

CARLOS.

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WITH THE COSSACKS.

A BIT OF EXPERIENCE IN A SKIRMISH WITH THE TURKS.

The Exhilaration of Riding in a Charge. Horses as Well as Men Feel a Unique Stimulus—An Impressive Devotional Finale.

About the middle of autumn we made a reconnaissance in the direction of Bagrad, to endeavor to discover the strength of the enemy there. Three regiments of Cossacks made up the force, and we marched all day and part of the night before we came in the vicinity of the enemy. On the morning of the second day it was reported that a considerable detachment of Turkish irregulars was encamped a short distance in front of us. We had been moving during the night with as little noise as possible, and had bivouacked in the rain without building a fire, in order to give no notice of our approach to the enemy's pickets. It was only just daybreak when the orders to march were given, and the column proceeded cautiously with a few scouts in advance.

In a half hour or so we who were riding a little ahead of the column could see the characteristic conical Turkish tents assembled in a little valley a short distance beyond. At the same instance our scouts engaged the enemy's pickets, and the column halted. The camp in sight was evidently only a large outpost, and the general immediately gave orders for one regiment to form and charge through the camp. We could see the men of the designated regiment uncover and cross themselves, and in a moment the head of the detachment was rapidly moving past us. Among the officers rode the major, my old friend of the Dobrudacha, who, unknown to me, had been promoted to a lieutenant colonelcy and transferred to another regiment. As he dashed past he made a gesture of recognition and waved his hand for me to follow.

RIDING IN A CHARGE.

I believe it was more the horse's fault than my own, for certainly I never had a deliberate intention of riding in a charge if I could help, but before I knew it I was at the major's side. Off we went at a trot, changing our formation to regimental front. Then, in an irregular line, much broken by the inequalities of the ground, we swept down the slope at a gallop. There was some firing, and a few Cossacks fell, but I doubt if anybody heard a shot. The thunder of the hoofs, the shaking of the grain bags, the rattling of the cooking utensils and the resounding whacks of the nagajkas filled the air with a multitude of noises which drowned all other sounds. The exhilaration of the moment was supreme. Horses as well as men felt its unique stimulus, and we rushed through that camp, sweeping it away as the sudden cloudburst in the Rockies tears out the bed of the arroyo. It was one of those rare moments of life when all sense of individuality is merged in that utterly overwhelming feeling of exaltation, in that intoxication of magnetism which often possesses large masses of men moved by some grand and simultaneous impulse. It was, perhaps, after all, a very trivial affair from a military point of view, but the sensation I experienced was by no means insignificant or easily forgotten.

Part of the Turkish force took to flight in time and escaped; those who remained to defend their camp were sabred, spitted like fowl on the lances or captured and led back to the main column at the end of a lariat. The finale of this little incident was fully as impressive as the charge itself, although in quite another way. After we made camp that night the men of the regiment which had engaged the enemy were drawn up in line with uncovered heads and sang a religious hymn in chorus. How different now were those faces which a few hours before had been distorted with the cruel expressions of hatred of the infidel, or glorified by the excitement of the charge or with the consciousness of victory. Uniforms apart, the men looked like a rank of devout, peaceful farmers, bronzed by the sun in the fields and begrimed with the dust of agriculture. The hymn rolled forth in quaint, sad cadences, tuned to a minor key, like most of the native melodies. Along the ranks a gap purposely left here and there showed where a comrade had stood the day before. Although I could not catch a word they sang, the significance of the hymn could not be mistaken. Many rough hands brushed tearful eyes before the last mournful note died away, and the regiment then dispersed about the camp with a quiet step, as if the least noise were an insult to the dead.—F. D. Millet in Harper's.

A Story of Grant.

At the yearly meeting in Association hall the other evening of the Society for the Suppression of Vice, the secretary's report showed that 1,036 obscene pictures and 26,888 indecent circulars had been seized during the year. The expenses were more than \$10,000.

Gen. Clinton B. Fisk compared the society's work with that of the White Cross society. "At Vicksburg," he related, "a council of officers had been held in Gen. Grant's tent; when it was over a man in the uniform of a major general rose and said he had just heard a 'good story' he would like to repeat. 'There are no ladies present, I think,' he said. 'No, sir,' said Gen. Grant, 'there are no ladies present, but there are a number of gentlemen.' The major general did not tell the story.—New York Sun.

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