

LIFE OF FUNSTON ADVENTUROUS ONE

His Early Career as Newspaper Man Short and Stormy in Spots.

HOW HE LEFT CUBAN ARMY

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 20.—Major General Funston's life was one of continual adventure. His father, Edward H. Funston, a prominent Kansas democratic politician, early learned this, although it was not displayed in any sense of disobedience. Young Funston wanted to go to the University of Kansas, where the majority of his high school classmates had entered. His father had selected another school. To Kansas Funston went—with no allowance. He did all kinds of odd jobs around the school to pay for his board and room until his father, perceiving the lad's serious intention commenced sending a remittance.

When out of school he took up newspaper work, being employed on the old Kansas City Times and later on Fort Smith, Ark., and New York publications. His newspaper career was stormy in spots, his Kansas City position terminating after he injected some wild tale into a supposedly staid market report and his Fort Smith adventure ending with his "resignation" after running the paper in high-handed fashion during absence of the managing editor.

Calls it Dirty Trick.

General Funston was a featherweight as far as physical dimensions were concerned. When he was appointed colonel of the Kansas regiment Funston was told by J. W. Gleed, an old-time friend, that he would have a hard time passing the doctors.

"Then I'll dodge the doctors," immediately replied Funston. Funston led his troops through the campaign, which terminated with the capture of Aguinaldo. The taking of the famous insurgent leader was characterized as a "dirty trick" by General Funston in talking of the event in later years.

The report that he deserted the Cuban army after having enlisted and fought with the rebelling natives of that country was brought back to New York. General Funston, telling of his Cuban experiences, said he had fought through the vicious campaign, enduring every hardship that an un-equipped army can endure. After serving as expert gunner for more than a year without pay he asked for a leave of absence. This request was not complied with and one morning Funston mounted a horse and rode away. Presenting himself before a Spanish blockhouse, he threw up his hands and surrendered. The commandant of the blockhouse treated him kindly and turned him over to Consul General Fitzhugh Lee at Havana, who sent him home to the United States.

Said He Talked Too Much.

General Funston was a pioneer in the project of paying the enlisted man more money for his services. As early as 1904 in his annual report to the War department as commander of the department of Columbia he said in part:

"There is scarcely any doubt that such action would bring into the army a vastly superior body of men who would remain in the service and make it their life work."

His quick, snappy ways of accomplishing matters often led him into situations where in his earlier years caused him embarrassment. A few years ago he said in an interview:

"In my earlier army career I talked too much. I paid for it, too. An army officer has no business talking. The less he talks the better off he is."

On the arrival of the Kansas troops from the Philippines Funston was presented with a sword, the gift of 3,000 Kansans. The sword was said at the time to have been the handsomest gift of its kind ever given an American war hero.

Never Forgot Kansas. General Funston never forgot Kansas and had planned to spend his last days in the Sunflower state. A report that he had bought a small plot of ground in California during the time he was stationed there gave rise to the rumor that he was going to renounce his Kansas citizenship. This he vigorously denied.

On a recent visit to Kansas he was going over some of the country in which he spent his boyhood days and said to a companion of the trip:

"I surely made a fool of myself when I didn't stay on the farm. He hesitated a moment and added: "But then—think of the fun I would have missed."

SIMPLE SERVICE FOR FUNSTON AT FT. SAM HOUSTON

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next in grade to General Funston. General Pershing will retain command until a permanent successor is named by the War department. No consideration has been given to appointing a new commander for the Southern department.

The War department will reply to the request of the Kansas legislature that General Funston's body might lie in state in the capitol at Topeka be referred to Generals Bell or Pershing.

To Remain in El Paso. El Paso, Tex., Feb. 20.—Major General John J. Pershing announced here today that he would remain here as acting commander of the Southern department pending orders from Washington. He will also retain command of the El Paso district for the present.

It was announced at district headquarters today that the body of General Funston would pass through here tomorrow at 5:30 p. m. and General Pershing had his staff at work today preparing a memorial program to be given while the body is here.

Flags at Half Staff. San Francisco, Feb. 20.—Flags on all municipal buildings in San Francisco were at half staff today in respect to the memory of Major General Frederick Funston, who died last night in San Antonio. They will remain at half staff by order of Mayor Rolph until after the funeral here Saturday.

Burial will take place in the Na-

Ambidextrous



tional cemetery at the Presidio, where General Funston made his home before going to the border. Carrying out an expressed wish of the father, General Funston will be buried beside the body of his son, Arthur McArthur Funston, who died several years ago.

Judge Crawford Was Old College Mate of General Funston

County Judge Crawford was one of the Omahans shocked at the news of the death of General Funston. The judge and the military man attended college together at Kansas university from 1890 to 1893.

General Funston, just a plain college man as I remember him, was a good student, especially fond of his father," said Judge Crawford. "He was a favorite of James H. Canfield, who afterwards became chancellor at the University of Nebraska. We called him 'Timmie Funston' in college. Where he got the nickname I don't know."

