

WAR OFFICIALS PREPARING CASE AGAINST MILES.

The Department Will Hold a Court of Inquiry.

Then Will Follow a Court Martial of the Army Chief.

WHAT THE CHARGES ARE. May Be Said to Have Spoken Contemptuously of "Commanding Officer."

A CHANCE TO AVOID A TRIAL. If the General Denies He Made Statements Reflecting on the Secretary of War the Matter Will Be Dropped.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Officials of the War Department are preparing for a court of inquiry with the ultimate object of having a court-martial of Major-General Nelson A. Miles. The rules, regulations and articles governing the army have been carefully studied by selected men and their work is about completed. One of the leading Congressional supporters of the Secretary of War and his administration to-day said that he had seen the law pointed out and significantly added:

"I hope that General Miles is not guilty of these interviews." This statement corroborates the information published several days ago that the War Department would give General Miles the opportunity of denying the statement he has been credited with making before any official action would be publicly taken. It is still thought by General Miles's friends that he has opened the battle himself.

The charges against Miles. The officials who have been preparing the legal side of the case have settled upon Articles 19, 20 and 25 of Army Regulations as sufficient to cover the alleged offense of General Miles. Article 19 provides that "Any officer who uses contemptuous or disrespectful words against the President, the Vice-President or the Congress of the United States, the Chief Magistrate or the Legislature of any of the United States in which he is quartered, shall be dismissed from the service, or otherwise punished as a court-martial may direct."

It is presumed that the alleged statements of General Miles concerning the conduct of the war may be made to show disrespect for the President, who is Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy and primarily responsible for the conduct of the war. If this stand cannot be maintained Article 20 can be used. That article provides that "Any officer or soldier who behaves himself with disrespect toward his commanding officer shall be punished as a court-martial may direct."

This article on its face could not be invoked because, although the alleged statements reflect upon the Secretary of War, that official is not commonly regarded as "a commanding officer."

May He Avoid Disrespect. But there is a voluminous digest of opinions delivered at court martials, and in that digest is found the decision: "The disrespect here indicated may consist of acts or words. It must be shown in evidence under the charge that the officer offended against was 'the commanding officer' of the accused."

"The commanding officer" of the officer or soldier in the sense of this article is properly the superior who is authorized to require obedience to his orders from such officer or soldier, at least for the time being.

With this standard opinion concerning article 20 it can be demonstrated that "for the time being" the Secretary of War is "the commanding officer" who is legally authorized "to require obedience" from General Miles, as well as of all other officers and soldiers of the army. All orders issued through the office of the Adjutant-General contain the words "By order of the Secretary of War," who is thus authorized "to require obedience."

These propositions and quotations are mere citation of fact. It is a matter of conjecture, however, whether article 19 could be invoked without the consent of the President, because he is mentioned in that article.

Under articles 20 and 25 the War Department may proceed without consulting the President in the matter, but it is presumed that radical procedure of that nature would not be taken without consulting the President in the beginning. Consequently the proposed court martial and subsequent court martial must ultimately have the approval of the President.

It is stated that the President will approve the proposed procedure.

SOLDIER'S BURIAL WITH HIS MOTHER.

Corporal Clark Stricken While Home to See Her Interment.

At the home of Alexander Hawley Clark, twenty-three years of age, a corporal of Company D, of the Seventy-first Regiment, No. 2404 Vernon avenue, Williamsburg, funeral services over the body of the young soldier were held yesterday afternoon.

Clark, who came from Montauk Point to see his dead mother before she was interred in Evergreen Cemetery, had barely reached home when he was stricken with a fatal attack of typhoid fever.

Among a cluster of white and red blossoms, which were partly hiding the Stars and Stripes, lay the dead soldier's cap and bayonet. The body was clad in his full uniform.

The face clearly showed the ravages of the fever. Clark was a robust young fellow when he left for Cuba.

RATCLIFFE'S ENFORCED ROLE OF CONVICT ENDS WEDNESDAY



Edward J. Ratcliffe, Once a Matinee Idol. The actor's six months' term of imprisonment for wife beating will come to an end on Wednesday, and he will be released from Blackwell's. It is said he expects to secure an engagement in this city.

