

For Younger Readers.

SHORT STORIES FOR LITTLE FOLKS

WAS MARSHAL NEY EXECUTED?

AN OLD STORY FROM NORTH CAROLINA REVERED.

Rev. JAMES A. WELTON, of Hickory, N. C., has been considerable authority by asserting in the most positive fashion that Marshal Ney was not shot, as history alleges, but escaped to America, and died as a good old age in Rowan county, N. C. That there was a Peter Ney, a school-teacher is certain. He appeared about 1815, and established his school in a small village in western South Carolina. One day in the autumn of 1815, says the New York *Advertiser*, a number of French refugees came to the village and were introduced to the schoolmaster. Afterward they confessed that they had recognized Ney as the great marshal. Hearing of this, Ney hastily left the town and went to Charon, where he opened another school. All went well until 1816, when Ney rode on horseback to Columbia, riding in a procession through the streets. Ney attracted applause by his magnificent horseman. As he passed along he was greeted by a crowd of soldiers, his body taken to the hospital. He was buried and buried that night. Hon. Quentin Dick, by chance, witnessed the supposed execution and wrote an account of it in his memoirs.

Mr. William Frazier in his "Words of Wellington" quotes these accounts, and adds with many other facts, and states as his deliberate opinion that Marshal Ney was not shot. Yet Frazier had never heard of Peter Ney.

As has been said before, the fact stated and many others relating to the later life of the remarkable man, Peter Ney, are well known in the Carolinas, and it would be hard to find one of the many who knew him who did not say that Peter Ney and Marshal Ney were one and the same.

Many of the books formerly belonging to Peter Ney are still preserved by his former friends in the Carolinas. Some of these, notable books of French history relating to the Napoleonic wars, contain many marginal notes in Ney's handwriting. Those who have examined these annotations declare unhesitatingly that they could only have been written by one who was not only an eyewitness of the scenes described, but thoroughly conversant with Napoleon's plans.

An Intelligent Pony.

(From Daniel M. Moulton, of Jamaica Plain, Mass.)

Miss Daniel M. Moulton, of Jamaica Plain, Mass., and drives the most intelligent Shetland pony it has ever been our good fortune to see. On entering the barn we were formally introduced to this prince of pets, when the following bit of play-acting took place between mistress and pony.

"Look, these ladies do not belong here, put them out." Dick came stamping toward us with his main stick, seeming determined to protect his home from invasion.

"That old boy here, come back and show them out, pretty fast." Dick issued commands to his mistress, who, turned around, and peeped shyly through his forelock.

"There is one side of your neck very handsome, it is the ladies." Turning his head, he exhibited a large, pure white spot, which he seemed to be very proud of.

"Now, what is a mistress proud of when she goes to ride?" Tut-tut-tut completely around, he lashed his long black tail back, and hied in a very decided manner.

"Dear me! Where is my handkerchief?" Having sent Dick's nose to her pocket and with his teeth in the draw out the shining white, gently placing it in the lady's hand.

"And now, said one woman, 'you must let me drive you up to Dick's birthplace, and you can see how well he remembers his old home.'"

"Dick's nose and tail were impaled from Scotland by a lawyer named Austin, from whom his present owner purchased him. As soon as he strayed the road he carried away a rapid run, and it was really amusing to see the little fellow strain and pull, trying to pass every point upon the road."

"Of his own accord he turned up the road, carrying his head in his mouth, and when he had reached a level green, where a portion of his body had been shot, he looked anxiously over it, peeped long and mournfully, then walked toward the road."

"Dick is two years old, weighs five hundred pounds, is of a dark chestnut color, bordering on black, with a black mane, and tail that sweeps the ground, and he knows no more the use of a whip than as though time had never been made."

"Happy little Dick! May the loving hearts of those who care for you never stop beating while you live!"

The Little Japs.

The Mikado of Japan is seriously concerned with the status of his people. They are too little to suit him, and have too much physical endurance, so he has appointed a commission to investigate the matter, and report what, if any, measures should be adopted to rectify the trouble.

The commission, after investigating the matter for a long while, have made a report that in their opinion the fault lies in the too exclusive vegetable diet of the people. Neither rice nor fish, which articles constitute the main diet of the masses, possess the sustaining and strengthening power of meat. They recommended that the people should be put on a meat diet. The government has approved the report and hereafter Japan will be a better place for butchers.

HOW CLARA BARTON TAUGHT SOKALS.

(Chicago News Item.)

In the winter holidays of Clara Barton was organizing hospitals and diet kitchens near "Fredericksburg" just after the great battle there. The winter was bitter and most pitiless for one soldier. The ground was everywhere frozen and much of the time the country covered with snow. Her train accompanied around the hills, and the soldiers, who were crowded for food and clothing, and those who were crowded with dying soldiers, and all except the doctors were in the open air.

The Far North.

Interesting News from Sweden, Norway and Denmark.

King Oscar's third birthday, Jan. 21, will be celebrated with a great pomp and court ball.

Miss Hilda Alfrida Anderson, a short time ago, finished the medical course required of graduating physicians. She will be the second woman physician in Sweden.

Miss Nancy Edlunds Anderson, the first woman to finish swimming, died at Stockholm in December, 1900, at the age of 31. She was a native of Sweden, and was married to a Swedish physician in Sweden.

During last year's normal school for boys was attended by 253 pupils, of whom were 100 women. At the same time, the normal school for girls was attended by 100 pupils, of whom were 253 men.

In the parish in Skatte stands a church built by Archbishop Roger in the year 1100, and containing some pictures of unusual merit representing biblical subjects. The church is built in a style of high art, dating from about the year 1100. The church has just been repaired, and a few weeks ago was solemnly dedicated.

Miss Anna Larsson, a country girl of Gothenburg, who some years ago emigrated to this country, has just returned to her native land with a diploma as a physician, having completed a woman's medical college here. She is now practicing in her native land, and is very popular.

The number of socialists in Stockholm is estimated at about 100, and it has been reported that the socialists are planning to have their own party in the year 1903. The socialists are planning to have their own party in the year 1903.

A Norwegian by the name of Knudsen has been appointed secretary of the legation of Sweden and Norway at Washington.

The soldiers claimed, "But it is ours." "No, my boys, it is not yours, it is mine. You can't afford to steal, even in the goodness of your hearts, for me. Take it back into the town, into the house where it belongs."

William Archer, the English, has translated, reviews in a three column article in *Pitt* and *Mail* the book "The Story of the Great War" by Henry D. Jones, a British author. The book is a masterpiece of production of irreconcilable fanaticism, more enjoyable to read than any of Archer's other works. As to its dramatic worth there may, he admits, be different opinions, but no doubt exist.

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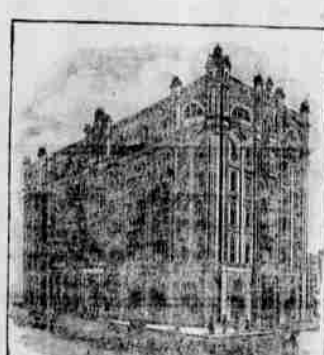
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