

# GEN. MILES REPRIMANDED

## TALKED ON SCHLEY VERDICT.

Secretary Root Calls Him Down and Asks for an Explanation—The General Replies in Two Letters—Not Satisfactory to Senator—May Mean Another Trial.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Because Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles, in an interview at Cincinnati, commented on the findings of the Schley court of inquiry, Secretary of War Root, by direction of the president, severely reprimanded the ranking officer of the army.

The words of Lieutenant General Miles which gave offense were contained in the following expression:

"I am willing to take the judgment of Admiral Dewey in the matter. He has been a commander of a fleet, and as such has known the anxieties and responsibilities which rest upon a man under these circumstances. He was instrumental in the destruction of one Spanish fleet, and knows and realizes the feelings that encompass an officer under such conditions. I think Dewey has summed up the matter in a clear and concise manner, and I believe his conclusions will be endorsed by the patriotic people of the United States. I have no sympathy with the efforts which have been made to destroy the honor of an officer under such circumstances."

The determination on the part of the administration absolutely to terminate further discussion of the Sampson-Schley controversy took shape in the publication of some remarkable correspondence that has passed between Secretary Root and Lieutenant General Miles relative to the latter's interview, published in a Cincinnati paper, commenting upon the Schley case. When the interview appeared, it attracted much attention officially, but after the lapse of two days without any sign of official action, the conclusion became general that the interview would be ignored. Therefore the publication of the full correspondence on this case created a sensation in army and naval circles. It is seldom that so severe a reprimand is administered to an officer of high rank in either service. What the result will be can not be foretold, although it is assumed that General Miles will submit without further comment.

That General Miles appreciates the situation is shown by the deep concern he manifested and his frequent visits to the office of Secretary Root. It was necessary for him to write two letters to meet the demands of the department, and even then there was no expression of satisfaction on the part of the secretary for the second explanation. However, Secretary Root himself regards the incident as closed. At least he does not propose to take any further action unless obliged to do so.

**Part of the Reprimand.**  
The reprimand is contained in the following letter of Secretary Root to General Miles:

"War Department, Washington, Dec. 22.—Sir: By direction of the president, I communicate to you his conclusions upon your course in the interview to which your attention was called by my letter of the 19th.

"Your explanation of the public statement made by you is not satisfactory. You are in error when you say that you have the same right as any other citizen to express publicly an opinion regarding the questions pending in the course of military discipline. The established invariable rules of official propriety necessary to the effective discipline of the service impose limitations upon the public expression of military officers.

"A court of inquiry has been held on the matters in controversy and a report had been made in which one member of the court had dissented in some particulars from the majority, and the report was pending before the reviewing authority. At this point the lieutenant general of the army saw fit to make a public expression of his opinion as between the majority and the minority of the court, accompanied by a criticism of a most severe character, which would not fail to be applied by the generality of readers to the naval officers against whose view your opinion was expressed. It is of no consequence on whose side your opinion was or what it was. You had no business in the controversy and no right, holding the office which you did, to express any opinion. Your conduct was in violation of the regulation above cited and the rules of official propriety, and you are justly liable to censure, which I now express. Very respectfully,

ELIHU ROOT, Secretary of War.

"Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles, Headquarters of the Army.

"P. S.—Your second letter of explanation, received since the above was written, does not change the case. The necessity for repeated explanation but illustrates the importance of the rule which you have violated.

"ELIHU ROOT, Secretary of War."

**Offered to Gov. Crane.**

Boston, Dec. 23.—A close friend of Governor W. Murray Crane today confirmed a report from Washington, published today, stating that the governor had been offered the treasury portfolio by President Roosevelt, and said that the governor had asked for time until next Monday before deciding whether or not he would accept. Family and business considerations are the cause of the governor's hesitation.

**Just a Beginner.**

She—Has she many friends in society?

He—Oh, yes; she hasn't been in long you know.—Smart Set.

# THEY WILL FIGHT CASTRO.

Gen. Mendosa at the head of a Revolution in Venezuela.

