

ALGER TALKS ABOUT THE WAR. Says He Did the Very Best That He Could. SOME INCOMPETENT

He Admits That He May Have Made a Few Mistakes.

IN SELECTING HIS APPOINTEES.

The Santiago and Philippine Campaigns—He Compares Them and Gives Credit to the Commanders in Both Cases—Nothing to Say About Miles and the War Investigation.

NEW YORK, February 13.—Secretary of War Russell A. Alger, who came here yesterday to attend the Lincoln dinner of the Union League Club, will leave for Washington at midnight to-night. In regard to the report of the War Investigation Commission, Secretary Alger said that he would rather say nothing about it until he had read the entire report.

General Alger said, however, that he had carried on the work all the way through the war to the best of his ability. "During the war," said the Secretary, "when we had so much to do criticisms began to appear in some papers. When this happened I gave orders that these criticisms should not be sent to me, as there was no time to waste. My first duty was to conduct the affairs of the department as well as I could."

General Alger compared the department with a large private business, saying that many unforeseen things happened in the department just as in a large private business. Storms came up which could not be prevented.

SOME INCOMPETENT EMPLOYEES. "Sometimes the manager of a private business," said the Secretary, "is looked over the field and believes he has good and faithful helpers. Then he learns that some of his men have not proved true. These are generally unforeseen things, which will happen in any large private business concern as well as to a government department. Though the work of the War Department was difficult, I carried it on as was my duty to the best of my ability."

When asked about the criticism of the War Department by the General, Secretary Alger said that he was not prepared to be excused from talking about that. Secretary Alger said in connection with the intended naming of a commanding officer for the army that he thought a regular army officer would be named in preference to a volunteer, although Congress could do as it wished about the matter. He said that the volunteers have no standing after their two years' term of service.

The Secretary's attention was called to the selling of supplies in Havana, at less than the regular market rates, in connection with which it was said that the supplies were all army rations. The Secretary said that he was in charge of the collection of customs at Havana, was asked to investigate this, when it was learned that such sales were being made. Some persons were selling supplies at less than any one else could sell them, and were reporting them, and paying the duty. Colonel Bliss found that two men were buying up all the surplus rations from the troops. The rations the troops received were more than they could use, and he considered legitimate to sell them again.

"It is a general practice in the army for companies to sell their surplus rations and place the sums received to the credit of the company funds. These men were, in fact, carrying on a legitimate business."

Colonel Bliss found that they had a storehouse full of flour and coffee, and some other things, and that they were able to sell flour at 12 cents a barrel less than the regular market price, and were paying duty on it. He told them, after consulting Washington, that they must either pay duty on the goods or they would prevent them from shipping them. This practice was stopped by the War Department to buy back the extra ration, so that the soldiers would get as much from the government as from outside sources and save the extra money.

In speaking of the Philippines and Santiago campaigns, Secretary Alger said: "THE TWO CAMPAIGNS. General Shafter and his expedition had to land on a small island and do the attacking under the worst season (the hottest part of the rainy season). General Otis had been at Manila for some time, and he was prepared for the attack. In Santiago General Otis while in the Philippines our forces occupied the position the Spaniards had in Santiago."

General Alger said he wished to make no criticism of General Otis, who had done brilliant work at that time, but said that the two campaigns could hardly be compared, as they had been fought at different seasons and from different positions. The General in each case, he declared, was entitled to great credit.

Secretary Alger generally said that there was very little friction between the two camps. He said that in Cuba, in spite of the reports to the effect, General Wood and General Brooke were working in harmony. General Brooke, in charge of the whole, was a question, but in answer to the question, some misunderstanding had been caused at first by the mistake made by the officials at Santiago who thought that the money collected at Santiago had to be sent to Havana. This was not required, it being necessary to send only reports of the amounts received.

BETTERING OF CUBA. The work of bettering conditions generally in Cuba was going on, hampered somewhat by the lack of transportation facilities in the interior and by counting little difficulties, which were coming up and being mastered. He said that he was satisfied with the work. Taking into consideration the short time that we had been in Cuba we were doing very well.

