## SATURDAY MORNING COURIER THE

## WITH HIS LIFE

The Price Paid For a Fatal Error by a "Youngster

He had come out to us as a second lieu enant-A young and beardless graduate from West Point-and the ragged old troopers who had been fighting Indians for three years smilled in contempt. Pity was mingled with contempt, however It was unjust to the boy to put him up against the savage Apaches for his first trial. Even some of the veteran officers of the war had made a bad failure of it when

war had made a bad failure of it when they came out to the plains. "The youngster," as the men called him. had been with us a forunight when the colonel ordered him out on a scout. We were to go down the vailey four miles. turn to the west and ride down the bank of Walnut creek three miles and then come back over the hills. One sergeant, one corporal-25 troopers in all. At that time the chances were against sighting an Indian, but the movement would tell their opies that we were alert and watchful.

In due time we reached the creek and turned in. It was lined with trees and bushes and offered cover to an enemy. "The youngster" gave no orders, however. and appeared greatly surprised when he looked back and observed the attitude of the men. They held their carbines ready for what might come and obliqued off against the hillside. I think the officer was about to hurl some indignant protest at us when we got a volley from the bushes. Every man in that troop realized on the instant that we had only ten or a dozen redskins to deal with-every man but the officer. Had we wheeled into line, fired a volley and charged, and had a good driven them from cover and had a good youngster" was rattled by the suddenness of the attack, and because two or three horses wont down he lost his head and ordered us to push forward at a gallop, leaving two men who had been dismounted, but were unhurt, to be deliberately shot down as they sought for cover. We had dashed forward about half a mile when every trooper suddenly pulled up and wheeled about. No one gave the order, but all acted in concert. We were too late to save our comrades, but the sight of their mutilated bodies brought shouts for revenge as we charged the thicket. We got a feeble volley, and another horse went down, but in 10 minutes we had wiped out the last skulking warrior. Nine of them had put the 25 of us to flight.

"The youngster" was brought back to us by the sound of the firing. His face wore a look of astonishment and dismay as he naw the dead. When he was informed that we had made a cowardly retreat before such a small force, and when a trooper held up the scalp locks of our dead comrades and growled out that they had been abandoned to their fate when a cool head would have saved them, the face of the young man was white as death and he made no reply. A trooper was sent to the fort for an ambulance to carry in the dead, and after beating up the bushes again we sat down to await his return. The lieutenant dismounted and sat by himself. For a long time he sat with his face in his hands gazing at the earth, and there wasn't one of us who didn't feel sorry for him. By and by he called the sergeant over to him and asked:

"Sergeant, did you realize that we were being fired on by so small a force?" "I judged them to number from 9 to 12,

sir," was the reply. "And had you been in command what so tion would you have taken?"

for a dash would have driven them from oover and let us in." "And the order I gave was to push for-

ward, which was the same as retreat?" we understoed, sir."

## CLEVELAND'S POLICY.

Bliss in a Brooklyn Flat on a small The Presipent Convinced That There Was

'Ah, what an awfully swell girl Ella Ferris used to be; and how she has whispered that President Cleveland has changed lately," mused Tom De Witt. "You mean since her marriage?"

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asked Jack Ford. "Yes. Once, nothing on earth was period; that he has made up his mind too good for her. Most of the fellows unalterably that the grounds set up by "Poor devil of a clerk, wasn't he?"

flat over in Brooklyn somewhere. My as a successor of the said Washington sister called there the other day, and in a government founded upon force. she says the way they live is simply dis- foreign interference and an unjustifiable heartening. Small, dark rooms with revolt against constituted authority, he cheap furniture, and a couple of squal. conceives it to be his duty to right the ling kids for bric-a-brac. Pleasant great wrong done to good King George situation. The flat looks out on a by his stiff-necked and rebellious sublivery stable in the rear and a Catholic jects, a crime in respect to which this school in the front. The best bed-room government has not merely been an acis in a dark alcove opening invitingly cessory after the fact, but in one form off the dining room, They have no or another was an active principal. servant and Ella does all the house It is asserted that these views of the work, so her hands are getting red and president, withheld from the American bony, and she is going off frightfully in people, have been submitted in accordher looks. They never go anywhere or ance with his habit to Great Britain's see anybody. Haven't been to the inspection, and that her gracious majesty theatre once since they were married, has been pleased to signify her entire Ferris is always too tired to go out satisfaction with them. Sir Julian when he gets home i, the evening; and Pauncefote, however, is, it is said, opthen they have to economize. And my pressed with doubts, not shared by the sister says the saddest thing about it all president, concerning the practicability is that Ella has the audacity to be so of restoring things in statu quo, and is blissfully and perfectly happy."

"Happy!" ejaculated Jack.

That's the worst part of it," replied feeling sorry for her."

"You're right!" said Jack, with fervent conviction. "There are no more by the president of a policy which will pitiable objects than people who can be cause this country to pay permanent happy on fifteen hundred a year!"-Harry Romaine in Baltimore Life.

