

GEN. CHAFFEE

Something About the American Officer Who Wrote the Field Marshal Von Waldersee.

"That letter in which Gen. Chaffee called down Field Marshal Count von Waldersee for German looting must have been an amusing document," said an ex-officer of volunteers, according to the New Orleans Times-Democrat.

"During the engagement at El Caney Chaffee was in command of a brigade in Lawton's division, and on the morning of July 1, when the fighting began, he was saddled with 300 or 400 of our Cuban allies.

"During the heat of the general engagement the allies were forgotten, but early in the afternoon there was a lull in the action, and while Chaffee was consulting with some of his regimental officers a Cuban aid came rushing up and reported that the native division was out of ammunition.

WHY HE PAINTS HIS FACE.

Reasons for a Time-Honored Custom That is Prevalent Among the Indians.

Every paint mark on the Indian face is a sign with a definite meaning which other Indians may read. When an Indian puts on his full war paint he decks himself not only with his own individual honors and distinctions won by his own bravery, but also with the special honors of his family or tribe.

Very peculiar are some of the honorable symbols painted on the Indians' faces. There are fish, flesh and fowl of all kinds—dog, salmon, devilfish, starfish, woodpecker, eagles, ravens, swallows, bears, sea lions and sea monsters, mosquitoes, frogs, mountain goats, and all manner of foot, claw or beak marks—each with a special meaning of its own.

First Convict—Did the new arrival explain how he looted the 'Steenth national'?

Second Convict—Oh, yes! It is plain that the art of eliminating a bank's surplus has made great strides since we were in the business.—Puck.

A Common Observation. What a failure most of us make of life.—Atchison Globe.

EDITING MANUSCRIPTS.

Ludicrous Blunders Are Sometimes Made by the Most Experienced Authors.

"Most authors are furious at the bare suggestion of 'editing' their manuscripts," said a man who used to be a reader in a big publishing house relates the New Orleans Times-Democrat, "but you would be surprised at the ludicrous blunders made by the best of them.

"Another writer, for whom we got out a story, made one of his characters 'empty his revolver' at a retreating burglar, and a moment later 'sent two bullets crashing through a window' to show a rival how quick he was on the trigger.

"It is a common thing for writers to locate well-known streets, parks, art galleries and monuments in the wrong cities, and they make the sun rise and set at all the points of the compass.

NOVEL REMEDY FOR OBESITY.

Practice Climbing Stairs and Your Surplus Fat Will Be Quickly Taken Off.

Not so very long ago a Philadelphia inquirer man got off at the twelfth floor of a big office building instead of the eleventh, as he had intended.

"Makes you blow to climb a flight of stairs, doesn't it?" remarked the reporter.

"Climb a flight of stairs?" disdainfully rejoined he of the 300 pounds between puffs. "Why, young man, I've just climbed 11 flights and I'm going to do another."

"Mean to say you've walked all the way up here?"

"That's just what I mean. Elevators are running, too."

"I know that. Came up in one myself a few minutes ago. But how on earth do you account for doing all this climbing? You don't look crazy."

"Well, it was in spite of everything I could do to stop the accumulation of tissue. I was afraid I would soon do for the fat-boy act in a side show until one of my friends bet me a bottle of—of ginger ale that I couldn't climb three flights of stairs in this building.

In Trouble. Mrs. Turtle-dove—Do you know, dear, I'm afraid Harry does not love me the way he used to.

Mrs. Kismee—You do not mean to say he is cross to you.

No; but he says that he is hankering for a square meal; that he'll starve to death if he does not get away from a chafing dish diet before long.

The Experience of Fathers. It is the experience of fathers that they get more enjoyment out of daughters who are not the popular craze with young men.—Atchison Globe.

EYES ON GERMANY.

Hastening the Completion of Her Navy by Emperor's Order.

Battleships and Cruisers to Be Ready Ten Years Sooner Than Originally Planned—Possibility of War with United States.

Germany has so laid out the work in connection with the naval ship-building programme adopted in 1899 that, instead of being completed in 1916, as originally contemplated, says the Washington correspondent of the New York Herald, all the ships will be ready for service by 1906.