The Secretary said that a mystery in Cuba was the whereabouts of the Cuban men. The United States officers who had gone into the interior had failed to find them. "Of course," said he, "the reconcentration was largely driven into the large cities, but we cannot find any where near the numbers of men we expected to find. For instance, an officer from Washington told us that that town (Sancti Spiritus) which came back to us was filled with women and children, but no men. They are not in the country districts as far as we can find. The Cuban army is estimated at 20,000 men, but this does not account for the thousands who are not to be found. They are not with Gomez, and it is yet to be learned where they have disappeared to."

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vegetables well advanced. The vegetables were completely ruined, and peach crop suffered a loss of at least seventy-five per cent.

Conditions in New York. NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—The storm, which has been raging here since Saturday night, has increased in violence to-day, becoming a blizzard. Snow fell and is still coming down. A bitter northwest wind is blowing the snow in clouds through the streets, sweeping the sidewalks in some places, and in others piling up three feet of snow. The street-cleaning department after struggling for thirty-six hours to clear the principal streets, gave up entirely, even surrendering Broadway to the wind and snow. In some suburbs, where the winds have free sweep, drifts are five to ten feet high, street cars have stopped altogether, and suburban steam railroads are blocked. Many neighboring towns are cut off from New York altogether.

All the charitable societies are taxed beyond their resources, owing to the sudden demands made upon them. Of the 15,000 destitute families in this city, as estimated by the Board of Supervisors, the Outdoor Poor, nearly all are nearly freezing or starving. The task of keeping railroad trains in motion has become a Herculean task. Trains on all the roads are running at a snail's pace.

Severest in Its History. WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—With two inches less than two feet of snow on a level, and with the mercury hovering constantly near zero, the Capital to-day was in the grasp of the most severe blizzard since the hardy snows of '73, which began on Saturday evening, continued until 11 o'clock to-night, the official measurement in fifty hours being twenty inches on top of the heavy fall of the few days preceding.

Driven by a high northeast wind, it drifted to the harbor, where it piled up street car lines, cutting off the city from the suburbs, and causing untold suffering among the poor. At midnight the weather had cleared and the temperature moderated.

Baltimore's Weather. BALTIMORE, Feb. 13.—With the mercury at or near the zero mark, a blinding snow-storm prevailed here all day. Officially reported by the Weather Bureau during the twenty-four hours ending to-night at 5 o'clock, 13.5 inches of snow fell.

The most serious accident to-day was the collapse of the train sheds of the Pennsylvania railroad at President-street depot. The monetary loss, it is thought, will not exceed \$500,000, but the wreckage must be cleared away before an enormous quantity of outgoing and incoming freight can be moved. Trains are running late, and several are stalled outside the city.

Everything at a Standstill. PHILADELPHIA, February 13.—After a day of heroic battle all the hurried forces that sought tonight into play against the elements have been forced to succumb, and to-night the city is fast locked in the embrace of the worst blizzard in the history of the local weather bureau. Steam and local traffic are at a standstill and the snowdrifts are so deep that the streets are impassable. A number of deaths and a good many casualties are attributable to the prevailing conditions.

The ice in the Delaware river is growing thicker and there were no arrivals or clearances at this port today. The districts around Philadelphia for a supply of anthracite coal are threatened with a famine.

Adrift on the Ice. CHICAGO, February 13.—After being adrift on an ice floe in Lake Michigan for over fifteen hours the five people who were carried out Sunday evening by the breaking of the ice were rescued to-day. It is not known that any of them and it is much to be regretted for the experience.

Miss O'Reil Manley, the only girl in the party, was unconscious from cold and exposure. Young Arthur Fletcher, who made a heroic effort to bring them ashore in his boat, and who paddled around all night in the frail craft, did not dare so well, both his feet being badly frozen. It is said he will be a cripple for life.

