

Story of The Fighting Tenth

Continuation of Major Frank Keck's History of the Tenth, as Published in the New York Sun.

Their life in the long reaches of the Western country developed courage and initiative and pride. Hunger, thirst, exposure, sudden skirmishes with foes fighting from ambush, made the troopers of the Tenth not only first class fighting men individually but shaped them into a military machine.

From post to post, the Tenth was transferred through the great Western country. The Sioux, the Cheyennes and the Apaches fled before their intrepid charges. Sometimes, by special arrangement with the Mexican Government, which was less exacting than it is now, the Tenth crossed over into that neighboring republic in pursuit of its savage quarry.

One of the treasured possessions of the officers' mess of the regiment is a spirited picture by Frederic Remington, showing Lieut. Powhatan Clarke rescuing a Colored trooper from the Apaches on Lebo's Height, Santa Barbara range, in the province of Sonora.

It is a fine tradition of this regiment which shows itself in the devotion of officers to men, of men to officers. There is no color line in the trade of war. This is especially so in the Tenth, where as there have been few changes as compared with other regiments, the men have come to know each other well and hold their officers in the highest personal regard. Brothers could not live together in greater affection than do the men of the Tenth, whether they be

in the ranks, non-commissioned officers or hold high commands.

The rescue of John Randall, a private, in 1867, is an example of the way in which the members of the Tenth stand by each other. Randall, with two civilians, was waylaid by a band of Cheyennes about forty-five miles from Fort Hays, on the line of the Union Pacific Railroad. His companions were killed and he was shot in the hip.

He backed against a bank, however, and kept the Indians off, and finally several of them tumbled the earth on him from above.

The officers at the post missed Randall and a detachment was sent in search of him. They found the place where he had made his stand, for it was surrounded by the bodies of thirteen braves. Near by was an Indian sentry who had been stationed there to kill the trooper should he be able to crawl out. The Indian was slain, but the discharge of the carbine brought out eighty Indian warriors who gave battle to the detachment. They were finally driven away, and when all was over, there came from the earth the faint voice of Randall. He was dug out and taken back in triumph to the post.

All sorts and conditions of men had their part in the winning of the West and high among them, I would place the men of the intrepid Tenth, who protected the settlers in the wilderness, gave solace of safety to women and children, and became the couriers of our civilization. Theirs was a life of self-sacrifice, of devoted and loyal service, so that, where there was barbarism, there should come peaceful and well tilled fields and teeming cities. All honor to the Tenth for its part in that mighty enterprise which brought order out of chaos and gave the United States a new domain.

Under such leaders as Col. Grierson, Col. Mizner and later that peerless commander of cavalry, Gen. Guy V. Henry, the Tenth was year by year bound into an organization which thought as one and acted as one. It is interesting to recall, too, that Major-Gen. John J. Pershing, now in command of our men in Mexico, was once a lieutenant in that regiment and had ridden with it in many a quest for redskins.

(To be continued next issue.)

BOARD OF COMMERCE PROMISES CO-OPERATION

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 1.—Mr. Boyd Fisher, vice-president of the Executive's Club of the Board of Commerce, addressed the members of the Young Negroes Progressive Association at the offices of the Detroit League on Urban Conditions Among Negroes, Saturday evening, November 18. Mr. Fisher's speech was preceded by a discussion of the significance of the recent Negro migration in which Mr. Taliaferro, Mr. Williams, Mr. Cassey and Mr. Swan participated.

Mr. Fisher explained what the employers expected of the men. He spoke of the satisfaction of certain manufacturers, at present, with their Negro labor. He also stated, that unfortunately, the Negro would have to be a little better than the average white man to hold his job after the war.

Mr. Fisher complimented the members for their spirit and also on the practical purposes of the Association. He promised the co-operation of the Board of Commerce in any movement the club might inaugurate to improve the conditions of the Negro immigrant.

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SOUTHERN EXODUS IN PLAIN FIGURES

Ninety-five Per Cent. of the Race Migrating North are Men.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 1.—The following figures, showing the number of Colored folk leaving the various states, indicate the extent of the transfer of labor from the South to other sections of the country:

From Alabama	60,000
From Tennessee	22,000
From Florida	12,000
From Georgia	10,000
From Virginia	3,000
From North Carolina	2,000
From Kentucky	3,000
From South Carolina	2,000
From Arkansas	2,000
From Mississippi	2,000

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It is estimated that 95 per cent of the Colored people who have left the South in this movement are men.

GLOBE TROTTER MARRIES

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 1.—Miss Mary Bagby, who claims to have several times made a circuit of the globe, and to be the only Colored nurse to have done so, was married here recently. She is a native of Alabama, and her spouse, who acknowledges sixty-one years, also hails from the 'Sunny South.' All the countries now at war are well known to Mrs. Brown.

\$10,000 FOR OLD FOLKS' HOME

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