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GEN. ROBERTS PUSHES ON

SHARP ARTILLERY DUELS Gen. Hamilton Wins a Victory at Winburg-Gen. Roberts Crosses the Vet River Under Heavy Fire-Boers Right Flank Turned.

London, May 8 .- The troops which General Roberts led out from their pleasant quarters around Bloemfontein a few days ago have taken a great spring forward, which brought them almost at a single bound within strik-ing distance of Winburg. The Boers were forced to evacuate their posi-tions at Brandfort without making a serious effort to hold them. On Sat urday evening General Roberts reach ed the Vet river, a few miles to the southwest of Winburg, on the main road from Bloemfontein. The passage was stoutly contested for some hours, but towards dusk General Hutton and his mounted infantry turned the right flank and forced a way across the river in the face of a heavy fire. In the meantime, sharp fighting had

been going on along practically the whole of the British widely extended front. Colonel Hamilton, who, it will be remembered, fought his way north from Thaba N'Chu and thrust himself between the two Boer commandoes, which were endeavoring to join forces with the Household Cavalry and Twelfth Lancers and Kitchener's Horse, had a golden opportunity in which they had long waited for charg-ing a body of Boers in the open.

Such chances have been few this campaign, for the Boers who survived the first lesson in the shock of action with British cavalry broke and fled, leaving a number dead and wounded on the ground. Colonel Hamilton was able to push on toward the drift of Little Vet river, which is described by Roberts as a difficult feat. It is clear that this force is acting on an extreme right wing of the British arm. McDonald's brigade, which is also act. ing on the right, dislodged the Boers from a group of kopjes under cover of the naval guns. Of equal interest is the news which

comes from General Hunter's opera-tions on the extreme left. He crossed the Vaal river at Windsorton on Fri-day, and, pushing ahead, he found the Boers in strength near Ruidam. The brunt of the fighting fell on Barton's Union Brigade. The Fusiliers carried ridge after ridge over the front four miles, and drove the Boers before them to the north. The Imperial Yeo-manry chased the Boers for some miles. While at Warrenton yesterday Paget's brigade moved to force the passage of the Vaal. Additional importance centres in these opera-tions because it is hoped that the objective of Hunter's division is none other than Mafeking itself and to the safety of that heroic garrison.

ALLEGED HORSE THIEF.

Sheriff at Greenwich Catches Man

Who Took Rig from Tarrytown. Greenwich, Conn., May 8 .- Sheriff Fitzroy of this place did some detec-tive work to-day whereby Andrew J. Clark of White Plains was lodged in the town lockup, charged with horse stealing. Clark accosted Sheriff Fitzroy as he was passing the Sheriff's ouse in a buggy, asking the Sheriff



Manila, May 8.—The United States transport Meade sailed for the United States yesterday with Major General Otis and his two aides de-camp on board. The warships in port fired a Major General's salute as the steamer

raised her anchor. The Governor's launch left the Pal-ace at 11 o'clock, carrying General Otis's and General MacArthur's staffs to the Meade. The Twentieth and Fourteenth Infantry, drawn up ashore in front of the city wall, presented arms, and the bands played "Auld Lang Syne," while a shore battery saluted.

During the morning the Supreme Court Judges and many officers called



(Major General Otis.)

at the Palace to bid farewell to General Otis, who kept at work with his accustomed energy until the moment of leaving.

Since the beginning of the insurrection General Otis has kept at his desk from early morning until midnight. He has never been seen on the Luneta, like the other officers, and only two or three times has he been seen in society, and these occasions were semi-official receptions. The General leaves the army admirably or ganized, provisioned and clothed.

TO WIN A BRIDE.

A Rich Man Has His Bow Legs Broken.

Logansport, Ind., May 8.—The vaunted feat of Leander in swimming the Hellespont to win the fair Helen is eclipsed by the martyrdom of Louis Hoen, who had his legs broken to take the bows out of them because his sweetheart objected to curved lower extremities. Hoen lives in Indianapolis. He is

about twenty-five years of age, and from the waist up he is a handsome young person. Even when seated he has been known to present as captivating an appearance to the female eye as any man of his weight and age in the State capital.

With straight limbs Hoen might marry the lady of his heart. With his bowed extremities there was no hope. She read in the papers last winter of a man in Connecticut who had a pair of bow legs remedied by a surgical operation. She called Hoen's attention to it.

Hoen is wealthy. He could afford it. To avoid publicity in his home town he came to Logansport three months ago and arranged with the surgeons in St. Joseph's Hospital to tinker with his lower limbs so that they might not attract attention because of the seem-ing aversion of the knees for each other.

Hoen was chloroformed and his legs were broken by the surgeons with neatness and dispatch. The broken parts were put in plaster of paris casts, and all Hoen had to do was to lie in bed and wait for the bones to knit. The young man will be discharged in a few days with his underpinning as straight and strong as the under-pinning of any athlete in Indianapolis. And, most wonderful of all, he will be a full inch taller than he was when he consented to make a martyr of him self for the sake of love. The straight ening of the bones has caused that gain in his stature It is said that the wedding bells will ring out as soon as Hoen gets home

MANY FILIPINOS ARE SLAIN

They Planned a Surprise, But Were Routed.

