

MILES STILL TALKS

Officers Scored for Cruelties in Philippines.

PRAISE FOR MEN IN RANKS

Lieutenant-General Says They Protected Against the Orders of Their Superiors, and Wrote Home Requesting Aid.

NEW YORK, May 15.—The Army and Navy Journal will print tomorrow a letter from General Nelson A. Miles, in which the writer says he went to the Philippine Islands not as a tourist, but in an official capacity, and that the instructions addressed to him as Lieutenant-General, "commanding the Army," came from the highest authority, namely, the President, in which he was directed to give special attention to "the instruction, discipline and supplies of the Army."

In referring to his official report on the Philippines, General Miles says no one can have a more sincere regard for the honor of the Army than myself.

Coming to the subject of cruelties in the Philippines, General Miles' letter reads as follows:

"It is idle to assume that campaigning in the Philippines has conditions that warrant resort to medieval cruelty, and that such departures have existed should be overlooked and condoned.

"It is gratifying that the serious offenses have not been committed by the soldiers unless they were under the direct orders of certain officers who were responsible. Soldiers have withstood fire when ordered to shoot prisoners, protested against acts of cruelty and written to relatives at home urging them to take action to put a stop to these crimes. It will ever be a glory of the Army that such deeds, committed by whatever authority, are abhorrent to the American soldier.

The officers who are responsible, using chiefly cruel Macabebes, do not, by any means, constitute the American Army, and there must be a very unmistakable line drawn between the great body of honorable and faithful officers and brave soldiers whose records have been commendable and those of whatever station, whose acts have received and should receive the earnest condemnation of all honorable men."

MACHEN FOUND AT FAULT.

Postal Department Will Intimate He Had After Resign.

OREGONIAN NEWS SERVICE, Washington, May 15.—The statement is made in Washington today, on what is regarded as reliable authority, that the Postoffice authorities have about concluded their investigation of the affairs of the delivery division and the conduct of Superintendent Machen and will, late in June, make public a part of the report of General Erskine and Inspector Fosnes. This report, or that part of it which is given to the newspapers, will indicate certain minor acts of poor administration on the part of Machen, and suggest that these results of the investigation are without indicating that they are the entire result. With this report, the Postmaster-General will submit the statement that Mr. Machen has resigned.

It is stated that Inspector Fosnes has discovered a number of irregularities, which will prove to be examples of unjustifiable business methods on the part of Machen, and that it will be intimated to Machen that he might do well to resign, especially when he has had assurance that the portions of the report to be given to the public will be conservatively handled by the authorities of the department.

NAVY STOPS RECRUITING.

Prevalence of Disease at Various Stations Prompts the Step.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Recruiting in the Navy has been suspended for the present, owing to the prevalence of contagious diseases at various training stations and aboard receiving ships on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. The department hopes that the situation may be sufficiently relieved within the next ten days to resume recruiting.

Reports show that at most of the stations disease has resulted from overcrowding the men. The enlisted force of the Navy is within the limit of the maximum allowed by law, 12,000. All records were recently broken at St. Louis when 16,000 recruits were enlisted in six days.

Lowest Alaskan Bid Turned Down.

OREGONIAN NEWS SERVICE, Washington, May 15.—Secretary Root today expressed the opinion that no contract for transporting troops and supplies to Alaska should be let to the White Pass & Yukon Railroad, for the reason that Canada might object to the passage of troops through her territory. It is expected that the award will be made in a few days to G. J. Humphrey and the Northern Commercial Company, although the White Pass bids appear to be lower.

Commissioner Sargent in Honolulu.

HONOLULU, May 15.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—F. P. Sargent, Commissioner of Immigration, arrived here on the City of Peking to investigate the labor situation here, and to select a site for the new immigration station in Honolulu. The City of Peking is a day late, owing to a breakdown in her machinery which compelled the stopping of the engines for about 12 hours.

Federal Officials Fight With Fists.

NEW YORK, May 15.—Assistant United States District Attorney Ernest Baldwin and Postoffice Inspector Oldfield, of Cincinnati, had a fight with fists in the corridors of the Federal building today, in which several blows were struck. They were separated by friends. Inspector Oldfield had called at Mr. Baldwin's office to see him about the postoffice investigations now in progress.

Batteries Named for Officers.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—The War Department today assigned names to a large number of seacoast batteries. The names are in honor of officers who have performed distinguished service in the Continental Army of the Revolution, the War of 1812, the Seminole Indian War and the Civil War.

Wisconsin Off for Asiatic Station.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—The battleship Wisconsin has been ordered to the Asiatic station, for the Asiatic station. The Wisconsin will go to Honolulu and then proceed to Yokohama.

