

SEES MANY SOLDIERS

Miles Returns Home After Inspecting Troops in World Trip.

BESTOWS HIGH PRAISE ON JAPANESE

Equipment and System Declared Efficient by American Officer.

MONARCHS OF EARTH DO HOMAGE

Emperors and Kings Extend Courtesies to Touting Military Chief.

BRITISH RULER GREETED FROM MID OCEAN

Disgraced Tourist Sends Telegram to King and Queen.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—

Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles, his wife and party, who have been abroad five months, have in that time been around the world, returning home on Lucania yesterday.

One feature of the trip across the Atlantic was the dispatch of a telegram to King Edward VII when Lucania was eighty miles from the Marconi station at Crook Haven.

Mid ocean greeting, with best wishes for happiness and health to his majesty and the royal family.

To this the following reply was received by cable on the arrival of Lucania in port today.

I have submitted your message to the king. I am commended by his majesty to say for him that it afforded him much gratification to receive it at Windsor.

With the general were Colonel and Mrs. M. P. Maus, Henry Clark Rose of New York, F. B. Wilberg of Cincinnati, Mrs. Miles and Sherman Hoyt.

Colonel Miles said the trip was the most interesting of his life. He had seen the world and returned home with a new appreciation of his country.

To his interviewers General Miles said: I have been abroad for five months. I left September 1st for the Pacific coast and there made an inspection of the fortifications and the coast defenses from Puget sound to southern California.

On October 1st I sailed on the transport Thomas. We stopped at Honolulu and the Hawaiian islands, and then sailed for Guam. We touched at the island and then continued to the Philippines.

We spent a month there, visiting the principal stations and forts and inspecting the troops. There were no serious incidents of the war.

We then went to Nagasaki, Hong Kong and Canton. The Japanese army is well equipped and the troops are well trained.

When I was there they were discussing the question of raising a large army for the equipment of the navy. The army they have most modern appliances.

The Japanese are efficient in their system. The system of the navy, the army and the police is much the same as ours.

They pay considerable attention to physical condition and gymnastic exercises. The corps at the Tokyo academy numbers about 10,000 men.

It is a well constructed and efficient force. The equipment is of the best.

The party went from Japan to Port Arthur and thence to Peking. I remained there a short time.

At Peking I was met by the Chinese emperor and the dowager empress. They received us with much courtesy and attention.

We saw the troops of the Chinese army and the troops of the allied forces which are well equipped.

Equals Union Pacific. We were eighteen days going from Peking to Moscow. The roads are good and the train service excellent.

The weather was cold at times, but in my opinion it was colder than I have experienced in our country.

The Canadian Pacific, from St. Petersburg we went to Paris. We were there for a week.

Our invitation was to a grand ball at the winter palace. We were invited to remain at least another week for the purpose we reluctantly had to forego.

As the guest of the government and all the officials invited, I was in the city at the time it was winter, which is the best season of the year to visit.

COPE COMMENDS ROOSEVELT

Speaks Favorably of President's Stand on Race Question and the Trusts.

(Copyright, 1903, by Press Publishing Co.) ROME, Feb. 15.—(New York World Telegram—Special Telegram.)—In the audience the pope gave to Bishop Bevan of Springfield the week he spoke of President Roosevelt's stand on the race question.

The pope's conversation with the American prelate betrayed the liveliest interest in American affairs and showed that he has closely followed President Roosevelt's policy.

After referring in the highest terms to the president's attitude toward the negroes, the pope adverted to his stand against the trusts.

He spoke in terms of thorough approval of President Roosevelt's efforts to check the dominating influence of the powerful industrial combinations.

Again the pope showed his understanding of American problems and how closely he has followed them, as well as the course of the president, whom he seems warmly to admire.

It was a signal compliment to the American bishop that he was received. The pope utterly disregarded the directions of Dr. Lapponia, who had directed him to commend all his engagements.

The pope listened to the bishop's report of his feelings. Speaking to the War correspondent of his interview Bishop Bevan said:

"I could scarcely conceal my emotion on seeing his holiness looking so marvelously well and strong. He spoke as a man in the full possession of his physical as well as of his mental powers.

Not the slightest symptom of weakness was discernible during the talk I had with him."

COSTS TO SHINE AT DURBAR

Caravans Are Said to Have Spent \$125,000 for Their Part in the Display.

(Copyright, 1903, by Press Publishing Co.) LONDON, Feb. 15.—(New York World Telegram—Special Telegram.)—The Delhi durbar is said to have cost the Caravans \$125,000.

The figure is exclusive of the jewels for the vicereine, especially bought for the occasion. They included a pair of earrings of great value, given to her by her father in commemoration of this historic event in the annals of the British empire.

The duke and duchess of Marlborough went to Delhi after the durbar. Mrs. Adair is making a tour through India.

MOTHER JAILS SON OF HEAVEN

Chinese Emperor Imprisoned by Apprehensive Dowager, Who Surrounds Him with Guards.

(Copyright, 1903, by Press Publishing Co.) Peking, Feb. 15.—(New York World Telegram—Special Telegram.)—The Chinese emperor is imprisoned by his mother, the dowager empress, who surrounds him with a large guard since the return from the summer palace.

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WINTRY BLASTS GENERAL

Snow, Sleet, Ice and Wind Sweep Many Western States.

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ALLIED SHIPS WITHDRAW

British Cruiser Officially Notifies Venezuela that Blockade is Raised.

