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Confederate ironclad ram Arkansas engages three Union vessels in the Yazoo River, forces them to withdraw, and then enters the Mississippi River, runs through the fire of the Union fleet, and takes refuge under the Vicksburg batteries.

Northern press questions statement made by Gen. R. E. Lee in a congratulatory message to his army that the Southerners captured 51 pieces of artillery in the Seven Days campaign.

Pope issues order for his army to subsist upon the country in which it operates.

Union cavalry expedition from Fredericksburg breaks the Virginia Central Railroad at Beaver Dam, Va., capturing there asleep on station platform a Confederate named John S. Mosby, the future "Gray Ghost."

Gen. Henry Halleck arrives at Washington to assume duties as general in chief of Union land forces.

Announcement is made that the Union Navy, consisting a year ago of 88 ships of war, now has 292.

Confederate Generals Jackson and Ewell are reported in the vicinity of Gordonsville, Va., with 30,000 troops.

A 32-PAGE BROCHURE on the part played by women in the Civil War will be prepared under the direction of the National Centennial Commission. It will be co-authored by Mrs. Sylvia G. L. Dannett of New York and Mrs. Katharine M. Jones of Greenville, S. C., both prominent authors. "American Women of the 1860's" is the title tentatively chosen for it.

These were among decisions reached at a conference of women leaders from widespread areas of the nation called at National Headquarters last week. The session lasted several hours, with the Commission represented by Congressman Fred Schwengel, vice chairman, and by James L. Robertson, Jr., executive director, and Edmund C. Gass, assistant director.

In addition to the brochure, expected to be published next year, it was also recommended that the part played by women of the Civil War period be told in a movie. This film would be distributed by the Commission to schools and interested groups throughout the nation.

It was further suggested that a day be set aside in the fall of 1963 as a sort of Women's Centennial Day and that programs on a local level be urged as a means of bringing proper recognition.

Efforts also will be made to uncover women's diaries and letters for preservation, as well as to have an exhibit on women of the war period arranged in some public museum in such a way as to place proper emphasis upon them and their activities. Anyone with further suggestions is asked to communicate with the Commission.

Women leaders present at the meeting were Mrs. Ann H. Atkins, Springfield, Ill.; Mrs. Robert Bachman, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Dannett; Miss Desiree L. Franklin, New York; Mrs. Anna Housman, Silver Spring, Md.; Mrs. Dallas D. Irvine, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Jones; Mrs. Margaret Leech Pulitzer, New York; Mrs. Marie Robinson, Lansing, Mich.; Miss India Thomas, Richmond, Va., and Mrs. Alice Ure, Wichita, Kan.
NEW JERSEY-VIRGINIA PROGRAM

The markers shown here, erected years ago in an obscure woods on the site of the battle of Chantilly, fought as an aftermath of the second battle of Manassas in 1862, will be rededicated in ceremonies arranged jointly by the New Jersey and Fairfax County (Va.) Centennial Commissions, with the cooperation of the Virginia Commission, September 1.

These markers recall the death during the Chantilly fighting of Union Generals Phil Kearny of New Jersey and Isaac I. Stevens of Massachusetts, both prominent officers and both killed while leading their men.

KARL S. BETTS, a veteran Civil War enthusiast and former executive director of the National Centennial Commission, died suddenly June 10 while representing Governor Tawes of Maryland at a commemorative church ceremony at Lutherville, Md. A twice-decorated officer in the Third Infantry Division in World War I, he was buried in Arlington Cemetery with military honors.

Native of Abilene, Kansas, and graduate of the University of Michigan, he was active in the advertising, public relations and investment banking fields, and was for years editor of National Aeronautics Magazine.

He was a founder and past president of the District of Columbia Civil War Round Table and in 1961 was awarded its Gold Medal award for furthering interest in the war. After heading the committee that sponsored legislation to create the National Centennial Commission, he served as its first executive director and organized the program under which the nation began its series of Centennial observances. Last fall he resigned from the directorship and since then had been in retirement.

THE LINCOLN DIPLOMA OF HONOR, a coveted award, recently was received by Dr. Justin G. Turner, chairman of the California Civil War Centennial Committee and a well-known collector and author in the field of Lincolniana, at the commencement exercises at Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tenn.

NORTH CAROLINA will observe Colonel William Lamb Day at Fort Fisher, where this officer served as commander until it fell in January, 1865, with a ceremony July 4 arranged to further the present restoration of the fortification. A band concert, shooting demonstrations, speeches, fireworks display, and barbecue supper will be included in the program, scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m. Contributors to the project will be presented at that time with bullets made from lead and medals made from tin recovered from the blockade runner Modern Greece that sank near the fort in June, 1862.

THE WARNER HOSPITAL AT GETTYSBURG recently was presented a 34-star flag by the Adams County (Pa.) Centennial Commission in memory of the field hospitals set up after the great battle fought there in 1863. On Oct. 14, the commission will join with the Chambersburg Centennial Commission in marking Jeb Stuart's raid into Pennsylvania during the fall of 1862.

RESERVATIONS FOR AN ASSEMBLY OF CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLES, to be held in conjunction with the Centennial observance of the battle of Antietam, will be accepted up to August 1. The host group, the Hagerstown Round Table, will attend to lodging, transportation and other accommodations for registrants.

GEN. JOSEPH KARGE, a Polish-American soldier-scholar who fled Prussian imprisonment to become one of New Jersey's most distinguished Civil War cavalry officers, will be memorialized in that state this month. Governor Richard J. Hughes has proclaimed July 4 Karge Memorial Day, and a program to pay tribute to the memory of the distinguished soldier has been arranged under the sponsorship of the Polish Legion of American Veterans, American Polish Civil War Centennial Committee and the New Jersey Centennial Commission.

ANNAFILIS, MD., will be the scene June 30-July 4 of a Centennial program arranged by the Tidewater counties of that state. Distinctive displays will be opened to the public without charge at several points throughout the city, including the Naval Academy. A cast of characters from Calvert County will give a portrayal at 8 p.m., July 1 at the State House of Chief Justice Roger Brooke Taney as he presided in the famous Civil War Trial "In Re Merryman," and a ceremony of flags and a fireworks display are scheduled for July 4.

WINCHESTER, VA., a town that saw much of the activity and fighting of the Civil War as it switched back and forth between sides numerous times, has taken steps to record the Confederate dead buried in its Stonewall Cemetery. A well-indexed booklet recently prepared by Lucy Fitzhugh Kurtz and Benny Ritter supplies a roster by states.