

PATRIOTISM MUST GOVERN AND NOT STANDING ARMIES

Washington, March 28.—Lieutenant-General Nelson A. Miles, retired, sent a letter of regret to the Democratic Club of Grand Rapids, Mich., which was to give a banquet this evening. Owing to floods the banquet was abandoned. General Miles has authorized the publication of his letter which is as follows:

Washington, March 25, 1904.
Mr. Peter Doran, president Democratic Club, Grand Rapids, Mich.
"My Dear Sir:—I regret exceedingly that owing to a very serious illness in my family I find it impossible to be with you on the important occasion which brings the members of your club and distinguished democrats from different parts of the country together. I also regret that it is impossible for me to meet my gallant comrades in the state of Michigan.

"Having been invited to speak on the subject of patriotism, I should reply, were I there, that patriotism comes nearest the heart of every true citizen of our republic. It is especially fitting to give it serious consideration at this time, when we are menaced by serious evils—when we are approaching as serious crisis in our political history, and the weal or woe of this republic will depend upon the intelligence and patriotism of the sovereign voters. Their action during the important event of the coming autumn will bless or seriously embarrass the future of this country. In fact, the perpetuity of our domestic government depends, not upon the presence of great armies, the will of a despot or the dictation of any ruler, but entirely upon the patriotism of our citizens. Patriotism can not reign within a selfish heart or a depraved soul. It is as pure as the light of day and cannot be dominated by evil motives. The patriotic can be inspired only by the noblest impulses that actuate the spirit of man. He cannot be engaged in an unholy cause. The leaders or participants in acts that only result in conquest, devastation, pillage and spoliation, are not patriots. Alas, too often under the pretense of patriotism men have degraded it in ruthless and cruel enterprises deserving condemnation rather than commendation.

"Men have been actuated by motives of most selfish ambition or mercenary avarice under the plea of advancing civilization. On the other hand we find instances of heroic self sacrifice throughout the pages of history. As far back as the time of the great law giver who, rears amid the splendors of an Egyptian court, preferred to espouse the cause of his own people, even though they were in a humble condition, we find an early example of patriotism. Another is that of the Roman Consul and General, who, while in the hands of the enemy was given the choice between liberty, after the betrayal of his people, or torture and death. He heroically refused, counselled his followers to renew their efforts for the defense of the republic and submitted himself to a cruel and ignominious death.

"Patriotism is illustrated in the acts of our fathers who, inspired by the love of liberty, contended against the then most powerful nation of the world, to establish our independence—that was a heroic age, when resolute men in every section of the sparsely populated colonies of the Atlantic coast espoused the cause of freedom. It brought forward from among that self-reliant, sturdy race, the noblest and bravest, the highest and the best representative men of any age or of any country. Orators, scholars, statesmen, soldiers, were the controlling spirits. There never has been a time when both in war and peace this country has not produced us strong a class of men, intellectually, physically and morally, as the men of that age.

"The highest, noblest and grandest of them all was that character who was not only first in war, but first in peace. The men of America need not look elsewhere than to the father of their country for an exemplar and true patriotic character. No more instructive lesson could be given to the rising generations than to point to the public acts, the state papers, the wise counsels, the remarkable prophecy and the sage warning of the patriot and statesman who comprehended the frailties of the human heart, and the dangers that would environ the republic that he and his compatriots established.

"He desired to prevent our nation from running the course that had hitherto marked the destiny of nations and it was his prayer that the 'free Croup' instantly relieved. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. Perfectly safe. Never fails. At any drug store.

constitution might be sacredly maintained with wisdom and virtue; that the happiness of the people under the auspices of liberty might be made complete; and that they 'might have the glory of recommending it to the affection and adoption of every nation that was as yet a stranger to it.'

"Yet, the noblest act of patriotism, of that great man was when he set the example for all time in declining continued authority. The imperial powers that were within his grasp did not allure him from the path of duty. Having rendered his country an incomparable service, like Cincinnatus, he was proud to take his place amid the citizens of his country as one of them, a title and position that he regarded as the highest among mortals.

"A renowned English admiral said at the time of one of the most critical historical events, 'England expects every man this day to do his duty.' It is equally essential now that every citizen of this republic should do his whole duty, and to discharge that sacred obligation requires high moral courage and fortitude.

"We have come to look upon liberty as one of the natural elements of our existence. We give it as little concern as if our ancestors were never compelled to fight or die for it, or if there could be no possibility of ourselves or our children being deprived of its blessing. So little do we feel the burdens of government and so beneficent are our political advantages that we little comprehend the necessity for great sacrifices and heroic acts. We scarcely realize that little more than a century ago the great mass of the human family were serfs, slaves or abject subjects to some despotic power.

"Naught but universal intelligence, integrity and patriotism will continue to maintain those institutions vouchsafed to us by the fathers. Take warnings betimes, guard with sacred care that which was priceless to our fathers and is so to us and our children.

"I cannot better define patriotism than by bringing the illustration home to every citizen—you have the opportunity during the coming autumn to benefit your country by your individual acts or marred its prosperity by indifference to or disregard of its true interests.

