100 Years Ago: Battle of Nashville

The End Came On Shy's Hill

Granny White Pike, Harding Place Marks the Scene of Hood's Defeat

By HUGO WALKER

A HUNDRED YEARS ago the thunder of heavy guns shook homes around Nashville. Powder smoke curled around battle flags of the Blue and the Gray. The cries of wounded men, the harsh commands of officers and the pattering of small arms fire echoed off the hills.

The battle of Shy's Hill has come and gone, but to artists it is a memory as fresh as the day it was fought.

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The point two years that had been the scene of so much sacrifice. At the turn of the century the city and the state were awakening to the importance of their history. The Civil War had been fought and won, but its effects were still being felt.

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Within the City

Nashville, as it was once described, was a city of contrasts. On one hand, there was the hustle and bustle of business, with the sounds of horse-drawn carriages and the smell of food cooking in the streets.

It is still a city of contrasts, with the modern skyscrapers towering above the historic buildings.

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Federal troops charge up Shy's Hill and break the Confederate line to decide the Battle of Nashville.

What If the South Had Won at Nashville?

By STANLEY F. HORN

IT IS HARD to imagine anything more unpredictable and unpredictable than to speculate on the "if" of history. Sometimes, however, such speculations hold an irresistible fascination for those who enjoy studying the by-paths as well as the mainlines. Here are some of the dramatic possibilities:

N. B. Forrest in Chicago?

N. B. Forrest, the great Confederate general, might have been president of the United States.

What If the South had won the Civil War? Could the nation have held together? Would the South have had its chance at independence? These are questions that continue to spark debate among historians and buffs alike.

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