

GENERAL MILES DECLARES THAT THE FORTS ARE USELESS

There Is No Powder to Serve the Big Guns.

Soldiers in the Northwest Are Not Properly Cared for in Barracks.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—The annual report of Lieut.-Gen. Nelson A. Miles, present head of the United States Army, was made public today. It contained a mild sensation in falling in any way to mention the canteen subject, which has been prominent in army circles for the past two years. It was officially understood some time ago that the report of Miles went deeply into this question and commented at great length in favor of the canteen law as conducive to good discipline and sobriety among enlisted men of the service. But the report as published today does not refer to the canteen matter in any way. It was completely ignored.

Incomplete fortifications are given a section of the report. It calls attention to the forts and points of protection along the Pacific Coast and in the Northwest. Millions have been expended in engineering and ordnance work, but the forts have not yet been supplied with ammunition, electrical plants and other essentials to the proper use of the fortifications in time of war.

BARRACKS ARE BAD.
Reference is made to the report of General Hughes, commanding the Department of California, who recommends that better barracks accommodations be provided for the soldiers. General Miles takes up this matter and declares the report of General Hughes to simply call attention to the urgent necessity of having buildings so constructed that the men at the various posts will receive as much care and attention as the embassies and the big guns.

Large and costly improvements are suggested for the Department of the Columbia. Conditions are very unfavorable there at the present time. The report states that in the Northwest there are three companies of artillery now sheltered only in tents, notwithstanding the fact that Winter is rapidly approaching. The officers are no better provided for than the men, and in many instances are lying in huts that would not be suitable for the shelter of government animals. These conditions are discouraging to the troops, injurious to the health of the garrisons, and result, no doubt, in many cases of desertion. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are being expended in the artillery branch of the service. The troops are required to locate adjacent to the fortifications, and it is the belief of the commander-in-chief that suitable barracks should be constructed at once and at points of vantage.

COAST DEFENSE.
One of the important matters touched upon in the report is a strong recommendation for additional coast defenses. Greater attention to this feature is dwelt upon extensively and the Pacific Coast is given particular space. Not only are new works needed, he says, but the ones which have already been constructed are lacking in proper attention. The report of Miles closes with a high tribute to the integrity and honor of both the officers and the enlisted men of the army.

AGAINST RUSSIA

Japan Urges Action by America and England.

LONDON, Nov. 6.—Correspondence passing between Japan and England regarding the status of the powers regarding Korea, contains the statement that England and America cannot afford to ignore the growing influence of Russia in Korea. Action by these two powers is urged.

REORGANIZE SPAIN'S CABINET

LISBON, Nov. 6.—It is now believed that the ministry will be reconstituted upon the return of King Alfonso from England. Disorders continue in many of the provinces.

STILL SPEAKS OF AMERICAN BEAUTY.



GRAND DUKE BORIS

The Grand Duke Boris, now that he has returned to his native land, continues to mention the beauty of the women of the United States. He says that the prettiest woman that he met in all of his travels was a young married lady who was visiting at the Hotel Del Monte in Monterey, Cal. The duke was asked the name of the lady by a foreign correspondent, for one of the New York papers, but refused to divulge it.

STRICKEN DOWN BY DIVINE VENGEANCE

Angel of Death Descended on Recreant Pastor and His Parmour While in Sin.

OMAHA, Nov. 6.—At the inquest over the dead bodies of Rev. Rabe and Miss Busch today it was disclosed that the cause of death was accident. A gas stove tap is close to the light tap. In turning off the light to darken the vestibule, the two accidentally turned the other large stove burner on full force. Policeman Gullen, who discovered the bodies, testified to unprintable details. Cullen is a Catholic and refused to help carry out the bodies when others arrived, saying the dead people have desecrated the house of God by an unholy crime.

Among the exhibits at the inquest was a clipping found in the woman's effects headed "Holy Kisses Cause Discord," detailing a scandal involving a Minnesota pastor, Rabe, who recently arrived here, was very popular. Miss Busch was a most devoted missionary for the past five years.

TO HUNT BEAR.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—President Roosevelt goes to New York Monday and from there will go to Memphis Tuesday. He will then go bear hunting in the jungles of Mississippi. On the 19th he will return to Memphis and will from there go to Washington direct.

\$5000 BLOOD MONEY.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Nov. 6.—United States Marshal S. Hudson Lockett was today paid the sum of \$5,000 upon presenting proof that he had killed Jim Sims, the noted outlaw. In a desperate encounter near Clea Springs last Wednesday.

TO PROPOSE CHANGES.

HAVANA, Nov. 6.—The Cuban government is not yet ready to accept the proposed commercial treaty. It is formulating the desired change.

