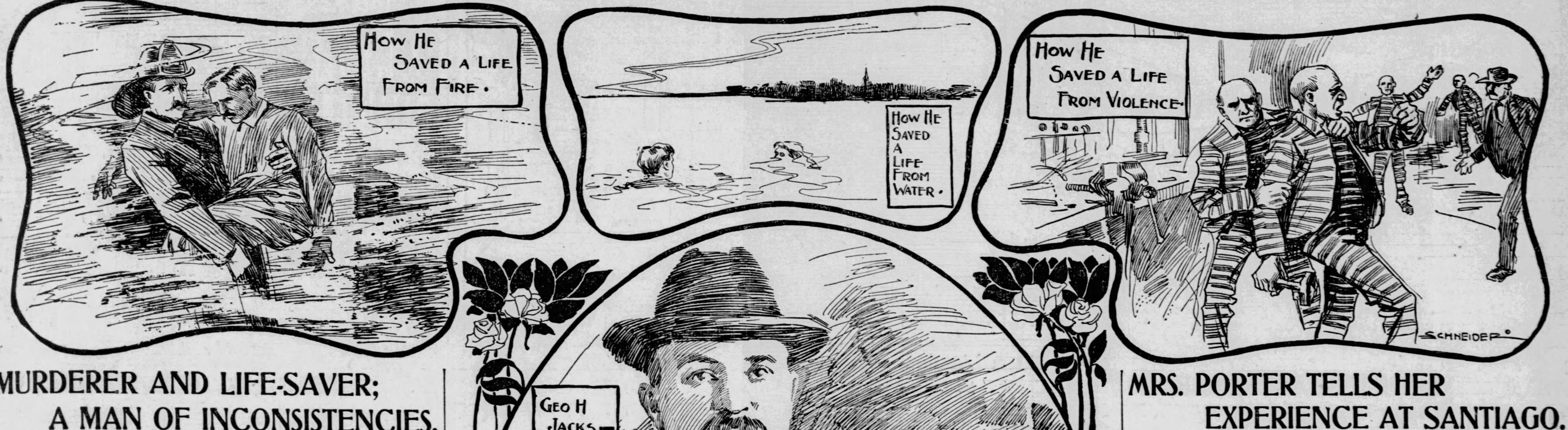
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MURDERER AND LIFE-SAVER; A MAN OF INCONSISTENCIES.

Strange Contrasts in the Life of George H. Jacks, Now Under Sentence for the Killing of Aged Andrew McGee Last February.

IN HIM THERE SEEMS TO BE TWO DIFFERENT MEN.

around the corner and kill a man with a piece of gas pipe.

Suppose this man to be of good breeding, | decoy McGee to his death. amiable in company, not a brawler, not given to intoxication, never known to frequent places of dissipation, and withal a brave man who has saved four human lives, who has executed the mandates of the law a United States Deputy Marshal, who has preserved the peace as a policeman, protecting property as fireman, and has been an industrious mechanic, working at his trade many years. Endow him with great strength, perfect health, an iron constitution, and the love of athletic sports. The condition is one of unheard of con-

Yet this is George H. Jacks, convicted murderer.

Criminal-criminal beyond doubt, and as such deserving to bear the penalty of crime; but as strange a composition of good an evil, law enforcing and law breaking as ever was. In fact, within him there is Dr. Jekyl and a Mr. Hyde, one now in th ascendant, then the other.

He Seems Two Men.

It taxes credulity to believe that Jacks the murderer is the same Jacks who, as policeman and fireman in Muskegon, Mich. rescued the drowning and the burning with reckless disregard of personal consequence "Bill Sykes fighting fire to drown memory of murdered Nancy," you say. Al No! Jacks had lived an unimpeachable life and at this earlier period had nothing charged against his name.

Consider some of the phases of this truly | like a man." dual life of this dual character. Jacks is not a degenerate physically. He is as perfect a type of the human animal as could | "when I was Chief of Police in the City of | wood and as far west as Garfield Park. be found in Chicago. He is 6 feet in height, Muskegon, Mich., I was walking near the seemed ambitious to become a successful Church, whose diocese includes the contiweighs 210 pounds, is symmetrically pro- | ferry docks one day and saw a young girl fall | contractor and respected citizen. He asserts portioned, almost a Hercules in strength, into the water. The impulse to save her that an honest life was his aim, but, being without natural blemish, and has never sus- rose in me like a flash. Upon that impulse tained an injury or been sick more than a | I acted. In a moment I had thrown off my day in his life.

living with saw and hammer, apparently | her parents and all who saw the rescue. contented with his lot and only ambitious to rise to be a small contractor. His sobriety and orderly manner of living brought him favor and he became Chief of Police of a thriving city, Muskegon, Mich.