Willemsstad, Island of Curacao, Dec. 22.—General Mendosa, president elect of the state of Curacao; senior Antonio Fernandez, minister under President Andrade, and Senor Litowsky, war minister in former President Cresp's cabinet, rebelled Thursday against President Castro, near La Victoria. The revolutionists reached Cagua on the way to Yama de Cura, where their partisans had concentrated from all of the surrounding districts.

Traffic on the German railroad is interrupted and telephone and telegraph lines have been cut.

Another uprising, it is reported, has taken place near Valencia, and it is said that the entire country is ready to take up arms against the administration of General Castro.

The government censorship is strictly enforced.

Official circles in Caracas consider the Mendosa movement an extremely serious one, and fear that other uprisings will occur.

## War Preparations in Argentina.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 22, via Galveston.—It has been decided to establish a large factory near Rosario for the making of bullets and cannon balls. The principal machinery necessary has all been purchased in Germany. Twenty-two hundred seamstresses are actively engaged in making uniforms. It is expected that these will be finished by the end of January.

The cabinet has decided upon the organization of two regiments of mountain artillery.

After having exhausted the friendly feeling shown by the Argentine government in its efforts to arrive at an agreement with Chile on the question of roads, Chile has rejected new features in the difficulty, taking the position that the Argentine government has abandoned possession of the disputed territory.

The attitude of Chile in refusing the proposal of Argentina means that Chile will withdraw its minister in Argentina.

## Argentine Minister Recalled.

Valparaiso, Dec. 22.—The Argentine government has recalled its representative at Santiago de Chile, leaving that legation in charge of the secretary. Diplomatic relations between the two countries have not yet been broken off.

## MASSO SUPPORTERS WITHDREW

Will Take No Part in Coming Elections in Cuba.

Havana, Dec. 23.—The supporters of General Maso in his candidacy for the presidency of the republic have decided to take no part in the coming elections fixed for December 31. All the candidates of the party have withdrawn and the Maso members of the provincial boards have been requested to resign. These steps were decided upon after the receipt of a letter from Governor Wood, refusing to grant the party representation on the board of scrutiny or an extension of time in which to modify the voting list.

At a meeting of the party leaders a resolution was adopted declaring that "the central board is a coalition of partisans, and that General Maso, after exhausting every means to insure impartiality, rectitude and justice at the coming elections has become convinced that in official circles in the United States the intention does not exist to see that the elections are carried out with sufficient legality to reflect the real wishes of the Cuban, who are desirous of independence and anxious to freely elect their first constitutional government."

It was voted to inform Secretary Root of the decision arrived at and also to publish a manifesto to the country.

La Lucha applauds the withdrawal of the Maso candidates and says that without the guarantees asked from Secretary Root every one knows that the election will be a falsification of the will of the majority.

"The Maso coalition" says La Lucha, "should not lend themselves to the betrayal of the public will, and should not cooperate in a policy which tends to lay the foundation of the republic on a gigantic fraud."

Maso is said to have a strong following among the blacks in the country, and it is rumored in Havana that this element may not take kindly to the present condition of things and may cause trouble.

The Discussion, the Palma organ, asserts that the withdrawal of Maso's supporters is due to the fact that they are a hopeless minority and the candidates have no chance of being elected.

## Maclay Is Fired.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The following order has been made public:

"Navy Department, Washington, D. C.—Rear Admiral A. S. Barker, Commandant Navy Yard, New York.—Sir: I am directed by the president to ask Edgar S. Maclay, special laborer, general storekeeper's office, navy yard, New York, to send in his resignation. Very respectfully,

JOHN D. LONG, Secretary."

Secretary Root was designated to make public the request for Maclay's resignation at a conference with the president, and it was given to the press by him.

## Meeting of Northwestern Governors.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 23.—The proposed meeting of the governors and attorney generals of northwestern states to discuss a plan of preventing the Northern Securities company from bringing about the practical consolidation of the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Burlington, will be held in Helena Monday, December 30. This was agreed upon by Governor Van Sant of Minnesota and Governor Toole after an interchange of telegrams.

A submarine boat is an enterprise that falls if it doesn't go under.

