MILES AND SCHOFTELD

Before the House Committee on Military Affairs.

THE FRICTION IN HIGH PLACES.

General Schoffeld Criticizes the System Which Makes the Commanding General Subordinate to War Secretary. Miles on Civilian Incompetency.

Washington, Dec. 13.-Before the house committee on military affairs yesterday General Miles declared that 40,000 soldiers were needed abroad and 35,000 at home. When asked "When will the Cuban government be organized?" he replied: "I do not know; that is a political question."

General Schofield, who preceded General Miles in command of the army, devoted his chief attention to the friction inevitably arising between the secretary of war and the commanding general under the present system. The trouble arose out of the system which gave the head of the army the name of commanding general, when in fact he had little or no authority, or even influence, as commanding general. Whether he does anything depends largely on his personal relations with the secretary of war. If these relations are not close then the secretary of war gets to ignoring the so-called commanding general. General Schofield thought the army should consist of about 30,000 for the Philippines, 15,000 to 20,000 for Cuba, 5,000 to 8,000 for Porto Rico, 15,000 for manning and caring for fortifications, 10,000 for the Indian country and 15,000 as a reserve.

After General Schofield had concluded General Miles spoke briefly on what had been said as to the commanding general. He said the laws now clearly recognized this position as commanding general, and one of these laws made the general commanding the army a member, ex-officio, of the fortifications He did not approve the suggestion that the head of the army be an executive staff officer to the president. During most of the time in the last 100 years the army had been under the command of a general or lieutenant general, and that was the practice the world over. General Miles said he did not speak from a personal standpoint, as he was ready to be retired at any time. But he believed in the principle of rank and authority commensurate with the responsibility.

General Miles said in reply to a question that he thought it would be better for the president to have the war minister more particularly direct the vast administrative work of the war department, as it was manifestly impossible for any man to come from civil life and at once become familiar with all the latest appliances of war. If the one occupying the chief military position was not liked then let some one else be placed in military authority. But the selection should not be from so far down the list as to amount to favoritism, for that would not be approved by the people. General Miles pointed out that three major generals, Merritt, Brooke and himself, had come through the recent war without hope of recognition. He cared nothing as to himself, but he urged that the services of General Merritt and General Brooke had been such that the rank of lieutenant general for them, as would be given under his bill, would be eminently fitting. In this connection he referred to the cruel working of the system by which Meade, Hancock and Thomas had never received the rank and recognition due them for eminent services, two of them going broken hearted to their graves.

General Schofield strongly endorsed what General Miles had said.

WARSHIPS FOR HAVANA. Not as a Threat. But as a Preventive of Riotous Outbreaks.

Washington, Dec. 14.-The Brooklyn, Texas, Castine and Resolute have been ordered to Havana. While there is not the faintest desire to convey a threat in the dispatch of these warships to Havana, it may be noted that when they lie within the harbor they will hold the town in perfect subjection. It is surmised that the suggestion came from Admiral Sampson, who is now in

one of the suburbs of Havana, as a result of the unfortunate eruption on Sunday night at the Hotel Inglaterra. At any rate the event brought the authorities to a sudden realization of the exact state of affairs in Havana, and the imminent danger of another such outbreak, which perhaps might run into the proportions of a riot and cost many innocent lives. With only a small force of American soldiers in Havana province, and those removed at such a distance from the city as to make it difficult of access in time to be of service to the American element in the city, now swollen to large proportions by the advent of many hundred commercial men and others seeking opportunities for employment, the

Sunday night's riot in Havana followed a demand of Cubans that the theaters be closed on account of General Garcia's death. At the Tacon theater, frequented by Spaniards, the demand was refused. In the rioting which followed three Cubans were killed and one Spanish officer and two Cubans wounded

necessity for some protection was ap-

Can General Wheeler Sit in Congress? Washington, Dec. 14.—Representative Bailey, of Texas, has decided to raise the question of the right of Major General Wheeler to participate in the proceedings of the house should he attempt to exercise the privilege of a member. He will also raise the question as against either of the three other members of the house who entered the services of the United States during the war with Spain. Last Saturday night General Wheeler attended the Democratic caucus, and Mr. Bailey says this raises the presumption that General Wheeler contemplates resuming his seat in the house.