Problem in Contrasts.

Can you imagine him one day leaping in the stormy lake to rescue a wretched lifeweary woman from a watery grave, and the same night plotting murder and robbery? | lonely spot on the lake front and jumped Can you imagine one who knows from personal experience as an officer the misery a life of crime, lying in ambush to beat down and stamp out the life of a fellow-creature to leap in after her, drag her out, and restore for the sake of \$26?

This is Jacks, if the jury of the Criminal Court of Cook County erred not in pronouncing him guilty of murder, and if the stories and residents of Michigan relate

about him are true. The possibility of such a being as this man appears inconceivable. How will the psychologists explain the paradox? Is a man an indifferent, accidental mixture of good and evil-good when circumstances favor, when they frown? Can both sweet water

and bitter proceed from one fountain?

Big, Good-Natured Man. Jacks is a big, good-natured man of ord nary education and no apparent ment depth. He does not admit the existence of this dual nature. He has never puzzled his head with psychological problems. He cuts the Gordion knot in the simplest manner denying in toto the justice of the sentence for murder, the sentence for robbery, and

that for burglary.

Jacks was born in Hudson, Wis., thirtynine years ago. He received a commo school education in public and private schools, and early learned carpentry and at Jackson, Mich. It may be told in his iron working. His father still lives on a own words: farm near Muskegon, and he has a number who live quietly and soberly. Some are and was attacked by a big prisoner who wealthy. Jacks is fond of good clothes and | killed him with one blow of a hammer. carries himself well. He has always been | was done so quickly that no one had a chance out the assertion. He denies he has ever | death blow on the head. I caught the fellow ball, running, and swimming. He has won | prisoner either in size or strength." medals in athletic contests, throwing the hammer and putting the shot. Finally Jacks a hereafter, though he makes no religious | spite and jealousy, he declares, fastene professions.

Polite and Soft-Spoken.

The man is polite, suave, soft-spoken, and apparently of forgiving disposition. The dramatic closing of his trial in Judge Baker's court a short time ago will be re- too long to tell. The young lady went to Mexican silver. That was several days membered by many. He protested his in- | Colorado, and I never heard of her again. I nocence upon the witness stand, and when | fought the burglary case for two years, but the jury returned their verdict of guilty he | was finally defeated. I carried it to the rose and, facing them without quailing, | Supreme Court, where I was victorious; but quietly said:

not guilty. May God forgive you." And yet, with all these things, murder is | my sentence. I was well used by the guards clearly proved against him; and not only at Jackson prison. I attended to all the carmurder but robbery; and not only robbery | penter work around the place, and, in fact, but burglary. Every bad man was good once. | was the same as a free man, going out alone To be good and bad in such superlative ways | whenever I saw fit. I built a fence all York Sun. at one and the same time is a peculiar state. The murder of aged Andrew McGee, the | the city. I was trusted by everyone, and agent and collector of the Charles Creamery | never betrayed the trust." company, is still fresh in public memory. It will be recalled McGee was decoyed into a hallway at 2030 Indiana avenue, under the pretense that a new customer could be outward appearances, did not embitter the may come; but only the rich can get home."

TRANGELY mingled must be the with evidence of "gaspipe work." From his elements of good and evil in that pockets the sum of \$26 had been stolen. man's composition who could attire | Jacks has been convicted as the principal in himself in his best suit for an even- | this crime. The chief witness against him was an avowed accomplice who turned entertainment at the theater and take leave | State's evidence. This witness, Willows, of his pleasures with a smiling face to go averred that influence bordering on hypnotic power had been employed to procure his assistance. His part, he declared, was to

> Since the culmination of the trial in that dramatic situation, Jacks has had good reason in the confinement of jail life to talked with him, did not go away impressed with the idea that he is a degenerate, but perhaps rather the plastic victim of evil stance. Amiability seemed at times to shine out of his face, and he gave no hint of one possessed of an insane and unquenchable passion for robbery and murder. He did would say the world owes him a living. The spirit of revenge or of hate did not seem to enter into his composition. His traits of good nature and obedience to the rules of the institution have been placed to his credit by the jail deputies.

