

St. Louis Civil War Roundtable November-December 2014

1. What railroad was referred to as “Mr. Lincoln’s Railroad”?

The Baltimore & Ohio RR

2. What two railroads crossed at Corinth, Mississippi and were the ultimate objective of Grant’s force encamped at Shiloh?

The Memphis & Charleston RR and the Mobile & Ohio RR

3. What was the use of a railroad “wye”?

It allowed a train to reverse direction without the use of a roundhouse.

4. What railroad ran south from St. Louis to Pilot Knob in the Arcadia Valley?

The St. Louis & Iron Mountain RR.

5. When the Jefferson Davis family was forced to leave their home in Richmond, Mrs Davis packed up all the childrens toys except one which she deliberately left. What was it?

A miniature cannon that their son Jeff Jr. would fire indiscriminately and scare the beegeebes out of Mrs Davis and the neighborhood. Little Jeff would acquire powder for his toy from cooperative Confederate soldiers and guards near their home and loudly blast away much to the displeasure of the household and neighbors.

6. What current professional sports teams have a name and logo that has Civil War connections?

The Columbus Blue Jackets’ logo has a blue kepi, jacket and cannons because Columbus, Ohio was a major supplier of Union uniforms throughout the war. The Calgary Flames were previously the Atlanta Flames with reference to the burning of Atlanta in 1864.

7. What distinction do Union chaplains Francis B. Hall, John M. Whitehead, James Hill, and Milton L. Haney have in common?

All were chaplains who were awarded the Medal of Honor in the Civil War. Haney was called the fighting Chaplain but he was not the only one. Some 97 Union chaplains carried weapons during the conflict.

8. What Union officer refused promotion to Brigadier General but served with distinction as head of the Bureau of Military Railroads from April 1862 to September 1863? His work impressed President Lincoln. He was famous for requiring and that rolling stock should be emptied and returned promptly to enable their rapid re-use as transport.

Col. Herman Haupt He was promoted to Brigadier based on three conditions he required. When the conditions were not acceptable to the War Department, the promotion was rescinded. The conditions were: formation of a Central Bureau of US Military RR’s, Difficulties with commanding generals be avoided and resolved via consultation, and The Chief of the Bureau be free to move to wherever his personal presence was required.

9. The town of Wadsworth, Ohio erected a monument to a civilian boy who carried water to thirsty soldiers in what unusual vessel?

A leaky boot. Apparently there are several other statues of this same boy in other places.

10. After the Battle of Fredericksburg the Army of Northern Virginia encamped for the winter and General “Stonewall Jackson” enjoyed the company of a new little friend during the holidays. Who was she?

5-yr old Janie Corbin, daughter of Richard and Roberta Corbin at their Moss Neck Plantation. She died of scarlet fever 17 March 63 and tough, cold “Old Jack” wept openly.