"General Funston's father was a congressman at that time. They called his father 'Zoghorn Funston.' Richard H. Horton, chief defender; William A. Foster, chief deputy sheriff, and Lee Herdman, lawyers, are other Omahans who attended Kansas university with General Funston in the '90s."

Senators Would Return Funds To Liquidated Banks

Lincoln, Feb. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—The senators today argued over keeping the guaranty fund of liquidating banks in the state fund and came very nearly recommending the bill for passage, but finally they switched to senate file No. 96, which provides for the return of the fund to the bank paying it. Mattes proposed an amendment which would allow the state to keep the funds, but this lost

by a close vote. A motion to postpone also lost. The bill was then recommended for passage.

Senate file No. 79, requiring state banks to bid on state funds was recommended for passage with little opposition, except that of Howell, who was opposed to any measure interfering with the state banking laws.

The cities and towns committee of the senate held a hearing this evening on the Moriarty-Bennett-Tanner bill to provide for nonpartisan election of members of the Omaha Water board instead of bipartisan. R. B. Howell and Fred Shotwell appeared and talked against the measure.

Mrs. Manchester Asks Order Be Cited for Court Contempt

Lincoln, Feb. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Attorneys for Mrs. Emma B. Manchester today applied to the supreme court for an order citing the members of the executive council of the Woodman Circle for contempt. Those named in the application were Dora Alexander, Maggie Hyde, Mary E. Larocca, Mary Taylor, Edie Rogers, Emma J. Campbell and Mamie E. Long.

Arguments on the application were heard in the supreme court today.

Mrs. Manchester's counsel claimed that the executive board was taking steps to oust her from the office of supreme guardian of the order, in violation of the order recently issued by the supreme court restraining the executive council from interfering with her in the direction of affairs. Attorneys for the defense claimed the orders issued by the executive board were merely to direct the work of the field representatives.

To Welcome Soldiers Home.

Hastings, Neb., Feb. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—The Chamber of Commerce has planned a welcome for Company G, Fifth regiment, when it returns from Fort Crook tomorrow next day. The boys will be met at the depot with a band and escorted to the armory, where they will be guests of the citizens at a luncheon, which will be followed by speaking. President J. N. Clarke of the Chamber of Commerce will preside. Speeches will be made by Mayor Madgett and Judge H. S. Dungan.

OPTOMETRISTS OPEN CONVENTION HERE

Max J. Egge of Grand Island Praises Work of the State Examining Board.

SAYS RAISE STANDARDS BUT PEACE WITH HONOR

That the public is being greatly benefited by the progress of the State Association of Optometrists in raising the standards of optometry was one of the assertions made by Max J. Egge of Grand Island, president of the state association, in opening the two days' convention at the Paston hotel. He praised the work of the state examining board in raising the standard and gave the delegates some crisp advice to be followed.

"When you make a promise to a customer keep it, no matter what happens," he said.

"Don't fail to talk and sell the best lenses. It will pay. There are no knocks on the best lenses. When you sell a man a good pair once sell him the same kind the next time, if they have been satisfactory."

"Give everybody the best possible service. Be sure your ability is second to none."

Report of Secretary. H. R. Tillotson of Harvard, Neb., secretary-treasurer of the association, reported that 1,800 pieces of mail had been sent out from the secretary's office during the year in the interest of optometry.

The president appointed committees as follows: Resolutions, A. S. Miller, Madison; J. C. Mitchell, Red Cloud; and C. B. Morgan, Holdrege; nominations, C. C. McLeese, Davenport, Neb.; D. L. Davis, Superior, and Ed Neiwöhner, Columbus; auditing, B. B. Combs, Omaha, and M. L. Jones, Fairfield.

D. L. Davis of Superior, secretary of the state examining board, said that twenty-seven persons had passed the examination during the last year. He said several cases of illegal practice had been brought to his attention during the year and that in each case he had taken the matter up directly with the offenders, who quit business immediately, saying they did not know they were practicing in violation of the law.

Should Be Prosecuted.

He suggested that in cases of illegal practice the local optometrists take the matter up with the local prosecutor, as often when an effort is made to take the matter up through the state board the offender flees the city before they can get at him.

Alice Brooks of Hastings told of her very effective method of ridding the town of those who practice illegally. "I have driven a lot of them out of town myself without even consulting a county prosecutor," she said. "Only recently a fellow was selling and fitting glasses on the street. I simply went to him and gave him till 4 o'clock to get out of town. He got."

E. J. Neiwöhner of Columbus, Neb., made a report on a national conference of optometrists he attended in Chicago in December. He said he disapproved the proposition they advocated of requiring the equivalent of four years of high school education for the practice of optometry. He favored the law there recommended for reciprocity between the states in the matter of licensing optometrists.