GOMPERS MAY BE DEFEATED BY MITCHELL

Big Internal Labor Battle Is Sure to Come Very Soon.

Industrial Men Want to Merge With Larger Union and Secure Control.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—There is declared to be a strong possibility that Gompers will be defeated for the office of president of the American Federation of Labor by John Mitchell, head of the United Mine Workers, and who has carried successfully through so many of the projects of the latter organization. Mitchell has the support of the industrial faction, who want to merge all smaller organizations into a greater labor union, and thus distend the scope and power of the former. Miners, carpenters, printers, brewers, plumbers and several others of the working classes make up the industrial forces which will range themselves against Gompers and with Mitchell.

All this and much more will come out at the gathering that is to take place at New Orleans on November 13. The merger plan will be brought up at that time, and there will be bitter opposition. The fight will be the greatest internal battle in the history of labor organizations in America.

It will require 5,000 votes to elect Mitchell, and the industrialists already have 2,500 at their command. There will be a lively campaign for controlling power from now until the date of the convention.

Gompers has made no statement and refuses to be interviewed on the subject.

SHE IS FREE.

WHEELING, Nov. 6.—Rodell Bain has been released by the grand jury, which failed to find a true bill against her, even though she confessed to having pushed Miss Gay Smith, of Bridgeport, off the bridge into the river on the 29th of September, because the latter was to marry a man with whom Miss Bain was in love. The prisoner denied having made the confession, and there was no other evidence to convict. After committing the crime she took chloroform with the intention of committing suicide. While she was thought to be dying she told the story of her murder. The doctors saved her and she denied the truth of her confession. She will now go free.

GENERAL DEATH.

(Journal Special Service.)
SEATTLE, Nov. 6.—Henry Dietrich, a farmer living near Roy, became violently insane Monday and killed all his stock, including two horses, four cows, calves and chickens, dogs and cats. Their throats were cut. Dietrich is a butcher and had carefully dressed and buried some of the carcasses. A deputy sheriff found him naked in the garret of his house. All the furniture in the house had been broken. His wife is missing, and it is unknown whether he killed her or she escaped to the woods.

INDIANAPOLIS EXCHANGE.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 6.—Indianapolis new Stock Exchange, the first in the history of the city, was opened for business today. The institution, which owes its existence to the fact that the business of the local stock brokers has almost doubled in the last year, opens with a large membership and promises to be a great success.

BIG OMAHA FIRE.

OMAHA, Nov. 6.—Fire this morning destroyed the building of the American Press Association, resulting in a loss of \$100,000. The fire was discovered early, but the best efforts of all members of the department did not check it until the structure was doomed.

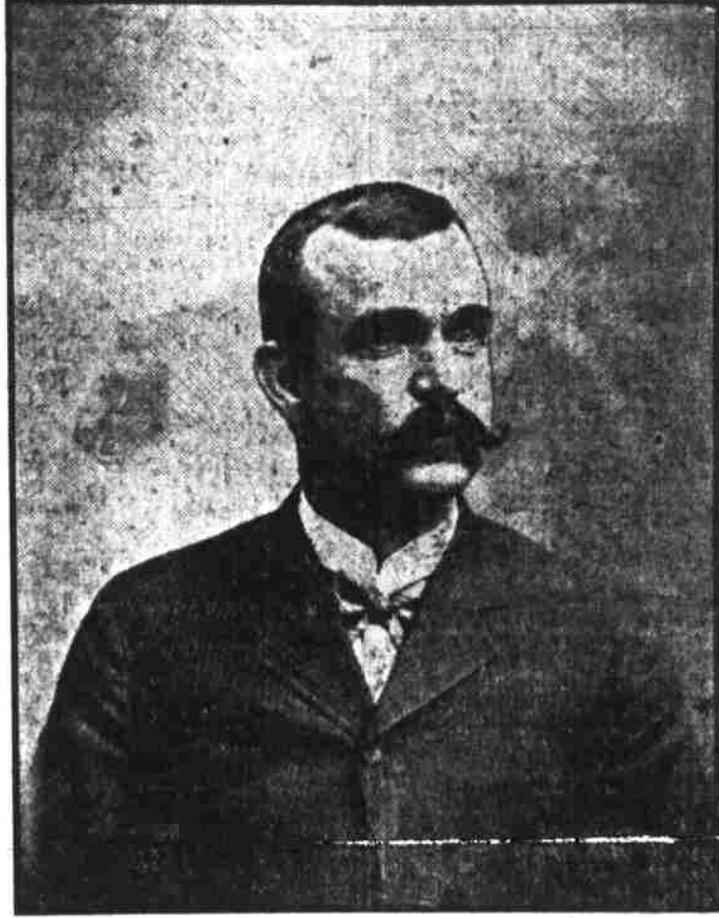
NEW SPOKANE PAPER.

