

## GEN. MILES GETS A FEARFUL RAP

### His Approval of Dewey's Dissenting Opinion Subjects Him to Severe Rebuke

Washington, Dec. 21.—Secretary Root yesterday made public the statement of General Miles in explanation of his newspaper interview and his action. It is as follows:

War Department, Washington, D. C., Dec. 19, 1901. Sir: I am instructed by the President to call your attention to the enclosed report of an interview with you appearing in the press of Tuesday, December 18, and to inquire whether the observations upon the action of a co-ordinate branch of the service in a matter now pending in the Navy Department were made as reported, and if so, to afford you an opportunity for such explanation as you may desire.

Very respectfully,  
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**The Miles Interview**  
Cincinnati, Dec. 16.—General Nelson A. Miles, commanding the United States army, arrived here today accompanied by Mrs. Miles. They are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilberg at Clifton. Mrs. Wilberg being a relative of Mrs. Miles. In speaking of the findings of the Schley court of inquiry, General Miles said: "I am willing to take the judgment of Admiral Dewey in the matter. He has been a commander of a fleet, and as such has known the anxieties and responsibilities which rest on all men under those circumstances. He was instrumental in the destruction of the Spanish fleet and knows and realizes the feelings that encompass an officer under such conditions. I think Dewey has summed up the matter in a clear and concise manner, and I believe his conclusions will be endorsed by the patriotic people of the United States. I have no sympathy with the efforts which have been made to destroy the honor of an officer under such circumstances."

**Reply of General Miles**  
Headquarters of the Army, Washington, D. C., Dec. 20, 1901. The Honorable the Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.:

Sir: In reply to your note of the 19th instant I have the honor to state that my observations, as substantially reported, had no reference to the action pending or otherwise of a co-ordinate branch of the service. They were merely personal views based upon matters set forth in various publications which had been given to the world, and concerning which I conceived there was no propriety in expressing an opinion, the same as any other citizen, upon a matter of such public interest. My observations were in no sense intended as a criticism of any action taken by a co-ordinate branch of the service, and the statement that I had no sympathy with the effort intended to disparage a distinguished and gallant officer likewise had no such reference.

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**Miles Writes Again**  
Headquarters of the Army, Washington, Dec. 21, 1901. The Honorable the Secretary of War, Sir: Referring to my note of yesterday, and in order that there may be no misunderstanding, I desire to say that for several years a distinguished and gallant officer has been assailed by parties who have endeavored to wound him and other high officials down, until finally he appealed against such assaults to a co-ordinate branch of the government. The co-ordinate branch of the government granted him a court of inquiry and, as I understand it, they unanimously exonerated him from such assaults as coward, poltroon, etc., and the information was given to the public.

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**More Changes in the Cabinet are Expected**  
Certain Ambitious Statesmen See Nothing Ahead in their Present Positions

By JOHN BOYLE  
Washington, Dec. 21.—(Special)—Inasmuch as there was considerable flourish of trumpets when Mr. Roosevelt became President, about the continuation of the present cabinet throughout the new administration's term of office, the resignation of Postmaster General Smith, just made public, certainly constituted its quantum of surprise. At the time when the new President took the oath of office, sharing as he did in the

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An Unique and Pleasurable Event in Durham—The Water Company's Troubles

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**COLLEGE ATHLETICS**  
Leading Southern Institutions Represented in Annual Convention

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 21.—Special.—The annual convention of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association was in session at the University of North Carolina this afternoon and tonight. Fifteen colleges and universities were represented. The convention was called to order by Dr. Dudley, of Vanderbilt University. Charges of violation of the rules of the association, made against the athletic associations of some of the institutions represented, were referred to the executive committee. The committee recommended that the charges against the University of Nashville be withdrawn, and that Sewanee and Vanderbilt Universities be readmitted to membership in the association. The recommendations were adopted.

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Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 21.—A fatal wreck occurred today on the big trestle at Ridge Top on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad. The first section of train No. 67 jumped the track while on the trestle and plunged down a distance of 120 feet. The engine and entire train went over and the cars were crushed, broken and piled one upon the other. Engineer William Fitzgerald of Nashville was caught under his engine and killed instantly. Brakeman Walter Anderson of Baker's Station and Eskridge of Nashville were also instantly killed. Conductor Mike Bohan of Darlington, Ky., was seriously injured. Some of the cars were loaded with horses and mules, and a number of these were killed, while others were injured. The property loss by the smashing of engine and cars will be heavy. The trestle was badly torn up, so that trains will be unable to pass until it is repaired.

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Swansea, England, Dec. 21.—Lord Rosebery was presented with the freedom of the city today. In his speech of acceptance he did not touch on national politics. Speaking of necessity of constant vigilance to secure