General Brooke to Govern Cuba. Washington, Dec. 14.-Major General Brooke has been designated by the president as military governor of the Island of Cuba, a new post which carries with it all the control over the military and civil branches of the island formerly exercised by the captain general under the Spanish regime. Each of the six provinces of Cuba will have its own military governor.

TWO FATAL ACCIDENTS.

Three Men Killed and a Bereft Mother Unconscious From Shock.

Dubois, Pa., Dec. 10.-Three persons killed, three wounded and the mother of one victim dying of the shock caused by her son's death. All this resulted from two wrecks on the Clarfon River railroad, near Portland Mills, in Elk county, Wednesday. A train loaded with pulp wood was being hauled down the steep grade near Portland Mills, and the rear end was left on the top of the hill, owing to the slippery tracks. While the front end was descending the rear of the train became unmanageable and dashed down the hill, crashing into the front section. Both sections were wrecked and Brakeman Thomas Breshelman, on the front section, was instantly kill-A dinkey engine, with a crew of five men, was ordered back to clear up the wreck and bring back Bresheiman's remains. While the train was returning the engine jumped the track and rolled over an embankment. the crew on board at the time the engineeer, Harry Carman, was fatally injured and died a few minutes after being extricated. Foreman Daniel Myers was rescued, and has since died. and three brakemen, Sowers, Cassidy and McKnight, were all badly injured, McKnight's arm being crushed. When young Carman's invalid mother was acquainted of her son's death she laosed into unconscious for several hours, and her death is feared.

ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

Pittsburg, Dec. 9 .- Yesterday the count of the second ballot for officers of the Window Glass Workers' association was finished. It resulted as follows: For President, Simon Burns, 2,-003; L. C. Getsinger, 1,714; A. E. Kline, 192. Burns' majority, 57

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 8.-Charles Leyden, of Lackawanna county, who was arrested charged with being implicated in the murder of Hotel Keeper M. E. Corcoran, of Duryea, was given a preliminary hearing yesterday afternoon. There was no evidence to hold the defendant, and he was discharged.

Harrisburg, Dec. 8.-The counting of the vote of the state at the recent election has been finally completed by the state department officials. The total for the head of the ticket was 971,715 votes, divided as follows: Stone (Rep.), 476,206; Jenks (Dem.), 358,300; Swallow (Pro.), 132,931; Barnes (Soc.-Lab.), 4,-278. Stone's plurality, 117,906.

Burgettstown, Pa., Dec. 13.-Carl Mc-Bride and his wife were instantly killed by an express train at Raccoon Station on the Pan Handle road. They were driving in a sleigh from their home, near North Star, to this place and were crossing the track when the train dashed into them, both being terribly mangled. They had been married but a few weeks.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 12.-Yesterday afternoon a crowd of about 50 skaters were chased by Jacob Stehman from a pond on his farm here, and as they departed, jibing him, the farmer seized a shotgun carried by one of his farmhands and fired into the crowd, serious ly wounding a young man named Matthew Shue. A warrant was issued for the assailant's arrest.

Stroudsburg, Pa., Dec. 13.-Engineer Benjamin Watson, with possibly one exception the oldest engineer in this country, died in East Stroudsburg Sunday. He was born in White Horse, Mercer county, N. J., on April 1, 1829. Watson ran the old "Johnny Bull," the 3rst locomotive ever brought to America. In his services on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad for rearly half a century he never had an

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 14.-The barrel mill at the Moosic powder works blew up yesterday, wrecking the mill and doing considerable damage in the adtacent town of Moosic. The workmen were at dinner at the time of the explosion, and consequently no lives were lost. The charge in the mill was 600 kegs .. The powder was the ordinary blasting kind used in the mines. The mill, which was considered the finest of its kind in the state, is a total

