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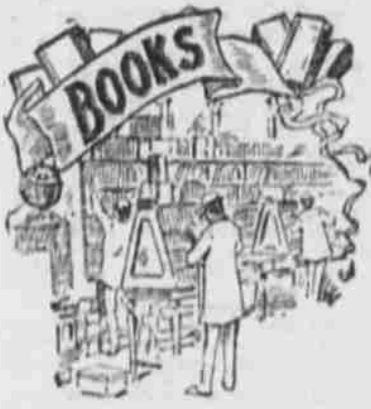
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THE REPORT GIVEN OUT

**Major-General Miles' Review
Does Not Severely Attack
Secretary Alger.**

COUNTRY WAS NOT READY

**Thinks War Department Did Not
Properly Handle the Volun-
teers in the Beginning.**

UNNECESSARY LOSS OF LIFE

**Thinks Spanish Army Could Have Been
Forced to Surrender Easily—No
Precautions Against Diseases.**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—The report of
Major General Miles, commanding the
United States army, was made public to-
day by the direction of Secretary of War
Alger. The keynote of the report is found
in one of the opening sentences, where it
said:

"Military operations during the year
have been extraordinary, unusual and
extensive."

There is an entire absence of any evi-
dence in the direct controversy, though
certain sentences in the report are italic-
ized in an apparent desire to justify the
previously expressed plans of the details
of the campaign, and where it details
with events the document is largely made
up of quotation of official dispatches.

Treating of the war, General Miles be-
gins with a statement of the unprepared-
ness of the country.

General Miles says in his report that
in the beginning of the war one of the
obstacles to be avoided was putting the
army on the island of Cuba at a time
when a large number of men must die
from the diseases that have prevailed
in that country, according to all statis-
tics, for the last 100 years. He pointed
out in a letter to the secretary of war
these dangers, and urged that the Span-
ish be merely harassed and damaged
during the rainy, unhealthy season, while
the navy was demonstrating its superi-
ority and the volunteers were being equip-
ped. In that letter he says:

"I also assert the belief I have enter-
tained from the first that we could se-
cure the surrender of the Spanish army
in the island of Cuba without any great
sacrifice of life."

In order that the volunteers should be
speedily made efficient, on April 25 Gen-
eral Miles wrote to the secretary of war
that they should be encamped 60 days in
their respective states and disciplined and
equipped, and their officers instructed—
"so all important"—he said, "to health
and efficiency. This preliminary work
should be done before the troops leave
their states."

**RED CROSS AGENT AT
GIBARA MAKES COMPLAINT.**

Supplies of the Society Seized and No Re-
ceipt Given—Smallpox Devastating
the Town of Holguin.

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—S. G. Conkling,
agent of the Red Cross at Gibara, writes
to the headquarters in this city under
date of October 28, complaining of the act
of Captain W. S. Woodson, medical in-
spector U. S. A., who on October 27, ap-
parently under instructions from Colonel
Hood, seized the Red Cross warehouse
at Gibara, with all its supplies, and had
not, at the time the letter was written,
given a receipt for the goods taken.

Agent R. S. Warner, writing from Hol-
guin says his arrival there with a por-
tion of the supplies on the schooner
Morse, occasioned much surprise on the
part of the 10,000 Spanish troops still gar-
risoned there. He made a superficial
examination of the town and found much
smallpox. He estimates the deaths at
30 a day for the army and as many in
the poorer quarters. Every hut is in-
fected, and women, children and men
lie literally rotting to death without the
care of "even one doctor."

The poverty, he declares, is beyond
description. "But," he adds, "the poor
devils are patient, they don't complain
—used to it, I suppose. The Spaniards
have harassed them so long that nothing
troubles them any more."

He speaks hopefully, however, and says
he will, upon the arrival of the vaccine
at points shipped to him, begin the work
of vaccination.

