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## THREATENS TO RESIGN

General Miles Will Leave Army if New Bill Becomes a Law.

WILL MAKE HIM A FIGUREHEAD

Lieutenant General Will Quit If General Staff For the Army is Organized—It Would Destroy Unity in the Army.

Washington, March 21.—General Nelson A. Miles yesterday told the senate committee on military affairs that if the bill introduced by Senator Hawley, at the instance of the war department, for the organization of a general staff for the army, should become a law he would decline to longer hold his commission. The reason he gave for the statement is that the bill is utterly subversive of the interests of the military establishment, and he said he would not be a party to such a proceeding to the extent even of continuing to hold his place.

This declaration was made in the course of a prolonged hearing by the committee, which was conducted behind closed doors, and in which General Miles touched upon a variety of subjects connected with the army. The portion of the bill to which he directed his special criticism is that contained in section 7, reading as follows:

"That from and after the passage of this act the senior general officer of the army shall be assigned to command such portion of the army as the president may direct, or be detailed to duty in the general staff corps. All duties prescribed by law for the commanding general of the army shall be performed by the chief of general staff or other general officer designated by the secretary of war: Provided, That so long as the present lieutenant general of the army continues on the active list he shall be the chief of the general staff, and upon the separation from active service of the said lieutenant general of the army, said office, except as herein provided, shall cease and determine."

General Miles said that if this provision should become a law it would have the effect of destroying the unity of the army, and he read numerous authorities, including Napoleon, Wellington, Washington, Cass and Grant, to show the necessity of having one head to the army and of controlling authority.

In the course of his remarks General Miles told the committee in confidence that with the bill a law he could now name the men who would hold the places of honor provided under it, but the committee did not ask for the names.

## MILES WILL BE RETIRED

President Roosevelt Will Take Action Shortly to This End.

Washington, March 22.—At the cabinet meeting yesterday the publications relating to the statements made by General Miles before the senate committee on Thursday were brought up, but consideration of them was postponed until all the facts in the matter became known.

Whatever intentions the president had with respect to the treatment to be accorded General Miles, his future action will be somewhat influenced by the fact that General Miles' statement before the senate committee has been represented to him as being privileged.

The president proposes to read the testimony given at the hearing and to consult with different members of the committee on military affairs before finally announcing what he proposes to do. It is significant that long after the cabinet meeting adjourned Secretary Root and the attorney general were closeted with the president. The president is known to have stated that he was tired of the friction in the army, and in the event that it is decided that General Miles' statement was a privileged one, he will at no distant day take action looking to his retirement.

The lieutenant general reached the age of 62 years last August, and under the law he can be retired at any time now in the discretion of the president.

**Old Mint Property Sold.**  
Philadelphia, March 24.—Felix Isman, acting for a syndicate headed by Lit Brothers, and of which he himself is a member, Saturday secured a 60-day option from the secretary of the treasury, under which the syndicate is given the right to purchase the old Mint property at Chestnut and Juniata streets and South Penn Square for \$2,000,000. It is said that \$150,000 was deposited to secure the purchase, and that title will be taken in the name of a corporation to be formed by the members of the syndicate.

**West Point, N. Y., March 24.**—The eighth annual indoor competition of the corps of cadets, under the auspices of the Army Officers' Athletic Association, took place Saturday night in the gymnasium.

## Transvaal Officials Enter British Lines Under Flag of Truce.

Pretoria, March 24.—Acting President Schalkburger, F. W. Reitz, ex-secretary of state of the Transvaal, and Commandants Lucas Meyer and Krogh, with their secretaries and attendants, arrived here yesterday at 1:34 p. m. on a special train from Balmoral, about 50 miles east of here. They came into Balmoral under a flag of truce.

Upon arriving here Mr. Schalkburger and his party drove immediately to Lord Kitchener's headquarters, where he had an interview with the British general. The Boers afterward proceeded to the railroad station and entrained at 5 o'clock for Kroonstad, whence they will go out under a safe conduct.

For a week past Mr. Schalkburger and his colleagues have been stationed at Rhenoster Kop, north of Balmoral, where they have been closely pressed by British columns. Dispatch riders entered Balmoral Friday night and notified the British of the approach of Mr. Schalkburger and his party.

It is reported that the Boer position at Rhenoster Kop had become almost hopeless, and that Mr. Schalkburger once narrowly escaped capture.

## FOUND DEAD IN CREEK

Bodies of Richard Albrecht and Son Found in Georgia Stream.

Brunswick, Ga., March 24.—The body of the boy who was seen with Richard Albrecht, the New Brunswick, N. J. hotel man, drowned in a creek on the Seaboard Air line near here Saturday, was found yesterday by searchers. The child's body was within ten feet of the spot where his father's body was found. It was only partly submerged, as the water was merely a few inches deep. The neck was broken.

The child was apparently 7 or 8 years old, and resembled his father in features and color of hair. While the boy's neck was broken, there were no bruises to be found. It is now believed that both the man and his son had been dead several days. A theory advanced is that the boy fell from a trestle into the water, and that his father in attempting to save him lost his own life. The bodies, however, were not beneath the trestle, but were some 25 feet away, a circumstance that is difficult to harmonize with the accident theory. No word has been received from the wife of Albrecht, though she was notified Saturday.

## CHOLERA INVADES MANILA

Fifteen Deaths in One Day Cause Prompt Action.

