truesdale Scott, prominent banker and promoter, was convicted of misappropriation of funds every one said that the eloquence of the prosecuting attorney, Rowland Ruddock, had done the trick. Scott had been caught in a big commercial panic with too great a load on his hands and had to go under. Indeed, to save himself he had placed himself under the ax of the law. Ruddock had a political scheme marked out for himself, and Scott's conviction was a great card for him with thousands of voters who hated "the plutocrats." Ruddock was to be governor of the state, then senator. Scott was convicted just as the gubernatorial contest was coming on. But Scott had succeeded in getting a new trial, which came on just before the election. It was expected that Ruddock would make the effort of his life in this second trial, for whichever way the anti-monopoly vote was cast so went the election. What was the astonishment of every one when he made so weak an effort as to be accused of pandering to the plutocratic interest. Scott was acquitted, and Ruddock was defeated in the election.

About the time that Ruddock left the law school he met Margaret Cushman, a girl of very strong character. She had a conscience of cast iron. Nothing could swerve her from what she considered the right. She was much pleased with Ruddock, as he was with her, but she feared that his sense of principle was not as strong in him as it should be. He strove to convince her that she had mistaken a certain elasticity for something worse, citing the Puritan as an example of a too rigid conscience.

They were engaged, and the engagement lasted until Ruddock defended a notorious rogue and by his brilliant legal tactics acquitted him. Margaret knew all about this case and could not see how her lover could make his action accord with his conscience. In vain he attempted to show her that there can be but one duty of a lawyer toward his client. He must do his best. "This," said Margaret, "makes a courtroom a mere legal arena. It is not justice that decides questions. Victory, irrespective of guilt or innocence, perches upon the banner of the most brilliant legal knight." "I regret," replied Ruddock, "that this is too largely the condition of our courts, but it doesn't absolve me from doing my best for my client, and I do not see how it can be different." Margaret called this devil reasoning, and, not being willing to tie herself to a man who would clear a client who was a rogue, she broke the engagement.

Twenty years passed. Ruddock was in his prime and was elected prosecuting attorney in a large city. His election went with one of those waves of reform peculiar to our people. It was said that convictions could not be procured on account of political pulls of prisoners. Ruddock was put in by the best men of both parties to see that rascals were sent to prison or the gallows. After his entry upon the duties of his office there was a perceptible difference in the amount of crime perpetrated till at last it reached a minimum.

The night before Truesdale Scott's second trial was to come up Ruddock was sitting in his room—he was a bachelor—forming plans to crush the banker. Suddenly the door opened and a woman entered. Ruddock looked up at her in surprise.

"The district attorney, I believe?" she said in a choked voice.

"I am."

"Tomorrow you are to try Truesdale Scott?"

"Yes."

"I come to ask your forbearance. Mr. Scott is in no way a guilty man. Caught in a maelstrom as he was swept along, he grasped methods some of which were not within the law. Upon you rests his conviction or acquittal. Is it your duty to make one of your brilliant efforts against him?"

"A lawyer's duty is to do the best he can for his client. A prosecutor's duty is to send the accused if possible to state prison."

"Inexorable as ever."

"I inexorable?"

"Yes. You and I talked over these matters when we were but half our present age. I am Margaret Cushman, Truesdale Scott's wife."

"Margaret!"

"Then you spoke of an elasticity that you said I mistook for something worse."

"I still am subject to such elasticity. I do not consider it my bounden duty to convict your husband, though the masses of the community think that it is. I was elected by them to carry out a certain programme. To fail to do my best to convict your husband would be to bring down upon me the anathemas of these constituents. Nevertheless that elasticity you have spoken of tells me that the better part for me will be to make a weak fight that your husband may go free."

She stood like a statue, lost in a dream of the past. Now that elasticity she had considered another name for evil stood between her husband and a prison. He advanced toward her, took her hand and pressed his lips to it. Then, turning her gently toward the door, he said:

"Go! This is a dangerous place for you to be seen. If it were known that you had been here it would take away my power to grant your request."

She passed out silently, muffling her face as she had come in. The next day after the trial Ruddock was ruined politically, and Truesdale Scott went to his family a free and vindicated man.

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# SOUTHERN MUSIC TEACHERS MEET

Hearst News Service.  
Mobile, Ala., June 10.—Some of the foremost musicians of Dixie gathered in the Gulf City today and inaugurated a joint convention of the Southern States Music Teachers' Association and the Alabama State Association. An elaborate musical program will be interspersed between the business sessions of the convention, and there will also be receptions, banquets and other entertainments during the three days of the meeting.

# M'INTYRE AND RYAN MUST GO TO TRIAL

Hearst News Service.  
New York, June 10.—Thomas A. McIntyre and George C. Ryan, two of the partners in the bankrupt brokerage house of T. A. McIntyre & Company, will be placed on trial tomorrow. They are charged with larceny, based on the alleged conversion of securities belonging to customers.

**Look Forward.**  
Forget your faults and failures. Or remember them only to learn the lesson they have to teach, the frailty or folly or wickedness of spirit which they should disclose to you—the vanity that weakens, the pride that hardens, the greed that corrupts. Let your past be not a ball and chain tied to your ankle to keep you back, but a journal to tell you what road you have traveled. Then, looking back only long enough to see where you are and what your course should be, forget the things that are behind and press forward.—The Outlook.

**Doing Chores.**  
To dig one's own potatoes, to shock one's own corn, to pick one's own apples, to pick one's own squashes at one's own barn! It is like filling one's system with an antidote before going into a fever-plagued country. One is immune to winter after this, provided he stays to take his apples in his own wood fire. One works himself into a glow with all his digging, and picking and dicing that lasts until warm weather comes again; and along with this harvest glow comes stealing over him the after-harvest peace. It is the serenity of Indian summer, the mood of the after-harvest season, upon his own potatoes and his fields.

**A Wonder to Her.**  
able to understand the comfort of the waist.