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GENERAL CHAFFEE

TODAY HE BECOMES CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF

Has a First Class Record as a Military Man, but is Altogether Unpretentious—is Not an Educated Man—Possible Friction Between Him and Secretary Taft.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Lieut. Gen. S. M. B. Young having reached the age limit prescribed by the regulations, was today retired from active service and Major General Adna R. Chaffee was sworn in to succeed him as chief of the general staff. The formal ceremony took place in the presence of Secretary of War Root and a number of the highest officials of the war department and prominent officers of the army. Subsequently the new chief of the general staff was taken on a tour of the department and formally introduced to the heads of the various bureaus.

Biographical Sketch.
 Lieut. Gen. Adna R. Chaffee, the new chief of the general staff, has the distinction of having risen from the ranks to the head of the army. His rise may be attributed to the constant display of soldierly qualities blended with rare good fortune. He came into special prominence as commander of a brigade that took a leading part in the battle of El Caney during the war with Spain and later he distinguished himself as commander of the American troops in China in the troublous times following the "Boxer" uprising.

General Chaffee was born in Ohio in April, 1842, and entered the service as a private in the Sixth cavalry in July, 1861. Two years later he was commissioned second lieutenant, becoming a first lieutenant in February, 1865. He won his first lieutenantcy on the battlefield at Gettysburg, and was moved up to the grade of captain for gallant service at Dinwiddie Courthouse. Subsequent promotions to the rank of major and of lieutenant colonel, successively, were earned in engagements with Indians in Texas and Arizona. He also served at one time as inspector general with General McCook, and later still as subdirector of the cavalry school at Fort Riley, Kansas.

At El Caney General Chaffee having been given command of a brigade, the fight was opened by him, and his men bore the brunt of it throughout the day. Chaffee's conduct was magnificent and excited the admiration of the entire army. To his brilliant leadership, in fact, the signal victory of the day was chiefly due, but no one could ever get Chaffee to open his mouth about it.

General Chaffee's force moved on the heights occupied by the Spaniards at an early hour in the morning, encountering a heavy fire from the enemy and suffering severely, but it did not flinch, and carried the summit with a hearty cheer. An eye witness of the struggle said that when the fight was hottest General Chaffee dashed about at the head of the column with his hat on the back of his head urging on his men and crying to them to "get in and help their country win a victory." The men were right behind him and the victory was won.

During the period he led the American forces in the advance on Peking, General Chaffee made a favorable showing in comparison with the best soldiers of the great armies represented. Then he was given command of the army in the Philippines. Here he had trouble with Governor Taft and in view of the fact that the latter is about to become secretary of war the differences between them are being discussed with much interest in army circles. General Chaffee and Governor Taft could not agree as to the location of the line dividing the civil and military authority in the islands. The dispute was carried up to the president, and he sent a peremptory message directing them to reach an agreement without delay. They did, but it is understood that the relations between the two still remained strained.

While General Chaffee is a model soldier in the field, it remains to be seen what kind of an executive officer he will make. Those who know him best declare that, with a true soldierly way of doing things, he is liable to balk at the diplomacy and red tape considered necessary at headquarters.

For some reason, which has never been satisfactorily explained, a hair of romance has been thrown around General Chaffee almost from the time he wore shoulder straps. It is said that he has been the hero of more romantic tales than any other officer in the regular service since the civil war. The general, perhaps, knows better than anyone else whether the majority of these stories are true, and in speaking of two or three of them, recently, he said:

"Those yarns, like a lot of others I have heard told about me, are just plain lies. I'm no hero and if the plain, hard truth were always told there would be mighty few halos stuck about the heads of us army officers. We just go ahead and attend to our business, like any other business men. We're put in certain places to succeed. If we do succeed, there is no particular sense in telling a lot of heroic lies about us, and, if we fail—well, God help us."

DIRECT PRIMARY LEAGUE.

Portland Citizens issue a Call for a Meeting on January 12.
 A. L. Mills, George M. Orton, Thomas S. Greene, C. E. S. Wood and W. S. U'Ren have issued a call for a meeting to organize a league for the purpose of proposing to the electors of Oregon a law to provide for direct

primary nominating elections and other measures, by initiative petition. The signers of an agreement to this effect and any others interested in the movement are expected to attend. The meeting will be held in the Oregon Mining Stock exchange, Chamber of Commerce, Portland, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of January 12.

The following outline of business is suggested:
 Permanent organization and election of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and executive committee; naming the organization; whether it is wise to attempt to present all the measures contemplated in our agreement, and, if not, which ones shall be laid aside for this campaign; constitution and rules of the organization; form and provisions of the measures to be presented by the organization.

CLUB AND FEDERATION.

Club Directory.

The Thursday Afternoon meets once in two weeks, Thursdays.
 The Current Literature, alternate Fridays.
 The Woman's Club meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

With the end of the holiday season the club calendars will begin to receive attention again.

The state federation year books and copies of the revised constitution are now in the hands of all club officers in the state. There have been several most vexatious and unfortunate delays, but the board of directors hopes that the clubs will now make such good use of the books that the lost time will be made up.

Will the presidents of clubs see that the committee reports and recommendations are read at the next meeting of their clubs?

The Woman's Club will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the Commercial Club rooms, at 2:30. All interested in the Sacajawea statue work are cordially invited to attend, and help formulate plans to assist in putting the matter before our Pendleton women. All will be made welcome. The Thursday Afternoon Club will hold its next meeting January 14, at the home of Mrs. E. P. Marshall.

Notice has been received by the press correspondent of the state federation that the Club Journal Publishing Company has gone out of business. The club women of the state must now depend on the public spirit of the state press to assist in making their work more effective. The newspapers of Eastern Oregon have always been most generous in this respect, and the Oregon Daily Journal, of Portland, published a club page that is not surpassed by any we have seen in this or any other state. Send news of your clubs to the club editor of the Journal.

Since the Club Woman, the official organ of the General Federation, has been published in New York, it is no longer the organ of the Massachusetts Federation, as it has been in the past. A new club monthly is now published and edited by the Massachusetts state president, Mrs. May Allen Ward, and called "The Federation Bulletin." Mrs. Ward is too well known to need any introduction to American women or to readers of either sex. The Bulletin is assured of a wide circulation from the start.

The date of the St. Louis biennial of the General Federation has been set. The meeting will be May 17 to 25 inclusive. Most elaborate plans are being worked out by the general and local boards and the seventh meeting of the General Federation will be a most brilliant affair. Several of the state federations have already secured their headquarters at St. Louis.

Under Mrs. Denison's management, there will be but one meeting in progress at a time, thus giving all of the delegates a chance to benefit by all that is done. Heretofore, often two and sometimes three meetings have been held in different halls at the same hour, and one felt sure she was missing many good things by being unable to be in but one place at a time.

The full effects of the campaign of last winter for child labor laws begin to be felt since the latest one, the law of New York, took effect on October first, says the Club Worker. It is now illegal for an employer to permit a child under the age of 16 years to work longer than nine hours in one day in the state of New York; or longer than eight hours in one day, or after 7 in the evening in Illinois. And in both states such a child must be able to read and write the English language before beginning to work.

In New Jersey and Wisconsin, the cruel provision permitting orphan children to be employed younger than other children, has happily been abolished and in both states all children—boys and girls, orphans and others—must now be fully 14 years of age before they can legally begin to work.

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