Actor and Wife-Beater Resolved to Tempt the Fates Once More as a Matinee Hero in This City.

EDWARD J. RATCLIFFE will, in two days more, start the world anew. On Wednesday morning the doors of Blackwell's Island Penitentiary will open to him and his six months' sentence will have ended.

It would seem that the former matinee idol had resolved upon a daring course, for it is said he will endeavor not only to return to the stage, but expects to secure an engagement in this city.

"It will be interesting to see how New York will receive Ratcliffe," said an actor on the Rialto yesterday. "I wonder if his wonderful nerve and his ability as an actor will carry him through, or will New Yorker remember the parts he has played in actual life—matinee hero, wife-beater, bigamist and convict."

"Ratcliffe is a clever player, and he may work hard and behave himself and regain popularity, but the matinee girls may not forget how he courted, won and wedded the daughter of Peter De Lacy while already having a wife in England, and that he beat his second wife with his fists."

Ratcliffe will probably be Peter De Lacy severely alone, for, although his wife, Nell, has returned to England, and the bigamy prosecution has been dropped, it is believed that if Ratcliffe should annoy Peter De Lacy or try to regain possession of his children, she will return and will assist in prosecuting him.

Ratcliffe takes comfort in the fact that the jury found him guilty only of assault in the third degree, a misdemeanor, and recommended him to the mercy of the judge, an indication that there was little trouble in securing an engagement, and that he has not lost the confidence of matinee girls, who never missed an opportunity of applauding him.

The prison food and the regular hours he has been forced to keep for the last six months have improved Ratcliffe physically. He has a good color and while he has gained in weight his flesh is hard and his figure has been improved by restraint from the indulgences of the world.

When Ratcliffe first went to the island he was set to work in the tailor shop, but inside of a month was transferred to the prison hospital as a doctor's assistant and nurse.

Will he win, regain his old position as a footlight favorite, or will he lose, be ostracized and forced to go where he is not known, to begin life anew?

Heart Disease. SOME FACTS REGARDING THE RAPID INCREASE OF HEART TROUBLES. Do Not Be Alarmed, but Look for the Cause.

TIFFANY TO HAVE A HERO'S FUNERAL.

Brooklyn Troops to Attend the Brave Rough Rider's Funeral.

ALSO GOVERNOR'S GUARD. The Services Will Take Place at Noon To-day at Newport.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 28.—Governor Dyer has ordered the Newport Artillery, the Governor's body guard, to attend the funeral of Lieutenant William Tiffany, at Trinity Church, to-morrow at high noon. Colonel Eddy, of the Forty-seventh Regiment, of Brooklyn, stationed at Fort Adams, has ordered Company L to perform escort duty.

In accordance with the wishes of the family the funeral will be as quiet as possible. Had the family not expressed wishes to the contrary the entire Brooklyn regiment and all the troops at Fort Adams and at Dutch Island would have marched out, together with the State militia.

Joseph Stevens, of the Rough Riders, sick and enfeebled, arrived to-day from Montauk Point on a special boat. He will be one of the pallbearers if his health permits. He was accompanied by his father, Frederick W. Stevens, and by his brother, who is occupying a cottage here.

With Mr. Stevens also came his comrade, Mr. Cromwell, of Boston, a Rough Rider, who was too ill to stay here for the funeral, and who was removed to Boston late this afternoon.

Scores of the cottagers and others have ordered flowers to be sent for the funeral to-morrow.

Several officers of the Rough Riders and one private from each of the twelve guidon bodies of the command will come from Montauk to perform the last rites of military honors over the grave of their dead comrade.

First Glimpses of Autumn Millinery. Come and see the new designs to-day. Charming in their newness, stunning in their beauty, they invite you. Come and see what London, Paris, Berlin and New York have evolved to adorn the heads of American women for the Autumn of 1893.

And Now Begins Our September Trade Sale of Furniture That Will Set All New York Talking for Months to Come.

Our Furniture Department Will Now Signalize Itself in Its Fourth Floor Home.