The Period of Mourning in Society. Though we have no royal families in America, or more particularly in New York, where the crown and coronet are as often seen as in England, it seems to me that with the frequency of deaths in families that are rated as "leaders," mourning. I think, in every case, the younger members of the family should be permitted to appear at social gatherings without comment. And after all, it is nothing but fear of criticism that makes the term of mourning so fashionable and long. If half the people were really sincere in following such a fashion "Fours right, wheel and give 'em a vol-ley and then charge. That would have been my way if they had numbered 100, laws of mourning do not permit, simply too good to be forgotten: it would be different, but they are con-

because they consider themselves not seen. I noticed at the horse show a daughter-in-law of a famous statesman. recently deceased, who paid due respect to the memory of the departed by her choice of garments; but if she can appear at the horse show, certainly there can be no line drawn at the opera or dinners. Other members of her family have permitted their names to appear on the lists of all the fashionable sub scription dances. That I commend, for if they cannot partake of pleasure themselves, there is no earthly reason why they should not contribute to the happiness of friends.- Town Topics.

no American Revolution. This is the era of rumors. It is now

recently devoted several hours to a thorough and conclusive examination of American history of the revolutionary

in our set who tried their luck were not the colonists to justify their revolution nearly good enough. But she made a were and are trivial and inadequate; great mistake when she married Ferris." and that as a beneficiary of the unlawful and abhorrent acts of George Wash-"He was and is yet. They live in a ington and his fellow conspirators, and

uneasy lest the American people in some

sudden and inexplicable whim, should "She is and so is her husband, refuse to be thus disposed of, and should resent the secret trial, conviction, and Tom. "My sister said she has not seen punishment by reprimand and reversal anybody so genuinely contented and of previously honored past occupants of happy in a long time. Gad! when I the presidential chair. It is understood himk what she used to be I can't help that Sir John suggests in preference to think what she used to be I can't help that Sir John suggests, in preference to an American reenthronement of the successor of King George, the adoption - tribute to Great Britain as one of its trade and commercial dependants; reversing in England's interest the reciprocity, subsidy and other policies by which we are to build up trade for ourselves in the other America; breaking down in England's interest the frowning tariff barriers designed to protect local industries; and moulding our foreign society will have to make a new law policy in accordance with English sugprescribing the limits of a term of guestions, to this end filling the diplom atic service with republican-despising monocled Anglomaniacs, and restoring a pro-English queen in Hawaii.

Unquestionably this is the era of rumors. Ex.

The princes of the world have not troubled the world much with lofty thoughts or poetic utterances. The following stanza by the gifted and tinually doing things which the strict kindly Princess Mary of Teck is much

If each man in his measure, Would do a brother's part. To cast a ray of sunlight

Into a brother's heart. How changed would be our country How changed would be our poor: And then might Christian nations Deserve the name once more.



"And you returned and attacked without orders?" "Without orders, sir."

"That will do, sergeant. The ambulance

hould be here soon, and you will see about the bodies. Try and tell a plain, straight story about the fight when you report to the captain.

With that he got up and moved up the bill as if surveying the country, and no one happened to be looking at him when he put his revolver to his head and sent a bullet into his brains. He was dead before we reached him. Poor "youngster!" A court nartial would have dismissed him from the service. Even had no charges been preferred, he could not have held his head up among men-fighting men.

"Say," exclaimed the sergeant as we stood looking at the body, "he made a mis-take, but paid for it with his life, and no man shall speak ill of him. He was a youngster and had nev r seen an injun. and that's all that ailed him."

M. QUAD.

General Mahone In Washington.

The quaintest of all of the national figares in Washington is General William Mahone of Virginia. He is here almost as steadily as when he was a senator. Of course it isn't the same white hat of the finest felt, the same short black coat cut into the waist, the same curiously snaped trousers, full at the thighs and tapering to a tight fit at the ankle above the low cut es. But the bat, the coat, the trousers and the shoes are of precisely the patterns which made their appearance in Washing-ton with General Mahone years ago. The finest material enters into the general's wardrobe, and it is never allowed to show Townsend & Plamandon proprietors. 2208 age, but the successive outfits are exact reproductions of the curious originals. And o one leaving Washington and returning after a decade sees General Mahone looking precisely as he did.-Washington Correspondent.

Upsetting the Ink Bottle.

"There seems to be," said a man of family, "a certain class of domestic accidents that cannot be definitely accounted for. Among these I should put the upsetting of the ink bottle Who ever knew how the ink bottle got upset? Here comes Mr. Seven-year-old, who says to his mother, 'Mamma, the ink's His mother jumps up, sying, upset.' His mother jump. 'Why, how did that happen?'

ome people think that ink bottles, and more particularly children's ink bottles, have a tendency to sort of jump up and prance around and upset themselves; but this is mere theory. Nobody ever saw an ink bottle do that, and it is probable that the question is one of those that must remain without a definite and satisfactory answer."-New York Sun.

## Wonders of the Far North.

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The wonders of the aurora borealis in the British possessions, just over the line of Alaska, cannot be told. The heavens all winter long are lit ap with a golden glow. Indeed I may say the colors-the sparkles and flashes-are so many, constant and varied that no one can describe them. There is practically no day during the year. For two or three months, ip to Dec. 15, from 9 to 12 o'clock, there is a sort of dawn, but the rest of the time it is night. It is so clear that you can go out and read a news paper anywhere.-San Francisco Examiner. A Great Man's Grand-Daughter,

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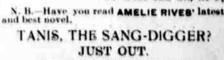
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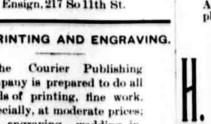
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