

Retired Army Officer Dies of Pneumonia in California.

COMMANDED TROOPS IN CUBA

Bakersfield, Ca., Nov. 13. — Major General William Rufus Shafter, U. S. A., retired, died at the ranch of Captain W. H. McKittrick, his son-in-law, 20 miles south of this city, after an illness of seven days, despite the best medical attention available in California.

Captain and Mrs. Kittrick, the general's son-in-law and daughter; Miss



GENERAL W. R. SHAFTER.

Edmunds, a niece, and Captain James N. Shafter, a brother, were at the bedside when he died.

Sketch of Major General W. R. Shafter.

The son of a pioneer farmer, Major General William R. Shafter was born in Galesburg, Mich., October 16, 1835. With scant educational opportunities, he toiled on his father's farm until he attained his majority. By that time he had saved sufficient money to carry him through the winter term at the Prairie seminary. He returned to agricultural pursuits, but the monotony of a farmer's life was irksome to his ambitious spirit, and the outbreak of the civil war found him ready and eager to become a soldier.

At the first opportunity that presented Shafter tendered his services as a private. He was commissioned first lieutenant in Company I of the Seventh Michigan Infantry. He was mustered into service a few days after the repulse of the Federal troops at Bull Run, and from that time until his retirement, July 1, 1901, he was in the military service of the United States.

In the summer of 1862 the 19th Michigan Regiment was organized and Shafter was assigned to it, with the rank of major. The regiment joined the western army, and for a year or more saw a great deal of hard service in Kentucky and Tennessee. Together with other Federal officers, he was captured by the Confederates, but his gallantry in battle had been so conspicuous that his captors allowed him to retain his horse and side arms. He was a prisoner of war for three months and was exchanged in May, 1863.

On May 3, 1897, Colonel Shafter was promoted to be brigadier general of the United States army, and was assigned to the command of the Department of the Columbia. Soon afterward he was transferred to the Department of California, becoming the department commander at the same station where he had for so many years been post commandant.

With the development of plans for the invasion of Cuba, after the war with Spain began in 1898, the president and secretary of war began to look about for suitable leaders. Prominent among the eligibles was General Shafter. President McKinley made him a major general of volunteers on May 4, 1898, and he was assigned to command the troops in the Santiago campaign.

Shafter was put in command, and he conducted the Santiago campaign in an original and peculiar style. He is a big man and has long been afflicted with the gout, and he ordered the advance on Santiago while lying at ease in a transport off the landing place, far from the enemy's guns. According to the accounts of President Roosevelt and others present in the field, he ordered the men to march through the chaparral under the murderous fire of the Spaniards, and but for the good judgment of the officers in command our army would have suffered ignominious defeat and terrible loss of life. They concluded to ignore Shafter's orders and proceeded on their own plans, preventing further serious loss and gaining such advantages that the Spaniards, under General Toral, were forced to surrender.

At the close of the war General Shafter was congratulated by President McKinley, and was sent to the Presidio as commander of the Department of California, and to superintend the dispatch of troops to Manila.

October, 1899, General Shafter went on the retired list of the regular army, having reached the prescribed age of 64 years. He, however, remained in command of the Department of the Pacific until July 1, 1901, when enlistment of Spanish war volunteers expired. He retired with the rank of major general.

Killed in Football Scrimmage. Great Falls, Mont., Nov. 12.—In a football game at Fort Shaw between the Great Falls team and the Fort Shaw Indian team James Curtis, full-back for the Great Falls team, was killed in a scrimmage, internal injuries bringing about death. Curtis was 25 years old and a native of Syracuse, N. Y., where his parents live.

THE TAIL OF A COMET.

Its Ever Changing Mass and Why It Flees From the Sun.

The tail of a comet is not formed of the same particles which composed it yesterday or even an hour or a moment ago. It is constantly being renewed at the expense of the nucleus. As the long stream of black smoke from the neighboring factory or mill is being continually renewed by fresh particles of carbon released by the combustion going on in the furnace below, so is the wonderful luminous train of cometary bodies being constantly replenished by particles flying from or rather driven from the nucleus by the intense heat of the sun.

Then, again, how infinitely small and how intensely luminous must these particles that go to make up the tail of a comet be! This thought is suggested by the fact that it has been proved that in some cases the nucleus of comets which are only a few hundred miles in diameter will have enormous fanlike tails stretching across space for a distance exceeding 200,000,000 miles and having a bulk exceeding that of the sun by more than 10,000 times! Professor E. E. Barnard beautifully illustrates the formation of a comet's tail by "supposing" thus: "Suppose, for example, that the nucleus of a comet is composed of ice. Then suppose the heat of the sun to be so intense as to rapidly melt that portion of the ice globe exposed to the action of its rays, which are strong enough to immediately convert it into vapor, which ascends toward the sun.