Long have we desired this sale. Events are now ripe. The season is propitious. Everything portends a sale of overwhelming proportions. The long arm of spot cash has done its duty well. Our buyers in the East and West have distinguished themselves. Factoryfuls of Furniture—mammoth stocks and numberless small quantities have been snapped up. And now after weeks of planning and working THE FURNITURE SALE IS READY. The mountains and seashore will soon be of the past. People are daily returning to their winter homes—a fitting and refitting of the same is now in order. Do you wish the exquisite—the truly artistic in Furniture? We have it on our Fourth Floor. Do you wish the useful rather than the ornamental in Furniture? We have it on our Fourth Floor. Of course you wish your money's worth. If you do you will read carefully—these items tell a tale with a point so clear that the dullest can see it.

Combination Bookcase and Desk, with an antique or mahogany finish and fitted with a glass door and moving shelves, a serviceable, dignified addition to any library, marked purposely for this sale at 7.49

Folding-Beds, all sizes, with an antique finish, strongly made and well appearing, marked purposely for this sale at 7.20

Morris Chair in an oak or mahogany finish, with reversible cushions, handsome, comfortable and well made; priced purposely for this sale at 4.75

Roll-top Office Desk, with an antique oak finish, a good useful desk, has all conveniences, drawers, pigeon-holes and slides, marked purposely for this sale at 13.98

Couch, warranted all hair filled, covered in the newest patterns of velours or corduroy, 5 rows of tufts, long fringe, in fact, made in our usual best manner, but priced purposely for this sale at 12.98

Brass Bed, all solid brass, bow foot, French lacquered, all sizes; first class from head to foot; priced purposely for this sale at 14.75

Vernis Martin Cabinet, a beautiful example of hand painting and decorating; an infinite amount of pains was taken in its manufacture. Yet we manage to price it during this sale at 39.80

Extension Table to seat 10 people, made of solid oak, well finished; priced purposely for this sale at 5.20

Large Arr. Reed Rockers, each with a spring seat and rightly made, priced purposely for this sale at 3.75

Solid oak Arm-Chair for office use, with a strong, flat arm, comfortable, roomy, strongly made, and priced purposely for this sale at 1.15

100 Oak Chiffoniers, full size and 5 drawers; priced purposely for this sale at 2.89

Furniture Reupholstered. Furniture can be reupholstered in any material desired at a most economical rate. We only employ the best workmen and use the best materials. Drop us a postal and our representative will call and give estimates.

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Wall Paper. One large lot of choice Wall Papers for bedroom, dining-room, hall, &c., actual value \$2., for .03

Another lot of heavy embossed Wall Paper for parlors, libraries, sitting rooms, &c., actual value 15c., for .08

Napkins. All-linen Table Napkins, dozen .79

ATTACKED BY A MAD INVALID.

Delirious Typhoid Convalescent Tried to Kill a Doctor's Wife.

HAD A KNIFE UPLIFTED. His Attendant and the Physician Arrived Just in Time to Avert a Tragedy.

Frederick E. Walker had passed through the crucial stages of typhoid fever and the nurse to subdue Walker. The latter yesterday in his home at No. 76 Woodruff avenue, Flatbush, he felt the need of medical aid, and sent his attendant to telephone for Dr. H. E. Frazer, of No. 32 Lafayette avenue.

It so happened that Dr. Frazer was not at home, and when the attendant returned with this intelligence the invalid was greatly incensed. He was able to move about the house, fully clothed, but was subject to fits of despondency, which were sometimes worse than actual weakness. It was not many minutes before he sent the nurse a second time to the telephone to see if the doctor had returned.

While the man was out, Walker conceived the mad idea of setting forth himself in search of a doctor. He pocketed a revolver that lay on the dressing table, and slipped out of the house. He had been rented from time to time by Dr. George F. Lazarus, and to the latter's home at No. 8 Catoen avenue he ran at top speed.

The nurse saw him from afar, and started in pursuit, but was outdistanced.

