

ONE MAN WHO HAS ESCAPED CRITICISM

CAREER AND METHODS OF LEONARD WOOD.

Won His Spurs, It Is Said, by Knocking Down General Miles. Trained in Warfare on the Western Plains—The Most Popular Man in Cuba.

From the Washington Star. No soldier who ever served the United States has risen to fame and earned its rewards more rapidly than General Leonard Wood, the new military governor of Cuba. It is the sort of success that may well be called dazzling. Although barely past thirty years of age, Wood is a military general, occupying the most important post, with one exception, in the gift of the War Department. Less than two years ago he was a plain assistant army surgeon with the rank of captain. He came to Cuba in 1898, he was absolutely unknown outside of his circle of friends in the army and in Washington.

His brilliant dash at Las Guasimas made him a brigadier general, and the flight of San Juan hill, in which he commanded a brigade, brought him the governorship of the city of Santiago. Here his remarkable activities in the quelling of riots, the feeding of thousands of starving Cubans, in street cleaning, in fumigating, in battling with disease, made his fame even in Great Britain and brought him the governorship of the entire province of Santiago, together with an appointment of a major general, which he held until the army was reorganized, when he became a brigadier general. And only the other day he was again made a major general and assigned to the chair in which Wood sat so long at the palace in Havana. This career is all the more remarkable because Wood started as a private soldier in the active line of service. Only a few medical officers ever have reached high places in the line, and not one ever before became a major general. Brigadier General A. J. Myer, once chief of the signal service, rose to the medical service as did General S. W. Crawford and General Thomas Lawson—and there the list ends, so far as generals are concerned.

IN A HARD SCHOOL.

Wood received his military training in the hardest school of the service—the Indian country of the far southwest. Years before the rough riders were thought of Wood was a scout in the art of rough riding.

It was he who, with Captain Lawton of the Fourth Cavalry, who as a major general was recently killed in the Philippines, brought in Geronimo, the Apache, at the end of one of the most difficult Indian expeditions that ever fell to the lot of the American soldier. The hardships of this pursuit, which reached many hundred miles into the mountains of Old Mexico, can hardly be overestimated. Wood, although not then regularly an officer in the army, being only a contract surgeon, commanded the infantry of the expedition, as well as, at times, the Indian scouts. No notable were his achievements, which Congress presented him with a medal for distinguished services. It was this training in this Indian campaign that led to the victory in the jungles of Cuba and placed Wood in a position to acquire further distinction as soon as opportunity should offer.

Although Wood possesses rare talent in his chosen profession of medicine, having been graduated with honors from the Harvard Medical School, and later serving as official physician to President Cleveland and to President McKinley, he is by nature a fighter, and it has been his ambition from his earliest days to find a place in the active line of the service.

HOW HE WON MILES' FAVOR.

Curiously enough, he won favor with the commanding general of his department, now Major General Miles, by knocking him down. It was this way: When young Wood entered the army he was as strong as an ox and he possessed the endurance of a Sioux Indian. He was then, as he is today, immensely powerful of shoulders and arms, with a short, thick neck and sturdy legs. From his boyhood he had practiced running and walking, and during his school career at Boston he had practiced boxing until he had become proficient in the art. Boxing was a favorite sport at the headquarters of the department of California, and Miles was proud of his boxing. At first the young surgeon, who was by nature shy, fervent and low voiced, took to heart in the sport. One night, however, Miles invited him to come up, assuring him that he (Miles) was a hard hitter, but that he would take into consideration the opponent's youth, and so on, and so on. If there is one thing that Wood has stressed up Wood's boxing blood it was just such a remark. As the story is now told, the sparring was fast and furious, and resulted in General Miles getting much the worst of it. But Miles was then, as he is now, very much of a soldier, with a keen admiration for the qualities of grit and determination, even if he suffered by those qualities, and Wood became his warm personal friend as well as physician.

DIRECT AND HONEST.

By nature General Wood is "fearfully direct" in the opinion of one of his friends. He is direct, and honest, like Roosevelt, and yet there never was a man who learned the difficult lesson of tactfulness more thoroughly. Not long ago a New York newspaper commented on the fact that there were only two men of

prominence who came out of the war wholly without unfavorable criticism—Brewer and Wood. When Wood was appointed military general last month he was confirmed by congress without a dissenting voice.

Wood ruled with the power of a czar in Santiago, and yet he is probably the most popular man in Cuba, with Cubans as well as with foreigners. His appointment as military governor was received with enthusiasm by every paper of prominence in the island. This was due to Wood's quality of tactfulness, which, it seems, came to him with his medical training. A doctor must know how to manage people. There are any number of instances showing with what consummate skill he managed the Cubans. One of the most difficult influences in all Spanish-American countries is the church. In Cuba it was very powerful, and Wood knew that it would be necessary to handle it with great care, inasmuch as it was naturally opposed to the Americans as being the power which parted the church and state and divested the archbishop of his accustomed revenues. Wood made it his business to handle the church tactfully, and he succeeded in doing so. He looked at the difficulties from their point of view, and when the new archbishop of Santiago was appointed, Wood was asked, to the surprise of every one, to take a prominent place in the triumphal procession. He expected that it would be merely a matter of a brief carriage ride from the palace around the plaza to the cathedral, but when the procession had started he found that a place had been made for him under the canopy with the archbishop. And he marched all the way through, no doubt thinking of his old Puritan ancestors in New England. Since then Wood has had no better friends than the church dignitaries.

