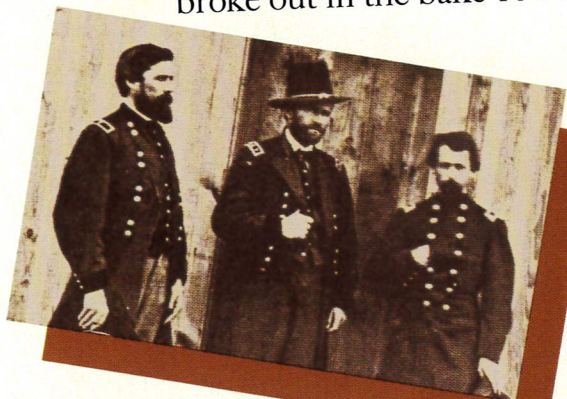


war the 21st Alabama Regiment was encamped near the hotel where normal business, of course, had been suspended for the duration.

The Point Clear Hotel reopened after the war, but on the night of July 4, 1869, a fire broke out in the bake-room



and, fanned by high winds, destroyed the kitchen and the main hotel building. All the guests escaped with their lives and their personal belongings and, no doubt, a sigh of relief that The Texas bar also survived the flames.

But lost, sadly, were the records of the Civil War soldiers who had been treated at the hotel-hospital, including the identities of the more than 300 who died and are buried in a small plot near what is now the eighteenth tee of the Azalea Golf Course.

### **The Grand is Born.**

The Point Clear resort continued to operate after the 1869 fire until taken in hand by a well-known Mobile Bay steamboat master, Captain H. C.