# WORLD'S NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

## CULLED FROM DISPATCHES.

**Complete Review of Happenings in Both Eastern and Western Hemispheres for the Past Week—National, Historical, Political and Personal Events Tensely Expounded.**

At Sofia the cabinet has agreed to remain in office and the ministerial crisis is ended.

At Fort Monroe, Va., Captain Francis Brown, U. S. N., retired, died Friday night of apoplexy, aged 60 years.

Colonel John C. Noble, a veteran in Kentucky journalism, is dead, aged 84. He served in the Mexican and civil wars.

The mercury registered 8 degrees below, the lowest point reached in Toledo, Ohio, during the month of December since 1872.

Two trains were wrecked in a collision near Melegnano, Italy, 10 miles southeast of Milan. Six persons were killed and 15 seriously injured.

Those who anticipated that Lord Rosebery would again discuss national politics on the occasion of the presentation to him of the freedom of Swansea were disappointed. His lordship confined himself to an allusion to municipal matters.

Mrs. Roosevelt held her second public reception of the season Saturday afternoon at 3:15. Hundreds of ladies availed themselves of the opportunity to call on her. The Marine band played throughout the reception.

Wichita bloodhounds followed Jim Andrews, who killed Jim Falls at La Homa, O. T., recently. The hounds traced him to a farm house 15 miles from La Homa, where he was found in bed. He yielded without resistance.

The southbound stage between Laytonville and Willits, Cal., was robbed a mile above the latter place. A registered pouch and the express box were taken. A man named Evans has been arrested.

Colonel James Forney of the marine corps, who is now in command of the marines at the League Island navy yard, Philadelphia, has been ordered to Cavite, P. I., to assume command of the First brigade of marines.

A fast freight on the Louisville & Nashville jumped the track on a trestle near Ridgeway, Tenn., and was precipitated 130 feet into the valley. Engineer Fitzgerald and brakemen Walter Anderson and Eskridge were killed outright and Conductor Mahan was probably fatally injured.

Charles Myers, superintendent of the Portland, Ore., city park, was run over and killed by a trolley car in upper Albina. He was driving across the street car tracks in a buggy, when the horse started to run away, throwing Myers on the track in front of a car. The fall stunned him and the rapidly moving car passed over his body, killing him instantly.

The first fight in which General Dewey has figured for some time, it is reported, occurred at Langburg. It is considered rather a fiasco in the light of recent ominous reports regarding the noted general's rejuvenated command. Dewey, with 890 men and two guns, clashed with Generals Dartnell and Campbell. After a four hours' fight the Boers drew off, with a loss of four killed and 20 wounded. The British loss was one killed and 14 wounded.

Uuc-Ze-Ga, the oldest Indian squaw in the United States, died at the Winnebago Indian camp on Barren islands, opposite La Crosse, Wis., aged 128.

Lieutenant-Governor Higgins and his brother, Arthur, the state game warden, were acquitted of the charge of assault in the third degree, preferred by Theodore Blockley.

It is stated on good authority that the German government is preparing for military action against Venezuela in order to compel a settlement of her claims against that country.

Negotiations for the erection of a 200-ton lead smelter, refiner and smoke condensing works at Kaslo, B. C., have been concluded with a Glasgow syndicate represented by T. B. Stewart.

Gov. Rogers of Washington, is confined to his home with an attack of pneumonia. His physician says he is seriously ill, but that this condition has not yet reached a point to cause great alarm.

The mining situation in Montana, particularly in the smelter towns, is anything but pleasant. The streets are thronged with thousands of idle men, who know not when they will resume work.

According to a Sofia dispatch to the London Daily Telegraph, an agreement has been reached between the brigands holding Miss Stone captive and the American legation at Constantinople, under which the brigands are to accept £14,000 for the release of Miss Stone.

Near Summerville, Pa., yesterday, the house of John Ashbaugh, a farmer, was destroyed by fire and four persons were burned to death. One other is burned in such a manner that recovery is doubtful, and four others are seriously injured.

A change in manner of making King Edward's coronation garments is to be made. New robes favored by royalty are much cooler and more becoming than those originally designed. Duchess of Marlborough may be chosen as queen's attendant.

