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TAKES BACK HIS ROAST

**General Eagan Revises His
Statement Concerning
Gen. Miles.**

HE EXPLAINS THE BREAK

**Was Held Up as Having Fed Sol-
diers With Poisoned Meat
and Lost His Temper.**

NO ACTION AGAINST HIM

**Several Lines of Procedure Are Talked
of, but Nothing as Yet Has Been
Officially Done.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Commissary-General Eagan today sent to the war investigation commission a revised statement in place of that originally made in response to Miles' charges. The revised statement is about 25 per cent shorter than that which was ordered withdrawn because of its violent and abusive character. The commission went into secret session to read the document and decide whether, in its present form, it has been expurgated sufficiently to permit it to be made a part of the commission records. Accompanying Eagan's revised statement was a letter from the commissary-general in which he disclaims any intention in his former testimony of disrespect to the commission. The writer in excuse for his vituperative language states that he had been placed before the whole country as a man who fed the army on poisoned meat. He says it is but natural that when proper opportunity was given him to meet and refute the charges he should characterize them in harsh language and in terms that are deemed improper, no matter what the provocation. He concludes: "I therefore withdraw the language and matter so objectionable, and resubmit to you a sworn statement, with abiding faith that your commission having all the facts before it will decide the points at issue justly."

The commission, after a brief secret session, decided for the present to make public only Eagan's letter and not the statement accompanying it.

NO ACTION AGAINST EAGAN.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—In answer to a direct question, Secretary Alger, at the close of the official day, said that the war department had taken no action in the case of Commissary-General Eagan, but when the inquiry was pursued he declined to say one word as to his intentions in the matter.

It was apparent during the day that this matter was receiving attention, and in fact, the commissary-general himself spent some time closeted with the secretary. Three distinct lines of action were talked of as within the line of probability. The first was a strong letter of reprimand, to be addressed by the president himself to General Eagan, stating that, but for the immunity he had promised all witnesses before the commission, he would have court-martialed him. The second line was actual court-martial, while the third was a court of inquiry. The purpose of the latter would be, it was said, to place upon a military tribunal the responsibility for deciding whether or not General Eagan should be tried by court-martial. Of course the court of inquiry might go a long way into the matters which led up to the attack contained in General Eagan's statement, possibly involving a determination as to the correctness of the charges, touching the character of army beef, preferred by General Miles, though this would appear to be appointing a second tribunal to investigate the methods and results of the first, organized already on that work.

It was stated that General Miles would not prefer charges against General Eagan for the utterances delivered by him before the war investigating commission last Friday, but intends to let the war department deal with the matter in its own way.

MINISTERS COMMEND MILES.
BOSTON, Jan. 16.—General Miles today received an endorsement of his course in the controversy with Commissary-General Eagan from the Baptist ministers of Boston. At their meeting Rev. J. D. Fulton offered the following resolution, which was passed: "Resolved, That the Baptist ministers of Boston and vicinity recognize with devout pleasure the magnificent bearing of General Nelson A. Miles in the crucial ordeal through which he is passing as a friend of the soldier, as a cultured officer and as an illustration of American manhood."

ENGLISH MONEY MARKET IS GROWING CHEAPER.

The Banks Complain of a Low Rate of Discount and Imports from the Continent are Weakened.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—A dispatch to the Times from London, says: A rapid transformation has taken place in sentiment in our money market this past week. We began it in trepidation lest you should take away too much of our gold, for there were orders in our market for New York accounts, so filibustered said, and in fear of this they tried to screw the discount rate up to 2 1/2 per cent. The Paris rate of exchange, too, was dipping ominously near the gold exporting point and we could not be at all sure that Berlin might still develop a crisis

of its own. All time loans from day to day or from week to week were growing cheaper and cheaper, until the banks had to accept 1 1/2 per cent for seven day money.

This struggle between money rates and discount rates lasted until Thursday morning, when improved exchange quotations, both on your side and on the continent weakened the bill market even before the bank of England return appeared. After that came out there was an endeavor to maintain the discount. The bank of England is not rich by any means, but its market balances were shown by the return to be \$2,000,000 larger than the week before, a sum quite sufficient, other changes being favorable to induce ease in loan rates at least. And discount invariably follows money down when immediate prospects do not forbid. We cut the week, then, with bill rates falling rapidly toward 2 per cent, with money 1 to 1 1/4 per cent, with gold passing into the bank instead of leaving it and with the prospect thus established that the bank rate next Thursday will be lowered to at least 3/4, and probably to 2 per cent.