Philadelphia, Dec. 10.-Counsel for Senator Quay in the conspiracy charges for which he is to be tried next week yesterday subpoensed ex-Common Pleas Judge James Gay Gordon and ex-Postmaster General John Wanamaker as witnesses for the defense. This news is interesting in view of the known opposition of both of these men Senator Quay politically, and in view of the charges recently made by Senator Penrose, in which he stated that the charges against Senator Quay were the result of a conspiracy to defeat him for re-election to the United States senate and in his place name a person favorable to Messrs. Wanamaker and Gordon.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 9.-A serious explosion of gas occurred in No. 4 mine of the Pennsylvania Coal company at Pittston Tuesday night. A fire broke out in the mine Monday, and on Tuesday night Alexander Bryden, general superintendent, Alexander Allen, superintendent of mining engineers, William Campbell, mine foreman, and Thomas Cook, mine foreman. entered the mine to investigate. In going through some old workings a body of gas was ignited and the explosion followed. All four men wers hurled a considerable distance by the force of the explosion, and their faces and hands badly burned. Superintendent Allen died today.

Philadelphia, Dec. 12,-The trial of Senator Quay and others on charges of misuse of state funds, which was to have begun today, has been again delayed. Supreme Court Justices Williams and Green granted a rule which stays all proceedings in the court of quarter sessions until the supreme court decides upon a writ of certiorari, which has been applied for by Senator Quay's attorneys. The cule upon the commonwealth and the district attorney is made returnable on Jan. 7, five days after the expiration of the term of office of District Attorney George S. Graham. Until the supreme court takes action upon the petition the prosecution of the case cannot be proceeded with. The petitioners allege that a fair trial in the court of quarter sessions would be impossible, and that the prosecution is a conspiracy of Quay's political

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Thursday, Dec. 8.

Snow in Michigan is three feet on a level and eight to nine feet in drifts. The bill to increase the regular army to 100,000 men has been presented in

the national house. Consul General Fowler, at Chefoo, China, says that our trade with that country equals that of all Europe.

McMillan, defeated Republican candidate for governor of Nebraska, will contest on the ground of alleged illegal voting.

The national house passed the antiscalping bill by a vote of 119 to 101. If it goes through it will put an end to railroad ticket scalping.

The senate committee on Nicaragua canal vigorously denounces the government of Nicaragua for granting concessions to another American company which belong by right to the Maritime Canal company.

Friday, Dec. 9.

The court of cassation, in Paris, ordered a stay in the court martial of

Colonel Picquart. A bill introduced in the senate will open the soldiers' homes to heroes of the Spanish war.

The jury in the case of Mrs. Cody, at Albany, charged with blackmailing the Goulds, failed to agree. The deficiency bill providing for the

maintenance of the army was promptly passed by the national house. The president nominated Assistant Naval Constructor Richmond P. Hobson to be naval constructor.

Steamship Vedamore arrived in Baltimore with 45 survivors of the wrecked British steamer Londonia. Twentyfive went down with the steamer.

Saturday, Dec, 10. The new tariff for Cuba will show an average reduction of 50 per cent

from the Spanish rates. The Two Hundred and Second New York regiment landed in Havana, en route to Pinar del Rio.

Commander Ballington Booth, of the Volunteers of America, will hereafter be known as General Booth.

The Imparcial, of Madrid, intimates that the Maine was blown up by Americans who wanted to force war. It is believed that Spanish prisoners held by Philippines insurgents will be promptly released on our government's

The naval committee has decided to recommend the construction of 15 new war vessels, including three big battleships.

Robert McIllhenny, John Wright, John Moore, Thomas McCann and Samuel Stewart were killed in a powder explosion at Dupont's powder mill, Wilmington, Del.

Monday, Dec. 12. Colonel William J. Bryan has resigned his command, and the resignation

has been accepted. General Fitzhugh Lee sailed from Savannah for Cuba yesterday. He will enter Havana Jan. 1.

The annual convention of the American Federation of Labor is in session at Kansas City, Mo. Mrs. Lulu Johnson, 60 years old, has

been indicted at Perry, O. T., for poisoning her fifth and sixth husbands. The ashes of Columbus were removed from the cathedral in Havana today, the moonlight before me. I saw him and are en route to Spain convoyed by

A Sunday night fire in Brooklyn caused the loss of four lives, including Thomas Winne, 20 years old, who went

The United States steamer Massachusetts, which struck a hidden reef in New York bay, sustained damage that will take 90 days to repair. Tuesday, Dec. 13.