By the collapse of the city market house at Zacatecas, Mex., forty-five lives have been lost and over a score of persons seriously injured, some of them so badly that they can not recover. Fifteen bodies have been taken from the ruins and a large force is at work clearing away the debris in order to recover others, though there is no hope that any of those caught in the collapse of the big structure will be found alive. It is impossible at this time to learn

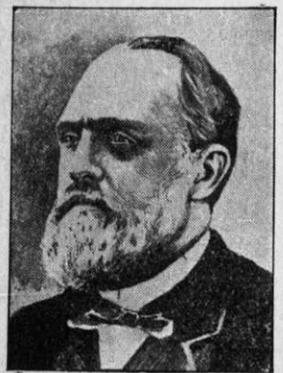
the names of the victims. Among those caught in the collapse were several officers charged with the management of the building.

## TO ASIA BY WAY OF ALASKA.

Seattle Chamber of Commerce Takes Up Pacific Cable Matter.

Seattle, Dec. 23.—The matter of telegraphic communication with Alaska and the Orient has been recently presented by Attorney Joseph Shippen to the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, which unanimously resolved "that the governmental and commercial interests of the United States require submarine electric communication from Puget sound to Alaska, Manila and the centers of Asiatic commerce."

This has led to the careful drafting of a bill about to be introduced in congress by Senator Foster, providing for the laying and maintaining by the United States of an ocean cable, or



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rather a series of connecting cables, to Alaska and the Orient, by the northern route. It is earnestly hoped that despite the pressure of manifold business, this measure may be adopted and speedily carried into execution.

## Pan-American Delegates Congress.

Mexico City, Dec. 23.—The United States delegation to the Pan-American conference have met with the Mexican delegation, and the delegates of the different countries met and discussed the subject of arbitration, and as a result it is believed a plan acceptable to the majority, if not all of the delegates to the conference, has been reached. The projected convention provides that contracting nations will oblige themselves to submit to the decision of an arbitration court all existing and future controversies which can not be settled diplomatically, provided that in the exclusive judgment of either of the parties to the dispute the said controversies do not affect national honor or independence.

Under article 25 of The Hague convention for the peaceful settlement of international controversies the contracting parties agree to submit to the decision of the permanent court of arbitration established by that convention all controversies embraced under the proposed Pan-American convention, unless either party to the dispute prefers that a special court be established to try the case. In case it is agreed to submit a case to The Hague court the parties to the dispute agree to accept the procedure and rules laid down by The Hague convention.

## Northwest Senators Assigned.

In the assignment to senatorial committees Senator Foster of Washington is made chairman of the committee on coast and insular survey. He is also on manufactures, agriculture and forestry, and District of Columbia.

According to the assignments by the Democratic senatorial caucus, Senator Turner will be on coast defenses, commerce, fisheries, immigration, intercoastal canal, judiciary, pensions, public buildings and grounds, transportation routes.

Senator Dubois is named for civil service and retrenchment, Indian affairs, mines and mining, organization of the executive departments, Philippines, postoffices and postroads, privileges and elections, transportation routes.

Senator Helfield is placed on agriculture and forestry, District of Columbia, to examine civil service, irrigation, mines and mining, patents, public lands, territories.

Senator Hanna has introduced a bill granting a pension of \$5,000 a year to Mrs. McKinley, wife of the late president.

## Two Were Killed.

Sandersville, Fla., Dec. 23.—A battle with firearms occurred four miles from here between the Hogan and Dorman families, all of whom are well known in this section. A feud has existed between the two families for a long time, and on former occasions a fight was almost precipitated. The dead are: Joshua Hogan, Tillie Dorman.

The wounded are: Andrew Nain and Thad Dorman, who is said to be fatally wounded.

## Fortune Lost at Cards.

London, Dec. 23.—A dispatch to a news agency from Vienna published here this evening, says at the Vienna Jockey club today, Count Potocki lost \$500,000 during three hours of card playing. Count Pallavicini won most of the money.

## Paid \$75,000 for a Seat.

New York, Dec. 23.—A seat on the New York exchange was sold for \$75,000. This is the highest price ever paid.

The Dorking fowl is the only living bird which in its adult condition possesses a five-toed foot.

