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MILES AT WASHINGTON

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But Secretary Alger Has Urged the President to Order a Thorough Investigation of the War Department's Conduct in the Late War.

Washington, Sept. 9.—Major General Nelson A. Miles, commanding the army of the United States, accompanied by Mrs. Miles and Colonel Mauss and Colonel Michler, of his staff, arrived here from New York at 6:35 o'clock last evening. General Miles and party were met at the Sixth street station by Major Black, a member of General Miles' staff, and Captain Morton, chief clerk in the office of the commanding general.

In anticipation of the arrival of General Miles several hundred people had assembled at the station. A cordon of police officers opened a way through the crowd from the wicket gate, through which the distinguished party passed from the station to the carriage, which stood in waiting at the main entrance.

As General Miles stepped from the rear platform of his car he gave a kind greeting to his coachman, who stood awaiting him, and then handed him a bundle of letters. While he was grasping the hands of Captain Morton, Major Black and two of three newspaper men.

As General Miles passed through the crowd in the station his hands were grasped a score of times by enthusiastic men and women. He gave a cordial greeting to all, and as he and Mrs. Miles and Colonel Michler stepped into the carriage the crowd burst into cheers. From the station General Miles and Mrs. Miles were conveyed directly to their residence at the Hotel Hamilton.

The tension over General Miles' criticism of army methods is gradually subsiding, and in high official quarters the belief is expressed that no official attention would be paid to the criticism. In view of much loose conjecture over the imminence of a court martial or court of inquiry for the trial of General Miles, it can be stated positively that those in authority have not, up to the present time, determined upon any such course of action, nor have they felt that such steps would be conducive to the best interests of the public service. In some high official quarters there is a disposition to look upon General Miles as being his own worst enemy, and to pass over his comments as ill advised, though not to the extent of constituting insubordination, or warranting official action by the president or war department.

Secretary Alger has requested the president to order a thorough and searching investigation of the war department. In this request the secretary has been joined by Adjutant General Corbin. No definite action has been reached by the president as to what course he will pursue. He has the request of Secretary Alger under consideration, but has not yet determined whether he will grant it or not.

Secretary Alger has a long conference with the president last night before leaving the city, and impressed upon him his earnest desire that an investigation such as he had requested be ordered. The question was very thoroughly discussed in all its phases. Secretary Wilson participated in the conference, and General Corbin was present during a greater part of the time. It seems now not unlikely that the investigation will be ordered, but it is the wish of the president further to consider the matter before announcing a definite policy.

Should the investigation be ordered it will include probably all matters relating to the conduct of the war, so far as they concern the war department. Secretary Alger expresses himself as confident that such an investigation, if conducted promptly and thoroughly, will result in much good. No charges of a definite character have been filed by any responsible person or official, but sensational stories and rumors for which the administration has no foundation have been circulated, and objection is made to dignifying them by the ordering of an investigation. By those who desire and advocate the investigation it is maintained it can do no possible harm and may be of positive benefit in clearing away manifest error from the minds of many people, and in placing the blame, if any is to be placed, where it rightfully belongs.

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The Quaker City Defeats Denver for the Next Encampment—Corporal Tanner Criticizes H. Clay Evans' Management of the Pension Office.

Cincinnati, Sept. 9.—The business of the thirty-second annual encampment of the G. A. R. and of its auxiliaries began yesterday after three days of preliminary demonstrations. There were 1,300 national delegates present when the encampment was called to order at 10 a. m. The welcome address was delivered by Governor Bushnell, with a supplemental welcome address by Gustav Tafel, of Cincinnati, and M. E. Inghis, chairman of the local committee, and president of the Big Four and the Chesapeake and Ohio railways. There was excellent music for the opening session, and the hall was elaborately decorated. In his response Commander-in-chief J. P. S. Gobin referred most eloquently to the attractions of the week and the lavish entertainment of the citizens of Cincinnati.

The principal business of the opening session was the address of Commander-in-chief Gobin, in which President McKinley's conduct of the war with Spain was highly extolled.

The report of the chief general, Thomas J. Stewart, contained the following figures as to the membership: The members in good standing June 30, 1897, numbered 319,456. The gain during the year was by muster in 19,949; transfer, 4,275; reinstatement, 12,687; from delinquent reports, the chief general estimated at 22,453. The losses were: By death, 7,583; honorable discharge, 1,190; transfer, 4,471; suspension, 25,093; dishonorable discharge, 165; by delinquent reports, 7,041; by surrender of charter, 1,023; total, 66,308. So the members in good standing June 30, 1898, numbered 365,603. The number of members remaining suspended at that date were 36,568. Reports received from departments showed that 8,616 members previously reported as suspended had been dropped from the rolls.

At the opening session the first business in order was a lengthy report from the committee on pensions. The report refutes the charge that the pension roll was a roll of dishonor. It cited the fact that investigations have been undertaken by the departments of different states, and on close inquiry there had not been a single case of fraud discovered which could be traced to a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. The report went on to say that the roll was distinctly a roll of honor. The committee gave figures on the pension roll, showing that the number dying each year now exceeds 40,000. It is estimated that the increase in the number of deaths each year will be such that in 1920 the number of pensioners will be reduced to a little over 250,000, and in 1940 the list will be obliterated.