Sir William Jenner, Queen Victoria's physician, died in London, aged 83, Sentor Davis, our peace commissioner in Paris, urges an alliance with Eng-

land and Japan. Mgr. Antonio Conte Renier, formerly private secretary to Pope Pius IX, died in New York.

General Rius Rivera, of the Cuban army, recently released from a Spanish prison, arrived in New York. Secretary Alger signed an order which will replace our volunteers in

Manila with regulars in the near fu-By order of General Wood flags on government buildings in Santiago were half masted in honor of the late Gen-

eral Garcia. The lower house of congress passed the District of Columbia appropriation bill and the senate bill amending laws relating to seamen.

George Miller, a convict in the Colorado state prison at Denver, secured a razor and slashed Guards Van Gohren and Fitzpatrick. Miller was shot by another guard.

President McKinley and a distinguished company left Washington for the Atlanta peace jubilee and a week's trip in the south. He spends Wednesday and Thursday in Atlanta.

THE PRODUCE MARKETS

As Reflected by Dealings in Philadel-

phia and Baltimore.
Philadelphia, Dec. 13.—Flour weak; winter superfine. \$2.50@2.75; Pennsylvania roller, clear. \$3.10@3.25; city mills, extra. \$2.50@2.75. Rye flour quiet and steady at \$3.10 per barrel for choice Pennsylvania Wheat steady; No. 2 red, December, 716 71½c. Corn firm; No. 2 mixed, old, December, 38639c.; do. do., new, 38639½c. Oats quiet, but firm; No. 2 white, 30c.; No. 2 white, clipped, 33@331/2c. Hay firm choice timethy, \$11@11.50 for large bales. Beef steady; beef hams, \$18.25@18.50. Pork firm; family, \$12.75@12.50. Lard dull; west ern steamed, \$5.40@5.45. Butter firm. western creamery, 15@21c.; do. factory, 13@14½c.; Elgins, 21c.; imitation creamery, 13617c.; New York dairy, 15618c.; do. creamery, 156191/c.; fancy Pennsylvania prints jobbing at 24627c.; do. wholesale, 23c. Cheese firm; large, white and colored, 1014c.; small do., 104c.; light skims, 768c.; part do., 61/67c.; full do., 21/6314c. Eggs steady; New York and Fennsylvania, 25@26c.; Western, fresh, 25c.; south

Baltimore, Dec. 13 .- Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat dull, spot and month, 10% 71c.; January, 71% 71%c.; May, 70c.; steamer No. 2 red, 63665%c.; southern, by steamer No. 2 red, 68@384c.; southern, by sample, 68@72c.; do. ca grade, 68\@71\%c. Corn easy; spot and month, 39@39\4c.; December, new or old, 28\@38\4c.; January, 38\\@38\4c.; February, 38\\@38\4c.; January, 38\\@38\4c.; Southern, white, 36\\@38\4c.; do. yellow, 35\\@38\6c. Oats dull and easy; No. 2 white, 32\\@33c.; No. 2 white, 32\\@3ac.; No. 2 white, 32\\@3ac 2 mixed, 311/622c. Hye steady; No. 2 nearby, 561/c.; No. 2 western, 581/c. Hay firm and in demand; No. 1 timothy, \$10.50 fill. Eggs steady; fresh, 22/624c. Lettuce at \$1.25/61.50 per bushel box.

A STRANGE GUIDE.

When surfeited with the adulation which I received at court and wearled by the constant round of gayety which constituted my life in Paris, it was my habit to seek as a retreat the old manor house of Kerzigolet, an estate lost in the depths of Brittany, and which had belonged for centuries to my husband's family. Bounded as it was upon one side by the sea and upon the other by the forest, my seclusion was complete. Still, in order to lose for a short space my identity, indeed my very personaiity and sex, I adopted male attire and so arrayed in a hunting suit I spent a few weeks scouring the woods, hunting, fishing and riding with old Gruigny (my husband's overseer) as sole companion and attendant.