"Imagine now a fierce wind blowing out from the sun, causing the vapor which meets it to be whirled out into space behind the comet. This will clearly illustrate the theory of the formation of a comet's tail, only that the nucleus of the comet is not ice and the vapor is not water vapor, neither is the force which drives it away from the sun a fierce wind."

The unknown force hinted at by the astronomer above quoted readily explains why a comet's tail, as a rule, points in an opposite direction to the sun. The Russian astronomer Bredichen distinguishes three different types of cometary tails—those composed of particles having the specific gravity of hydrogen, those having the specific gravity of hydrocarbon gas and a third class having all the peculiarities of an equal mixture of hydrogen and iron vapor.

Sleeping With Open Eyes. All fishes which sleep do so with their eyes open, as they are not provided with eyelids and cannot therefore close their eyes. From experiments made it was discovered that some fishes have no preference for the nighttime, but sleep equally well during the day. They may be observed resting quite motionless for periods, apparently in sleep, except that, having no eyelids, they are unable to close their eyes or exclude all influence from without. The hare also sleeps with its eyes open, for the simple reason that its eyes are unprovided with eyelids. Instead of these there is a thin membrane which covers the eye when asleep. This membrane, as in the case of certain birds, folds like a curtain in the corner of the eye and by an instantaneous action flies back when sight is required, leaving the eye immediately and fully open for the exercise of sight. Some birds, such as the eagle, also have this membrane, which, when at rest, lies in the corner of the eye, folded up like a drawn curtain.

Blistered Linen. To prevent blistering in linen, which is almost always due to bad starching, but occasionally to ironing the articles when too wet, each article must be well starched through, and when about to iron it it must be dampened evenly, but not wet. Use a hot iron. Collars and cuffs that have to be turned down should be fixed in the proper shape immediately after each one is ironed, for then the starch is still flexible.

Orange Salad. Sour oranges may be utilized in a delicious salad. Slice the oranges not too thin and remove the skin, leaving the pulp in small triangular pieces. Serve on lettuce or crisp water cress, with French dressing or white mayonnaise. The little oranges called cumquats are very good indeed served in exactly the same way. Blanched English walnuts combined with such salads are a great addition.

Keeping Your Figure. Always carry the chest further in front of you than any other part of you, certainly than the part below the waist, but draw this latter part up and up many times a day, especially if you are inclined to get fat there, and nothing destroys a figure more than this, which has been described as "the middle aged spread."

Library Books. Did you ever think of the danger that may come through the innocent habit of reading library books? They are universal property, and the hand that has turned the leaves just before you may be a vehicle for contamination of any kind. Inhale a disinfectant and expose the books to one before use.

Perpetuating the Species. There is a stringent law in Japan that when one camphor laurel is cut down, another must be planted in its place. The tree is hardy and long lived, attainable, to an enormous size. It is covered with a small leaf of a vivid green color. The seed, or berries, grow in clusters, resembling the black currant in size and appearance. And the wood is employed for every purpose, from cabinetmaking to shipbuilding.

He Guessed Right. "Ah, me," exclaimed Mrs. Nagget, "my shopping was most unsatisfactory today!" "Huh," grunted Nagget; "trying to get something for nothing, I suppose!" "Yes, dear. I was after a birthday gift for you."—Philadelphia Press.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED

Wednesday, November 7. The Reading Iron company, at Reading, Pa., will increase the wages of its 3000 men.

William McGraw, 69 years old, dropped dead on Tuesday at Hollidaysburg, Pa., just after he had voted.

A 30-foot flywheel, weighing 80 tons, of the Whitaker iron works, at Wheeling, W. Va., burst, wrecking the building.

In a collision at Hightstown, N. J., two locomotives on the Pennsylvania Railroad were badly damaged and two trainmen injured.

Thursday, November 8. John D. Rockefeller has given close to \$2,000,000 to Chicago University this year.

Henry Faltermayer was struck and instantly killed by an electric train on the Pennsylvania railroad at Glassboro, N. J.

While despondent over financial losses, due to the election, S. Henry McCabe, of Philadelphia, shot and killed himself.

Samuel Strother, formerly assistant prosecuting attorney of Kansas City, Mo., was arrested on the charge of trying to bribe voters.

The four-story brick building of the Harvest King Distilling company at Kansas City, Mo., was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$400,000.

Friday, November 9. Mrs. Mary Brown died in Philadelphia of acute heart disease brought on by taking a headache powder.

In a tenement house fire in New York Mrs. James Ryan and John McQuire, 11 years old, were fatally burned.

A powder magazine of the Dupont company, at Tinley Park, near Chicago, exploded, killing one man and doing great damage to property.

