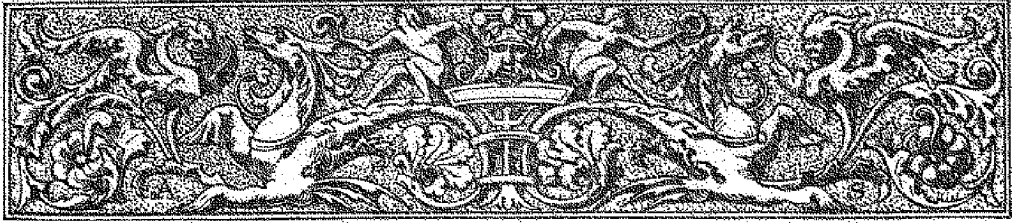


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SHERMAN'S MARCH TO THE SEA

(General Sherman Ravages Georgia "the Storehouse of the Confederacy")

WHEN, despite the defeats of 1863, the Confederacy persisted in its refusal to surrender to the Union, President Lincoln summoned General Grant to leave his command in the West and to take control of the main army of the nation in its attack upon Lee in Virginia. This left the command of the West to Grant's chief lieutenant, William T. Sherman. And Sherman, from the conquered West, began an advance eastward into the very heart of the Confederate territory. He swept aside all the forces which the despairing South could still muster against him, and in September of 1864 he reached and captured Atlanta, the capital of Georgia.

From here Sherman began his celebrated and daring "March to the Sea." His army was already so far from its source of supplies in the North, that he now abandoned all efforts to keep in connection with supplies. He resolved to live on the country and to lay it waste, destroying whatever stores he could not use, so that the Confederates could no longer count on this rich State of Georgia for any aid whatever. Thus the army of Sherman disappeared completely from the view of the North, traversed the entire width of Georgia, leaving nothing but a waste behind, and reached the seacoast at Savannah more than a month later. Freed negroes by thousands joined Sherman's line of march.

