

GEN. CROZIER BOSS OF ARMY'S GUNS

As Chief of Ordnance Bureau He Supplies the Weapons.

NO BOMBS IN AEROPLANES.

Characteristics of the Man on Whose Shoulders Rests the Responsibility of Having Ammunition Ready For Any Emergency—Proud of Soldiers and Their Appearance in Public.

Washington.—By and by some inspired war correspondent will sneak a letter through the censor's lines down in Mexico. He will tell of a uniformed aviator's performance on a hydroplane "laden with bombs," the correspondent will say.

But there's no need of going any further, because the hydroplane will not be laden with bombs—at least not with bombs that are spelled with two b's; because that sort of thing is against the conventions of The Hague—and because that particular prohibition was put in those conventions at the suggestion of General William Crozier, chief of the bureau of ordnance—and because General Crozier is just the sort of soldier who would have an aviator crucified for disobeying an order of that kind.

Aeroplane may sail through the blue empyrean until the air men get dizzy, observing the movements of the enemy. But that is all. Stories in which aviation and bombs get all tangled up are hereby officially discounted.

Crozier isn't particularly well known to the country, but he is one of the



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GENERAL WILLIAM CROZIER.

strongest men in the United States army. As chief of the bureau of ordnance his duty will be to see to it that the army has all the guns it needs when it needs them, and all the ammunition and that the ammunition fits the guns, a detail that has been overlooked in some previous affairs.

And he also will see to it. He has served well in the field—somewhat hampered because things had been forgotten and after he got back home he has raked the coals to a nice, glowing center and placed a few superior oil-cans on them and then watched their intellects during the process of reduction to bone ash. Crozier is frank—frank to a fare-you-well. And fearless. He has said things that he positively knew were going to hurt some of the very highest and most influential feelings we have. But he has never yet had to take anything back.

He was a captain, for example, in that march to Peking during the Chinese trouble. He saw Japanese soldiers bayonet helpless Chinamen and Russian soldiers kick little Chinese children in the face and British soldiers loot cities with the advice, approval and assistance of their officers.

Crozier told about it. Whereupon those told on started to say it wasn't true in clarion tones that gave every evidence of getting more clarion as the day brightened. But after thinking it over—and thinking Crozier over—all the clarion came out of those indignant yelps. Their owners knew he had the goods. When just to make every one happy, Crozier allowed that the American soldiers on that march were good soldiers—true, honest, hard fighting men—but sloppy.

"It was the fault of the American officers," said Crozier. "They permitted their men to go about slovenly in dress and carriage. There was no excuse for it, for there are enough officers graduated from West Point every year to teach the service better manners."

Mind you, he is enthusiastic about the quality of the American soldier—but he isn't enthusiastic about dirty collars and open blouses and greasy bridle bits. Our arms were better than those of any nation in that Peking parade, he said, and our clothes were the equal of the best. In spite of the raptures that some critics went into every time they saw a Japanese cart, hauled by a pony and led by a coolie, Crozier demonstrated that the good old four mule army wagon of our daddies is the best means of army transportation invented.

Brief News of the Week

Slam will send a battalion of infantry and a band to the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco.

A general holiday was observed throughout the south Wednesday in honor of the anniversary of the birth of Jefferson Davis.

One person was killed and a number hurt in a severe wind storm which swept Superior, Wis., causing property damage estimated at \$500,000.

Five freshmen at the Academy at Annapolis have been arrested in connection with the death of William Bowler, victim of hazers.

Firearms can be sold only by licensed dealers in Chicago, and then only to persons who have a permit from the chief of police, according to new ordinance.

The Illinois Bar association adopted resolutions prohibiting its members from giving out interviews for publication in cases in which they are interested. The publicity practice is held to be unethical.

Thursday the magnificent monument erected in the confederate section of the Arlington national soldiers' cemetery was unveiled with impressive ceremonies in which President Wilson and other notables took part.

People in the News

Society is too quick to intercede in behalf of criminals, says former justice of the supreme court of Wisconsin, John B. Winslow.

John D. Rockefeller's wealth has been estimated at \$311,226,367 by the tax returns, in Cleveland. Most of the amount is in Standard Oil holdings.

Victory for prohibition in California would mean a loss to the industries of the state of a sum estimated at \$700,000,000, says William H. Schuidt of San Francisco.

Mrs. Joseph R. Knowland, wife of Representative Knowland of California, who is a candidate for the United States senate, announced that she will stump the state with her husband.

A courtmartial sentenced Vice-Admiral Matsumoto of the Japanese navy to three years' imprisonment on charges of accepting bribes in connection with naval contracts.

The theory of Dr. Samuel Pierpont Langley, who proclaimed to the world that he had solved the problem of the air several years before heavier-than-air machines had been successfully navigated, was vindicated when Glenn Curtiss, the aviator, went aloft in "Langley's folly."

Land Grant Case Goes Up.