This important information has been received by the navy department and has been given consideration by the Dewey policy board. The programme now being carried out will add to the German navy 34 battleships, 20 large cruisers and 45 small cruisers, all thoroughly modern.

The haste being observed by the German emperor in the construction of his new navy is directly traceable, of course, to his desire to provide his government with a navy which shall properly protect its interests.

No one here expects hostilities with Germany or any other nation, and the president is doing everything in his power to foster friendly relations. There is no doubt that he and other administration officials sincerely regret the course Germany has pursued in the Chinese negotiations.

The Berlin government has recently shown a willingness to make a solution of the Chinese problem more probable, and this change of attitude is a matter of much gratification in official circles here.

At the same time this government understands the necessity of being prepared, and will probably urge congress to continue the policy of increasing the navy.

TURK IS HAZED.

Students at Philadelphia School Take Mustache Off a Companion—International Row Probable.

It is possible that the loss of a mustache, which adorned the lip of John Loutifian, a student at the Medico-Chirurgical college, Philadelphia, may lead to the demand for an investigation of college hazing by the Turkish minister.

Loutifian is a Turk, and it is said he was sent to Philadelphia by order of the sultan. He is a great big man, and, in addition to fondling the slight growth of hair on his upper lip over-much, he treated his classmates rather disdainfully.

This enraged Loutifian more and he went with the bill to Dean Egbert and then to the superintendent of police, lodging a complaint with each.

Later he announced that he would acquaint the Turkish minister with the fact and ask that the hazers be punished for the indignities to which he had been subjected.

RARE SPECIMEN IS CAUGHT.

A Member of the Periophthalmus Family Is Taken in Florida.

Something new in the way of Florida fishes or reptiles was caught by Alfred Lucas while seining in Nassau sound, near Fernandina, the other night. It was a fine specimen of the periophthalmus family, a species that are supposed to be confined strictly to the African waters.

This specimen is a fine one; it has arms and elbow, with wrist, and a five-fingered hand, like its African cousin. It is also fitted with members under its chest, with membranous feet for walking—these feet having separate and distinct toes.

The fish has been preserved in alcohol and photos sent to the Smithsonian institution at Washington for examination.

Population of Russia. The last census of Russia gives the population at 136,000,000. This is a gain of 71 per cent. since 1790. A good part of the growth has been by annexation.

WILL REIGN LIKE A QUEEN.

Former Baltimore Girl as Wife of the Governor of German East Africa.

The proposal of the imperial government of Germany to make Count von Goetzen the governor of German East Africa will place a one-time Baltimore girl on a high social plane.

At the time Mrs. Lay met Count von Goetzen he was military attaché to the German embassy and was a guest with her at a New Year's dinner given by Senator and Mrs. Calvin S. Brice.

The count and countess took a wedding trip to California and upon their return to Washington Count von Goetzen was recalled to Berlin by his government.

A Cure for Deformities. Austrian Surgeon Reports a Discovery Which is Considered of Great Merit.

Prof. Robert Gersuny, one of the most eminent surgeons of Austria, reports an important discovery which he has just made.

The mixture is injected beneath the epidermis at a temperature of 104 degrees. It hardens quickly and remains in position without the possibility of shifting.

TO INVESTIGATE MIRAGE.

Scientists Will Try to Locate the Original of the "Silent City" of Alaska.

Plans are being made for a party of scientists to leave Victoria, B. C., in June for the big glacier on Mount Fairweather, where the "silent city of Alaska" is seen every year about that time.

The mirage, which stretches for a distance of five miles across the great glacier, is said to be a representation of the town of Bristol, England, and in order to investigate this the expedition will note the time and weather when their observations are made.

When the duke of the Abruzzi climbed Mount St. Elias four years ago he made a pen and ink sketch of the "silent city."

Wants More Settlers. A body of capitalists has contracted with the Ontario government under heavy bonds to place in Algoma, western Ontario, 500 settlers per month for five years.

Miss Hubbell—No, we do not call our parrot "Polly," it is such an exceedingly common name. He is known as Waldo Emerson.

Mrs. Bayback—How appropriate! Pretty Waldo Emerson! Waldo Emerson want a cracker?—Philadelphia Bulletin.

BEAUTY AND POPULARITY.

Something About the Relation of One to the Other in the Gentler Sex.