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LINCOLN CAMPAIGN IS WARM

Burlington Act as Usual Playing a Dual Role in the Fight.

(Copyright, 1903, by Press Publishing Co.) BURLINGTON, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The republican campaign for the nomination of candidates for municipal offices, which culminated Tuesday in a primary, has been decidedly mixed and in many respects peculiar.

The issue projected to the front has been whether the saloon license is to be lowered. And now even this issue has been knocked out by the fact that both candidates for mayor, H. J. Winnett and G. A. Adams, have announced in favor of a high license.

Both men stand on practically the same platform, an economical administration, and the fight has simmered down until now it is that Winnett wants a third term and Adams wants the office.

The latter is present member of the school board. It is expected that the outcome of the fight will depend upon the way the Burlington plays its cards.

E. B. Egan, superintendent of the road, is said to have been for Adams originally, but it is alleged on one side that he received a bunch from headquarters to keep out and on the other that he is still using his influence covertly and effectually in favor of Adams.

On the other hand, J. H. Ager, the notorious Burlington gas distributor, is not for Winnett, and the following open letter explains his position:

"I would construct each new city school house on the workshop plan—make it a school of children's occupations. All its rooms should be work rooms rather than study rooms.

And, of course, when these things are done, the school should be a place where the child can learn to do things, instead of turning the schools over to the old enemy of childhood—the teacher who only knows enough to amuse children.

"But a transition of this sort is slow. We cannot afford to waste so many lives while waiting a quarter of a century to reform the educational life of a city.

I would bridge over the transition period by pushing every fad in our school system to its limit. In the absence of a disciplinary system of education I would make it a fad system.

I would make the kindergarten age four to six years; I would devote plenty of time to clay modeling; I would introduce wood carving, pyrography and basketry.

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Both sides have candidates affiliated with the St. Paul Methodist Episcopal church. Adams being a member of the church board. This will occasion almost an equal division in the support of the church people, and the pastor refuses to commit himself.

So little advantage will be gained here by either side.

The saloon element is divided, though it is thought that Adams will get the greater portion of this vote. With the saloons divided, the churches divided, and two factions having been born in the Burlington machine, the mayorality fight is a most peculiar one.

Adams has lined up a portion of the Burlington machine under Elmer Stephenson, most of the federal officers and probably the Lincoln county company. Winnett claims a majority of the business men, that portion of the Burlington machine under J. H. Ager, and probably the Lincoln Traction company.

Mayor Winnett refused to be a candidate for a third term until after the withdrawal of Dr. Finney, who as a member of the council was an ardent supporter of the mayor. It was after the announcement of Winnett that Adams took a stand for the high license.

Upon the subject of the license question the Winnett men hope to beat him. Mayor Winnett is making his race on his record as mayor for two terms. Included in the campaign thumper sent out by his friends under the head of 'For mayor H. J. Winnett; for excise board, J. C. Harpham and Frank Wood,' are these figures:

Four years' municipal management: City floating debt decreased.....\$18,709.50 Fire losses decreased.....30,000.00 Police department.....5,000.00 Water floating debt wiped out.....21,222.00 Year.....12,500.00

Winnett promises to continue the efficient fire and police department and to conduct the city government along the same line he has followed during the last four years. His friends claim that he has always stood between the council and the people and prevented the former from a lavish expenditure of the city money.

On the other hand, the Adams people claim that Winnett has stood between the council and the people in many instances, to the detriment of the people. They claim the large amount of decrease in the city floating debt was due to general prosperity and a collection of back taxes, with which the treasury and city council had something to do. Mr. Adams said yesterday: "I am in favor of charging saloons men \$1,500 for licenses; I favor building up the fire and police departments and I shall, if elected, retain Chief Clement at the head of the fire department. I shall remove no one from either of these departments except for the good of the department and its efficient conduct. I am in favor of equalizing the water tax. I shall conduct the affairs of the city along those lines that will result in the greatest good for the greatest number."

Police Chief Cuts a Figure. A feature that has cut quite a figure in the mayorality race is the fact that if Adams is elected very probably he will remove from office Chief of Police Hoagland. The chief is a very popular man and there are many who indorse his action as an official.

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair Monday, Continued Cold; Tuesday Fair and Milder.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: Hour. Deg. Hour. Deg. 5 a. m. 5 1 p. m. 2 6 a. m. 3 2 p. m. 2 7 a. m. 1 3 p. m. 3 8 a. m. 1 4 p. m. 3 9 a. m. 1 5 p. m. 3 10 a. m. 1 6 p. m. 1 11 a. m. 2 7 p. m. 1 12 a. m. 2 8 p. m. 1

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MINTOSH IS FOR THE FADS

Member of Board of Education Tells Philosophical Society He Favors Changing School Methods.

(Copyright, 1903, by Press Publishing Co.) HUGH F. MINTOSH, editor, populist leader and member of the Board of Education, read a paper on "Education" to the Philosophical Society yesterday afternoon. About fifty members were present.

There are not half a dozen teachers in any other way than by the amusement system now in vogue. They have not themselves been taught and we cannot expect the impossible from them. We must begin to see in our educational system: Mr. conception of a beginning in Omaha is to do what Wisconsin is now doing, viz: to go into the county, buy a farm and establish a county high school for instruction in agriculture, manual training and domestic science. This school could be made a teachers' training school of the right sort, which will begin to send us teachers who can conduct a primary school on disciplinary lines as soon as the city school system will tolerate them.

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