Manila, March 24.—Asiatic cholera has appeared here. On Thursday 16 cases and 15 deaths were reported among the natives. It is believed that the disease was introduced here through vegetables brought from Hong Kong. The sanitary officers are systematically destroying green vegetables.

Yesterday four more cases of cholera and two more deaths from the plague were reported. The health authorities believe that their rigid precautions have prevented an epidemic. As General Chaffee did not want the men of the Third Infantry to run the risk of cholera as a result of contact with the city, that regiment has already been taken aboard the transport Grant, which will sail for San Francisco one week ahead of her scheduled time. Five cases of cholera have been reported from the provinces.

## Gift For Haverford College.

Philadelphia, March 22.—At a meeting of the board of managers of Haverford College yesterday announcement was made that the widow of the late Charles Roberts, of this city, will present the college with a new assembly hall, in memory of her husband, who died last January. The building is to cost \$50,000, and in addition to it the college will be presented with Mr. Roberts' choice collection of autographs. The collection embraces letters of many literary men of this country and Europe and of nearly all the statesmen and important public men of the United States, and is considered one of the finest in the country.

## Russia's New Battleship.

Philadelphia, March 24.—The big battleship Retvizan, which has just been completed for the Russian government at Cramps shipyard, was officially added to the Czar's navy yesterday, and the regular routine of a man-of-war began on the ship. The ceremony was simple, and was conducted by Father Ratskowsky, the ship's chaplain. The crew of 750 men and officers were lined up on the main deck with bared heads as the services of the Greek church were read, after which, at a signal from Captain Stehensnovitch, the Retvizan's commander, the blue cross of St. Andrew was hoisted at the stern.

Williamsport, Pa., March 24.—The body of Jacob S. Phleger, aged 27, was found lying beside the tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad at Newberry yesterday morning. It is supposed he was struck by the Buffalo flyer.

## TRYING TO AVOID STRIKE

Miners Convention to Adjourn Without Deciding Question.

## COMMITTEE TO MEET OPERATORS

Should Coal Barons Refuse to Recognize Committee, District Presidents Can Declare Strike, With Sanction of Executive Board.

Shamokin, Pa., March 24.—From an official source it was learned yesterday that an effort was made to adjourn the joint convention of Districts Nos. 4, 7 and 9, United Mine Workers of America, without committing the delegates to a strike declaration.

At a meeting which began at 11 o'clock Saturday night and continued until early yesterday morning a special committee formulated a resolution which the leaders hope will satisfy both radical and conservative delegates. The committee consisted of President Mitchell, District Presidents Nicholls, Fahy and Duffy and the three vice presidents.

The report of the committee will take the form of a resolution, the principal clause of which, it is authoritatively stated, will recommend the appointment of a committee to present to the operators the demands of the convention. Incorporated in the report are a number of resolutions adopted during last week in addition to those made public by President Mitchell. All of these resolutions, it is stated, contain a strike declaration, effective April 1, but they were made subject to the resolution of the special committee report, which so far as could be learned, does not declare for a strike. All of the demands made in the scale committee report are also embodied in the resolution, but the statement is made that only two of these—an eight-hour working day and the weighing of coal wherever practicable—will be insisted upon if the convention adopts the resolution. If the report prove satisfactory the convention is expected to select a committee composed of others than officers of the union.

In the event of the operators refusing to recognize the committee it is within the province of the district presidents to declare a strike after receiving the sanction of the national executive board. When asked last night if the above statements were correct President Mitchell did not deny them, but declined to discuss the subject.

## HUNTING STABLE BURNED

Sixteen Valuable Horses Perished in Incendiary Fire at Etontown, N. J.

New York, March 24.—The hunting stable of P. F. Collier, at Etontown, N. J., and 16 valuable hunting horses were burned before daylight yesterday, the total loss being about \$100,000. Saturday Mr. Collier entertained several friends, and about 10 o'clock at night took some of them out in his automobile. On their return they saw the hunting stable in a blaze. The party hurried home, but could not save the horses, among which was Mr. Collier's \$10,000 hunter, Greenfield. It is believed the fire was of incendiary origin. It is the third fire within two weeks, each destroying valuable property.

## FIVE CONVICTS CREMATED

Attempted to Burn Their Way Out of Prison and Perished in Flames.

Kosciusko, Miss., March 24.—Five county convicts made an attempt Saturday night to burn their way out of prison, burning the stockade house in which they were confined down over their heads, cremating themselves. They were all negroes, and named as follows: Bob Burt, Phil Newell, Jim Culberson, Amos Raiford and Jim Jones.

The prisoners were let out to Robert Campbell, county contractor, whose farm is situated 16 miles west of this place, and were all charged with minor offenses.

## Boy's Body Washed 150 Miles.

Lancaster, Pa., March 22.—O. C. Brass, of Valley Port, Lycoming county, left Bainbridge, this county, with the remains of his 5-year-old son. The boy fell into the Susquehanna river at Valley Port on December 21, when the river was flooded. During the recent flood in the river the body was washed ashore at Saginaw, York county, about 150 miles from the place where the accident occurred. The remains were identified by the description posted along the river, and the father notified.

## Appointed to Carnegie Institute.

Cambridge, Mass., March 24.—Professor E. C. Pickering, of the Harvard Observatory, has accepted his appointment to the Carnegie Institute at Washington. He will retain his position at the Harvard Observatory, as his duties in connection with the Carnegie Institute will not necessitate his living in Washington.