San Francisco.—The appeal in the case involving 2,300,000 acres of land, part of which is in Oregon, was passed up by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals to the United States Supreme Court. At the conclusion of the arguments, the judges directed that on account of the importance of the many questions involved, a statement of agreed facts be prepared by interested counsel, and the statement will be certified and forwarded to Washington for decision by the highest court of the land.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Good prospects of oil have been struck at Lorane.

More than \$4000 worth of volunteer road work was done on the roads of Linn County on Good Roads day.

Plans have been completed for the establishment of a military academy in Jacksonville to be opened in September.

Snow, sufficiently heavy to cause suspension of work for several hours is reported as having fallen at the Simpson Logging company's camp, about 20 miles from Dallas, last week.

Masons from all Oregon will meet in Portland June 19-22, inclusive, at the sixty-fourth annual communication of the Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of Oregon.

On the grounds of fraudulent misrepresentation at the time of entry the United States supreme court invalidated title to four tracts of coal lands held by the Washington Securities Co. of Oregon.

The Aurora postoffice was burglarized last week. The safe was carried down the railroad track, and nitroglycerine was used to blow it open. Stamps amounting to more than \$1000 and money order blanks were taken, as well as private papers belonging to the postmaster.

Ver-ll Chenoweth, a 19-year-old farmer living 10 miles east of Oakland, is the largest turkey grower in Douglas county. This year he has a herd of 500. Mr. Chenoweth has also started a skunk farm, and now has 24. To these he plans to feed the turkeys that might die.

Arrangements are being made to again commence operations in what is known as the Dallas oil field. Two wells drilled near Dallas more than a year ago showed unmistakable signs of oil and one of these is to be reopened and drilled deeper and then shot, with a hope of developing a producer.

MILLS IN CHARGE OF U. S. MILITIA

Will Direct States' Soldiers If They Go to Mexico.

HE REFORMED WEST POINT

Bravery Exhibited in Spanish-American War Rewarded by President McKinley—On Arrival at Army Training School He Made Changes Which Greatly Pleased the Cadets.

Washington.—"The national guard," said General Alfred Leopold Mills, "has never been better equipped or better trained or better officered for service than it is today."

Which may be an important factor in the present situation if the states' militia should be called on for action. General Mills' statement may be taken as fairly representing the situation. In the first place, General Mills knows. He is the head of the division of militia affairs at the war department and as such would have charge of the transfer of the militia to the service of the national government. In the second place, Mills wouldn't say it if it were not true.

"General Mills," said one of his near associates, "is not one of the most brilliant men in the army. He is not remarkable for scholarly attainments. But he owns a most impressive brand of common sense combined with every soldierly quality."

Mills is the man who reformed West Point. Before his day there as superin-



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GENERAL ALFRED L. MILLS.

tendent the cadets were treated like prisoners, fed upon theory and clothed in uniforms that fitted like the skin of a mushroom. If a regiment of West Point cadets had ever charged an enemy the sound of popping seams would have been heard above the rattle of musketry.

Mills came to the academy as superintendent while he was a first lieutenant and therefore still young. That fact did not please any one at all. The elder officers thought it absurd that a "young whiffet"—these cruel words are quoted with exactness—should be given a place that had always been likened in honor to the command of a division. The younger officers were jealous and said that his appointment was due to favoritism. As a matter of fact it was due mostly to A. L. Mills, somewhat to Theodore Roosevelt, and partially to President McKinley. Mills was at the battle of San Juan Hill in command of a company of regulars. Roosevelt's rough riders were being maltreated on the slope.

"He took command of my three rear-most companies," said Roosevelt afterward, "moved them over to the right of the line, gathered up some troopers of the Ninth cavalry and headed his detachment in the rush up the hill."

In that rush Mills was struck by a Mauser bullet which destroyed his left eye and passed completely through his head, but it did not interfere with that rush up the hill. It wasn't until San Juan hill had been captured that he gave his wound a thought. All the surgeons said that he would die at once—he was the first wounded officer to be returned to the United States—merely in compliment to his bravery. Privately the surgeons thought it would be more economical to let him die in Cuba. But he completely regained his health.

President McKinley met him, determined that the youngster had the punch and pep the president thought was needed in the reconstruction of West Point and made him superintendent.

Mills found the academy being operated somewhat as a reform school and somewhat along the educational lines that prevailed prior to the first war with Mexico. Cadets were forbidden to smoke; therefore they smoked by stealth. He let them smoke pipes on the campus. He found bazing flourishing at West Point, successive generations of repressive measures having failed to stamp it out. He aroused a sentiment against it and for the time, at least, it died out. He did away with everything that savored of the automatic in the system of education and taught his men to think.

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Congregational Church Notice

Sunday Services,
Sunday School 10 a m
Preaching Services 11 a m
C E Meeting 7 p m
Preaching Services 8 p m
Midweek Lectures every Wednesday evening 8 o'clock
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Local Market Report.

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Wheat, per hundred, \$1.75.
Hay, per ton, \$8.
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