One evening, about an hour before sunset, as I was sauntering slowly homeward on horseback along the edge of the forest, the reins hanging loose on my mare's neck, I noticed with surprise that the four dogs who accompanied me had disappeared. I whistled and called for a time in vain, and finally concluded that they had lost me running after game and would find their way back to the manor house before me, for I was a good three miles from home. Before the thought had fairly formed itself in my mind, however, a chorus of frantic, furious barks broke upon my ear, rising and falling in wildest excitement.

"What have they unearthed?" I wondered. "It can surely be no ordinary game," and as the sound grew nearer and seemed to be scarcely 100 yards distant I rose in my stirrups and tried to peer through the dense follage. It was just then that my mare took fright and started on a dead run. not down the road, but half rearing she swerved as though terrified and turned into a narrow forest glade. I snatched at the reins helplessly, for with the bit between her teeth I was powerless, and she tore blindly on as though maddened by fear. Scarcely had I time indeed to bend my head upon the creature's mane and by so doing avoid being stunned, if not killed, by the low branches of the trees which crisscrossed thickly above my head.

How long that mad ride lasted I never knew. When I awoke as from a long sleep, which was in reality a deep swoon, I found myself in the midst of a clearing in an unknown part of the forest, while the moon poured its rays full into my face, lighting up the space around me with brilliancy. Horse, dogs and wolf had disappeared. I was alone.

Slowly regaining my senses, I found to my surprise, that I was absolutely uninjured, and as I started to my feet in bewilderment, wondering which way to turn, I felt a gentle touch upon my shoulder. Turning, with a surprised shriek, I saw an old man, a beggar he seemed to be by the poverty of his clothing, standing tall and straight in plainly. I see him plainly to-day in memory. In one hand he held a gourd, and fastened to his shoulders was a knapsack. Speechless with terror, I started to run. "Do not flee, sweet angel of France," he said in the gentlest of tones, speaking the familiar patois of Brittany. "You will only lose your way. Let me guide you home, for I know all the forest's paths." He waited a few moments for my reply, but I was too overcome by emotion to articulate, and he continued, still in his native tongue: "I have watched over your slumber for an hour, and in two hours more it will be midnight. Tell me your destination, I pray, that I may lead you thither without delay."

I stammered the name of the manor "That is your home, is it?" he exclaimed. "Follow me, then, little fairy of the manor, sweet little angel of France!" And I obeyed, keeping close behind him in the darkness, with my fears allayed by the excessive gentle-

ness of his manner. "Come with me," I said at last, timidly addressing my strange guide for the first time. "Come in with me and rest and be refreshed with meat and wine. I want to reward you, too, for your kindness in taking this long, weary walk out of your way to oblige

The old mendicant shook his head as if in anger.

"No, no, no," he repeated vehement-"I want nothing, I will accept nothing." But after a few moments' hesitation he added with almost angelic sweetness: "Your eyes have given me so great a joy that I need nothing more," and he turned hastily toward the forest,

Drawing a small silken purse from my pocket, in which I had that morning placed four gold coins, I ran after the singular man and begged his acceptance of it as a remembrance, not as a reward, and I placed it coaxingly in

Tears stood in his eyes as he slowly lifted the silken meshes to his lips, and then, to my amazement, he held it toward my mouth. Mechanically I obeyed his silent gesture and in my turn I kissed the purse. Swiftly placing it in his bosom then, without a word, without a sound, he sprang into the woods and disappeared as if by magic beneath the trees. Seven years later my midnight esca-

pade was forcibly recalled to my remembrance by the priest of the village church which I have already mentioned in the beginning of this story. He brought me, he said, a package which had been confided to his care by a young gypsy lad. The boy had explained that the parcel was for the "lady of Kerzigolet" and had been given him by a dying member of his tribe.

Judge of my surprise when on removing the covering of the small package I recognized the little silken purse which I had given the old mendicant as a souvenir so long before, while, stranger still, between its faded meshes the yellow glint of the gold pieces still shimmered brightly.—From the French For Short Stories.

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