A Rough Voyage. MANCHESTER, ENG., Feb. 13.—The British steamer Rodan, which arrived here to-day from New Orleans by way of Norfolk, reports a very rough passage. Two of her starboard plates above the main deck were stove, and the after wheel-house and wheel and a considerable portion of the bridge were carried away. The hatches on the main deck were also blown out, damaging the cargo of cotton and the rig.

Frozen to Death. MONTGOMERY, ALA., Feb. 13.—Uniontown, Perry county, reported 12 below this morning, and great suffering. One negro man was frozen to death. A number of cattle died from the effects of the weather.

Unprecedented in Florida. JACKSONVILLE, FLA., February 13.—Unprecedented weather visits northern Florida to-day, and is followed by light snow early this morning in all of Western and Middle Florida. The low temperature was 2 degrees below zero at Tallahassee, 9 degrees above at Jacksonville, and a temperature of from 15 to 40 degrees in the orange belt. Winter-killing frosts were killed.

What damage was done to orange trees is in doubt, subsequent weather being an emphatic factor in determining. In the orange belt the temperatures were not so low a point as in the north. In northern Florida the weather was unprecedented. The snowfall between midnight and daylight was followed by sunshine and a clear sky, but with a cold northwest wind.

Two Below at Albany. ALBANY, GA., Feb. 13.—A temperature of two below zero here to-day broke all records. The early frost and truck is a complete loss.

The three regiments in camp here did not suffer greatly from the cold. All tents are floored and with the regular army stove, which the men kept going all night, managed to keep their quarters warm.

Steamer Dorset Damaged. MANCHESTER, Feb. 13.—The British steamer Dorset which arrived here on the 9th from Brunswick, Ga., had bridge and chart room damaged, life boats and rails carried off, hatches broken, and other damage done, the result of an unusually rough voyage.

VIRGINIA BURIED IN SNOWDRIFTS.

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The heavy snow-storm, which set in Saturday evening, is still prevailing here. Nearly three feet of snow has fallen altogether, making the heaviest fall of snow in this county since 1880-81, when 42 inches fell. A wind of considerable force is blowing, and making in places drifts to the depth of seven or eight feet, and blocking the roads that lead into Berryville.

Trains running over the Norfolk and Western railroad are suspended, and no services were held in the churches yesterday. Thermometer stands near zero.

ELFEN INCHES AT LYNCHBURG. LYNCHBURG, VA., Feb. 13.—Snow fell here nearly all day yesterday and to-day. The snow still razing to-night, being up to 2 P. M., the total depth being eleven inches. The minimum temperature for twenty-four hours up to 5 o'clock today was 6 degrees above zero, with indications of going below zero before morning.

Passenger trains are greatly delayed all the way from two to eight hours. There has been no mail from the North since early morning up to this time—9 o'clock to-night.

IN BATH COUNTY. MILLBRO, VA., Feb. 13.—Special.—The snow is twenty inches deep here and drifting. A stiff wind has been blowing from the northwest since noon. The thermometer has been hanging zero closely all day, and is now 2 below, and will go to 15 to-night.

The railway line between here and Hampton abandoned service yesterday afternoon, and all efforts to-day to resume traffic were futile. None of the river boats are running. The James river is frozen almost from shore to shore.

Chesapeake and Ohio steamer Louise managed to make the trip over from Norfolk this afternoon, being the only vessel that has come into port to-day. Early this morning the thermometer registered three degrees above zero, but later in the day the mercury rose to fourteen degrees above. The snow is now about twenty inches deep. No such storm has ever occurred before in the history of Newport News.

The public schools were closed to-day and probably will not reopen this week. Wood fuel is very scarce and the entire supply in the city will last but a few days.

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displayed by the "Dixie" could not be seen for more than fifty feet. The government telephone line along the coast is disabled, which cuts off all communications with the life-saving stations along the Atlantic coast. An "Dixie" with a tug boat via Smith Island, but it is feared the ice will prevent their reaching as far as Cobb's Island. The names of the New York party cannot be learned here, but it is said to be a seaman and his wife who came down to charter the "Dixie" for the remainder of this winter for a southern cruise.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN. His Memory Honored in New York and Chicago. NEW YORK, February 13.—The Republican Club of this city held its annual dinner in honor of Abraham Lincoln at Delmonico's to-night. About 375 guests and members of the club were present.