Mr. Conkling says he had partially
filled a request from Captain Woodson
for certain supplies, etc., but that the
captain made additional demands. When
Mr. Conkling told him he could not
grant them, Captain Woodson returned
to Colonel Hood.

A short time later he returned and
said:

"In the name of the United States
army, I take possession of the ware-
house."

Mr. Conkling says he protested with-
out avail.
A copy of the letter was forwarded to
General Wood at Santiago today with
the request that he prevent any "further
and unwarranted high handed action
on the part of military officials." Colonel
Wood, it is said, was obliged to on Sun-
day last in regard to the matter and re-
plied with the assurance that no further
friction shall occur.

**DAMAGING STORM SWEEPS
OVER LAKE MICHIGAN.**

Heavy Seas Play Havoc With the Sea
Walls—Fears Expressed for the
Safety of Vessels.

CHICAGO, Nov. 10.—Lake Michigan,
swept by a northeast gale, is tearing
great holes in the sea wall and the paved
beach along the lake front. The Lincoln
Park commissioners had just gotten well
under way repairing the serious damage
done by the storm of October 25, but the
heavy breakers have now put the whole
shore line in a worse shape than ever.
The action of the waves has under-
mined the outer driveway in Lincoln
Park displacing the heavy granite blocks
with which the beach is paved. Along
the north shore drive from Byron street
south, the water ran across the roadway
and made it impassable.

The surf played havoc with the sea
wall on the lake shore drive and sent it
way into the dirt embankment.

Several vessels are overdue in Chicago
and some apprehension is felt for their
safety.

**GREAT NORTHERN TRAIN
HELD UP BY BANDITS.**

Robbers Secured the Cash From One Safe
But Could Not Open the Other and
Left in Disguise.

FERGUS FALLS, Minn., Nov. 10.—The
Great Northern through train which
passes through this city at 7:30 p. m.
was held up and robbed about five miles
west of here tonight. There were eight
robbers in the gang, all well armed. Two
of them evidently boarded the blind bag-
gage in this city.

The train was scarcely out of town
when these two climbed over the tender
and, presenting revolvers, told Engineer
Brace and his fireman to stop at a lonely
spot near the Pelican river bridge. Ar-
riving at this place the train was stopped
and the engineer and fireman were or-
dered to leave the cab. The other mem-
bers of the gang rushed from the woods
and boarded the express car. All wore
handkerchiefs over their faces. The
gang was regularly organized and went
by numbers.

When the train stopped the conductor
and brakeman started forward to find
out what the trouble was, but the band-
its fired a number of shots and warned
them to go back. They then compelled
the express messenger to leave the car,
and while three or four stood guard, the
others proceeded to blow open the safes.
The local safe was destroyed, and it is
thought that they succeeded in securing
considerable money. The through safe
was drilled and dynamited, four charges
being used. The jacket was blown off,
but it was impossible to reach the inner
part and get at the cash. They worked
over it nearly two hours, but finally gave
up, and joining their companions, started
south.

**LIMITATION NO BAR TO
COLLECTION OF A DEBT.**

If Obligation Is an Honest One, Even
Though It Exceeds Amount Set by
Law, It Can Be Collected.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 10.—The United States
court of appeals has decided that the
constitutional limitation is no bar to the
legal collection of an honest debt. The
case was that of E. H. Rollins & Sons
against the board of county commis-
sioners of Rio Grande county, Col. The
suit is an action to recover money on a num-
ber of county warrants.

In the United States circuit court the
Colorado defendants admitted that the
debt was an honest one, but claimed that
the issue of warrants was in excess of
the amount allowed by the constitution,
and consequently they asked that it be
declared null and void. The appellate
court reversed the decision and remanded
it for another trial, insisting that the
lower court was in error by directing
judgment for the defendants.

WOULD PREPARE FOR WAR.