When a motion was made to accept and adopt the report "Corporal" Tanner, of New York, arose to discuss it. He said that in the main he agreed with all the committee's figures, but in regard to that portion of the report which dealt with the administration of the pension office he did not agree, and he went on to speak in unrestrained criticism of the present commissioner of pensions, Hon. H. Clay Evans. With evident feeling he said: "I am ready to be responsible here and elsewhere for all my statements I may make on this subject, and I declare that Chief Evans, calling his chiefs of divisions together and using language which indicated intense feeling, if not anger, instructed them to disregard totally every application based on deafness or rheumatism. He further intimated to them that if any one dares to accept his suggestions he would find chiefs who would obey his orders."

At this point the speaker was interrupted by a point of order that he had no right to indulge in personal criticism of any officer of the government, and Senator McPherson, Buffalo, N. Y., chairman of the national committee, declared it was in order to discuss the manner in which he performed his official duties.

Tanner, continuing, said that in his opinion it was clear that the list of pensioners could make such an order had never himself heard the sound of cannon, nor slept in the open air, and he was not surprised, therefore, to find that the commissioner of pensions had an army record which consisted of three months and 16 days as a clerk in the commissary department.

A delegate from Kansas followed Tanner in the same strain. The matter was disposed of finally by postponing it until after the report of the committee on resolutions is received. It is understood that a number of resolutions have been sent into the committee bearing on the conduct of the pension office.

Mrs. William Scott, a colored woman, from Annapolis, Md., appeared on the platform and made an eloquent speech urging that some provision be made by which colored soldiers could maintain an organization similar to the G. A. R. Then came a committee of three ladies from the Woman's National Relief Corps, headed by Mrs. Martin, of the national president. Mrs. Martin requested the national convention to give to the relief corps authority to change its constitution so that its funds can be used for the relief of soldiers serving in the war with Spain.

This was followed by a delegation from the Sons of Veterans, Senator Thurston, of Nebraska, being the speaker. He made a brief but eloquent speech on behalf of the Sons of Veterans, and was replied to by Inspector General Alonzo Williams, of Rhode Island.

A still further interruption of regular business was the presentation to ex-Commander-in-Chief Clarkson, of Nebraska, of a magnificent silver set in an oak case. The ex-commander-in-chief, with deep feeling, made a response expressing his thanks for the high honor shown him.

The choice of the place for the next encampment was then taken up, the pending question being upon substituting Denver for Philadelphia. Commander May, of Denver, spoke for his locality, saying that \$50,000 had already been pledged for the entertainment of the encampment. It was followed by a delegate from Pittsburgh who made an equally brilliant plea for Philadelphia, balancing the seashore against the Denver mountains.

When the time came for voting it was suggested that Philadelphia be substituted for Denver. The result of the vote was taken directly and a roll call taken, letting the delegates vote for their choice. This was done and the result was announced: Philadelphia, 296; Denver, 295.

A motion was made immediately af-

terwards to go into the election of a commander-in-chief. The motion was adopted and immediately the name of Albert D. Shaw, of Watertown, N. Y., was presented by a delegate of that state. General John A. Black, of Illinois, placed in nomination James A. Sexton, of Chicago, and Commander Fugh, of Ohio, announced that Isaac F. Mack, of Ohio, had directed him to say that he declined to have his name mentioned as a candidate because the senior vice-commander was to be chosen from the city where the encampment is held, according to the usual custom.

The roll of states was then called and the vote announced, showing the election of James A. Sexton, who received 424 votes, while Albert D. Shaw received 241. Comrade Shaw, in a well worded speech, moved the unanimous election of Sexton, and the motion was carried. Sexton being called, returned his thanks in very brief form and the encampment immediately adjourned till today.

Colonel James Sexton, the new commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., was born in Chicago Jan. 5, 1843. He enlisted on April 19, 1861, as a private. He was then 17 years of age. After three months' service he re-enlisted in the 165th reg. of foot, Illinois infantry, and was commissioned a first lieutenant. He was later transferred to the Seventy-second Illinois and was made captain of Company D. He served in the Army of the Tennessee and participated in its campaigns, siege and battles. In 1867 he was transferred to the Sixteenth army corps, and remained with Smith until the end of the war, being twice wounded in battle. After the war he remained two years in Alabama working a plantation. In 1867 he returned to Chicago and founded the firm of J. A. & T. S. Sexton. President Harrison made him postmaster of Chicago in April, 1889. He has been a presidential elector, a colonel in the Illinois National Guard, and has held several positions of honor and responsibility in the state.

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There were 18 men, the foreman and two young women at work at the time of the accident. Witt, it is believed, was killed almost instantly, and like the two other dead, was frightfully burned. All three bodies were found in the basement, where the explosion occurred, and where the liquor was blended, there being 2,500 gallons of pure spirits in copper tanks in this part of the building.

The fire spread with great rapidity, and it was with great difficulty that the other employees made their escape. The explosion is believed to have originated from the flame of an open gas jet, this form of light being used in the cellar, where the alcohol was being handled.

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