SPOKANE, Nov. 6.—The Daily Press issued its first issue today. It is owned and managed by George Putnam, formerly San Francisco manager of the Scripps News Association.

LABOR LEADER WANTS ACTION ON ROTTEN BRIDGE SITUATION

G. Y. Harry Would Have Commercial Bodies Take Initiative

In Providing Funds to Repair the Rotten Bridges of Portland.



G. Y. HARRY.

QUICK ACTION IS NEEDED.
"Let the Chamber of Commerce, the Manufacturers' Association, and all of the other organized bodies whose duty it is to look after the welfare of Portland, get together and grapple with the problem of the present disgraceful bridge situation in this city," says G. Y. Harry, president of the Federated Trades in Portland—and he says well!

"Let them," says this energetic labor leader, "as the hands of the city fathers are tied, themselves proceed to repair this disgrace to the city, by the expenditure on their credit of the amount needed to protect the lives of our citizens and those of strangers within our gates,"—and he says well!

"The present condition of the bridges of the city," he says, "is along sufficient to drive away many an intending resident"—and, alas, it is but too true!

WHAT IS TO BE DONE?
Not until January will the City Council be able to face this matter, for until that time their hands are tied by the old charter. It is intolerable that the lives of the traveling public should be held in jeopardy until that time. Is there enough vigor in the commercial bodies of the City of Portland to meet the crisis?

Is there enough enterprise, enough daring, among the merchants of this almost metropolitan city and among the thousands of citizens whose lives are in daily peril through the situation to disregard a custom and to devise a remedy? **SOMETHING MUST BE DONE—AND DONE QUICKLY!**

There is a strong sentiment in labor circles against the general apathy which Portland citizens display in allowing the bridges within the corporate limits to get in such a dilapidated condition. It is said that over three-fourths of the bridges have been closed to traffic and that residents and the traveling public are inconvenienced beyond all reasonable bounds.

The people in South Portland are almost cut off entirely from the business districts. Only one bridge over Marquam Gulch is passable, while two of them are tottering on rotten piers and bid fair to topple into a heap of ruins at any moment. Just recently one of them fell, and the disastrous results which followed are fresh in the minds of the public.

UNSAFE FOR MONTHS.
The labor leaders have been out on a tour of inspection and state that the structures must have been unsafe to use for months and possibly for years. Some of the piers and braces are decayed entirely through and give evidence of having received no attention from the date of their construction, which was perhaps a quarter of a century ago. Street cars have been running over them in their wobbly condition, and it seems a mystery that some frightful accident has not occurred.

Before reaching Lower Albion on the street cars passengers are compelled to get out and walk for a block in order to get around a yawning chasm over which a bridge once stood, which has long since gone the way of all things earthly. The passengers walk and say nothing, but they do a lot of hard thinking.

DISGRACE TO THE CITY.
G. Y. Harry, president of the State Federation of Labor, expresses himself forcibly upon the subject. He says:

"The manner in which Portland has allowed her bridges to go to ruin is a burning disgrace. The authorities say that they can do nothing until the new charter goes into operation. If this is true I suggest another plan. Let the Chamber of Commerce, the Manufacturers' Association, and all the other organized bodies supposed to be looking after the welfare of the city, get together and inquire thoroughly into the situation. By the time they complete their investigations they will be impressed with the fact that the people need relief along this line, and the chances are good that they will set about to obtain it. There has been mismanagement somewhere, and the only thing now to do is to remedy it as quickly as possible. The necessary improvements can possibly be made for \$150,000 or \$200,000. Let the various organizations raise this amount, and have the necessary work done at once. The city certainly be reimbursed for their enterprise when the new charter does go into effect. This is no time to procrastinate. The city's future welfare is at stake.

A POOR IMPRESSION.
"Easterners are coming here almost every day with the purpose in view of locating and engaging in business if they are favorably impressed with the city. In being confronted with the present dilapidated condition of the bridges and streets what must be their thoughts of Portland? Nine out of every ten of them will certainly become disgusted and seek permanent locations elsewhere. It is time that the public-spirited citizens of this city should begin to realize that there are important matters before them demanding immediate attention."

SITUATION DESPERATE.
The elevated roadway situation is getting more desperate as the days advance. Yesterday the City Engineer closed the bridge on East Alameda street, between East Seventh and East Eighth streets, and there will likely be several more closures.

