A SYMBOLIC EMBLEM UNDER WHICH RELIGIOUS HOSTS MARCH,

Its Originator Was Struck With the Need ed as such by most civilized nations. ever Nation or Creed.

Now we have the Christian flag-that is, a flag designed to be the common forced to enter the service of the standard of Christians the world over, irrespective of nationality or creed. Charles C. Overton, superintendent of the Sunday school of Brighton Chapel. tricity that few men could now be Coney Island, is responsible for the innovation, and he is deeply interested in spreading the movement.

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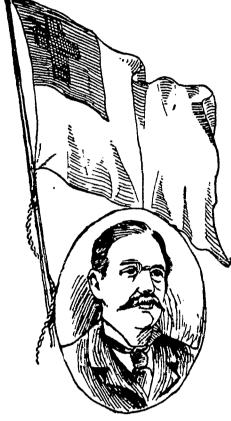
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So greatly interested is he that he has had a large quantity of little buttons made similar to these so frequently seen during political campaigns, each containing on its surface a miniature reproduction of the flag. The Christian Flag Extension Society has also been organized, for the purpose of giving the matter wide public-



C. C. OVERTON AND HIS PLAG. The flag, a number of which have already been made, is symbolic. The ground is white, representing peace. purity and innocence. In one of the upper corners is a square of blue, the of secession came. It is the same color of the unclouded sky, a symbol of to-day when a foreign enemy has to be faith and trust. In the centre of the dealt with. . blue is a cross, the chosen symbol of President McKinley, desiring that Christianity the color being red typical of Christ's blood.

A hymn called "The Christian Flag," has been dedicated to the movement, the words of which were written by Fanny J. Crosby, with music composed by R. Huntington Woodman, One

verse is as follows: The Christian flag! God bless it! Now throw it to the breeze, And may it wave triumphant O'er land and distant seas, Till all the wide creation

Upon its fold shall gaze, And all the world united

Our loving Saviour praise. Copies of the hymn have been sent

to band masters all over the country, with the request that the music be arranged as a march and played upon appropriate occasions. The request has met with many favorable replies. A circular descriptive of the move-

ment has also been sent to superintendents of Sunday schools, with a view of securing widespread co-operation. The owners of several large excursion steamers have ordered the Christian flag for their vessels, to be flaunted to the breeze when carrying Sunday school excursions.

The idea of a Christian flag occurred to Mr. Overton on last Children's Day. Each scholar was furnished with a small American flag and a parade was inaugurated. A few hours later a convention of liquor dealers was marched over the same ground, and by a strange coincidence each man carried an American flag of exactly the same size as those which the Sunday school children had carried.

In speaking of the occurrence, Mr. Overton said he was at once struck by the thought that a distinctive emblem was needed which might be symbolic of Christianity. And in this he meant no disrespect to the American flag. It was simply that the Stars and Stripes

are too far reaching. "There can be no opposition to the assertion that nothing awakens such enthusiasm and emotion as a flag," said Mr. Overton. "An army without its colors is inconceivable; then with not equip the army of the Lord with a flag appropriate to its mission? I would suggest that upon the standard that carries the fleg a crown might replace the eagle or spear, emblematic of the reward awaiting the faithful."

A Judge Killed by a Turkey.

The fashion by which Judge Samuel Ashe of the First North Carolina Supreme Court came to his death must He was killed by a turkey gobbler. One day, after he had become very old and infirm, he was placed in a chair under the shade of a tree in his yard. A red cap protected his ancient noddle from the attacks of flies, and his comfort was so well provided for in every way that a sweet slumber stole upon him, and caused him to nod. A large turkey gobbler, which patrolled that precinct, mistaking this for a challenge, immediately gave battle. On a sudden the Judge's sweet slumbers were broken by the flap of hostile wings, and ere he could collect his scattered senses a well-directed spar sincte him in the temple, and is fell down and design of the state.

A WAR ENCYCLOPEDIA.

A Few Important Things Worth Knowing at This Time.

Privateering is nothing more or less than legalised piracy, and is now treat-

of Some Standard Which Would Desig- The Crews of such vessels were fornate a Marching Christman Body of What- merly allowed to draw lots, and the unlucky ones had either to "walk the

> plank" or hang from the yardarm. Those who escaped this fate were enemy.

> It has become such a dangerous business in these days of steam and elecfound to take the risks.

War is an expensive luxury. The cost per day of maintaining in commission an ordinary warship is \$1,500. The present outlay for the United

States Navy is more than \$50,000 a day. On a peace footing it cost the Government \$391,065.60 to maintain the cruiser New York during 1897.

A single charge of ammunition for some of the great guns costs as much as \$500. Such a shot may do a million dollars' worth of damage to the adversary against whom it is sent. The custom still prevalent of bel-

ligerents in war seizing the merchant vessels of the enemy on the high seas is a survival of the old custom of preying on all private property found in an enemy's country. What are called the rules of civilized

warfare forbid an army to molest noncombatants, or to interfere with the homes, persons or property of peaceful citizens.

A great writer on the laws of nations begins his monumental work on "International Law" with the frank admission: "There is no international

The reason there is no such law that is binding on the nations is found in the fact that only the signers are bound by any international agreement.

Any of these may retire whenever such agreement seems to clash with her interests.

There is no power except the sword to hold them.

American college men always come to the front in time of war.

The students of the old King's College in New York, the foundation of the Columbia University of to-day, were among the first patriots to offer their services to the popular cause when the Revolution broke out.