OUR BOYS ARE PREPARED

The Fight Lasted All Day-None of Our Soldiers Were Hurt But They Buried 120 of the Insurgents' Dead -An Ambush.

Manila, May 8.—News of a terrible slaughter of Filipinos in battle by a detachment of the Forty-third Infan-try has just reached her from Java, on the Island of Leyte. Lieutenant Estes, with a garrison of

twenty-five men, occupied the town, He received a warning that the insurgents were planning an attack in force, relying on their number and a surprise to crush the Americans.

The lientenant acted with all promptness. He posted sixteen men to defend headquarters. Then, with a sergeant and eight men, he planned an ambush for the Filipinos. He dian ambush for the ringhos. He di-vided this force into two parts hidden behind walls, so as to command the road over which the attacking force must advance just at the time the attack was to be made.

The attack on the garrison began at daylight. There were 800 Filipinos armed with bolos and thirty with rifles.

The fight lasted all day, and finally the insurgents were routed. The Americans buried 120 Filipinos.

They captured a cannon, a silken banner and a large quantity of equipments and food.

None of the Americans were hurt.

A REIGN OF TERROR.

Ex-Vice Consul Wildman Describes the Philippine Situation.

New York, May 8.-Edwin Wildman. ex-Vice Consul at Hong Kong, con-tributes an article on "A Reign of Terror in the Philippines" to Leslie's Weekly, of which the following is an abstract:

Although General Otis would have us believe that the war in the Philip-pines is over, I learn from private sources of information of the highest authority that there exists a veritable reign of terror in most parts of the archipelago within a gunshot from our army posts. Either General Otis is blind to the situation or is keeping the real facts from the American people. 'Aguinaldo's forces have scat tered into marauding bands, and leaguing themselves with the mountain Tulisanes and Ladrones, terrorize the country and effectually check the cultivation of crops and the sale of marketable products.

"The few ports that have been open ed have shipped away what little supply they contained, and the tons upon tons of hemp, sugar and rice that are stored in the interior are beyond the reach of buyers. The money paid for the thousands of bales of hemp shipped from garrison ports has found its way into the insurgent coffers, and the revolutionary juntas at Hong Kong and Singapore are making ex-tensive purchases of arms, preparatory to a renewed season of filibuster-ing and general hostilities as soon as the rainy season is over. Our army are busy protecting their posts, while the insurgents carry on their opera-tions in the interior and paralyze agriculture and trade.

"If we ever hope to put an end to this Indian warfare we must send ad ditional forces to the islands. Our present corps is totally inadequate to cope with the war to a close. islands, commercially or otherwise will be utterly useless until life and property are made safe.'

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if he was beyond the State line yet. The Sheriff, whose suspicions were aroused, told him he was, and, after parleying with him asked him if he wanted to trade his horse. The stranger agreed, and a trade was made. Clark accepted an offer to stay at the Sheriff's house all night. On ex amining the buggy, Sheriff Fitzroy found the name of a White Plains carriage manufacturer on it.

Clark admitted that he had hired the rig at Thompson's livery stable, at Tarrytown, N. Y. The Sheriff then at Tarrytown, N. Y. arrested him. The liverymen were notified, and identified the horse and buggy. The prisoner is held, pending the arrival of requisition papers

Gov. Tanner Facing Death.

St. Louis, Mo., May 8.—John R. Tanner, Governor of Illinois, is preparing to die. He has passed through an X-ray examination, and has been notified by his physicians to prepare for a surgical operation that is to be so serious that the Governor has been engaged for several days in put-ting his earthly affairs in order.

Porch Climbers.

Chicago, May 7 .- Porch climbers, in a raid upon the home of M. M. Munster, a diamond broker, secured plum-der valued at nearly \$15,000. The The PA booty consisted of jewelry and money.

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"President" Cheer Ignored by Dewey.

Memphis, Tenn., May 8.-When Admiral Dewey's train pulled into the station about one half of the population of the city was there to greet At Belleville and Cairo, Ill., and Fettleton, Ky., a number of cheers were heard for "Dewey for President!" Dewey declined to respond to them. insisting that he was travelling as the Admiral of the Navy. One of the rail-road men with him said that the dis-cussion of politics was absolutely barred on the train.

Triple Alliance.

London, May 8 .-- Germany and Aus tria want to renew the Triple Alliance without delay, but Italy wants commercial treaties settled first.

OTTAWA'S RELIEF FUND.

The Total is Now Well Over the \$600,000 Mark.

Ottawa, Que., May 8.-Premier Seddon, of New Zealand, has sent a cable to Sir Wilfrid Laurier informing him that the New Zealand Government contributed \$25,000 to the relief of the Ottawa fire sufferers.

Among the most interesting gifts re ceived so far towards the relief fund is one from the school children of De troit, accompanied by a letter from Mayor May ury, of that city. There were 700 ch ldren who attended a May Day fes ival in that city, and each sends a penny. Besides this, Mayor Maybury enclosed a draft for \$500, and intends to send many more until such time as the needs of the people are fully satisfied. The relief fund is now well over the \$600,000 mark.

Seattle, May 7 .- After robbing five passengers on a Northern Pacific local freight train, near North Yakima, Fri-day night, six highwaymen compelled their victims to jump off.