

## BUTLER HELPED DEFEND HOOVER IN BOXER WAR

Won Promotion to Captain for Bravery in Fighting at Tientsin.

Following is the second of the series on the spectacular career of General Butler.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—At 16, Smedley Butler was still a boy to his mother. His father thought he belonged in school. But there was going to be a hot time in Cuba, and the lad wanted to fight.

He ran away to Philadelphia and tried to enlist, but could not convince recruiting officers he was 18. Then he went to Washington and signed up to take examinations for a commission in the marine corps. He dated back his birth to April 20, 1880.

Young Butler got his second lieutenant's bar, standing second in a class of 200. He was assigned to the U. S. S. New York attached to the fleet.

Then he went to the Philippines for guerrilla warfare. This toughened him up, sharpened his eye and made a first-class fighting man out of him. The Quaker schoolboy was no more.

Helped Defend Hoover

Over in China the Boxers were out for blood. They murdered the German minister at Peiping.

Next, the frenzied Chinese pushed toward Tientsin, where 600 white foreigners lived. These included a young American engineer named Hoover and his wife.

"Thirty thousand Chinese troops with a wild mob of equal size, are threatening the city. About 1,500 European troops threw up defenses."

American marines in the Philippines were rushed across, among them Lieutenant Butler. Fighting was desperate. The Chinese horde was overwhelming in size and disaster threatened. Young Hoover helped build defenses, operate the waterworks and organize the civilians inside the defenses. Young Butler was wounded in the leg while fighting with reckless disregard for his safety.

A young British officer, Captain Gwynne of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, picked Butler up and carried him to safety.

Promoted for Bravery

Possibly Mrs. Hoover, helping with bandages and care of the wounded, saw the young officer when he was brought in. If so, the incident is lost to history. They were only two individuals in a crisis which threatened to result in massacre.

The city was saved. Young Hoover returned to his engineering work. Young Butler was promoted to captain, advanced two numbers in grade for eminent and conspicuous bravery, and soon after returned to the United States. Their paths would not cross again for many years.

On April 27 last there occurred a colorful and moving sequel to this episode.

Thirty Years Have Passed

At the dinner of the Gridiron Club there, in the presence of Mr. Hoover, by now President of the United States, and Butler, now wearing the stars of a marine corps general, John Philip Sousa, marching king, led the marine band in the first rendition of his new march "The Royal Welch Fusiliers," dedicated to the regiment which fought beside Butler's outfit in China.

The original manuscript was sent to the museum for its archives, in commemoration of a friendship sealed under the beleaguered walls of Tientsin.

Thirty years have passed. One of the figures of that crisis, as commander-in-chief of the army and navy, may soon be reviewing the findings of a navy court-martial of one of the heroes of the defending forces.

NET—Vera Cruz and a medal of honor.

Hoosier A. C. Is Robbed

Thieves who entered the Hoosier Athletic Club, Pratt and Meridian streets, Sunday obtained merchandise and equipment valued at \$30, police were told.

## Sacrificed to Kindling Raids



Those without fuel are bound to keep warm on cold days—and kindling sometimes is hard to come by. Down at Michael and Wyoming streets, in the southwestern section of the city, are three houses that are mute evidence of this.

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