It must be apparent to any intelligent observer that Jacks is not a man who has no fear for the law of God or the law of man. Possessed of a fair amount of intelligence | He came out to the world again with hope he is perfectly capable of distinguishing be- | and ambition. First he turned his footsteps moral sense. He has hopes and fears. But | Rapids, but at length he made his way to he is also brave. "I am brave," he wrote a | Chicago. This was about the time of the day or two ago, "and if I must die, though | opening of the World's Fair. He joined the I am innocent, I will do my best to face it | Carpenters' union and soon found work on

And then he became reminiscent. coat and dived in after her. I brought her He is a skilled carpenter and has made his | safely to shore and received the thanks of

> tions of a woman who seemed to be in some great mental agony. It was late-about miding she was watched, made her way to : her to her family."

Saved Life from Fire.

Besides having been Chief of Police, Jacks served as Deputy United States Marshal and as a member of the Fire department in Muskegon. He was Captain of Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 and part of the time Lieutenant of Hose Company No. 1. In his capacity as fireman, he rushed into a burning building, "Iron Clad Saloon," at the corner of Pine street and Western avenue. the Muskegon fire department.

Another act of bravery remains to be related to the credit of this man, who is now under conviction for a terrible crime. Before coming to Chicago he served a four year's term for burglary in the penitentiary

"In the broom shop, the contractor for of brothers and sisters and many relations, | whom the work was done came in one day fond of the theater and of society. He says | to interfere. But in a moment I saw the he has always avoided bad company and | prisoner with the hammer make a rush for there are many in his old home who bear | Deputy Warden Cellum to deal him also a drunk alcoholic liquors to excess, and his and held him until he was put in manacles appearance is in his favor. He has always | and thus saved the deputy's life, as he was had a healthy love of outdoor sports, base- | advanced in years and no match for the Jacks blames his departure from his old

avows his belief in the existence of God and | nate love affair. They had trouble, and upon him a crime of which he was innocent. He claims to have been the victim of a plot to make him a scapegoat, while the guilty parties were allowed to go scot free. Regarding this matter he said:

"The details of this love affair would take the case came back and I was beaten at last. "Gentlemen, that verdict is wrong. I am This broke my mother's heart, God rest her soul, and she died. Then I gave up and took around the farm, and often went down into

How He Came to Chicago.

But even his first experience in prison, to gained there, on Feb. 26. He was found dead, life of Jacks. He gained praise and approval | -New York Evening Journal.

Talks of His Past.

ponder the events of his past life. He remembers many of his former years with pleasure. Those who sat in the courtrom and watched the man, studied his features, and surroundings and the giants of circumnot present the appearance of a man who

"Some ten or fifteen years ago." he said. thought nothing of it at the time, for I was a great swimmer.

"One night, during that period of my life. I was going my rounds as a police officer in Muskegon, and I was attracted by the acnight-and I followed her to try and learn the cause of the trouble. The woman, not knowinto the water intending to put an end to her troubles, whatever they were, by committing suicide. I was on hand just in time

MEXICAN DOLLARS ON SALE.

for the McGee murder.

Unloaded on a Kansas City Firm, Bank Refuses Them, and They Can't Be Sold.

the new Stock Exchange Building. He

worked at his trade continually in different

parts of the city, from Lake View to Engle-

were against him. He opened a shop as a

gaged in business there, doing well, when

in connection with a North Side diamond

robbery. He was tried in this case, found

guilty, and received an indeterminate sen-

tence a few days before he was put on trial

There you have him-George H. Jacks, man

of inconsistencies. The stories of his life-

saving do not rest on his evidence alone.