DEALING WITH THE EDITORS.

He dealt with that typical Cuban institution, the agitating editor, with the same wisdom. Santiago is the hotbed of Cuban revolution. Every Cuban newspaper has had its origin within fifty miles of the city of Santiago. And the mouthpiece of the Cuban insurgent is the agitating editor. After the Americans came into power this functionary was for a time devoid of a purpose in life. The standards were those of the agitating paper no longer thrived. It was natural, therefore, that the editor should eventually begin an assault on the Americans. So bitter were the attacks that many residents of the city advised General Wood to suppress these papers, but the general knew the mistake of making martyrs. So he sent for the most violent of the editors.

"You may say anything you please about me personally," he said in his quiet way, "but the moment you attack the government I shall put you in Moro's Castle and keep you there." Another one of these editors had suggested "going to the hills," which in Cuba means rebellion. Wood sent for him, too, and told him that the sooner he went to the hills the better it would be for his own safety, and he said it so seriously that the next day the editor did go to the hills, alone, and he has since caused no trouble.

EVIDENCE OF TACT.

General Wood has made particular efforts to find out the real sentiment of the Cuban people and to govern his official acts accordingly. With a people of the character of the Cubans, so long accustomed to saying one thing to the eyes of Spanish officers and doing another, and by nature suspicious, this was particularly difficult, and General Wood's popularity in the island is the best attestation of his success. One of his aids told me that when General Wood was on his trips of inspection in an irregular way, he used to dine with the local officials and to talk much with them. It sometimes happened, therefore, that Wood and two or three members of the staff would sit down to dinner with a table full of black men, with whom he would directly be on the best possible terms. In his official conferences General Wood communicates almost wholly through an interpreter, but for friendly conversation he can get along thoroughly well in Spanish. Indeed, he has surprised more than one Cuban by his understanding of the language, replying to remarks that were not intended for his ears. Not long ago he was spending a day shooting guinea fowl back in the jungle. While he was resting a number of natives gathered around and frequently visited several hospitals, the jail or the market before he reaches his office at 8:30 o'clock or more. He is readily accessible to rich and poor, and his extraordinary physical endurance enables him to see many people and attend to the thousands and one trying details of such an office and do everything well. Indeed, he appears to do a great many unnecessary things, that is, unnecessary things from the strict viewpoint of duty. He goes at the work of improvement in all sorts of lines because it interests him personally. His motto is: "Take one example. The Cuban is by nature more or less slipshod in his way of doing things. Wood is thorough, with a thoroughness that is an unflinching astonishment to the native. I stayed in a hotel that was just being recouped after an epidemic of yellow fever. The proprietor was telling me how Wood's men had done the fumigating.

"Why," he said, "they squirted their disinfectants under the tiles of the roof." That was something that no one of Spanish blood would ever have thought of doing.

Wood has few diversions; his work is his greatest pleasure, although he gets great enjoyment from riding his big gray horse through the country—he is a natural born rider—or from inspecting the various parts of his provinces on a transport. He also reads a good deal, books of history, military lore and an occasional novel.

FAVORS CUBAN SOLDIERS.

Of the government of Cuba he has his own definite, though simple, plans. He believes in removing largely the American troops from the island and substituting a number of regiments enlisted from among the Cubans them-

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Will be particularly interested in our big announcement to them on Wednesday and Thursday. Which will chronicle an event they have looked forward to with an amount of interest and anticipation.

Trunks and Bags Hundreds of 'Em.

If they could talk, what a clattering of voices they would raise to show how many more than fifty different styles. The newest ones are built dresser fashion, and have separate compartments for hats, for skirts and for waists, besides endless trays and room for little things. The prices on Trunks begin at \$24.85 for an unusually strong one with heavy hands and guaranteed serviceable. Some club bags with brass trimmings, 95c. Second floor—rear of elevators.

Men

Will be particularly interested in our big announcement of Thursday and Friday. Concerning a Saturday offer that has no parallel for price lowness in any store in the entire United States.

Pillow Covers, 39c

Only because they are the last of a very large lot do we make this price on them for Tuesday. Up to today they have been as high as 79c to 98c. Unusually pretty patterns made of the very best materials—and all in readiness to embroider. Enough for Tuesday. Art Department.

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COURTING IN MEXICO.

Conditions Which Make the Telephone a Useful Auxiliary. From the Mexican Herald.