For the bank to resist the current is useless, because at least a month must pass before the in-gathering of revenue places us in position once more to dictate to the open market. On this basis, cheap money is destined to endure for some weeks. Politics on the continent, apart, I therefore look for considerable development in the stock exchange speculation. Thus far market activity with us has been rather of a frothy description. We have had an immense amount of noise, not only in the department of stock devoted to American securities, but also elsewhere. It is however, that the most important class of stock brokers and also dealers in the stock exchange have not been doing much, investors holding aloof or come to the market to sell. The impression in Thorndike street up to now is that Wall street has been going too fast. The first out holders of Atchafalaya, Reading, Erie, Northern Pacific and similar cases of stocks kept sellings as you drove prices up and they have not yet put their money back into other American railroad securities of the better class. Buying goes on undoubtedly, but it is the buying of the market, not the buying who is in one moment of the day and out the next. For this reason the great upward movement on your side has, up to the present, had no other consequence than to keep up our exports of your securities.

HAVANA POLICE FORCE ENTER UPON THEIR WORK.
The Homeless Are Provided With Shelter While the Criminals Are Put to Work Sweeping the Streets of the City.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Havana says: The police authorities have begun the moral sanitation of Havana. Vans have been provided and last night, after midnight, they made the rounds of the city, picking up vagrants and homeless persons. Since the time of the reconcentration the parks and porches have been filled nightly with these unfortunate, a few of whom are criminals. It has been one of the distressing features of the prevailing conditions for which no remedy was found.

Under the Cuban-American administration, the building known as the San Isidore asylum has been obtained as a shelter. Formerly it was a madhouse, but is now taken there and provided with lodging and food. If they are able to labor they are turned over to the municipal public works and are put to work sweeping the streets. For this they are paid 30 cents a day. Those unable to work, who are the larger class, are provided for at San Isidore in the hospital. In a short time it is expected that the streets will be cleared entirely of these people. Provision is also made for the care of the urchins who are without homes, in San Jose asylum. Formerly this asylum had a manual training school, and this was to be revived. Some forms of vicia which have been demoralizing to children beggars and which would come within the province of the Gerry Society, of New York, have also been taken hold of by the police authorities with beneficial results. Jose Miro, who was used as a means of deporting Cuban political prisoners, Miro's letter is in the nature of a confession. The degree of credence to be given it is uncertain. What he says of the deportation of Cuban political prisoners as Naniogee is known to be true. Other allegations affect persons who are seeking employment on the present police force. As General Menocal is the head of the police force, he is in a position to utilize whatever is true in Miro's statements regarding individuals.

THE BOSS' HARD FIGHT.
HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 16.—The battle for United States senator will open in earnest tomorrow with the taking of the first ballot in the senate and house. The fight is between Senator Quay, backed by the 188 senators and members who took part in the republican caucus, and George A. Jenks, of Brookville, the candidate of the democratic caucus, and half a dozen "favorite sons" nominated by the anti-Quay republican legislators. With the democrats and anti-Quayites voting for their candidates, the indications are that there will be a deadlock.

State Chairman Elkins and Senator Penrose are directing the Quay campaign. They said tonight there was no doubt of the speedy reelection of the senator. Neither side will give any figures to show how they propose to elect or defeat Quay.

IN WEST VIRGINIA.
CHARLESTON, Jan. 16.—The West Virginia senatorial contest tonight presents a few changed aspects. Two candidates have withdrawn. The chief development, however, was the action of the house today in the contested case from Monroe county. Via, republican, was unseated and Logan, democrat, was seated. The democrats in the house also declared vacant the seat of Brohard, from Taylor county, pending a contest.

THE DREYFUS CASE.
PARIS, Jan. 16.—M. Low, president of the criminal chamber of the court of cassation, in an interview with a repre-

TWENTY BILLS INTRODUCED.
SALEM, Jan. 16.—Both houses of the legislature convened this afternoon, after a three days' recess. The introduction of bills was continued, about 20 being introduced into each house. The state printer is still unable to keep up with the house, and business is somewhat delayed.