They are remembered at the places where

yet the murder of McGee was a cowardly

murder. Evidence of one sort seems to prove

that in Chicago he was endeavoring to lead

an honest life, yet there is other evidence

which shows that he lapsed from honesty far

enough to commit a burglary. He is a queer

they occurred. They were acts of bravery

contractor in Wabash avenue and was en-

Kansas City, Mo., July 15.-A wealthy and rescued a man who was asleep upstairs. | mine owner in Matshula, Mexico, ordered a It was a dangerous undertaking. The fire | hoisting machine from a firm in this city. was making great headway, and he barely | On receipt of the firm's terms the mine made his exit through the flames and smoke | owner wrote: "I send by express \$919 in with his unconscious burden when the build- | gold. Forward hoist." In due course of ing collapsed. Chief Fallon, now of Ham- | time a wagon backed up to the firm's facmond, Ind., remarked that he had lost one | tory and collected \$11.50 charges on sevof his bravest and best men when Jacks left | eral heavy bags that were left on the sidewalk. The man who received them opened one and a lot of silver dollars rolled out. He opened another with similar result. The head of the firm was called in and ordered the other bags opened; each was filled with silver dollars. They were counted, There were 2,040 of them. They were put on the scales and the weight was 175 pounds. The head of the firm ordered the dollars rebagged, and the help of the house loaded them on a dray and sent them to the bank. They were stacked up before the receiving teller's window, and to his inquiry as to what the bags contained he was informed that they were loaded with silver dollars. "I can't take them here." he said. "Deliver them at the side door."

A conference was held. The head man of the bank decided that as the contents did not come under the head of American coin or currency, and as the bank did not handle foreign coin, the bank could not receive the goods." However, it was decided that the bags might be stored temporarily until inquiry was made elsewhere.

The government is paying its soldiers and sailors in the Philippines Mexican dollars," said one of the bank officers. "Why not unload this on the government?" telegraphic message was rushed to the Treasury department in Washington. It asked if the government would like the ago, and no reply has been received. A message was rushed to the miner in Mexico by the firm: "Don't send any more silver. Gold or

New York drafts received with pleasure." Meanwhile the hoist is on its way to the man who ordered it, and the firm has unpacked the silver and stacked it in the window and placarded it: "Silver dollars, 45 cents aplece." Up to date there have been no sales .- New

DIFFERENT.

Irene-" Can only the rich afford to go to the mountains, mamma?" Mamma-" No, my child. Even the poor

by saving the life of the deputy warden. | OUR

tween right and wrong. He is not lacking in | toward Grand Rapids, and then toward Big | System in Vogue in the United States Is Being Planted in the Dark

Continent.

British South Africa company, Bishop Jo- | next twelve months \$5,000 in the general | lirious. seph C. Hartzell of the Methodist Episcopal | scheme of education marked out. I regard | nent of Africa, succeeded in obtaining an | taken in the development of this new couna man of strange contradictions, the fates | sions which will enable him to plant the | to secure two missionary carpenters who | Porter, "can never be exceeded in the hissuddenly an end was put to all by his arrest | New York Sun:

republic of Liberia. Already, under the fostering care of our church, a college has been | ern Africa has deeded to us large tracts of | They were all heroes, every one of them, and which has 150 scholars enrolled, under the of our work in that section. In fact, every- pathetic. control of a faculty of five. Professor A. | where in the dark continent I am meeting | P. Camphor, a black man educated in this | not only with a cordial reception but the | pital there was quite a young fellow, a stucountry, is at the head of this institution. | most substantial aid. Englishmen on every | dent from Ann Arbor, who had lost both an It is my purpose to begin at the foundation, hand cooperate with me in the endeavor to arm and a leg. When he was getting over establishing first the primary school, and in | plant Anglo-Saxon civilization where bar- | the first shock of amputation he was cheera short time I hope to have 2,000 pupils under | barism has held sway for thousands of | ful, and when some one asked him if he the charge of competent teachers sent from | years." the United States.

"To assist me to carry out this idea I have been authorized to secure five teachers from among the educated young colored people of | birds make their journeys in the daytime the State, and our church has pledged itself | and water birds at night.

HOW HE

MURDERED

MEGEE .

tension of this work.

Habits of Birds. A naturalist of eminence says that land



MRS. JONH ADDISON PORTER.

Stirring Picture of Bravery, Generous Self-Sacrifice, and Uncomplaining Suffering Among Officers and Men Given by the Wife of the President's Secretary.

NOBLE WORK OF RED CROSS IN FACE OF DANGER.

ASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 4.—[Spe- | fort to the boys. In teiling of this Mrs. cial Correspondence.]—Mrs. John | Porter exclaimed:

varied and remarkable that, though she is a woman gifted with fine descriptive pow- | scarcely be understood unless you could ers and a wonderful versatility in expresshe can scarcely find words strong sojourn with Miss Barton at Siboney and | relations existing between the officers and

of war she has said no word for publica- any commanding officer. tion. Yesterday, however, she consented to give me a personal account of some of the incidents that had struck her most keenly. believing that it might be a comfort and | Colonel Roosevelt there as I did." she says. of deep interest to your readers, many of | "He leaves nothing unthought of or undone whom have sons, husbands, or fathers at | that will better the condition of his men. the front.

in appearance, her young face, with its of leadership which compels their admiracameo-like features and beautiful eyes, set | tion, and combines with it a consideration off by a mass of white hair. The tears well | and a compassion for their hardships that up in her eyes as she speaks in a voice full endear him to them inexpressibly. Of of emotion and womanly compassion of the course, you know the few things we had as bravery and suffering she has witnessed. delicacies were intended primarily for h s-Seated in her beautiful Washington home. in the midst of the luxurious surroundings, her thoughts are all with the boys-"our | good; and when Colonel Roosevelt came to dear boys," she calls them-whom she has

Mrs. Porter reached Siboney with Miss to pay one-half the expenses incurred for | Barton immediately after the great battle, salary and transportation. The salary to be and just when the wounded were being allowed these teachers, besides their keep, brought down to the First Division hos- them out of the hospital, poor fellows '-I will be only \$200. I am looking for some one | pital at Siboney. It was a sight to try the who is interested enough in Africa to foot | stoutest heart. In the midst of the awful the other half of the bill incident to the ex- | suffering of the wounded, many of them lying on the wet ground, waiting hours and "My project also includes the establish- | hours until the Red Cross and army sur-Backed by Cecil Rhodes and Earl Grey, ment of industrial schools in Liberia. I geons could attend to them, never one groan members of the Board of Directors of the | could use to splendid advantage during the | did she hear, save from those who were de-

Bravery Never Exceeded.

"Such bravery as was exhibited by our appropriation from the Board of Mis- try. I have been authorized by my church men in the battle and after it," says Mrs. public school system of the United States | are to go immediately to Malange, in An- | tory of the world. The women of America in Africa. When seen about the matter | gola, west Africa. Here provision has been | may well be proud of the men they have Bishop Hartzell said to a reporter for the | made for the erection of a building suitable | given to fight their country's battles. Their for this purpose upon some land which was | valor during engagements and the heroic "I am commencing this work in the little | donated to us by the Portuguese government. | fortitude with which the wounded bore their "The British Chartered company of east- sufferings can never be praised too much. established at Monrovia, in west Africa, | land and buildings sultable for the extension | some of the individual instances were most

> "For instance, in the First Division hosdidn't think he had been dealt pretty hardly

"'O, no; I think I've been remarkably fortunate. I never expected to save my life. "And that was the spirit of all the sick -cheerful, and thankful that it was no worse with them. The thing that seemed to trouble the men more than anything else was when they had lost an eye or the doctor said the sight would be impaired. They regarded said loss of sight as much more of a calamity than the loss of a limb or any other kind of

"All the men in the hospital were eager and anxious to hear what was going on at the front and impatient to get back into fray. To see and hear them was a baptism of patriotism and bravery."

Work of the Red Cross.

work of the Red Cross. "The people engaged in it," she says, of any kind of sickness during her trip to "are doing the grandest work for human- | Cuba to the good care she took of herself. ty that has ever been acomplished. Those | She accepted the advice of Cubans as to who go to the front at such a time to tend | what was best to do, as they are used to the the sick and wounded, to encounter all the | vagaries of their climate they know how terrible conditions that naturally prevail, best to guard themselves. She thinks she to risk dread diseases, are doing even more | has discovered a most efficient medicine to than obeying the biblical instruction, 'Love | prevent malaria in a combination of quinine, thy neighbor as thyself.' They are loving | sulphur, molasses, and gin. This was pretheir neighbors a great deal more than | scribed by a Cuban, and she took a large themselves. The self abnegation exhibited | dose on reaching Cuban soil, and gave conby the Red Cross workers is something al- | siderable money to the Seventy-first and most beyond belief unless one has seen it. as I have done.

"There is Dr. Egan, who is always being called on, and always ready to answer every call; a Boston physician who has given up his lucrative practice at home and devoted his time without any remuneration, and most of the time amid miserable accommodations, to the Red Cross work since the first of the year, and now is in the thick of the sickness at Siconey and Santiago, working without cessation. "I know one Red Cross sister who has

worked steadily with the wounded for three days, subsisting on only a cup of coffee they had any other supplies whatever. which she managed to get each morning. They seem fairly uplifted by the glorious character of their work for humanity." Mrs. Porter was able to accomplish much to get their haversacks filled with hardtack good in assuming an authority whereby in and canned corned beef, and be so thankful many instances supplies could be given to to get it. They never complained about our men which, through the long-drawn- | anything. out red-tapism of official etiquet and order. | "One day we passed a place where a young might never have reached them. She speaks | fellow was on guard and one of our party tenderly of a little episode that happened | remarked to him that he looked well and with Dr. Vandewater, the good Chaplain of | comfortable, and he replied that he was glad the Seventy-first Regiment. She was stand- he looked comfortable, he didn't feel so, be-

Walked Five Miles for Food.

and she asked him what he wanted.