It was the same with the college men, North and South, when the war

the present war shall be carried on in a civilized manner, has proclaimed the following rules for its conduct:

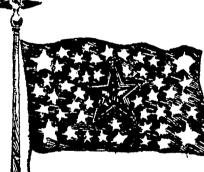
The neutral flag covers enemy's goods. with the exception of contraband of war. Neutral goods not contraband of war

are not liable to confiscation under the enemy's flag. Blockades in order to be binding

must be effective.

President's Flag for the Army. It is thirteen feet long and eight feet hoist. In each of the corners is a five-pointed white star and in the centre a large white star. Inside of this is another white star. Inside of

this is another separated by a band of white three inches wide. This inner star is a blue field, on which the coat of arms of the United States is inscribed. There are other stars scattered over the flag, one for every State in the Union.



PRESIDENT'S NEW FIELD FLAG. Presidential colors have also been provided of scarlet silk, six feet and a half fly and four feet on the pike, which will be ten feet long. This will be surmounted by a globe and an

American eagle four inches high. A Salt-Water Breed of Tonds. Just to do something extra and out of the ordinary before he departs for Europe, Mr. J. Marsden, the Agricultural Commissioner, will develop a sea toad, for the use of certain island districts, where standing fresh water is scarce. Mr. Marsden is a firm believer in evolution, and will follow lines suggested by Darwin. Already toads have been produced in brackish waters. This tells the Commissioner that he cannot fail. For the next culture he will make the water still more salty, and at about the fourth or fifth breeding will try pure sea water. He is confident that! the plan will work out correctly. In the undertaking Mr. Marsden has received much encouragement from Prof. have been extremely mortifying to him. Koebele, the Government entomologist. and from other friends.

> Only a Guess. A wolf's nest in which there were seven cubs was found just outside the city limits of Maitland a day or two ago. The old wolf was absent, presumably having gone uptown to join some of its Democratic friends in a howl about President McKinley's "weak and vaciliating policy."

Coast Line of the United States. The length of the coast line of the United States, according to the coast survey, is 5,715 miles, embracing 2,849 miles on the Atlantic Ocean, 1,556 on the Guil Of Mexico, and 1,510 on the Pacific Occas.



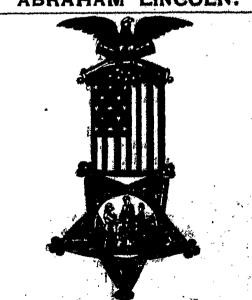
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the fortune of Gen. Cullen A. Battle other over a line of higher ples a Case after case was disposed of and at defeat of the Confederates, can me length the case of the confederate states, be forgotten, vs. Edward Cooper was called—charge desertion

A low murmur rose spontaneously from the battle-scarred spectators as the young artilleryman arose from the prisoners bench, and in response to the question. "Guilty or not guilty?" answered. "Not guilty." The judge advocate was proceeding to open the prosecution when the court, observing that the prisoner was unattended by counsel. interposed, and inquired of the accused, "Who is your counsel?" He replied "I have no counsel,"

Supposing that it was Cooper's purpose to represent himself before the court, the judge advocate was instructed to proceed. Every charge and specification against the prisoner was sustained. The prisoner was then told to introduce his witnesses. He replied: "I have no witnesses." Astonished at the calmness with which he regarded as inevitable fate. Gen. Battle said to him, "Have you no defense! Is it possible that you abandoned your comrades and deserted your colors in the presence of the enemy without any reason î"

He answered: "There was a reason, but it will not avail me before a mile tary court."

Gen. Battle then said:

"Perhaps you are mistaken; you are charged with the highest crime known to militaly law, and it is your duty to make known the causes that indusmoed your actions."

For the first time Cooper's manly form trombled and his blue eyes awam. H. Knowles, the kind and week with tears. Approaching the president quartermaster who did the h of the court, he presented a letter, waying as he did so:

"There, general, is what did it." Gen. Battle opened the letter and in a moment his eyes filled with tears. It was passed from one to another of the court until all had seen it, and those shot and shell, and mighty is stern warriors who had passed with shot and shell, and mighty is stern warriors who had passed with heavy guns, to seems through of battles, wept like children. As soon as the president sufficiently recovered his self-possession he read the letter and making himself " as the defense of the prisoner. It was time to come. He moved in these words:

Dear Edward: I have always been proud of you; sined your conjuction with the confederate army I have been prouder of you than ever before. would not have you do anything wrong for the world; but, before God, Edward, unless you come home we must die Last night I was aroused by little Eddie's crying, 'Oh, mamma, I'm so hungryl' And Lucy, Edward, your darling Lucy, she never complains, but grows thinner and thinner every day. And a river which had to be forded before God, Edward, unless you come Your Mary. home we must die. Turning to the prisoner Gen. Battle

asked: "What did you do when you re-colved this letter?" He replied: "I made application for a furlough and it was rejected; again I made application, and it was rejected; a third time I made application, and it was re-



A Narrow Excape.

jected; and that night as I wandered backward and forward in the camp, thinking of my home, the wild eyes of Lucy looking up to me, with the burn-ing words of Mary sinking in my brain, I was no longer a confederate soldier but I was the father of Lucy and the husband of Mary and I would have passed those lines if every gun in the battery had been fired upon me. "When I arrived home likey can out to meet me, and embraced me, and Oh. Edward, I am so happy; I am

so glad you got your furlough. She natist, have sold, me shreets, to all the coint of the co her breath at every word she said:

"Have you come without your curtough? Oh. Edward, go back! Go back!
Let me and the children go down to the
grave together, but, oh, for neaven's

same, save the honor of your name! And here I am gentlemen not her husband went me brought here by military power but in she secretly sligged in obscience to the command of Mary to pockets and meablest abile the sentence of your ocurt." Every of ser of that sourt marial Elyery officer of the court marks in sellical invalidation of the prisoner's words. In the sellical invalidation of the sellical inv

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