



ADVENTURE LED LOCAL MAN OVER SEVEN SEAS—THROUGH WAR—THEN TO FRONTIER

(Continued from Page 1) ports were some of the places Mr. Sweeney's ship touched at during the several times it circled the globe. Soldier in Civil War With the outbreak of the Civil War Adventure showed him another grimmer side of her nature but he did not water. He enlisted in the Irish Brigade, Company G, 69th New York. (His only brother who entered the navy at the same time was never seen nor heard of again.) His first engagements were those of Yorktown and Williamsburg, Virginia, 1862, of which he has no distinct memory but when he mentioned his next battle, Fair Oaks, some of the dullness went out of his eyes and his voice became firmer, more sure of itself. This and the battle of Antietam were his two most vivid recollections of the war.

Slept With Dead Man "On account of the importance of the battle we were ordered to arrive on the scene of action the night before," said Mr. Sweeney, "and in order to be ready the first thing in the morning we had to sleep in the ranks. It was dark as pitch when we finally halted. Our long march had made us dead tired and we dropped down on the ground without any delay. I had no blanket but I managed to get on the hard ground trying to find one spot that was less hard than the rest. I felt a blanket near me and pulled it partly across my shoulders. I can still remember the horror I felt in the morning to discover that I had been lying under the same blanket with a dead soldier and my hair and uniform were saturated with his blood.

"Before the battle began a great many citizens drove out from Richmond in all kinds of rigs to see the rebels take the Yankee prisoners. Instead of that happening, however, we drove them back about the middle of the afternoon and took all the onlookers prisoner. We held them out all night and then let them go. I remember that the 129th regiment of 1200 men fought next to us and at the end of the battle only 150 were left in the ranks.

Together Mr. Sweeney was in 12 or 13 fights of varying importance, including Malvern Hill and 2nd Bull Run, before he was wounded at Antietam. After the death of Stonewall Jackson some Confederate generals told him that the loss of the general was equivalent to the loss of 50,000 of their men.

and legs tossed out of the upper doors and taken up by railroads. We saw we had no chance so we struck out for Frederick City, the nearest place that had a hospital. Swimming streams, sleeping in haystacks, and eating very little food were only a few of the things we put up with during the four days it took us to reach our destination.

From there Mr. Sweeney boarded a flat car and rode to Washington which was full of wounded men. The Capitol was turned over to these men. In the basement those who could walk ate their meals at long tables. On the upper floors on rows of cots. During the two weeks that Mr. Sweeney ate in the Capitol he saw Lincoln every day, often with his family, who came to visit the patients and walked up and down the aisles speaking kindly to the helpless men on the cots.

two scouts or spies to watch the Indians and find out all their plans. The way was unobscured at night, so that the wagons in a circle so that if there was an attack we could shoot from behind them."

With the advent of cold weather Mr. Sweeney, still a willing captive of Adventure, followed her to northern Michigan where he led the strenuous life of a lumberman for several years. "I drew an ex team in the winter skidding logs for \$30 a month and that was considered good pay then," he said laughingly. "In the spring when the river ice had melted we drove the logs that we had laid along the banks of the river down the Manistee, some others it was down the Saginaw. You had to be pretty expert to shoot logs, to keep them together, and to keep them moving. But however good you might be at holding your balance, you expected to get at least one wetting a day. The water was cold then, too, but we just scrambled out as fast as we could and let our clothes dry on us as we kept on with our work. A great many Canadians drove logs because the pay was better than they could get in their own country, and when they were paid off it was in gold because our money was not considered very good in Canada at that time.

"In the summer," he continued, "I fired the furnace in a Traverse City sawmill. But I was getting pretty tired of roaming around so I bought 80 acres of timber near Elk Rapids for \$5 an acre with the money I saved, cleared part of it and built a house and barn. Then I married and we lived there about 45 years. After my wife died I sold the farm and came down to Birmingham to live with my daughter 11 years ago. And that's my life—a great deal of hard work but I managed to enjoy most of it. There are several gaps because my memory gets hazy at times. No, I can't think of anything else that would be particularly interesting so if you'll excuse me I think I'll take a little walk," and he whose tall, bowed frame must once have been a splendid specimen of muscular strength, shuffled from the room.

VILLAGE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

Regular meetings of the Village Commission held Monday evening, December 2, 1925. Present: President Seavin, Commissioner Hingham, Commissioner Bell, Absent: Commissioner Bell. Minutes of meeting of November 30, 1925, approved as printed. 412—Moved by President Hingham that the following be read and referred to the Manager: HAZEL E. WALKER, Village Clerk. You will find a harvest of bargains listed in the Eccentric classified advertising. You will find a harvest of bargains listed in the Eccentric classified advertising. You will find a harvest of bargains listed in the Eccentric classified advertising.



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Lincoln in New York He saw the President on three other occasions. "I was in New York the day after Lincoln's election," he said. "That was his first stop on his tour of the country. There were huge crowds waiting for him at the station and lining the streets all the way to the City Hall to which he drove in a carriage and four immediately upon his arrival. His car had on each side a large picture of him in a working man's red shirt so that going through small towns where the train did not stop the people would know the President was passing through.

At Bedloe's Island Mr. Sweeney was sent to the government hospital at Bedloe's Island for two weeks at the end of which time he was discharged. He said that the army rations consisted of coffee, hard tack, beef or pork, and dodabs—cakes of flour and water. There was no such thing as salt and often they went three days without food. Another thing he was lacking was water. He said that he saw at Fair Oaks and Malvern Hill cannon bent in crooks by the intense heat because there was no water with which to cool them. It is the opinion of Mr. Sweeney that acting as a soldier in the Civil War was harder on the soldiers than it was in the later war because, having no water to shelter them, the Union men had to face exposed a withering fire.

As he told of some of his experiences he smiled frequently and then became lost in thought. Evidently that summer on the plains had not been lacking in excitement and action. "Yes, those were great days," he mused, "and the buffaloes, why there were hundreds of thousands of them roaming the plains then. We used to shoot them for meat. The old ones were pretty tough but the young were tender and made very good eating. They tasted just like the buffalo we do not walk, they lope along, and many times we saw them sweeping by in great herds on great trails which always lay north and south. "The Indians were on the warpath, especially the Sioux and Minnesotas, and were always trying to capture the long supply trains traveling between the forts. One night while our train was encamped about five miles from Fort Reilly a government scout dashed up and told us that the Sioux intended to attack in the early morning. We hid no time in getting away and we found out later that the Indians had really come but found a band of soldiers waiting for them. They were kept

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