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NEWSPAPER article about Paul Declouet and the peace jubilee held in Vicksburg, Miss.

"Major P. L. Declouet is enthused over the recent peace jubilee held in Vicksburg, Miss., Oct. 16-19 when the soldiers of the north and those of the south joined in having a reunion in the truest sense of the word. As Major Declouet said, "They called us 'Johnny Rebs' - and we called them 'Billy Yanks' - not like we did in the sixties - but in the spirit of good-natured comradeship."

The distinguished Confederate veteran said he met veterans he fought against in Virginia, at Shiloh and in the Trans-Mississippi Department. Major Declouet said it was a most harmonious gathering, not an unpleasant incident to mar the happiness of the veterans of both sides in the civil war. He said the attendance of northern men was approximately 10,000, while 7,000 came from the south. This was the same proportion of the fighting forces of both armies during the war between the north and the south.

Major Declouet takes much pride in showing a souvenir of the reunion. It is a replica of a canteen with the inscription: "Federal - Confederate Peace Jubilee, Vicksburg, Miss., Oct. 16-19, 1917."