# FOUR NORTHWEST STATES

## NEWS IS BRIEFLY TOLD HERE.

**Choice Selection of Interesting Items Gathered Through the Week—Harvesting Is in Full Blast—Big Crops Assured—Many Accidents Occur—Personals.**

## WASHINGTON NEWS.

The baseball managers in the northwest are now at work signing their men.

A new flour mill and starch factory employing 400 men are assured to Seattle.

Frank Goodson is in custody at St. Paul under charge of embezzlement of postal funds at Seattle.

John Justin, who has been one of Walla Walla's most picturesque characters for 40 years, is dead.

The sawmill men of Spokane and Stevens county will meet in Colville December 31 to discuss the lumber business.

The county commissioners of Lewis county have voted to pay the \$1 per scalp bounty provided by law for coyote scalps.

The grading of the Great Northern and the V. V. & E. railways between Grand Forks and Marcus, Wash., is completed.

Exports from Tacoma for twelve months ending November, 1901, were valued at \$11,515,750; last year they were \$8,567,531.

An Esquimaux arrow of walrus ivory was found imbedded deep in the breast of a Canadian gray goose shot a few days ago near Liberty lake.

N. W. Magee has purchased W. E. Jaberg's farm of 240 acres, lying just north of Pullman, near Military Hill, for \$6,000 cash, or \$25 per acre.

George Dewherst killed himself at Tyler's ranch, 12 miles east of Waterville, by shooting himself through the head. Insanity is supposed to be the cause.

After years of waiting Colfax is to have an opera house worthy of the name. Two plans have been submitted to the citizens and one is certain to be accepted.

Arthur Shoemaker of Waitsburg will lose an eye as the result of a peculiar accident. The youth was standing over a fire when a big cartridge exploded, the shell striking him in the eye.

Extra freight engine 151, westbound, on the Northern Pacific, collided with extra No. 133, eastbound, about one mile west of Weston, last week. Both engines were damaged, ten cars derailed and the track blocked several hours.

At Everett Judge Denny of the superior court decided a case against Labor Commissioner Blackman, holding that the ten-hour female labor law is unconstitutional. Commissioner Blackman will carry the case to the supreme court.

Charles McNamee has been authorized by the eastern parties whom he represents to make a proposition to the receiver of the Metropolitan bank at Tacoma, the result of which if accepted by the court will be that every depositor will be paid in full.

Gov. Rogers has refused to state whether, acting in conformity with Senator Turner's recent letter about the railroad combine, he would call an extra session of the legislature or to outline outline any other policy or plan of his own in regard thereto which he would pursue.

The first carnival given by the Spokane Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was a success in every sense of the word, and next year in all probability there will be another effort made along similar lines to entertain the brothers, the public of Spokane and of the surrounding country.

## OREGON NOTES.

Prominent business men contemplate starting a creamery at Dallas.

Pendleton gets the giant log rolling of all Eastern Oregon camps of the Woodmen of the World, to be brought off at some date next spring.

At Portland Al Seill of San Francisco and Tom Tracy of Australia met in the ring for the third time at the exposition building, and Neill won in the eighth round.

The startling fact that a good proportion of the cattle ranged in the Bingham Springs country this summer are missing is evident with the completion of the fall round-up.

At Baker City Austin Craig, who was bound over to await the action of the circuit court on the charge of misappropriating funds of the Bank of Sumpter, has been admitted to bail in the sum of \$2,000.

Three thousand, three hundred and ninety-six coyote scalp bounties have been paid by Umatilla county since the law commenced operations, March 28, over 3400. This makes nearly \$7,000 paid out for coyotes alone.

About 1,000,000 bushels of barley, 150,000 bushels of wheat and perhaps 300,000 bushels of oats from the Columbia river valley will find markets in the east this season. Most of the factors in the movement of the grain cents to 60 cents per 100 pounds.

Several tons of honey, the last of produced in the Umatilla river bottom this season between here and a few miles above the Butter creek junction, of clovers are raised in varieties bottom, and the gorge of the Umatilla. This makes the best of honey sources, and bees, when maintained by ranch-

ers, make large supplies. Thom, who lives near... 5,800 pounds this year... land. The industry is... growing. More alfalfa is... and the opportunities are... greater. It is considered... and clear profit.

