

DEEDS OF J. FRANKLIN BELL

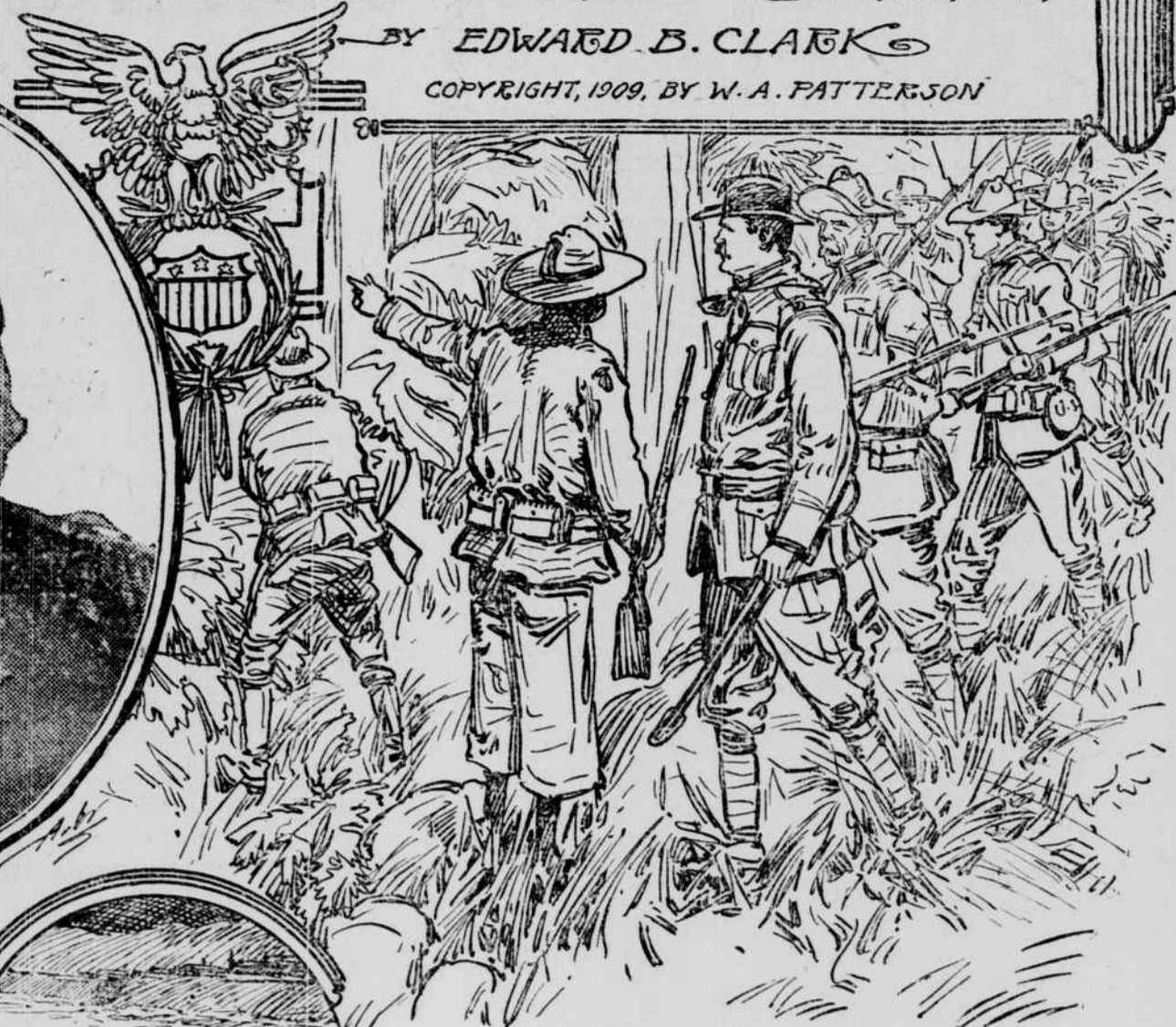
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MAJOR GENERAL J. FRANKLIN BELL

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WASHINGTON. — President Taft has reappointed Maj. Gen. J. Franklin Bell as chief of the general staff, United States army. Gen. Bell has held this office for some years, and it is understood that at the end of another year of service in the position, he will be succeeded by Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood.

Some second Kipling should write one of the deeds of J. Franklin Bell. The general went over to the Philippines as a first lieutenant of the Seventh cavalry. He had not been in the islands long before he was put in command of a volunteer force composed almost wholly of regulars whose terms of enlistment had expired, but who were willing to take on a short term of duty to help in the clearing up of the work which they aided in starting.