Torpedo Destroyer Accepted.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—The Navy Department has finally accepted the torpedo boat destroyer Paul Jones, built by the Union Iron Works, and now at the Mare Island navy-yard.

Colored Man Named for Consul.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Christopher Pharms has been appointed United States Consul at St. Thomas. He is a colored man, who has taken an active part in West Virginia politics.

Hearst Appeal Not Made.

NEW YORK, May 15.—The appeal set for today as to the admissibility of certain testimony in the hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission of the complaint against the coal-carrying roads by W. B. Hearst, was not made. Clarence J. Shearn, of counsel for the complainant, said he could not say when the appeal could be argued.

UNIONS MAY ALL GO OUT

DENVER UNIONS GIVE UNTIL TODAY FOR PEACE.

A Refusal of Their Demands Means a General Walkout-State Board Willing to Act.

NEW YORK, May 15.—The first step toward effecting a general organization of employers in the Building Trades for the purpose of united resistance to the demands of the labor unions, were taken tonight at meetings held in Manhattan and Brooklyn. At the close of the Manhattan meeting a statement was given out as the sentiment of the various speakers, which says in part:

"The complete paralysis of the building industry has been brought about by irresponsible persons operating through a tyrannical board of walking delegates, or business agents, which demand prompt and energetic action by all good citizens who have the welfare of our great city at heart. It is time that the decent and order-loving mechanic asserts himself, and defies the arbitrary demands of those who tie his hands and draw his voice. The delegate is a parasite on the body public, to be exterminated."

It was pointed out that the dispute is not a question of wages or hours, but a question of whether the alleged irresponsible bodies of men are to be permitted to conduct the business of the employer, and in so doing make it impossible for him to execute his contracts, and to discharge the obligations and responsibilities which he assumes, and to which the courts of the law of the land bind him.

The speakers also called upon the police and the Magistrates to perform their duties unflinchingly. They pointed out the failure of justice in the past to punish violence, and said that political ambition should not be made to pervert justice. Their statement says: "The justice calls for repressive measures. The public now looks to the employers to take the initiative, and to use every lawful method to destroy the Goliath whom lack of opposition has so emboldened that it threatens this great city without hesitation and without compunction."

The board of governors of the Building Trades Association was instructed to the effect that once for all, a meeting of the executive committee of the Employers' Association of the Building Trades, to provide ways and means for the creation of a central body of employers. This committee will be called together next Tuesday. Telegrams were received from similar committees in Chicago, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Boston and Washington.

In Brooklyn 100 employers met and formed the Employers' League of the Borough of Brooklyn. It was resolved to permit no interference with business by any individual organizations, and that no walking delegates should be permitted to enter any shop during working hours.

A special session of the conciliation committee of the local Civic Federation was held for the purpose, it was understood, of conferring with representatives of various labor organizations in the city in regard to the pending troubles.

BOARDS TO CLASH.

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work in force. Therefore, in appointing committees to deal with electrical matters, I have always chosen Mr. Swigert, as he has far more knowledge on this subject than any other member of the Board. In matters in which Mr. Swigert is better posted than the others, he has had entire say. When we were fitting up the dredge Columbia, I appointed him on the committee to make all purchases of blankets, bedding, linen and such things, as he was better qualified to look after this than any of the rest of us. And that is why we have postponed action on certain matters connected with the electrical equipment of the drydock until Mr. Swigert returns from the East."

What with a controversy pending between the two Commissions as to which shall hold office and a lack of brotherly feeling between the members of the organization now in possession, things are likely to be interesting in Port of Portland circles in the next few weeks.

Women Killed by Explosion.

NEW YORK, May 15.—Mrs. Kate Taylor is dead as the result of the explosion of a carbonated gas tank used for making soda water which wrecked the rear rooms in her store. A bed in one apartment was blown to splinters. The ceiling fell and parts of the woodwork were blown fully 100 feet across the street.



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whole sale district and at the freighthouses was partially relieved today.

Four more arrests were made today of men alleged to have been implicated in yesterday's depredations, making 12 in all who have been sent to jail. Investigation shows that there has been no break in the ranks of either side, and each is apparently as determined as when the strike began. One settlement was reached today, that of the meatcutters.

One restaurant signed the waiters' scale and opened for business today. At a meeting of the Waiters' Union a resolution was adopted censuring acts of violence, and declaring that any member of the union proven guilty of overt acts would be expelled.

