

TO TAKE UP HER PEN.

OF STUFF TO MAKE HEROES.
James McGinnis Picks Up a Box of Smoking Ammunition at Tampa and Throws It into the River.

Mrs. Frank Leslie Will Return to Editorial Work.

Disappointed at Failure of the Arkell Publishing Company—Will Try to Save the Popular Monthly.

The failure of the Arkell Publishing company, which publishes Judge, Frank Leslie's Illustrated Weekly and other periodicals was as great a surprise to Mrs. Frank Leslie, who is one of the largest stockholders in the company, as it was to the general public.

"I was never more astonished in my life than when I heard that the Arkell company had failed," said Mrs. Leslie at her home in the Gerlach, New York city.

"I cannot understand what caused the failure, for since the war began the circulation of Frank Leslie's Illustrated Weekly has increased and the publisher has been obliged to print from 50,000 to 60,000 extra copies above the regular edition.

"I have perfect faith in Mr. Arkell's integrity and that in time everything will come out all right. With his industry and honesty he cannot help coming to the front. I hold \$103,000 worth of stock in the Arkell Publishing company, given as security for a third of the purchase money of Frank Leslie's Illustrated Weekly.

"This failure will change my entire life. It will induce me to return to active work. I leased Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly to a syndicate and I've resolved to-day to take the presidency of this company and devote myself to the editorial management of the Popular Monthly.

It is current rumor that another member of the Vanderbilt family is soon to marry. Alfred, the second son of Cornelius Vanderbilt, who is still a student at Yale college, is said to be engaged to Miss French, youngest daughter of Mrs. Francis Ormond French. There has been no formal announcement of the engagement, but society regards the matter as settled.

Alfred Vanderbilt is a handsome young man, a great favorite at college, and a keen lover of outdoor sports. At Newport, where his father's summer palace is close to that of Mrs. French, he and Miss French have been extremely popular in the younger set.

Miss French is a girl of extreme beauty, as is her sister, Elizabeth, who married Mr. Herbert Francis Eaton, a colonel in the Grenadier guards. She is now a reigning beauty in the Marlborough house set.

About young Vanderbilt's prospective great inheritance everybody knows. Miss French is also endowed with this world's goods beyond the dreams of avarice. Her mother is wealthy. When her sister married it is said she had \$3,000,000 in her own right.

TEST A SAMPLE SOUP.

Officers at Camp Alger Try the Qualities of a Compromised Preparation of a Detroit Firm.

Two men who superintend the caldrons were jumping around killing them as fast as they could, and using bad broken English at a triple tongue gait, while in the far end of the room a bevy of bonbonieres who had not yet deserted their posts encouraged their efforts.

TO WEAR DRAB LINEN.

Scarcity of Duck Cloth Compels the Use of a Lighter Material for the Uniforms.

There is something of a muddle over army clothing for the men. It has been decided to award no more contracts for duck suits, which the experts in such matters find to be too close a texture and too heavy in weight for the climatic condition in Cuba or Puerto Rico. This has made it necessary to secure a large number of linen uniforms, of which but two articles for each man will be purchased, the coat and trousers. The clothing will be of approved color, a species of drab which is suggestive of comfort and offers the least target to the enemy's rifles.

The quartermasters have found it is next to impossible to secure duck in this country, as the producers of this material have had unusual demands made upon them by the navy for clothing, bags, sails, etc., while the army itself has endeavored to place large orders for tentage. The Alaskan expeditions have also drawn heavily upon the domestic sources of supply.

GEN. MERRITT'S SENTIMENTS.

Says Army Will Hold What Navy Wins—Believes in Extending Our Boundaries.

At a banquet given by Mayor Phelan to Maj. Gen. Merritt at the Pacific Union club, at San Francisco, a number of prominent citizens were present. In responding to a toast in his honor, Gen. Merritt said that the success of the American troops in the Philippines could not be doubted. The territory acquired by the United States by right of conquest should not be relinquished.

What the navy has won the army will hold. He closed by saying:

"I believe in the new national policy of the United States which looks to the acquisition of additional territory, represented in outlying islands that are requisite for the development of national strength and growth."

His sentiments were heartily applauded.

Ancient Carrier Pigeon Service. A carrier pigeon service was established by the Turks A. D. 567.

To Have a Municipal Laboratory. Boston has established a municipal laboratory.

ON HIS OWN MERITS.

Maj. J. W. Howard Wants No Boosting from His Father.

Son of Gen. O. O. Howard Sets a Splendid Example for Other Sons of Other Fathers to Follow.

Please do not write, telegraph or otherwise urge my appointment at Washington." So wrote Maj. J. W. Howard to his father, Gen. O. O. Howard. While Maj. Howard was at Sea Girt, N. J., attending to his duties as a major of the New Jersey militia his friends sent his name to the war department as an officer in the volunteer engineer corps. When other prominent men's sons were in Washington employing all the influence they could bring to bear to obtain appointments, Maj. Howard wrote his father to let him succeed or fail upon his own merits.

Gen. O. O. Howard said: "My son wrote me that he had forwarded a letter to the war department offering his services. He wanted to get in the war, but he did not want me to help him."

The letter to Gen. O. O. Howard was in part as follows: "My Dear Father: I am striving to obtain an appointment in the volunteer army from the standpoint of patriotism, efficiency and honor. I reluctantly have recognized that politics and influence are factors of some moment in connection with some appointments that have been made. I don't like to be too closely identified with these channels, although they must be recognized. I wish to obtain my appointment upon my own merits, if such exist. Please do not write, telegraph or otherwise urge my appointment through other channels and to retain it through merit. Your loving son,

On May 28 Maj. Howard received a formal notice from the war department to report for examination. The examination began May 31 and lasted for seven days. Among those who stood for and passed the examination is Maj. J. W. Howard, B. L. C. E.

EXPERTS ENLIST TO FIGHT.

Electricians, Civil, Mechanical and Topographical Engineers, Etc., Incurred in Regiment.

When the brigade of engineers, United States volunteers, is mustered in it will have among its officers scientists, electricians, civil, mechanical and topographical engineers of national repute, college professors and men prominent in the commercial world.

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