Back in one of the provinces was a band of Tagalogs who had given the government forces all kinds of trouble. One of their chief villages was "located," and Gen. Bell with his following of old campaigners took the trail for its capture. The commanding officer had been through campaigns against the Sioux, the Apaches, and other tribes of the mountains and plains, and taken more than one leaf from the book of knowledge of savage warfare.

Guides led the force to the vicinity of the Tagalog village. Night fell and the Tagalogs were all unsuspecting of the approach of the white enemy. At three o'clock in the morning, when sleep always hangs heavy on the eyes, Bell led his men toward the village. The Tagalogs had sentinels posted along an outlying line. After the manner of the people of the plains the soldiers crept silently between the pickets, only one of whom was vigilant enough to detect the presence of the enemy. He was silenced before he had a chance to startle the air with a cry or a shot.

Straight into the village went Bell at the head of his men. Dawn streaks were beginning to show in the sky, but the warriors were asleep past the ordinary waking, for were not the sentinels posted, and were they not bound by every tradition of tribal honor to be awake and watchful?

Lieut. Bell had given his men orders. The village was cordoned with troops and there wasn't a mousehole of escape. Bell has a whimsical humor. In the very heart of the Tagalog village was an old muzzle-loading brass cannon, a trophy taken by the Tagalogs from the Spaniards of another day, and which the natives were hoping to use against the equally hated Americans. Bell detailed a loading party of three men. The three became boys again, and they rammed the piece full of powder and grass wadding, after the manner of loading a Fourth of July cannon on the village green in the home land.

The light of coming day was strong enough for the conducting of operations. A lanyard was pulled and the brazen piece roared out its revivell. The sound of it shook the foundations of the Tagalog huts; it roused the warrior sleepers as would the cracking of doomsday. They came armed, but naked to the fray. The Tagalogs looked on bayonet points and down gun barrels and surrender came instant.

Gen. J. Franklin Bell is the youngest officer who ever held the position of chief of staff. He is a general and he is willing to talk when he properly may on the subjects touching his profession. As the joker put it, he is a Bell who knows when to ring off. He avoids the sins of silence and of speech, wherein he shows that he is wiser in his generation than some of his predecessors were in their generation.

When his promotion came the chief of staff jumped from a captaincy to a brigadier generalship, and his tremendous rank stride did not bring forth one word of criticism from soldier or civilian. Since then he has become a major general. The army officers who were jumped said that Bell earned his promotion, and that if other promotions were, like his, based solely on service quality, there would be no heart burnings under the blouses.

When the Seventh cavalry, in which Gen. Bell was then a lieutenant, reached the Philippines, the Spanish troops were still in possession, for Dewey had reduced the fleet, but not Manila city and its immediate defenses. Information was wanted concerning the Spanish earthworks. Lieut. Bell volunteered to get it. He didn't tell any one

how he was going to get it. His method was daring and novel.

Under cover of the darkness he went to the water front, stripped off his clothes and plunged in. He is a

once a private in the ranks. Two years he was an enlisted man, serving as a regular. He joined in 1861, choosing the cavalry arm of the service, and to it he remained faithful through all the years of his duty. He is one of the finest riders that the army claims.

There have been many stories of Japanese spies who have been found taking notes of American army operations and equipment. The Japs got their first object lesson in the way American soldiers do things from Gen. Chaffee. That object lesson doubtless has had some influence in modifying the thought which the orientals held that they could whip the Americans out of hand. Gen. Chaffee was in command of the expedition which went to the relief of the beleaguered embassies at Peking. Japanese officers and men saw him there. The general won a fame in China which is not confined to the American continent.

The generals of Europe have given testimony that Adna R. Chaffee is a great soldier. Orders to take command of the Chinese expedition reached Gen. Chaffee while he was at Nagasaki on board a steamer which was to take him to the Philippines. The order was unexpected, and the general had practically no chance for campaign preparations. He was to go into a strange land, to lead an expedition against a strange people, and not only was it expected of him that he be successful, but that success be won quickly, for the lives of many Americans were in danger within sight of the walls of the "Forbidden City."

The general arrived at Tien-tsin too late to take part in the battle in which the brave Maj. Liscum of the Ninth infantry lost his life. Not only was the American soldier spurred to quick marching action by the knowledge of the imminent peril of the Americans at Peking, but he was spurred by the knowledge that the other nations were to take part in the relief expedition, and he wished the men of his own country to show themselves worthy in the sight of the men of other countries.

They did show themselves worthy, and they responded to the call of their commander with an alacrity that made the American leaders instead of followers in that march beset with difficulties and dangers almost unparalleled in modern warfare.