THE MARQUETTE OVERDUE.
NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—The Atlantic transport liner Marquette, which left London for New York on December 29 last, has not yet been reported. News of the incoming trans-Atlantic vessels of the first class, which left the other side a week later than the Marquette, saw any trace of the belated steamer. She has now been 15 days at sea.

MACHINE A GAMBLING DEVICE.
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 16.—The first decision by the appeals court in this state that deals with the element of gambling in the operation of slot machines was made today by the Kansas City court of appeals, which held that a slot machine, where a chance of winning or losing is taken by the operator, is a gambling device, pure and simple.

FUSIONISTS MAY ASSIST

Washington Senatorial Contest Assumes a Remarkable Phase.

WILL HELP A REPUBLICAN

But Just Which One of the Candidates Will Receive This Support Is Not Stated.

A SCANDAL IN CALIFORNIA

Charges of Bribery Result in a Liberal Suit—Boss Quay's Fight to Be Returned—In Other States.

OLYMPIA, Jan. 16.—The fusion members of the legislature tonight decided to cast their entire vote, 21, one being absent, for James Hamilton Lewis, for United States senator. This vote will be cast for two days, when another candidate will be selected. "At the right time," it is claimed among some republican managers, the fusionists will support a republican. This apprehension is strengthened by the action of the fusion caucus tonight in failing to give united support to any one member of their party until the conclusion of the contest. Practical politicians say they do not believe the sending of 60 people here today from Seattle to boom Humes brought tangible results. Humes intimates he will have more than 25 votes tomorrow on the first ballot, but his opening strength is here given at 21 or 22. The Foster, Wilson and Ankeny men say they will not go into the fight with a full show of strength, and each may cast 25 or 26 votes tomorrow. Ankeny will probably go in with from 8 to 12. Only 32 out of the 53 votes will be cast, as one of Foster's men is sick and is not expected to be present.

At a meeting of the legislature this afternoon resolutions were introduced asking the president and congress to protest against the Canadian government selling exclusive rights on the Lake Al. In the minor district, and requesting the president to consider the claim of the Pacific northwest in appointing a successor to Nelson Dingley on the American-Canadian joint commission. In the senate the latter resolution was referred, because of an expressed desire to see Dingley buried before action was taken.

SENATORIAL AT SACRAMENTO.
SACRAMENTO, Jan. 16.—Senate ballots have been taken by the legislature in joint session for the selection of a United States senator without result. The 16th ballot was practically the same as the first, and there is no indication that the deadlock will be broken within the next few days. The last ballot resulted as follows:

U. S. Grant Jr. 12
D. M. Burns 12
W. H. L. Barnes 12
H. N. Ellis 12
Scattering 12
The sensational charges made against Speaker Wright, who has been accused by a San Francisco newspaper of selling his vote to Grant, resulted in a resolution being unanimously adopted by the house today calling for the fullest investigation of the charges. A committee of seven was appointed to investigate the matter. Today Wright affixed his signature to papers bringing suit against the San Francisco Call for \$25,000 for libel.

THE ROCKEFELLER INTERESTS.
The Rockefeller interests, after heavy investments in iron ore fields, were encouraged to investigate copper mines, with the result that they bought heavily in the Michigan district. It is one of the persistent reports of the day that the Rockefellers have made overtures to them looking to a syndicate control of all the copper mines in the world.

THREE TWENTY-ROUND SCRAPES.
SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 16.—"Doc" Payne, Kid McCoy's sparring partner, and Tim Hurley, of Susquehanna, fought a 29-round draw tonight.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 16.—Kilb McPartland, of New York, secured a decision over Jack Currie in a 29-round bout tonight.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 16.—John G. Cavanaugh, of this city, and John Finnegan, of Wheeling, heavyweights, fought 20 rounds tonight. The referee gave Cavanaugh the decision.

SAMPSON'S FLEET NAMED.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The navy department has designated the following war ships to form a squadron of evolution which is to go south under direct command of Admiral Sampson: The flagship New York, Brooklyn, Indiana, Texas, Chicago, Newark and Machias.

When a politician holds the key to the situation it may be of some use in a deadlock, but never in case of a bell.

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