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BILLY WHISKERS

By FRANCES MONTGOMERY

The next morning Billy's regiment was ordered to renew the attack on the German trenches. And as the mascot of his company, Billy was to march at the very front beside the flag-bearers, as the General had said. There never was a prouder or more ambitious goat born than Billy Whiskers, but in all his wildest dreams of what he would like to do to have his name go down in history, or of being brave and of some account in the world, he had never dreamed or planned a day dream to equal this. Think of it! To be the beloved mascot of a regiment of soldiers and of one company in particular, and a member of the Police Dogs' Red Cross Club! Any one would have been honor enough. But both so overpowered him that he swelled himself out so that he was in danger of bursting as he marched in time to the military band under the beautiful flag of the United States of America.

"Oh, how I wish Nannie, my son and grandchildren and friends could see me now and know what honors have been heaped upon me!" he thought.

Trump, trump, la, trump, trump, trump, beat the drum.

Tramp, tramp, tramp, marched the soldiers down the street of the little village and out into the open country opposite the enemy's trenches. A signal was given somewhere, and the battle was on. First, a booming of cannon that shook the earth, followed by bursting shells, rockets and showers of shrapnel, all of which were directed on the enemy's strongly fortified position.

Under cover of this firing came the command to go forward and to take the enemy's trenches in a hand-to-hand conflict if necessary, but take them they must. Behind the Americans came Canadians and Englishmen to reinforce them. If one company was shot to pieces, another must be ready to take its place, else the Germans might win and march on Paris. And every soldier there made a vow that he would fight to the last drop of blood in his veins before such a catastrophe should happen.

Bang! burst a shell over Billy's head, and a piece came tumbling down, ripping a long gash in the beautiful flag and tearing it almost from end to end. But it glanced off and did not touch the flag-bearer. He waved the flag over his head and, calling "Down with the Germans!" ran forward into the thick of the fight. Presently Billy, who was watching him, saw him stumble, throw up his arms and fall. And by the way he did it Billy knew he had been shot through the heart.

"I'll take his place," said Billy; and, running forward, he grabbed up the fallen flag and with the pole in his mouth ran forward.

"Oh, how I wish I could turn my mouth around so I could hold the flag upright! I can't bear to see its folds dragging on the ground!"

As if part of his wish was to come true, just then a breeze sprang up which blew its folds up over Billy's back and horns, where it stuck and its folds blew out and waved in the breeze as if the flag were being carried by a man.

On, on into the thick of the fight ran Billy. And he seemed to have a charmed life, as no shells or bullets struck him.

Several times the General, Captains, Lieutenants and Privates saw the flag-bearer, first at one end of the battle line, then at the other. Then again he was in the midst of the fight. Backward, forward, here, there, everywhere he went with untiring zeal.

"That flag-bearer will drop from exhaustion if he doesn't stop running back and forth so," thought the General, as he watched the battle through his field glasses from the plateau where once Billy and Duke had stood to watch another battle. "If by a miracle he should escape death in this battle I will give him a medal for his bravery. There he goes now! He must be shot, for I can see him rolling down a hole a shell has plowed in the earth. Too bad! Too bad," sighed the General, "that a man made of the stuff he is should have to be killed!"

The battle raged wildly and fiercely for hours, but in the end the Allies won and at dark what was left of the regiment came marching into camp. About midnight the General was bending over his maps that were spread out on a table before him when, chancing to look up, he saw standing in the doorway a sorry-looking object. At first he could not make out what it was, but on peering closer at it he made out four leg , two horns, one ear, and a soiled, torn, bloody flag.

"Baa!" from Billy.

"What, Billy Whiskers, is that you?" exclaimed the General, and jumping up from the table he went to Billy and began to unwind the flag. "So you were the brave flag-bearer, were you, that I was watching through my glasses? For your work this day you shall have a medal for bravery, if you are only an animal. I said I would give it to that flag-bearer who bore our flag so bravely in the face of a thousand dangers. And I will, be he man or beast!" And going to a drawer in his table he took from it a bronze medal with a tri-colored ribbon of red, white and blue on it, and fastened it to Billy's collar beside the Red Cross kit.

[Aren't you glad Billy's bravery has been rewarded?]

SO. CAL. EDISON CO. ASKS RATE BE INCREASED

Low Water Supply Seriously Handicaps Utility, It Is Asserted

Recording for the current year the lowest water supply in history, the Southern California Edison company has filed with the railroad commission an application for authority to put into effect an emergency increase in rates during the period of July 1, 1924, to March 31, 1925.

The company's application certifies that the cost of power production during this year will be $5,568,000 greater than the cost of producing an equivalent amount of power during an average water year.

"The extreme dry season," stated R. H. Ballard, vice-president and general manager of the company, "has necessitated placing in operation all of the steam plants of the company and making full use of interconnection with other companies' steam generating plants. Work is also being rushed on an additional steam plant in Long Beach of 120,000 horsepower capacity, of which 26,000 horsepower will be ready in July and the remainder of the plant by the end of this year.

"This has provided the necessary power supply to meet the insistent demands of our consumers, which are greatly augmented due to the dry season. The effect has been to increase our operating expenses from a total of $9,038,000 under normal conditions to an actual expense for this year of $14,606,000.

"On account of the $5,568,000 excess production cost for this year, we are applying for a temporary increase in rates, which will provide about $3,000,000 of this increased cost, during the nine-months period from July 1 of this year to April 1 of next year, when another season's water supply will be available. Funds available from our contingency reserve, accumulated under orders of the railroad commission for this purpose, will further serve to meet the increased cost to the extent of $1,522,605.47, leaving a remainder of approximately $1,000,000 to be made up in future years when the water supply is more abundant.

"Our entire organization is working at maximum efficiency, and the most rigid economy in operation is being practiced.

"Next season's water supply will be greatly augmented by the completion of our 13-mile Florence Lake tunnel, upon which we have been working for the past four years and which we expect to place in operation by April 1 of next year."

Dinner guests Wednesday evening of Dr. and Mrs. George Shidler of Post avenue were ex-Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. E. A. Gilbert, of Nebraska.

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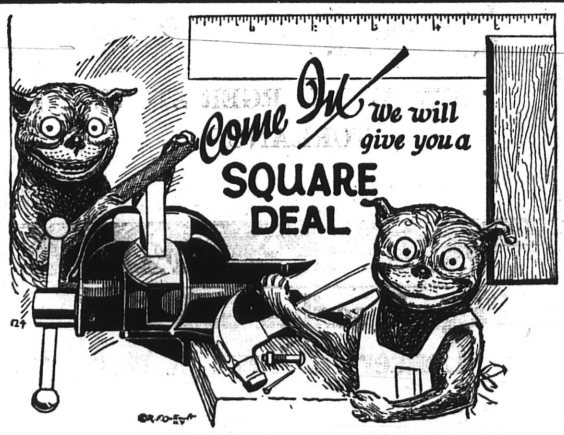

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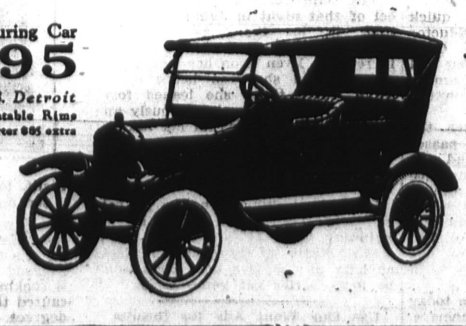
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