

LIFE IN THE HESSIAN ARMY

Experiences of a Prussian Baroness During the Revolutionary War.

EVENTS RECORDED IN HER JOURNAL

Scenes in the British Camps and the Treatment Received as a Prisoner of the Americans—A Dinner with the Victors.

Frederica Charlotte Louisa, the daughter of Massow, the Prussian minister of state, and the wife of General von Riedesel, the commander of the Brunswick forces in the war of the American revolution, passed the years between 1777 and 1783 with the Hessian army in America. She was a large and beautiful woman, hearted as a child, and more than one of the early writers records the feelings of the soldiers when they saw her blue eyes dim with tears at the sight of their sufferings. She was a keen observer of the strange sights in the midst of which she was placed and she kept a careful record of her observations. Her words have a special value as affording a view of the obverse side in that desperate struggle.

through four states, and required three months in which to complete it. The baroness traveled in an English coach and started in November, 1777. Provisions were supposed to follow them but as there were frequent delays and as her husband was in advance of her with the troops, many times she and her children suffered from the lack of food. Her journal records some of her experiences with the Yankees, upon whom she wastes no reflections, as she never could understand their intense and bitter feeling against the "Dutch butchers."

FIGHTING DICK A REAL HERO

Lieutenant Wainwright Earns the Title He is Throated with.

A SURVIVOR OF THE MAINE DISASTER

How the Memory of that Frightful Night Served Him to Action When the Spanish Fleet Emerged from Santiago Harbor.

Contemporary naval annals are now threatened with a "fighting Dick," in addition to a "fighting Bob," and surely, crowned with the Iowa's newly won laurels, Captain Evans would not grudge this meed of glory to his junior in the line.

invited him to a little dinner or a quiet game of poker you got the same answer, or else he was too busy to spare the time or too tired after his day's work on the water. Then, if you watched him, you might see him peering into the cabin and the quarters where he had his quarters and, lighting his pipe, he would spend half the night poring over sectional drawings, perhaps with Ensign Powelson, or studying out some new bit of submarine divers' evidence that seemed to elude the truth about the Maine.

and remained in her room when her accepted suitor called to pay his devotions. She was given to taking long walks and drives, and would be gone frequently an entire afternoon. One afternoon, about a week before the day set for the wedding, she disappeared.

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GENERAL FRAZER INDEED COMES TO HER HOUSE—BUT NOT AS A DINER OUT.

campaign, remaining as one of the few women in the Hessian and British camps. On October 7, Burgoyne, Phillips, Frazer and Von Riedesel were to dine with her. She noticed that morning that the Indians about the camp were excited and restless and to her inquiry as to the meaning of it received the one reply, "War! War!"

The baroness also regards the words of her own little daughters who, even in the direst of hunger, are willing to forego their little for their sisters. Surely, if the Hessians did fight against us, the example of the little children of General von Riedesel might do the American children good even in this day.

No man knew better than he the ghastly horrors that followed that night in Havana harbor. No man was more certain than he that the Maine disaster was not an accident and none was better qualified to reach a just conclusion. During all the long weeks following the disaster it was Wainwright who talked beside the shore and abated from dawn till dark, directing the divers' work, recovering the bodies of the dead, familiar with every development of evidence, the confidant of every grim secret brought to light by the submarine research.

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All day long the battle continues. The wounded are brought in to her care and in the afternoon the house is in flames.

At last they are permitted to return to New York and the baroness and her children are conducted to the house of Governor Tryon, all the time supposing they are in a hotel. She wittily records her blunders and the way in which the mistake was at length set right. Here General von Riedesel suffers from a prevailing fever and is at last, along with General Phillips, exchanged, all the other prisoners taken at Saratoga being still retained.

It was on that night that I listened to the prophetic prediction quoted above. I sat alone on the porch of the Key West hotel smoking. It was late. A tall figure, clad in a plain suit of citizen's clothes and topped off with a slouch hat, stepped stably up the hotel steps, and before the shadow of the slouch hat I recognized the rugged face of Lieutenant Commander Wainwright.

I cannot help wondering, since Wainwright remembered the Maine so well, whether he remembered his little rebuff from the sailors of Admiral Monterola when late the other day made it his fortune to welcome him to his cabin the night of all Spain's admirals and receive from him his sword in token of the surrender of Spain's proudest fleet. Here, in truth, was the very irony of fate.

The gentlemen who had received me with so much kindness came and said to me: "You may find it embarrassing to be the only lady in so large a company of gentlemen. Will you come with your children to my tent and partake of a frugal dinner, offered with the best will?"

A Despairing Effort. Detroit Free Press: "My last three cashiers have embezzled large sums and run away," whispered the proprietor of the big store after he had called the manager of the museum into a corner.

The personality of the man who, with his battery of little sea-poppers, braved the fire of Spain's dread destroyers, and sent the Pluton and the Furor ashore ablaze and riddled, is of more than passing interest. Wainwright is a sailor to the core.

Lieutenant Commander Wainwright has coined one phrase that will probably live in tradition of the navy—"Fighting cannot be made a safe business."

The prisoners of Saratoga are soon sent on to Boston and then in a few weeks the baroness and her children are lodged in one of the best houses in Cambridge. The officers were not permitted to go to Boston, but General von Riedesel's wife goes and is frequently the guest of Mrs. Schuyler's daughter, Mrs. Carter, whom the Hessian woman admires as much as she dislikes her intensely patriotic husband.

Testing His Eyesight. Chicago Post: "Just sit down in that chair," said the oculist to the patient, whose reputation for financial procrastination and reputation was well known to him. "I will test your eyes." Then he held a printed schedule of his prices with a "No Trust" line at the bottom in front of his eyes and asked: "Can you read that?"

As I saw him day by day over the shattered hull of his ship, his lean, hollow-cheeked face was usually grave and sometimes stern. His skin was bronzed to the color of leather by exposure to the tropical sun. He always wore a weather-beaten undress naval coat, much the worse for wear. Indeed, he had no other left from the wreck than the one he wore on the day he was the busiest man in Havana harbor except, perchance, the good chaplain, Father Chidwick, and the undertaker, but he always had time for a smiling greeting and a firm hand grasp, and was ever ready to talk except when questions intruded on forbidden ground.

Lovers United by Accident on an Atlantic Battle Steamer. Had it not been for the recognition by a traveling man, an old acquaintance of the man, no one would have suspected that when there appeared in neat, legible writing on the register of one of the leading hotels of Cincinnati the names "Henry L. Delevor and wife," these people were the principals in a remarkable romance.

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