The department of justice at Washington has issued instructions to S. J. Lehman, special counsel, to begin proceedings against the person or persons believed to be implicated in the recent embezzlement of \$61,500 from the treasury at St. Louis.

Saturday, November 10. Goat skins to the value of \$32,000,000 were imported into the United States during the fiscal year 1906.

The Aero Club of America will hold next year's balloon race for the James Gordon Bennett cup at St. Louis.

The Standard Oil company granted a 5 and 10 per cent. advance in wages to all employees of the refining branch.

Mrs. William Rush, 30 years old, was asphyxiated in bed at her home at Martin's Creek, Pa., by coal gas from the kitchen range.

Jacob Hauser, Sr., father of Jacob Hauser, Jr., who was hanged last February at Johnstown, Pa., for wife murder, committed suicide from worry over his son's fate.

Monday, November 12. Miners John Zonosky and Joe Zolsky were killed by falling rock in a Mayfield, Pa., mine.

A board flew from a machine saw at Lewistown, Pa., and stabbed J. M. Mowery in the abdomen.

The Illinois Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, has ordered the immediate construction of a \$150,000 home at DeFrancis A. Wesley, of New Smithville, stored and marketed 796 bushels of apples, the largest crop so far raised in Lehigh county, Pa.

Brigadier General Funston has left Kansas City for St. Louis to take command of the division of the southwest, captor for old persons and orphans.

Three electricians were struck and killed by a train while making electrical connections on the third rail of the New York Central railroad in New York city.

Tuesday, November 13. All the building contractors of Mobile, Ala., have declared for the open shop basis.

William Auth, of Newark, N. J., shot and killed herself in Central Park, New York, while suffering from ill health.

Bert Seely, who was under suspicion of murder at Owosso, Mich., was found dead in bed, and beside him was his young wife, also dead.

A Michigan Central railroad engine ran away in Detroit, Mich., and crashed into the depot, killing one person and injuring several others.

The United States supreme court will take a recess from Monday, November 19, to Monday, December 3, over the Thanksgiving holidays.

PRODUCE QUOTATIONS

The Latest Closing Prices in the Principal Markets.

PHILADELPHIA — FLOUR firm; winter extras, \$2.80@3; Penna. roller, clear, \$3.05@3.20; city mills, fancy, \$4.40@4.65. RYE FLOUR firm; per bbl., \$3.60. WHEAT firm; No. 2 Penna. red, 74 1/2c. CORN firm; No. 2 yellow, local, 55 1/2c. OATS steady; No. 2 white, clipped, 39 1/2c.; lower grades, 35c. HAY firm; No. 1 Timothy, \$17@17.50. PORK steady; family, \$19.50. BEEF steady; beef hams, \$19. Live firm; hens, 14@14 1/2c.; old roosters, 10c. Dressed steady; choice fowls, 15c.; old roosters, 10c. BUTTER firm; creamery extra, 30c. EGGS steady; selected, 33@35c.; nearby, 31c.; western, 31c.; southern, 28@30c. POTATOES steady; 70@75c. per bush.

BALTIMORE—WHEAT steady; No. 2 spot, 73 1/2c.; steamer No. 2 spot, 65 1/2c.; southern, 63 1/2c. CORN steady; mixed spot, 49 1/2c.; steamer mixed, 47 1/2c.; southern, 48c. OATS firm; white, No. 2, 39 1/2@40c.; No. 3, 38@39c.; No. 4, 35@35 1/2c.; mixed, No. 2, 38@39 1/2c.; No. 3, 37@37 1/2c.; No. 4, 34 1/2@35c. BUTTER steady; creamery separator extras, 27@27 1/2c.; held, 26@26 1/2c.; prints, 27@28c. Maryland and Penna. dairy prints, 17@18c. EGGS steady; fancy Maryland and Penna., 29c.; Virginia, 28c.; West Virginia, 28c.; southern, 26@27c.

Live Stock Markets. PITTSBURGH (Union Stock Yards)—CATTLE fair; choice, \$5.75@6; primo, \$5.40@5.75. SHEEP steady; prime wethers, \$5.60@5.75; culls and common, \$2.50@3.50; lambs, \$5@7.25; veal calves, \$3@3.25. HOGS fair; primo heavies, \$6.55; mediums, yorkers and pigs, \$6.45@6.50; roughs, \$5@5.85.

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One Sure Method. There is a story of a medical student before a board of examiners to whom the question was put again and again of how he would produce perspiration in a patient. He proposed all sorts of things, to which one importunate examiner always replied: "Well, and if that would not do?" At last the poor young man, driven to his wits' end, exclaimed, "I would send him before this board to be examined, and I warrant that would make him perspire." Coal and Wood. All pain must be to teach some good to the end.—Browning.

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