Vandewater, "to try to get some rice and | watching all day and all night when they canned soups and something besides hard- | were not actually fighting. It made my tack for some of my sick boys, and I want | heart overflow to see it all." so much to take the things back to them." Mrs. Porter immediately gave him an order to present to the steward, which enabled him

WRITTEN FOR "THE TRIBUNE" BY HELEN VARRICK BOSWELL

Addison Porter, wife of the secre- "O, I want you to say how strongly I feel tary to the President, is the one | the great work done by the chaplains of all woman besides Clara | the regiments. They are all the right kind diers, both to the sick and the well, can see them going their way, undaunted by the most adverse conditions."

Mrs. Porter is deeply impressed with the the men of the regiments and thinks Colonel Since Mrs. Porter's return from the seat | Roosevelt is perhaps the most popular of

Men Worship Roosevelt.

"You would understand it, too, if you saw and it is no exaggeration to say that they Mrs. Porter is a typical "grande dame" actually worship him. He has that quality pital consumption, but I never could resist giving out a few where I knew they would do me to beg some rice and oatmeal and dried apples and condensed milk-'because,' he said. 'I am so anxious to keep my men well, and if I have a change of diet to give them when they get a little feverish it often keeps gave him as much as was possible, and offered to have them sent out to him by the

> first army wagon that would go. "That did not suit him. He bundled the things all up in a great parcel and put them on his shoulder and carried them off to the men. They love him for these democratic ways. He and General Wood are really one with their men, sharing their hardships and their victories like brothers.

"Right here I might say something about the colored troops; not only that the colored troops fought nobly, which they did, but to add that they receive all honor for what they did and that they are well deserving of all praise. When they are aroused they fight with an ardor and abandon that are overwhelming. They did a wonderful work at Santiago. Those who were wounded made light of their pain and helped to keep all the other sufferers in good humor."

Rode Close to Santiago. On the day when there was a suspension

of hostilities, previous to the surrender of Santiago, Mrs. Porter rode from Sibonev to within a half mile of Santiago on horseback. Major Wood, in charge of the division hospital, was going, and thinking it might be her last opportunity, urged her to accompany him. As they neared the outposts of our troops they met some young soldiers, who stopped and looked so steadfastly at Mrs. Porter as to be rather embarrassing, because she was fully conscious that she was not in regulation Fifth avenue riding habit. At last one of them

"Excuse us, madam, for looking so hard but we haven't seen a woman for four months, and we never thought one would come this far to see or help us."

Mrs. Porter said it was worth going twice the distance and enduring many times the discomforts to have the men so pleased to see her and so grateful for the little things that she could do for them. She is a firm believer in the theory that an ounce of pre-Mrs. Porter waxes enthusiastic over the | vention is worth a pound of cure. She attributes her good health and entire absence other regiments, to be expended for gin, it is a horrible dose to take, but certainly does good. Then, too, Mrs. Porter was careful never to enter any habitation except her tent. She believes most of the fevers were contracted by neglecting this

Red Cross Always on Hand.

"The Red Cross people have a way of getting right to the spot where they are needed and taking their stores along with them. You know, the Red Cross got food even into El Caney to the refugees before "Our or men suffered many times from

awful ht iger. I saw numbers of them who would walk way from Santiago into Siboney

ing near the shore when she saw Dr. Van- | cause he had never had his clothes off since dewater trudging along in the broiling sun, June 28, and then it was July 22. He had never had time to get them off, or others to

put on if they had come off. "Every man seemed to vie with his com-"I have walked five miles," said Dr. | rade in trying to do the most tolling and

Forewarned and Forearmed.

Mrs. Porter wished to send a telegram to get the things he wanted, and back and went to the army corps telegraphic through the hot sun he went, perfectly | headquarters, which were located in a pretty happy because he was carrying a little com- cottage. The officer in charge courteously