To begin with, it is clear the conditions of society are quite distinct with these people. The custom of carrying on a courtship, under the window of your mistress, as often as not, too, without the knowledge of her parents, is entirely the correct thing. In any other country this would be flirtation carried to an extreme, but not so in Mexico. Where custom sanctions, there is nothing more to be said; and after all it seems to be in the very air. Young women in Mexico are not permitted anything like the freedom their more fortunate sisters in England and America enjoy. Here, again, there is a good reason for this. In former days the country, as every one knows, was in a most terrible unsettled state. So only a short distance out of Mexico and you will see the most evident proofs of this in the heavily built surrounding walls of many of the haciendas. These walls are in some cases loopholed for musketry. Some of these picturesque old piles are veritable fortresses, and are perfectly self-contained, with their mirador, or watch tower, perched up on an angle of the wall, and the quaint little dome of the capilla showing through the trees. These were feudal days, and the great landowners had their retainers about the balcony at all. Neither does the word "society" have the same meaning as it has here. For the people were ever on the alert against armed invasion. The roads were unsafe and brigands swarmed over the land from end to end. It is surprising then that under these circumstances the Mexican should have been so ready to guard their women safely within the walls of their hacienda. Besides, apart from the danger of bandits and robbers, which have always existed, the history of this country has been one long succession of merciless foreign invasions against the native, foreign interventions, and so forth. War and revolution do not certainly bring with them much security for women. Moreover it must be remembered that these customs have an even older origin. The people are Spanish, and, therefore, naturally Spanish in their habits. It is undoubtedly a fact that several of the oldest families in Mexico today have a strong Moorish strain, handed down in all probability by Andalusian ancestry. Andalusia, as most people are aware, retains in most respects the customs and traditions of the old Moorish customs and traditions. The Moors have left their descendants in that part of the country, and many a dark, almond-eyed Andalusian Senorita, languidly watching the crowd below, in some old street of Granada, might be readily recognized as such. The manner in which a love affair commences is quite interesting and in this, as in every other matter in Mexico, there is a right and wrong way of getting about it. In the first instance, the meeting between the man and the girl is quite accidental. Possibly he is passing in the street and sees her in the window. Mutual interest is aroused, and then there you have the commencement of as pretty a courtship as you could wish for, and one that is thoroughly Mexican.

FAILURE A CRIME.

"Success," he said, "is so easy that it is a crime to fail." He will now have an opportunity of trying his powers on the whole island of Cuba. His appointment showed an extraordinary amount of confidence in him on the part of the administration at Washington, for if he should fail the blame would fall on the president, because he had appointed so young a man and appointed him at the expense of so many older officers in the army. But Wood will not fail; he is not the kind of a man who fails.

KING'S BROKEN PROMISE.

Victor Emmanuel Repays a Feasant Whose Life He Endangered. From the Outlook.

Victor Emmanuel, King of Italy was fond of hunting and went to the mountains to enjoy this sport. He often was far in advance of his party and met with adventures that amused him greatly. One day he found himself alone on the mountains and with a stream to cross which was turbulent. He was too good a hunter not to recognize the danger of wading in a stream so deep and which he did not know. While looking at the stream, and questioning what he would do, a very tall, strong man came through the woods to the stream. "You must carry me over," said the King. The man refused unless he was paid. They agreed on the price, the man stipulating that his passenger must sit perfectly still. If he moved, he would throw him in the water. The king agreed. The man stooped, the king mounted his shoulders as the baby does papa's, and they started across. When in midstream the king got troubled about his dog, lest he should not follow and turned to look at the dog. The man was very angry, and declared he would drop his passenger in the water. The king was contrite and the man went on. When they reached the other side the man demanded double pay. "For," he said, "you put both our lives in danger when you turned." Thinking though the demand was just, and paid it.

NOT AFRAID OF WORK.

Wood is an extraordinarily hard worker. He is up early in the morning and frequently visits several hospitals, the jail or the market before he reaches his office at 8:30 o'clock or more. He is readily accessible to rich and poor, and his extraordinary physical endurance enables him to see many people and attend to the thousands and one trying details of such an office and do everything well. Indeed, he appears to do a great many unnecessary things, that is, unnecessary things from the strict viewpoint of duty. He goes at the work of improvement in all sorts of lines because it interests him personally. His motto is: "Take one example. The Cuban is by nature more or less slipshod in his way of doing things. Wood is thorough, with a thoroughness that is an unflinching astonishment to the native. I stayed in a hotel that was just being recouped after an epidemic of yellow fever. The proprietor was telling me how Wood's men had done the fumigating.

An Editor's Life Saved by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

During the early part of October, 1896, I contracted a bad cold which settled on my lungs and was neglected until I feared that consumption had appeared in an incipient stage. I was constantly coughing and trying to extol something which I could not, I became alarmed and after giving the local doctor a trial bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the result was immediate improvement, and after I had used three bottles my lungs were restored to their healthy state.—B. S. Edwards, Publisher of The Review, Wyant, Ill. For sale by all druggists, Matthews Bros., Wholesale and Retail Agents.

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