There are men in the army to-day who firmly believe that Gen. Chaffee did not sleep an hour during the march to Peking. The soldiers who made the march declare that the nights in China are black; that it is impossible to see anything at all without the aid of artificial light, and these in the bivouacs of the soldiers were forbidden for precautionary reasons. There was no definite knowledge of the forces that might be in the path of the expedition, and no one knew what surprises the night might cover. Gen. Chaffee, his soldiers say, constituted himself a sentinel who refused to be relieved from guard, and through the nights he was alert and watching, and through the days he was alert and marching.

There are stories by the scores of men who are supposed to bear charmed lives. The hero of the book of fiction sheds bullets as a slate roof sheds rain, and in the reading of it one finds it hard to believe that any truth could be stranger than this fiction. If Gen. Chaffee doesn't bear a charmed life he has the largest allowance of luck that has fallen to any one man.

Gen. Chaffee has been four times brevetted for bravery. Two of the brevet commissions came to him for gallantry in the civil war service, and two for gallantry in battles with the Indians. He once led a cavalry charge over rough and precipitous bluffs, where a cavalry charge was thought to be a feat well-nigh impossible.

He rode at the head of his men straight into a body of armed Indians, scattering them, but not until they had poured volley after volley into Chaffee's oncoming command. That charge gave the soldier his brevet commission as a lieutenant colonel.

When the Spanish-American war broke out Chaffee was made a brigadier general of volunteers. He was in the very thick of the fighting in front of Santiago. Capt. Arthur Lee, a British army officer detailed by his government to watch the field operations in Cuba, attached himself to the headquarters of Gen. Chaffee. Capt. Lee wrote a story about the campaign in which he paid to Gen. Chaffee the highest tribute that it is possible for one soldier to pay to another.

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EFFECTIVE EMBROIDERY FOR SUMMER PARASOL



Soutache Motif Embellished with French Dots—Half of Motif.

ONE of the daintiest accessories of the summer wardrobe is the sunshade. A parasol boasts more virtues than the eminently practical one of shading the eyes from the impertinent rays of the sun. It gives an air of smartness to the summer girl. The display of sunshades in the shops is as attractive as it is varied, and many of the models shows designs of this year's vintage.

Decidedly the most effective of the parasols for all-around use are the embroidered lincens. A woman who is clever with her needle may transform a plain, unassuming linen sunshade into a chic embroidered affair that might have come straight from Paris on the latest steamer.

A sunshade of white linen, with one of the new square light wood handles, may be purchased, and the above design, half of which is given, applied to each of the sections, as shown in the sketch. The design may be traced on the parasol with carbon paper. It is then worked out in coronation braid, French knots and satin stitch in floss embroidery silk.

The coronation braid is to be sewn on in the space between the double lines. This outlines the flowers, leaves and stems, and forms an inner line on each flower petal.

Small white French knots are worked between the two rows of braid. The petals are filled in lightly with long satin stitches of irregular lengths with delicate pink floss. The effect of the glossy texture of the silk is extremely pretty.

The center of the flower is composed of one large yellow dot surrounded by tiny rose colored French knots. The stem and leaves are of the coronation braid, and the latter are filled in with pale green floss. The color scheme is charmingly dainty, and would harmonize with almost any costume.

A sunshade decorated in this way would be an attractive addition to the trousseau, or to the outfit for college commencement festivities. It would be highly appreciated as a graduation gift or wedding present, and is equally suited to town and country use.

PRETTY SILK WAIST.



Blouse of silk, made with tucks headed by fagoting and trimmed yoke, fashioned with a heavy cord embroidery.

The long, close-fitting sleeves are encircled with tucks headed by the fagoting, and are finished at the wrists with ruffles of tulle or lace.

Shepherd's Plaid Coats.

Few women feel themselves fixed for the summer without a loose top coat hanging in the closet. They seem more necessary in spring and summer than in winter.

They are the height of fashion and fortunately they are not always expensive. The fashionable ones come in a dull white camel's hair serge, and in a black and white shepherd's plaid. They are loose, have many pockets, are made with long sleeves, and reach to within four inches of the ankles.

Cleaning Tan Shoes.

A raw white potato, cut in halves and peeled is excellent for this purpose. Rub the potato, which must be freshly cut, well into the leather, leaving no part untouched. Let this dry on, then polish with a rag with a light, quick motion. A little turpentine on a flannel rag is also a good cleanser for tan leather, while several drops of lemon or orange juice gives a brilliant polish to any leather. Olive oil, with a brisk afterpolish, is used on patent leather.

FABRICS OF SILK AND WOOL.

Latest Decree of Fashion Has Over-shadowed Everything Previously in Vogue.

There are more silk and wool materials put on the counters each week. New ones that were kept until late in the season have been shown to the public. These are made up into coat suits or one-piece frocks, and are often striped.

