

THE RETIREMENT OF GENERAL SHAFTER.

SINCE Major General William H. Shafter was born on the 15th of October, 1815, and became of the fact that he is the retiring age in the army of the United States, this officer

has been and will be, even those people who are neither his friends nor his enemies, a successful one. The conquest of Santiago was his

or John studied in a common school and then went to college. When, fifteen years later, he began his military career with a first lieutenant's commission in the Seventh Michigan Infantry, and Brigadier General Shafter's official report of the battle of San Juan (July 1, 1898) contains the following statement: "Major General Shafter, Seventh Michigan Infantry, in charge of the division, who was slightly wounded, but kept the field, furnished beautiful exhibitions of gallant conduct and intelligent activity."

The young lieutenant was soon made a major, and in 1891 found himself promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel, and a little later a full colonel in the Seventh United States Cavalry. In 1894 he was given the Fifth rank of lieutenant general.

It was in July, 1898, that Shafter was made lieutenant colonel of the Fifth United States Cavalry, and in that year was promoted to the rank of lieutenant general.

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GENERAL SHAFTER'S BIRTHPLACE.

will, after the 10th of October, 1899, be the oldest of the American army. Owing to this fact, the retiring age in the army of the United States is now 65 years.

at Chateaufort, Mich., and his childhood and youth were passed in the quiet surroundings of the quiet town of Chateaufort, Mich. He was educated in the common schools of his native town, and then at the University of Michigan.

volunteer service for the third time. When the army was reorganized in 1861, he was transferred to the Twenty-fourth Infantry, and in 1862 was made colonel of the First Infantry. Among his friends General Shafter is known as "General Shafter."

BRITAIN'S NEW NAVAL BASE.



Winston Town, the little South African coast town in the accompanying illustration, will be the headquarters for the British naval operations in the Cape of Good Hope. The town is situated on the coast of the Cape of Good Hope, and is a very important port.

THE HULL FIGHT IN AMERICA.



rate will attempt to introduce this same antiquated system into the United States, but owing to the strong opposition of the American people, it is not likely to be successful.

ITEMS PICKED AT RANDOM.

Dr. Koch, the discoverer of the tubercle bacillus, has been elected to the position of president of the German Academy of Sciences. He is a very distinguished scientist and has made many important discoveries.

THE DRAGON TREE OF TENERIFE.

Although different varieties of dragon trees have been published of late, the most perfect specimen of this strange and interesting tropical growth is the one shown in the accompanying illustration. It is a very rare and valuable specimen.

AN AMERICAN SIGNAL CORPS IN THE FIELD.



An expeditionary force has been sent to the Philippines, and the first part of this expedition is shown in the accompanying illustration. It is a very important force and is expected to play a major role in the campaign.

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JAPAN'S NEW IRONCLAD.

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THE WORLD'S BEST PIPER.



Here is the champion piper of the British army, and his playing is so perfect that it is said to be the best in the world. He has been playing for many years and has won many prizes.

A PET OF THE PRINCE.



One of the most valuable pet dogs in the world is the one shown in the accompanying illustration. It is a very small dog, but it is very intelligent and loyal.

THE PRIDE OF THE REGIMENT.



One of the most beautiful soldiers in the world is the one shown in the accompanying illustration. He is a very brave and gallant soldier, and is the pride of his regiment.

THE BADGE OF DEGRADATION.



Here is the badge of degradation, a sign of dishonor. It is a very shameful thing to wear, and it is a sign of a man's failure. It is a badge of degradation, and it is a sign of a man's failure.

WHO SAID KRUGER?



Who said Kruger? The answer is, the bulldog. The bulldog is the symbol of Kruger, and it is a very brave and gallant animal. It is the symbol of Kruger, and it is a very brave and gallant animal.

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