## IDAHO GLEANINGS.

Another large lumber deal has been closed, by which Falls holdings of the Spokane Lumber company have been from that company.

The last large lot of wool in section from the last spring... today. It embraces 1,000,000... belonged to Robert Noble. The... about 10 cents a pound.

A verdict of manslaughter... turned by the jury in the case of... as Fleming, charged with the... John Keeler in a drunken... Port Hill, Idaho, June 14 last.

At Lewiston Herman... Dane arrested on a charge of... hand of cattle from Nell... Granite, escaped from the... and the officers have as yet... trace of the fugitive.

Influence will be brought to congress by the members of the Army to have a national... established at Fort Sherman... d'Alene City, immediately at... of the midwinter holidays.

Mrs. L. E. Warren of... just received letters from... South Africa, announcing the... October, of her brother in... Joney, some years since a... Rocky Bar, and during 1895... in the mines at De Lamar.

Word comes from... town had a narrow escape... last week. Fire started in a... and did considerable damage... solely of wooden buildings... fire protection, a disastrous... only averted by prompt action.

The Umatilla Indian woman... brought to Lewiston tied... held on a charge of insanity... with an interpreter and second... fully rational. She said that... made by her Indian captors... insane violence are all untrue... was neither insane nor violent... story is that a party of Indians...

Kate Sabin, the little daughter... W. Sabin, met her death in a... recently at Emmett. She drove... with her brother and sat in the... holding the reins when he went... store to make some purchases. The... became frightened and ran half... The girl's clothes caught in a... she was dragged half the distance... was 3 years old.

Lapwal, desiring to drive her... caught her and tied her, then... fire and burned her feet. Torment... the pain, she screamed and... Physicians who examined the... feet today state that their... supposedly due to freezing... easily have been caused by burn-

## MONTANA ITEMS.

The Anaconda Athletic club has organized.

Anaconda's city engineer has... all houses to be numbered by the... of the year.

Herman Buckholdt, a well known ranchman living at Augusta, has... killed by a shed falling upon him... a windstorm, recently.

E. O. Railsback has sold for... Zimmerman 2300 lambs to John... \$2.60 per head. The price is the... that has been paid for lambs this... son.

C. P. Blomberg, who killed W. S. B... paugh, a Chicago mining millionaire... October, during a quarrel, was... by a jury at Virginia City after... out 12 minutes.

The Anaconda Trades and Labor... assembly has taken action to... formation of a militia company in... city, and appointed a committee... work with that end in view.

A freight wreck occurred recently... the Northern Pacific, 25 miles... Gardiner, and as a result 20 cars... of chandise are lying at the bottom... Missoula river and traffic was suspended.

At Dillon recently Charles Gordon... sheepherder, was instantly killed... the accidental discharge of a... he was carrying. Gordon was sitting... a chair and the weapon fell from... pocket and was discharged upon... the floor.

Though Deer Lodge is a county... the fifth class, Judge Napton, of... district court, has rendered an... to the effect that its county officials... entitled to the compensation received... by officers of counties of the... class.

William Williams, a miner at the... metallic mine, was instantly killed... cently, and his partner, Sidney Davis... riously wounded by a premature blast... the 1500 foot level. They were... the drift when the explosion occurred... were struck by the flying rock.

Lieutenant-Governor Higgins and... brother have been placed under... on a charge of assault in the second... agree upon the person of Edward... on the morning of December 15. Immediately after the serving of the... both men appeared before Justice... Hutchens, who placed them under... bonds to appear in court when... moned. The bonds were furnished.

At Kallispell the coroner's jury... dered the following verdict in the... of Albin V. H. Erickson, who was... killed in the wreck at Essex, Mont... "That said deceased came to his death... by an accident to the Great Northern... passenger train, December 15, at... by the removal or loosening of certain... spikes or angle bars connected to... rail or rails at said place by a person... persons who, in the opinion of the jury... according to evidence, did with... ions intent on their part to try to... damage to said railway."