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ANTI-IMPERIALISTS UNWISE.

General Lawton's Letter and Its Awful Charge Against American Malcontents.

The recently renewed attempt of certain anti-imperialists to revive discussion over the Philippine question has drawn out some effective replies. And perhaps the most effective is the publication of the letter by the late Gen. Lawton.

There are two sides to most controversies that come before the American people. That there are two sides to the controversy between the president on one hand and the friends of Gen. Miles and Rear Admiral Schley on the other is shown in "Three Months of Roosevelt."

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Something for the Critics of the President in the Schley Affair to Reflect Over.

The disastrous controversy in the navy touching Admiral Schley had been aggravated by failure on the part of the executive to suppress it by quick and decisive action. It had lived mainly because the right thing had not been done at the right time.

Here is criticism for Admiral Dewey, for Rear Admiral Schley and for Gen. Miles. The unpleasantness of the statement is not all in its language, but in the suspicion that will be harbored by the friends of all the gentlemen named that it is true.

The president and the secretary of war have been criticised for the severity of their rebuke to Gen. Miles. The critics forget the serious character of the provocation and the tactics of Gen. Miles, which forced the president to disregard even his own personal feeling and do his duty.

Mr. Nelson considers Secretary Long's indorsement of the decision of the court of inquiry as severe a rebuke to Admiral Dewey as Secretary Root's letter to Gen. Miles, and in this censure he insists the president had no thought but to do justice and to teach a lesson of discipline to the lieutenant general of the army, at the same time putting an end to a disruptive controversy in the navy, and he adds:

"In doing this he invited a storm of criticism, faced an angry mob in and out of congress, but taught a needed lesson to the two services, and, incidentally, to the heroes who abuse their popularity to the injury of the government whose welfare they are bound to put above their own ambitions."

Here is another unpalatable statement. But who will say there is not an element of truth in it? It raises a question whether there is not to be a reaction in public sentiment on controversies of the present, as there was in the case of the controversies of 1862 and 1863, in which ambitious men sought to involve Gens. Grant and Sherman to their disadvantage.

There was then great bitterness against these two officers. But in the end the people took up the cause of the man who said nothing, who bore in patience unjust criticism and who lived to speak generously of all the men who had striven to destroy his reputation.

DRIFT OF OPINION. Some of the mugwump newspapers are delighted, for they say that the democratic party at times positively shows signs of having human intelligence.—Cleveland Leader.

Cleveland has just referred to the Bryan episodes of 1896 and 1900 as "afflictive visitations." Cleveland would not have to jump very far to land in the republican camp.—Iowa State Register.

"When I refuse to vote to protect the life of an American soldier I hope I may be paralyzed." So said Representative Cummins (dem.), of New York, and voted with the republicans. The other democrats had no such regard for the life of an American soldier.—Indianapolis Journal.

The democrats in congress have once more tried to get together and decide upon what the party stands for, and once more they have failed. In view of the great number of conventions that will be held this year the prospect for democratic union is not inspiring. Meanwhile the party as a party stands committed to Bryanism and the doctrines that have twice brought it to disaster.—Troy Times.

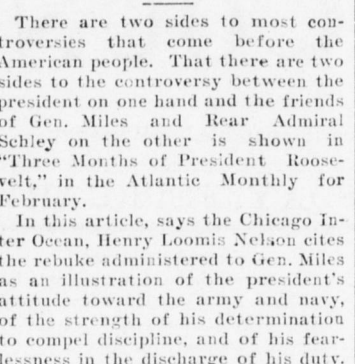
The democrats in various parts of the country, taking their cue from the party leaders in congress, will make the Schley controversy a political issue. At Williamsport, Pa., for instance, the democrats have declared that no candidate for school director will receive support at the polls unless he is willing to pledge himself to favor the adoption of a history which gives Schley credit for winning the battle of Santiago.—Cleveland Leader.

The old policies are not changed, although they are likely to be modified as they might have been had Mr. McKinley lived, says Henry Loomis Nelson, in Atlantic. Time as well as man changes policies. New questions present themselves also, and the mind of the new president has necessarily a different point of view and a perspective that differs from that of his predecessor. It is not only the combinations of wealth known as trusts which present themselves in larger proportions to the mind of the one than they did to that of the other, but the subjects of forestry and game preservation, of irrigation, of practical army and navy reforms, appeal more strongly to Mr. Roosevelt than they did to Mr. McKinley. The general policy of the one, however, if it differs in the relative proportions of its details, is substantially that of the other.

What we know is that the promise to maintain the general policy of the dead president has been kept, and is likely to be kept, by his living successor, and that the material welfare of the country is as safely and wisely guarded as it would have been if the awful tragedy at Buffalo had not been enacted.

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Rock Island Railroad Co. Loses \$250,000 at Horton, Kan.—Two Men are Killed.

Horton, Kan., Feb. 8.—Fire in the big car works of the Rock Island railroad Friday afternoon caused the death of two persons and the destruction of \$250,000 worth of property. The dead:

P. H. McKeon, president of the board of education.

W. H. Davis, the oldest employee of the car works.

The fire broke out at 4 o'clock, in the hair sorting room of the cabinet department, and spread so rapidly that the employes on the second floor and in Superintendent Studer's office barely escaped with their lives, many of the employes being slightly injured. The walls of the car shops fell 20 minutes after the fire was discovered. The loss on the building is \$50,000, machinery \$100,000, material \$100,000. The engine house was destroyed, but the new \$75,000 boiler plant was saved.

Fire is still raging in the lumber yard, which contains 5,000,000 feet of lumber. The buildings, machinery and material saved are valued at \$2,000,000. The company will rebuild the car shops at once.

McKeon lost his life in trying to save Davis.

It was thought that all of the 300 employes had got out of the burning building safely, when the absence of Davis, a prominent member of the working force, was noticed. McKeon, a spectator, against the advice of his friends, made an effort to rescue the workman. McKeon ran into the burning building, but in a few moments returned without Davis. McKeon's heroic effort cost him his life, as he died from the effects of inhaling smoke. Davis and McKeon were prominent in Horton.

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A Bank Cashier Raked in About \$150,000.

David City, Neb., Feb. 8.—Forged paper sold by the defunct Platte Valley bank of Bellwood, has already reached an aggregate of \$150,000 and it may largely exceed this. Customers of Cashier Amos Gould from La Porte and Michigan City, Ind., are here and claim that in every instance the notes and mortgages held by them are forgeries. Real estate mortgages have been forged, including the certificate of filing and recording, giving book and page, while this week several chattel mortgages have been received by banks and attorneys here for collection that are also forgeries.

Gould, it is charged, kept a private book where had a record of all forged notes, the amount of each and the date of maturing and when one of those notes matured, he would replace it with another forged note and pay the holder the interest.

Gould, it is alleged, claims that if it had not been for the blowing up of the bank safe a short time ago, in which his private book was destroyed, he would not have been detected and he still would be running the bank. The cashier and his brother are still in jail. The day of their arraignment has not been set.

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