Assurances to Boilermakers. Side of Southern Pacific in Proposed Sympathetic Strike.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—The threatened sympathetic strike of the boilermakers of the Southern Pacific grows out of troubles on the Union Pacific a year ago. The Union Pacific boilermakers then struck for a 10 per cent increase, which was denied, and new men were secured to take their places. Efforts are now being made to draw the Southern shopmen into a sympathetic strike on the alleged ground that the corporation is assisting the Union Pacific by lending or selling locomotives. The Southern Pacific officials say, "as our shopmen are perfectly satisfied with their treatment, rate of pay and working rules, we were careful to do nothing that could remotely be construed as aiding the Union Pacific. Therefore, they have absolutely no grounds for stoppage."

In a circular issued by General Manager Kruttschnitt, he says:

"We have been given to understand that two reasons are given for issuing the order to the Southern Pacific boilermakers: 'First—Because the Southern Pacific had helped the Union Pacific by transferring locomotives, and,

"Second—That it was feared that piecework, prejudicial to the men, was to have been extended in the boiler shops."

In response to the first, the committee was assured by President Harriman in a conference in his office in San Francisco that shortly after the Union Pacific strike he had issued an order that the Southern Pacific officers were to take no steps to assist the Union Pacific in any manner whatsoever. This order has been strictly followed and assurance to that effect given the committee."

Concerning the second reason, the circular says that no personal assurance was given by the president of the company to the boilermakers that the Southern Pacific Company does not intend to extend the piecework system in its boiler shops without conference and agreement with the boilermakers."

Warned to Quit or Suffer Death. NEW YORK, May 15.—Members of the Excavators' and Dockmen's Unions held a joint meeting today and discussed their difficulties with the contractors, especially those concerned in the subway work. These strikers decided to maintain their position and keep away from work.

When the Italian subway strikers threatened a workman in the Bronx today he brandished a revolver. A policeman arrested him, while the strikers escaped. The workman was subsequently released by the Magistrate before whom he was arraigned. Two hundred Italian striking workers warned 53 workmen in the Bronx to quit work on pain of death. Four strikers were arrested.

Yale Students in Strikers' Places. NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 15.—About 30 Yale undergraduates have joined the strike breakers employed by the local trucking companies to take the places of the teamsters who went on strike Tuesday. Yale men have been leading and unloading freight on the railroad yards and will continue the work in greater numbers. The students are doing this for a lark, but the trucking companies say they make most satisfactory drivers.

Engineers Forced to Surrender. MELBOURNE, Victoria, May 15.—Premier Irvine announced in the Legislative Assembly today that he had received a letter from the officials of the Engine Drivers' Association, declaring the strike off and submitting unconditionally. The president of the engine-drivers, in an interview, said the surrender was due to the drastic nature of the strike bill, which was sure of adoption.

Street-Car System Tied Up. BRIDGEPORT, Conn., May 15.—The conductors and motormen employed by the Connecticut Railway & Lighting Company went on strike today, tying up all the lines in the city. The company offered a slight increase, but refused recognition of the union.

Switchmen Strike in Sympathy. EL PASO, Texas, May 15.—All the switchmen at the El Paso & Southwest-

ern railroad yards are out on strike today because the night men were discharged for demanding extra help.

Laundries' Attempt to Start Falls. CHICAGO, May 15.—Falling to break the deadlock in the laundry-workers' strike, laundry-owners throughout Chicago undertook today to operate the laundries. By a concerted movement, a score of laundries opened for business. Pickets from the Laundry-Workers' Union were on guard, however, and girls who started to work were stopped, and told to go home. Many obeyed. Engineers and firemen refused to take their posts. Tonight only two laundries were reported still running.

Kansas City May Have Big Strike. KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 15.—A big strike of general trades is threatened in Kansas City, according to the head men of several labor unions and prominent members of the industrial council of this city, say organized labor is determined to make this a "union town." Officers of the Employers' Association of Kansas City, however, declare with equal emphasis that the industrial council, or all the trades unions combined, cannot successfully order a general strike.

Italian Strikers Win Victory. MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., May 15.—The Italian laborers on the Union Electric Railway here have won a victory, the demands which led to their striking several days ago having been conceded by the firm. One of the demands was the same pay for eight hours instead of ten hours.

Building Suspended at Auburn. AUBURN, N. Y., May 15.—All building operations are suspended here, 200 carpenters having gone on strike for higher wages. The demand is for 30 cents an hour and 30¢ cents for foremen.

Colton Sure to Be Made Bishop. ROME, May 15.—There is no doubt about the appointment of the Rev. Charles Colton, rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York, to the bishopric of Buffalo. The documents appointing him bishop of that diocese have already been sent to the Vatican.

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