Four deaths have occurred within the association during the year. These were reported by President Egge as follows: Roy Roberts of Fairfield; A. W. McKean, Sidney; G. W. Barnes, Omaha, and T. Albert Jones, formerly of Red Cloud.

Dr. W. B. Needles of Kansas City occupied the floor most of the afternoon yesterday at the convention. Dr. Needles gave a highly technical talk on dynamic akimetry and answered questions the delegates asked him with regard to the fitting of glasses, the testing of eyes, and other technical and scientific points of the profession.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Miss Belle Hatch returned Sunday evening from an eastern buying trip. Miss Hatch has secured the services of Miss Gertrude Lynch of Chicago as trimmer in her hat shop.

LAUDS NEBRASKA REGIMENTS IN HOUSE

Representative Sloan Says the West Furnishes Soldiers in Times of Crisis.

BUT PEACE WITH HONOR

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Washington, Feb. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Representative Sloan, who never loses an opportunity to say something pleasant and agreeable about his state, had a most interesting five minutes today when he told the house of the splendid achievements of the Fourth and Fifth regiments, and the hospital and signal corps from the prairie state. The speech was made on the army appropriation bill.

"Give our American National Guards who graduated into the United States service wholesome food, like they might have at home, tents for refreshing sleep, sanitary surroundings, as all men during this age should have, good books to read, humane and intelligent officers to direct."

"Let all these in authority from commander-in-chief down to the humblest non-commissioned officer recognize the soldier to be a man. Give him then a worthy cause to either carry or defend the flag and it will be carried and where carried stay put."

Refers to Discussion. "Discussion on this floor in recent days has often been ill-tempered and ill-advised. There have been some special protestations of loyalty and patriotism which no one questioned. There have been strictures upon the conduct and policy of certain members living in the great heart of the continent. This prompted me to make some investigation."

"First, relative to my own state, and second, the states where the respective majorities of their congressmen voted to war. Americans from taking passage on endangered ships. The scope of my inquiry was the record made in the Spanish-American war and in the recent border expedition. I found that Nebraska furnished in these two military campaigns forty-nine soldiers out of every 10,000 population."

"Compared with certain states, it was: Nebraska, 49; Ohio, 45; Massachusetts, 45; New York, 43; Indiana, 40; Illinois, 40; New Jersey, 39; Alabama, 35; Virginia, 34."

"As compared with certain geographic sections compiled by the census: Nebraska, 49; New England, 48; middle Atlantic, 42; east south central, 41; west south central, 43; south Atlantic, 37; east south central, 34; Pacific, 41."

Nebraska's Full Glare.

"Nebraska as a locality did its full share in furnishing soldiers for the union army. Nebraska is the only two opportunities it has had since assuming statehood demonstrated two things. First, that it will wait on the action of the constitutional authorities before engaging in battles or winning victories. Second, when put to the test for its share in full and rounded measure. The west generally always believes in and hopes for peace with all the world, as long as it can be maintained with honor, as do all the people of the United States. Yet when war has been declared and soldiers have been called for, history shows that the west furnishes the highest quota of soldiers to fight the battles, win the victories and maintain the honor of the United States."

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SUSPECT HELD FOR SOUTH SIDE MURDER

Gyoko Sarati Arrested for Alleged Killing of His Former Roommate.

ADMITS HE HAD TROUBLE

Gyoko Sarati, Austrian, 2811 R street, confessed murderer of a fellow countryman in Austria three years ago, was arrested at 9 o'clock yesterday by the police in connection with the murder of Cvajin Djoko, Serbian, who was found dead under an arc light at Twenty-ninth and R streets early last evening with his head partly severed from his neck.

Officers surrounded a West R street South Side rooming house and apprehended the man. He answered the description of the dead man's late roommate, who was seen walking with Djoko a few minutes before the bleeding body was found.

At the police station Sarati strongly denied having anything to do with the crime. He said he was visiting a young lady friend of his on the north side and could prove the alibi. At a saloon where detectives brought him on the way to the police station this morning he made this statement and

was disputed by a number of Serbians and Austrian laborers that were there at the time.

General Funston Was Boyhood Chum Of Captain Kline

Captain H. H. Kline of the Salvation Army knew General Funston personally, having attended the same grammar school and having served with him in the Philippine Islands during the Aguinaldo uprising.

Captain Kline's father was a Methodist circuit rider and often stopped at the Funston farm near Iola, Kan. The Kline farm was also near Iola and, as a result, Captain Kline and General Funston were together a great deal during their boyhood.

Admits Trouble.

Sarati admitted to the police that he had trouble with his roommate some time ago. He said that the latter inflicted a knife wound on his scalp in a fight that happened in their room three months ago.

The police will show the body of the dead man to Sarati some time in the next two days. An endeavor will be made to secure a confession. He formerly worked at the Armour packing plant in the beef kill department. At the time of arrest \$117.30 in cash, beside five \$100 postal certificates ready to cash, were found in his trunk.

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