"It is the men who exercise the power of citizenship that are responsible for honesty and efficiency in our public affairs. The first requisite to good government is universal intelligence and patriotism, earnest devotion to the welfare of our country. This republic must continue in its march of progress or it must lapse into decay by the acts or apathy of its own citizens. There is a sacred duty devolving upon every citizen.

"You can have just as good or just as bad a government as you will, be it municipal, state or national; and our only hope rests in the true, patriotic devotion to the principles of our government.

"The opportunity and responsibility of the democratic citizens of Michigan and of the whole of Michigan and of the whole union are now greater and more important than they have been at any former period of our history. There are many vexed questions and problems in which there may be an honest difference of opinion—but there is one transcendent principle, far above all other questions, whether of economics or individuals, and that is

whether the spirit of the declaration of independence and of our constitution—in brief, a pure democracy—shall prevail or perish. The change from oppression to liberty is wrought by violence, but the change from democracy to despotism is quiet, insidious, subtle and fatal.

"May the patriotism of our countrymen be awakened and be of the highest order and may the influence of it be felt in every section and department of the welfare, happiness and progress of our own people throughout all the land.

"Very truly yours, Nelson A. Miles."

FINE HANDBALL PLAYING.

Contest For Championship Now Being Waged in San Francisco.

San Francisco, March 28.—By the score of six games to one, Michael J. Egan from Jersey City defeated James Fitzgerald of San Francisco in the first of the series for the handball championship of the world. The games were played on the court of the Olympic Club, probably one of the fastest courts in the country, and the many experts who watched the contest agreed that never before had such handball been seen in this city, if anywhere. The series to decide the championship will consist in all of 15 games, or rather of the best eight in 15, and the match will be concluded at the Olympic Club's court next Sunday.

Fitzgerald has to win seven out of the eight remaining games to carry off the championship. The score was as follows: First game, Egan 21, Fitzgerald 18; second game, Fitzgerald 21, Egan 15; third game, Egan 21, Fitzgerald 15; fourth game, Egan 21, Fitzgerald nine; fifth game, Egan 21, Fitzgerald two; sixth game, Egan 21, Fitzgerald nine; seventh game, Egan 21, Fitzgerald eight.

NO USE FOR DOWIE.

Slighting Remarks About England's King Knocks Him Out.

New York, March 28.—The remarks credited to John Alexander Dowie, of Zion City, Ill., which have led to the issuance of orders forbidding him to use any public building, were made at Adelaide, says an American dispatch from Sidney, N. S. W. Dowie is quoted as saying King Edward will "only get to heaven by the skin of his teeth," and that "nobody imagines Edward VII has any religion to spare."

The premier followed up the action of Adelaide's mayor by ordering Dowie kept out of the government buildings and the managers of the exhibition building returned Dowie's contract and cancelled the engagement. There fore Dowie practically is debarred from any rostrum in the colony. It is not probable, however, that he will try to speak, as the American consul was requested to persuade him to leave Australia before public irritation culminates in personal violence. Dowie has disappeared from his hotel.

PASSION PLAY IN CHICAGO.

Swiss Residents in Windy City Make Audience Weep.

Chicago, March 28.—The passion play has been given its first presentation in Chicago by 30 members of the Roman Catholic church of the assumption at the church school.

The leading role of the play, that of Christ, was assumed by John Mannino, a carpenter, whose face bears a striking resemblance to the countenance attributed in art to the Savior. Mannino and all the others in the cast

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except two children are natives of the town of Vicari, Sicily, and emigrated to America in a body, taking up their residence in the north side Italian quarter of Chicago.

The play was produced exactly as those who took part in it had seen it enacted many times by professional actors in religious drama in Vicari. There were present several church dignitaries, including Father Barry, chancellor of the archdiocese of Chicago. Fathers Pellegrino Gianardi and Frederick Angelecul presided.

Each scene was attended with solemnity both on the part of the actors and audience. Many persons wept during the portrayal of events leading up to the death of the Savior. In all 12 scenes were given and the play lasted four hours. It was given for the benefit of the parish school.

LEGACY TIED UP.

Fortune Intended for Poor Girls' Home Wanted By Relatives.

New York, March 28.—New legal complications promise to again tie up the legacy left by Jose Seville, a wealthy Peruvian, and at one time a resident of New York, who wished to establish a home for poor girls near this city. During the 13 years since Seville died, the bequest has grown to nearly \$800,000 and meantime the executors and the courts have been trying to straighten out the matter so that the money could be available.

Just as this seemed probable a new contest has been started by Carmas Seville, widow of the deceased millionaire's brother. She seeks to recover possession of a piece of valuable real estate. Action also has been brought by another distant relative to recover a legacy of \$250,000 which she claims never had been paid. The estate was worth \$5,000,000 when Seville died.

IT SAVED HIS LEG.

P. A. Danforth, of La Grange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg; but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For Ulcers, Wounds, Piles, it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Sold by Chas. Rogers, druggist.



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