LONDON, Nov. 10.—The Duke of Devon-
shire, lord president of the council of
ministers, who was the principal guest
at the mayoral banquet at East Bourne
last evening, said in the course of his
speech in reply to a toast of Her Majes-
ty's ministers:

"There is no reason to desist from the
work of strengthening our naval forces
and general defenses, since Fashoda is
only an incident in a much larger ques-
tion."

This expresses the prevalent feeling
throughout England, and there can be no
doubt that Lord Salisbury's speech at the
Guild Hall banquet, pacific as it appears,
will not be received with much enthu-
siasm by the general public.

CONTROL OF THE HOUSE

**Republicans Will Surely Have
Thirteen More Than
the Opposition.**

RESULT IN WASHINGTON

**Fusionist Candidates for Con-
gress Defeated by More Than
Three Thousand Votes.**

STOCK MARKET IS ACTIVE

**Result of Election Creates Better
Feeling Among Brokers—Com-
ment of Foreign Papers.**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—Late this af-
ternoon Chairman Babcock, of the repub-
lican congressional committee, practically
completed the list of representatives-
elect to the Fifty-sixth congress. The
latest authentic advice received by the
republican committee indicate that two
districts are in doubt yet, the Second in
California and the Twelfth in Texas.
In both, however, Babcock concedes that
the chances are favorable to the dem-
ocrats. He claims neither of them.

Tonight Babcock's figures show the
election of 185 straight republicans, 152
democrats, six populists and one silver
republican. These figures do not include
the two doubtful districts mentioned.
Conceding these two districts to the dem-
ocrats, Babcock claims a certain major-
ity of 13 over the opposition.

RESULT IN WASHINGTON.

SEATTLE, Nov. 10.—All but four of
the districts have been heard from—one
senatorial and three legislative. The
legislature, which is composed of 24 sena-
tors and 73 representatives, now stand:
Republicans, 15; fusionists, 11; inde-
pendents, 1; doubtful, 1. House—Republi-
cans, 66; fusionists, 9; doubtful, 3. The
doubtful senator is from Whitman
county. The doubtful representatives are
from Stevens, Okanogan, and Wash-
kum counties.

In the senate the fusionists had 15 hold-
over senators—five democrats and ten
populists. They elect two—one democrat
and one populist. The republicans had
one hold-over. They elect fourteen. The
independent senator is Gray, silver re-
publican, of Stevens county. He was
elected on the citizens' ticket. If he votes
with the republicans, as they claim he
will, and the republicans elect a doubtful
senator, the senate will be a tie.

Of the nine fusion representatives elect-
ed, five are populists and four are dem-
ocrats. Conceding the doubtful represen-
tatives to the fusionists, the legislature
on joint ballot stands: Republicans, 51;
fusionists, 30; independent, 1.

ELECTED BY TWO MAJORITY.

SEATTLE, Nov. 10.—Later returns
show that Whitman county elects Carper,
the fusion nominee, for senator, by two
majority.

Stevens county elects Welty, the citi-
zens' nominee for representative.

VOTE FOR CONGRESSMAN.

PORTLAND, Nov. 10.—Practically com-
plete returns from 25 counties of Wash-
ington state give the following vote for
congressman: Jones, republican, 32,227;
Cushman, republican, 31,663; Lewis, fu-
sionist, 23,025; Jones, fusionist, 6,382.

GAGE'S FINE MAJORITY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 10.—Returns
representing almost the entire vote of
the state show Gage, republican, for gov-
ernor, will have about 25,000 majority,
while Curry, republican, for secretary of
state, is defeated. All the other republi-
can nominees are elected, with the excep-
tion of Van Fleet, for the supreme court.

STOCKS BUOYANT.

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—Prices surged
upward on the stock exchange today,
with what can only be described as a
rush and a roar. It was a day of furious
activity throughout in all departments,
and the closing was at the boiling point
and at the best prices of the day.

The greatest interest and activity was
shown in railroad securities of all classes,
and nearly all of these, which were
traded in, show at least 1 per cent higher
for stock. The majority show gains of
between 1 and 2 per cent. This rate of
increase raised to between 2 and 3 per
cent in the case of stocks.

