

MAJOR GENERAL WOOD.

His Rapid Rise in the Army and Brave Record.
Major General Leonard Wood, who has been criticised on account of the attack upon the Moros in the battle of Mount Dajo, has had a remarkable career, and his rapid promotion in the army has made for him many enemies. His advancement to the rank of brigadier general in the regular army by President McKinley aroused much criticism, and when President Roosevelt advanced him to the major general's rank the hostile comments broke out afresh. General Wood is not a graduate of West Point and was a surgeon in the army at the beginning of the



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Spanish war, when he organized and assumed command of the famous regiment of rough riders in which President Roosevelt was lieutenant colonel. General Wood holds a congressional medal of honor which was awarded him for bravery in a campaign against Apaches. His career is a notable illustration of the pranks of fortune. An old friend of General Wood once said: "Some time in the fall of 1897-I don't recall the exact date-I received a letter from General Wood. He wound up by saying that he was thinking strongly of making a trip into the Klondike country, which was then the sensation of the hour. The exact wording escapes me, but the inference was that the future looked rather blank-in short, that he would have to do something then, if ever, and the Klondike seemed to offer a chance. In less than four months after getting this dependent letter the Maine was destroyed, and the circumstances were in motion that were destined to put a general's stars on the doc's shoulder straps, and sunset him with glory. If he had made the necessary arrangements in 1897 I dare say he would be sitting today in a miner's cabin."

OFFICER AND HEIRESS.

Romance of Lieutenant Scharrar and His Young Bride.

Love, bravery and beer formed a most unusual combination in the case of the beautiful Miss Wilhelmina Busch and the gallant Lieutenant Edward F. Scharrar. The lieutenant is an officer of the German army. The girl with whom he fell in love is the daughter of the millionaire brewer, Adolphus Busch of St. Louis. He was an ardent wooer and it is said had proposed several times previous to the memorable day on which he took the brewer's daughter on a ride to Belleville, a suburb of St. Louis. She had not said "yes" before, but on this day he was particularly ardent and suggested marriage on the spot. They went to a hotel, and the would be bridegroom wrote on the register "Mr. and Mrs. Eduard Scharrar." How-



MRS. EDUARD F. SCHARRAR.

ever, no marriage took place at that time. While he was trying to arrange for one the young lady in the case called up her father by telephone, and he put in a protest, as the result of which they both returned to St. Louis without being married. Then the daughter was packed off in haste to the California home of the family at Pasadena. There followed a race across half the continent between the lieutenant and the more or less perturbed parent. Papa Busch took a special train, but the young officer got there first and persuaded the fair Wilhelmina to permit a second attempt at matrimony to be made. The marriage was duly solemnized.

AN UNUSUAL CASE.

Mme. Schumann-Heink and Her Success in German Courts.

A curious controversy arose not long ago as a result of the efforts of Mme. Schumann-Heink, the great contralto singer, to assemble all her children about her in the United States. It is unusual for a prima donna to have a large family of children, but Mme. Schumann-Heink has nine, and she once said, "I have a new note in my voice with each new baby." The famous German contralto liked the United States so much that she decided to make her home here and take out citizenship papers. Some two years ago her husband, who was a noted German music teacher and conductor, died, and



MME. SCHUMANN-HEINK.

In May last she married her secretary, William Rapp, an American. When the prima donna undertook to bring her elder sons from Germany and to obtain the estate left by her husband she encountered difficulties. Her sons were detained on the ground that they were liable to military service. She appealed to the American state department for assistance, urging that, having taken steps to become naturalized here and having married an American, she was entitled to bring her sons to this country with her. The courts of Saxony have now ruled in her favor on this question and have also awarded her husband's fortune to her on the ground that she earned it.

AMERICAN SKEE RACING.

The Great Scandinavian Sport Is Becoming Popular Here.

Skee racing is a great sport in Norway and Sweden, and its popularity is on the increase in America. There are skee clubs in many cities, and last year a national association was formed. Ishpeming, Mich., has a strong club, and it was through its enterprise that



A FAIR SKEE RACER.

Ishpeming was chosen as the meeting place of the association this year. The president of the national organization, Carl Tellefsen, is an expert rider, who won fame for his prowess in skee races in his native Norway. The Ishpeming club holds the American championship for the longest standing jump, 112 feet 6 inches. President Roosevelt, who has encouraged so many sports, is interested in this, and one of his close personal friends, John C. Greenway, is a member of the Ishpeming club and a daring rider.

In Scandinavian countries the skee races have a very prominent part in national life. The use of the skee in winter is general, and it is often a very convenient means of fast travel. Women as well as men are expert in its use. The soldiers of Norway and of Sweden are trained to march on skees, and more than once in history the skee has aided Scandinavian warriors either in attack or in retreat in outrunning their enemies.

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