Pretty women are not always popular. Indeed, the rule is that the pretty woman has hosts of enemies not only among those of her own but the opposite sex.

"I asked a married woman next, the wife of a professor of mathematics. She considered the question for a while in silence, and then answered: 'With men, yes; but with her own sex, no. They are very curious in that way,' she continued; 'women. Now, with me it is different. I like a pretty woman, and, generally speaking, they are nicer. A plain woman is generally a bit warped in her mind.'

"Going up the scale of age, I next cornered a widow. Said she: 'I think such discussions do harm. They lead silly women to believe that the only thing to be considered is personal appearance. I am convinced that in reality it plays a much smaller part than we imagine. I always think of what poor, dear James said to me only a day or two before the accident. I remember the occasion very well. We were sitting on the balcony of the hotel overlooking the bay; it was a moonlight night. 'Tell me, James,' I said, 'do men marry merely for beauty?' 'Often,' he answered, 'and live to regret it.' 'And have you regretted it, James?' I asked. 'No, indeed,' he answered, 'never. But if beauty had been your only charm I might have. Your face attracted me, I admit; it is your mind and heart that have held me.' These are the most important things," continued my widow friend—"mind and heart."

It is believed possible that this injection may also prove of great use in cases of muscular constriction, but experiments in this direction are not complete.

Prof. Gersuny declines to allow the discovery to benefit him financially, declaring that he values it purely from the medical and scientific standpoint.

AN UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCE.

Victor Emmanuel's Great Strength Extricated Him from Trouble.

Even monarchs are sometimes infected with too great curiosity and get into trouble in consequence. King Victor Emmanuel, grandfather of the present ruler of Italy, once allowed this weakness to get the better of him.

Some years ago he was visiting the Naples museum and stopped before a case of magnificent armor, for which he has a great weakness, as had his grandfather before him.

One of the suite then laughingly related that once he was in the museum with Victor Emmanuel II, who stopped before that very armor and admired the helmet in the hands of the king.

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SICILY'S TUNNY FISHERY.

How the Big Fish Are Caught and Kept Captive Till the Canniers Are Ready.

The Favignana tunaeries are formed of two long arms of net moored on shore; the one to the west, consisting of a "coda" or tail, is formed of a net which, starting from the shore in a northerly direction for about 2,500 meters, joins the so-called "tunny island," where the actual capture of the fish takes place.

The nets are from 30 to 40 meters high, according to the depth of the water, and they are held in position by a special system of mooring lines.

A large hawser, called a "sommo," kept afloat by bundles of cork, is maintained in position by anchors placed at stated intervals; to this hawser the net is attached by means of vertical lines, called "modellari," and the whole kept in a vertical position by another hawser at the bottom, called the "plombo," which is weighted with large pieces of stone.

The tunny coming from the west meet the so-called "coda alta," or "coda," and are guided by these nets until they strike against the "coda," skirting which they enter into the tunneries proper, which is divided into several chambers, both on the east and west sides, each having a special name; these chambers are closed or opened by raising or lowering net coverings to apertures in their sides.

Boats are constantly on the watch to give prompt notice of the entrance of any tunny, and when these are passing the watchmen open the apertures of the various chambers one by one and thus inclose the fish in the inner chambers, and in like manner finally oblige them to enter the last, the chamber of death, or "coppo," as it is called at Favignana.

The fish often enter the preliminary chambers at night unknown to the watchers by simply going through the meshes of the netting, as they are attracted by the others already inside, and once together they rarely come out again, as May and June is the breeding season, and they willingly remain inclosed within narrow limits.

Once the fish are gathered in the penultimate chamber, everything is got ready for the "mattanza," or haul a pontoon or barge the length of the western side of the "coppo" is brought over and closes that side of the chamber by drawing the top of the net over the gunwale, and the side are also similarly closed by a number of smaller boats, thus forming a rectangle; when this is done the fish are allowed to pass into the final chamber, and another pontoon take up a position on the eastern side parallel to and opposite the former one; in this latter pontoon are all the men who haul up the net, thus obliging the fish to go toward the western or thicker and stronger part of the net, which is allowed to pass over the pontoon as it is hauled along, and finally falls back to its original position astern of the eastern barge.

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