Dr. Lazarus was not at home either, but Mrs. Lazarus, who has been married only five months, invited the patient to wait. Here was more fuel for the fire of Walker's delirium. He rushed into the dining room

and picked up a carving knife. Holding this in one hand and the pistol in the other, he advanced on Mrs. Lazarus, screaming: "You ought to have your husband here to see patients when they have pains in their heads. Now I'll kill you!" She tried to elude him, but he forced her into a corner and had raised the knife over her when the attendant and Dr. Lazarus, whom he had met at the street door, rushed to the rescue. The attendant seized his patient's arms from behind and bore him to the floor. Walker fought like a maniac and managed to shake himself free of the patient's arms from behind and bore him to the floor. Walker fought like a maniac and managed to shake himself free of the patient's arms from behind and bore him to the floor. Walker fought like a maniac and managed to shake himself free of the patient's arms from behind and bore him to the floor.

In the meantime Mrs. Lazarus had called in a policeman, who aided her husband and the nurse to subdue Walker. The latter was taken home in a patrol wagon, suffering from a relapse of weakness, and Mrs. Lazarus was hysterical for the rest of the day.

TRIED TO SET FIRE TO A FLAT HOUSE. His Wife Had Shut Balletti Out After He Came from the Insane Asylum.

Antonio Balletti, forty-four years old, of No. 202 Wooster street, was held in \$2,000 bail by Justice Kitchin in Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday morning on a charge of attempted arson. Alexander Franklin, who lives in the same house as the prisoner, made the complaint. He said he was going through the hall on the third floor late Saturday night when he heard matches exploding and found Balletti stamping on a box of matches scattered on the floor. Franklin grabbed him and set up a shout for help, which attracted Policeman Peterson, of the Mercer street station.

Investigation showed kerosene had been thrown about the floor and walls of the hall. Balletti had several times threatened to set fire to the place. He was discharged a few months ago from an asylum for the insane, where he had been confined for a long time. He had been acting strangely, and his family in fear about him from his rooms, and this is supposed to have caused his effort to burn the house.

Miss Davis Improving. Narragansett Pier, R. I., Aug. 28.—The condition of Miss Winnie Davis was slightly improved to-day. At a consultation Saturday by Dr. John A. Wilcox and Dr. Bache Emmet, of New York, her illness was pronounced to be gastritis. Prayers were offered to-day for her recovery in the Episcopal and Catholic churches here.

Senator Davis Goes to St. Paul. Senator Outhman K. Davis, one of the members of the Peace Commission, left this city for St. Paul at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Senator Davis has been a guest at the Waldorf-Astoria.

GERMANY'S CLEVER PLOTTING IN SAMOA

Becke, the Expert, Explains the Situation to the Journal.

PLAYING FREEZE OUT. Trouble Stirred Up to Force English and Americans to Leave.

Special Cable Dispatch to the Journal.

London, Aug. 28.—Louis Becke, the novelist and expert in South Sea affairs, speaking of Germany's scheme to obtain a partition of the Samoan Islands, said to the Journal to-day:

"The present disturbed condition of the group is the result of persistent German intrigue to drive the English and American settlers out of Samoa."

"The proposal may meet with the approval of the English Foreign Office, in which case Germany secures in Apia Harbor a naval base which will be a future menace to the Australian colonies."

"The suggestion that America keep Tuvalu, England keep Savaii and Germany Upolu, the key to the whole group, is preposterous. Although the whole group, from a commercial point of view, is valueless, its absorption by Germany would always be a menace to British interests in the South Pacific. Apia Harbor, with a moderate expenditure, would be an invaluable to Germany as Pago Pago is to the United States for a naval base."

Buy Your Winter Coal Now. With the approach of the fall season it is wise to think now of the coal supply for the winter. As prices always advance with the opening of September we would strongly advise you to order your season's supply this week. Get the benefit of our low prices. On large orders we make a special allowance.

Advertisement for Bloomingdale Bros. featuring 'GREATER NEW YORK'S GREATEST STORE' and 'THE INCLINED ELEVATOR'. The ad lists various furniture items and their prices, including a Combination Bookcase and Desk (7.49), Folding-Beds (7.20), Morris Chair (4.75), Roll-top Office Desk (13.98), Couch (12.98), Brass Bed (14.75), Vernis Martin Cabinet (39.80), Extension Table (5.20), Large Arr. Reed Rockers (3.75), Solid oak Arm-Chair (1.15), and 100 Oak Chiffoniers (2.89). It also includes a section for Carpets, Window Shades, and Tapestry Portieres. The store is located at 3rd Ave., 59th and 60th Sts.