Oregon Railroad & Navigation stocks,
both common and preferred show gains
of 4 per cent. In the case of some stocks,
high record prices were made today, and
in the case of many others the high price
of the year was approximate. Michigan
preferred, Northern Pacific, and Union

Pacific stocks reached their record
prices today.

There can be no doubt that the
strength of the market is attributed to a
feeling of relief that the unsettling
doubts and uncertainties over the elec-
tion are a thing of the past, and the con-
fidence that the generally prosperous
condition of the country is sure to as-
sert itself and lift prices to a higher level.

**BRITISH PAPERS COMMENT
ON THE ELECTIONS.**

They Express Satisfaction at the Tri-
umph of Sound Money—Roosevelt
Is Congratulated.

LONDON, Nov. 10.—All the morning
papers comment upon the elections in
the United States.

The Times says:
"The answer of the American people on
the question of foreign expansion is
hailing and unambiguous. It is difficult to
say that the elections have confirmed
President McKinley's policy; but cer-
tainly he has not been condemned, and,
therefore, has no inducement to abandon
the attitude he has assumed regarding
the Philippines."

The Times, in common with other pa-
pers, comments upon Mr. Roosevelt's
chance of succeeding to the presidency
and expresses its gratification at the vic-
tory of sound money. "Though apparently
there is little chance of currency re-
form."

The New York correspondent of the
Daily News says:

"The elections were disastrous for the
republicans in the house of representa-
tives, and there is little doubt that the
popular vote is anti-imperialist."

Commenting editorially upon this opin-
ion, the Daily News says:

"It may, therefore, be the senate and
the president against a popularly elected
house. It will be interesting to study
the effect of the vote on the peace ne-
gotiations. President McKinley may
consent to take a new cue from public
opinion."

The Standard, agreeing with the Times,
says:

"It is impossible to extract the senti-
ment of the American people on the ques-
tion of expansion, but having regard to
the functions of the senate, all Spain's
hopes are dashed. She has nothing to
hope for from diplomatic delay."

The Daily Chronicle and the Morning
Post tender their congratulations upon
"the triumph of Mr. Roosevelt and pure
administration."

The Times, in a rather colorless edi-
torial, calls Lord Salisbury's speech
"weighty."

It says:

"His reference to decaying states as
likely to invite war will not be under-
stood by the country, and the recent
proofs of British strength, may induce
Germany to seek an understanding if
not an alliance with England."

Judging from the comments of the
morning papers more attention is likely
to be paid to his grave warning of the
necessity of upholding the empire by
making sacrifices to provide a strong
navy than to his pacific assurances. Even
the most friendly journals explain his
reticence as due to the restraint imposed
by the responsibilities of the office.

The Daily Chronicle frankly calls him
"A muddler who is afraid to take the
public into his confidence," and protests
against his maladroit suggestion that the
entrance of the United States into the
world's politics will make for war.

The Standard says:

There is a deliberate vagueness in Lord
Salisbury's language; a tendency to hint
rather than indicate unpalatable truths
—which is not reassuring.

The Daily News also disagrees with his
remarks about America, and says:

"Nothing that falls to conduct to peace
can conduce to Great Britain's interests.
Probably, however, Lord Salisbury only
meant that Great Britain and the United
States are not likely to be found on op-
posite sides, and there we cordially agree
with him."

The Daily News then proceeds to ask
whether the Philippines are the storm
center which the premier foresees and
says:

"The omens are certainly not favor-
able. The peace conference is in a dead-
lock. Emperor William is hastening
back, not to Berlin, but to Spain. If Lord
Salisbury meant anything by his remarks
regarding America they point to a some-
what serious situation. It is meant
nothing, he was very ill advised to in-
dulge at so sensitive a time and in such
a public manner in a fit of diplomatic
blues."

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