

## BENNET BURLEIGH DEAD.

**Veteran War Correspondent Served  
In Confederate Army in Civil War.**

LONDON, June 17.—Bennet Burleigh, one of the oldest and mostly widely known war correspondents, died today. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland, nearly seventy years ago. In 1882 he joined The London Daily Telegraph and remained with that paper until his death. He reported the Egyptian war and the various Sudan campaigns, the French annexation of Madagascar, the Ashanti war, the Spanish expedition in Morocco, the first Graeco-Turkish war, the Tripolitan war, the Transval war, the Somali war, the Russo-Japanese war, and the recent Balkan war. At one time Bennet Burleigh went into politics, and stood for a Scottish constituency.

Bennet Burleigh came to this country at the outbreak of the civil war and enlisted in the Confederate army. He became a Captain before the end of the war, and distinguished himself on many occasions. His escape from the Fort Delaware prison was characteristic. He had been sentenced to be shot and tore up the flooring boards and dropped into the sewer beneath his cell. He swam for five hours in the dark and landed at New Salem, N. J., without clothing. Another time he arranged a general delivery of Confederate prisoners from Johnson's Island in Lake Erie. With a few friends he captured a lake steamer and got the prisoners on board. The Union slop-of-war Michigan gave chase, and when the prisoners refused to fight their pursuers Burleigh escaped to the Canadian shore. A reward was offered for his capture and he was taken and charged with piracy. Owing to the international features of his case there was much discussion and controversy among the lawyers as to what should be done to him; whether to hang, imprison, or set him free. Ultimately the case came to the Supreme Court and Burleigh settled it by breaking jail and escaping to Canada.

After the war he went to Texas, began journalism, and shortly after joined the staff of The Central News. In 1884 he accompanied the Gordon Relief Expedition as representative of The Daily Telegraph. Mr. Burleigh wrote extensively, the best-known of his books being "Two Campaigns" and "The Empire of the East."

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