NOT YET DECIDED.
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 6.—The legal committee of the Democrats discussed today the advisability of contesting Pardee's election. They decided to get more evidence regarding the votes thrown out in Alameda and San Bernardino Counties. Caminetti instructed County Chairman Rush to gather all evidences of illegalities.

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NO CONTEST OF NEW YORK VOTE

Feeling Growing Among Democrats That Odell Cannot Be Overtaken in the Race.

NEW YORK, Nov. 6.—There is a growing feeling about Democratic headquarters that there will no contest of the election of Odell. Although there has been official declaration that the project has been given up it is felt here that it would be impossible for the difference of 11,000 votes to be overcome through a contest and a protest of the election, if followed up to the fullest, would result in great delay and large expense. The leaders of the Democratic party, however, will investigate the voting throughout the state.

Governor Odell, who had a majority of more than 11,000 in this state over Coler, the Democratic candidate for governor, laughs at the notice served by the members of the opposing party that the election will be contested. Republican leaders say there has never been a Republican victory in the state that was not followed by the same cry of fraud from the Democrats. There is no feeling of defeat among the people against him until the official count is taken. He charges fraud and declares he will contest the election.

LANE BELLIGERENT.
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 6.—Although the result of the election as announced brings victory to Pardee, Republican, as against Lane, Democrat, for governor, the latter has not yet conceded his defeat. He claims that he will not believe the decision of the people against him until the official count is taken. He charges fraud and declares he will contest the election.

COLORADO REPUBLICANS.
DENVER, Nov. 6.—The Rocky Mountain News, the official organ of Senator Patterson, this morning declares the election of Peabody for governor. He is the Republican candidate and was fought hard. The battle was a close one and it was not until late last night that the members of the opposing party gave up the contest. Peabody will have in the neighborhood of 3,000 to the good. It is believed the general Republican victory will mean the election of Wolcott in place of Teller to the United States Senate.

LIST OF GOVERNORS.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—Returns received from all over the United States give the following results in gubernatorial contests:
Alabama—William J. Jelks, Dem.
California—George C. Pardee, Rep.
Colorado—James H. Peabody, Rep.
Connecticut—Adrian Chamberlain, Rep.
Idaho—John T. Morrison, Rep.
Kansas—Wills J. Bailey, Rep.
Massachusetts—John L. Bates, Rep.
Michigan—Aaron T. Bliss, Rep.
Minnesota—Samuel R. Van Sant, Rep.
Missouri—John H. Mickey, Rep.
Nebraska—John T. Sparks, Dem.
New Hampshire—N. J. Bachelder, Rep.
New York—Benjamin R. Odell, Rep.
North Dakota—Frank White, Rep.
Pennsylvania—Samuel W. Pennypacker, Rep.
Rhode Island—L. F. C. Garvin, Dem.
South Carolina—D. C. Heyward, Dem.
South Dakota—C. N. Herrick, Rep.
Tennessee—J. D. Frazier, Dem.
Texas—S. W. T. Lanham, Dem.
Wisconsin—Robert M. La Follette, Rep.
Wyoming—De Forest Richards, Rep.

MISSOURI DOUBTFUL.
ST. LOUIS, Nov. 6.—George R. Rindolds, Republican, defeated for Congress, will contest the election of James Butler, a Democrat.

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TEN THOUSAND FOR BROKEN HEART

Lois Devereaux, a Pretty Portland Stenographer, Sues Thomas J. B. Nicholson for Breach of Promise.

Lois Eldora Devereaux, a stenographer living at Portsmouth, Ore., has filed a suit for breach of promise in the sum of \$10,000 damages against Thomas J. B. Nicholson. Mr. Nicholson is the secretary of the Pacific Coast Elevator Company and resides at 425 Twelfth street. In her complaint, Miss Devereaux alleges that Mr. Nicholson asked her to be his wife in 1904, and that she has for eight years been willing to acquire the title of Mrs. Nicholson. She avers that the matter not be settled before it is called for trial.

quondam lover's affection has died out, and that he now refuses to carry out the contract.

Because she has been compelled to fritter away so many years waiting in vain for Mr. Nicholson to get married, Miss Devereaux asks for compensation at the rate of about \$4 a day for the whole period of her barren engagement. Judge John H. Woodward will present Miss Devereaux's case to the jury should the matter not be settled before it is called for trial.

NO AMMUNITION.

The report of General Miles, made public today, declares that while there have been millions spent in building forts and in planting heavy guns along the Pacific Coast, and in the Northwest, there is not enough ammunition on hand to render these fortifications of use in actual war. He praises the honor and integrity of the officers and men and says they are not being properly housed or cared for by the government. He recommends the expenditure of millions in refitting the barracks in the Northwest, where artillerymen are in tents with the rigors of winter approaching.

