SHIELS RECEIVES HONOR MEDAL

Former San Francisco Surgeon Is the Recipient of Recognition for Bravery

FEARLESS ON FIELD

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 17.—Dr. George Franklin Shiels, an army surgeon who distinguished himself in rescuing wounded Filipinos amid a shower of bullets during a fight in a Philippine insurrection, and was known as the most reckless man in battle in all Luzon, has received a Congressional medal of honor for his bravery on the battlefield.

Dr. Shiels, who is now a resident of New York City, was a surgeon major on the staff of General Lloyd Wheaton at the time of the Philippine uprising in 1899. While an engagement was in progress at Tuliahan River, Surgeon Shiels noticed two wounded Filipinos lying near an open space between the firing lines. The battle was still at its height when the doctor, at the risk of his life, ran to the injured men, accompanied by four soldiers of General Wheaton's troops, with whose aid he carried them to a place of safety, Dr. Shiels bearing one of the Filipinos on his shoulders and the troopers looking out for the other native.

The rescue was witnessed by many of General Wheaton's soldiers, and has been described as one of the bravest of acts on the battlefield.

Dr. Shiels was the hero of several daring feats during his experience in the Philippine campaign, especially at Zapote Bridge. He was recommended for promotion to the brevet of brigadier general by General Wheaton and five times recommended for the brevet of lieutenant colonel.

PONY SALE BRINGS MINER FORTUNE

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

RENO, Nev., Nov. 17.—To receive more than $100,000 for a broken-down cow pony seems like a dream, but the fact remains that Fred Staples, a prospector operating some lignite claims at Coledale, sold in this city yesterday 7000 shares of Mohawk stock for $122,500, Staples having received this stock three years ago in payment for a pony which he considered almost worthless. Staples is in California with his invalid wife, and is living in luxury while the man who gave him the stock is still seeking a fortune in Southern Nevada.

Three years ago Staples was sitting in his cabin in the mining camp of Coledale, wondering how he could send his sick wife to San Francisco, where the doctors said she must go if her life was to be saved. He had about given up all hope when a prospector from Tonopah arrived at the cabin and asked to buy Staples' pony, standing tied to a sagebrush near the cabin. The Tonopah fortune-seeker did not have much cash, but he had 7000 shares of Mohawk, which he offered with a $10 bill for the horse. Staples sold the pony and put the stock in a tin can. Yesterday he sold the 7000 shares at $17.50 a share, receiving $122,500.

MRS. THAW ORDERS SEVEN GOWNS

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw went to an exclusive Fifth-avenue dressmaker Thursday and had fittings for seven costumes, described as "stunning cerations," to be worn at the trial of her husband, Harry K. Thaw, which begins December 3. It is reported the cost of the gowns was $3600. Thaw, who is in the Tombs, has ordered three suits of clothes, presumably to wear at his trial.

Recorder Goff, who will hear the case, will become a member of the Supreme Court on January 1, so that the indications are that the Thaw trial will be much shorter than has been generally expected.

The opinion of the District Attorney's office is that the trial should not last so very long. The prosecution will not introduce any extraneous matter and District Attorney Jerome expects to conduct the case for the people with dispatch.

It is expected that the defense will be long, but Recorder Goff is not opposed to holding night sessions, and it is said this will be done should there be indications that the trial would last over Christmas.

CONVICTED INDIANA AUDITOR IS GRANTED A NEW TRIAL

Supreme Court Holds That David E. Sherrick Took Insurance and Not State Money

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 17.—The Supreme Court has reversed the decision of the lower court by which David E. Sherrick, former Auditor of State, was sent to the penitentiary for an indeterminate sentence of from two to fourteen years, charged with embezzlement of the State funds.

The court orders a new trial. Sherrick has been in the penitentiary for several months. He will be brought to Indianapolis at once.

The court holds that Sherrick did not embezzle State money, as the money belonged to the insurance companies.

SEES A GERMAN PERIL

MADRID, Nov. 17.—The Diaro Universal, commenting on the speech of Chancellor von Bulow in the German Reichstag Wednesday, expresses the opinion that too much importance should not be attached to the Chancellor's optimism, adding that "Germany is the greatest peril to European peace."

CABINET CRISIS IN SPAIN

MADRID, Nov. 17.—King Alfonso has been hastily recalled to this city from his hunting expedition. It is believed that a Cabinet crisis is impending. War Minister de Luque is resisting the pretensions of Generals Weyler and Polavieja to the field marshalship, vacant owing to the death of Count de Cheste. Weyler and Polavieja base their claims on their victories in Cuba and the Philippine Islands.