Some of the colors come with a plain surface for the skirt and a striped surface for the coat. Silk and wool bengaline is possibly the favorite of them all. The corded fabrics are in the height of fashion. The idea even runs into shantung and pongee. There seems no end to the latter weave. It overspreads everything else. Just why is hard to say, for it is rather raglike when made up and cannot be depended on for graceful lines.

Some of the weaves are delightful for house frocks, and as the material has practically no weight, it makes a most comfortable frock for this hot climate.

One of the latest weaves in it has a diagonal cord through it. It is very wide and heavy, much like the stylish serge we have worn all winter.

To Keep Light Dresses Dainty. Magnesia may be obtained either in powder or in square cakes, and it is very effective in cleaning laces and delicate fabrics. Sift or rub it on the parts to be cleaned, and lay them away in a box or drawer where they will be undisturbed for a day or so and then shake them out. It is a very good plan to apply the magnesia in this way when putting away party dresses that have become slightly soiled. The magnesia absorbs the dust and when you take the dresses out to wear them the next time, they will be fresh and dainty. The magnesia is also effective, when applied in the same way, for removing grease spots.—Woman's Home Companion.

Skirts Are Shirred. The designers have decided to put the full skirt on the market in so many ways that it must be accepted. The plaited one has already gained a wide showing, but some of the newer ones are shirred at the waist band in the old-fashioned way. Others are put on with two rows of shirring to a little five-inch hip yoke. At the foot line are two or three ruffles to widen out the hem.

SEEMED APPROPRIATE TO HER

Wife of Sick Man Thought She Had Reason for Appealing to Locomotive Works.

One day last winter a feeble Irish woman called upon us for aid. The case sounded urgent, so I went with her at once. Everything was just as she had stated. Her husband was very ill, she was too old and feeble to work, their children were dead, there was no fire and their only food was bread which their neighbors, almost as poor as they, had given them. I asked her why she had not come to us before and she replied that she had appealed to the church and to several individuals without success.

"Thin," she went on, "O'it went to th' big place 'round the strate." The only "big place" near was a plant for the manufacture of steam engines, and I wondered.

"But what made you go to the locomotive works?" I asked.

"Well, ma'am, shure an' ain't me old man got locomotive taxes?"—New York Telegram.

ASK FATHER.



Clergyman—What would your father say if he saw you digging for worms on Sunday?

Wife—I don't know; but I know what he'd say if I did not dig for them. That's him fishing over there.

No Butler for Pneuritch.

"We'll have to get a butler, you know," said Mrs. Pneuritch.

"What for?" asked Mr. Pneuritch.

"Well, to look after the wine cellar, and—"

"Not much, Priscilla! I'm capable of looking after the booze myself."

"A butler lends dignity to an establishment, too."

"Well, when I get so hard up for dignity that I have to borrow it from a butler, I'll quit and go back to the retail grocery business. You manage the hired girls, Priscilla, and I'll attend to running the man part of this shebang."

Laundry work at home would be much more satisfactory if the right starch were used. In order to get the desired stiffness, it is usually necessary to use so much starch that the beauty and fineness of the fabric is hidden behind a paste of varying thickness, which not only destroys the appearance, but also affects the wearing quality of the goods. This trouble can be entirely overcome by using Defiance Starch, as it can be applied much more thinly because of its greater strength than other makes.

Many Seekers of the Pole.

Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, England, Russia, Sweden and the United States were, in 1908, represented among the 12 expeditions which were struggling toward the pole. Eight leaders were veterans—Peary and Cook of the United States, Bernier of Canada, Erichsen and Rasmussen of Denmark, Charcot of France, Shackleton of England and Geer of Sweden.

The extraordinary popularity of fine white goods this summer makes the choice of Starch a matter of great importance. Defiance Starch, being free from all injurious chemicals, is the only one which is safe to use on fine fabrics. It great strength as a stiffener makes half the usual quantity of Starch necessary, with the result of perfect finish, equal to that when the goods were new.

Dodging Responsibility. "Why should a man pay rent when he can own his own home?" said the thrifty citizen. "I don't know," answered Mr. Mew-ton, "unless it's because you'd rather have your wife speak her mind to the landlord than to you when the place gets run down."

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Social Law That is Adamant

Impossible to Be Absent-Minded and Make a Success.

There are some rules for social success that it is wholly impossible to ignore nowadays.

It is the fashion to say everyone is bad-mannered, and, alas, it is quite possible to be atrociously rude in some ways, and yet be popular, but there are one or two things one cannot

do with any hope of achieving social distinction or even being merely tolerated. These things are hidden, however, from those who fondly imagine they can imitate all the faults of society with impunity.

It is the infringement or ignorance of these esoteric by-laws which betray the "outsider." One such decree, for example, is that in no circumstances whatever is absent-minded-

ness permissible. One may leave notes unanswered, but one must not be absent-minded. This is a distinction with a difference.

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