Among those present were Governor Roosevelt, Thomas White, Major-General Nelson Miles, Rear-Admiral Schley and ex-Governor Morton. A letter was read from President McKinley regretting his inability to be present. The toast-master was Senator-elect Chaney M. Dewey.

"The State of New York" was responded to by Governor Roosevelt, who defended the administration's course in the Philippines. Major-General Miles and Rear-Admiral Schley spoke on the army and navy, respectively.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—The annual banquet of the Marquette Club was held this evening in the Auditorium. It was the fourteenth event of this kind and a large number of prominent men were present. The chief speaker of the evening was Whiteley Reid, of the Spanish-American Commission, who responded to the toast "American Diplomacy."

Mr. John Charlton, M. P., and a member of the British-American Joint High Commission, responded to the toast "Abraham Lincoln."

The Hon. Charles G. Dawes, comptroller of the currency, spoke about "Currency Reform."

The Hon. Stewart L. Woodford, of New York, ex-Minister to Spain, spoke about "Foreign Affairs."

Addresses were also made by several local speakers.

TWO FATAL WRECKS. Many Persons Killed in Pennsylvania Yesterday. PITTSBURG, PA., Feb. 13.—Train No. 22, the Chicago, Cleveland and Buffalo express, on the Pittsburg and Lake Erie railroad, was wrecked at the north end of the freight yard in McKee's Rocks, at Fleming Park, opposite Davis Island, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. It ran through a wrecked. The fireman of the train was killed and a number of the crew and passengers were injured.

LANCASTER, PA., Feb. 13.—A fatal railroad wreck occurred this afternoon at Galatonsville, three miles west of Downingtown. The second section of the fast line east crashed into the rear of the train on the steamers. Engineer Joseph Smith and Fireman Corson were killed outright. A number of passengers were injured.

HE LED LAFAYETTE'S ESCORT. Major Newton Walker, a Pioneer of Virginia, Is Dangerously Ill. LEWISTON, ILL., Feb. 13.—Major Newton Walker, the noted Illinois pioneer, who was dangerously ill at his home in this city, Major Walker was ninety-five years old in December. He was born in Virginia in 1832, and married Miss Ann Simms sixty-five years ago. She is still in fairly good health. They reside on the same spot where they settled as young people when they came to Illinois in 1852 and built their forest home. It is now part of this city.

When Marquis de Lafayette visited America in 1824 Major Walker commanded the militia that acted as guard at Galatonsville, where Major Walker then resided.

Major Walker was a member of the Illinois State Legislature in 1858 with Abraham Lincoln, and was a lifelong friend of that martyred President.

DEFIED THE STORM. National Council of Women Meets at Church of Our Father. WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—A blinding snow-storm did not prevent the meeting of the National Council of Women at the Church of Our Father to-day, though the members were late in arriving. About fifty ladies were present. It was decided on account of the weather to hold a continuous session instead of adjourning the meeting to meet again at 2 o'clock, as provided. The session was devoted exclusively to business matters, the report of President May Wright Sewall being the principal feature of the day's work.

The programme has been changed so that the address of Mrs. Gates on "The Women of Hawaii" will be delivered on Friday instead of to-day.

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The Bulgaria Sinking. LONDON, Feb. 14.—Lloyd's agent at St. Michael's cables that the tank steamer Weekhampton reports that the steamer Bulgaria, when spoken on February 5th, Lat. 40 Long. 42, was in a sinking condition, with three holds full of water, her rudder broken and her machinery disabled.

Deadly Street Duel. TEXARKANA, ARK., Feb. 13.—Three men were killed and another wounded in a street duel at DeKalb, thirteen miles from here, this afternoon.

A Californian has invented a street railway curve sweeper and other which can be attached to the truck of an ordinary car, a frame being carried on two auxiliary wheels under the car, with gears to revolve a brush depressed against the rails by a lever, which also discharges the oil.

DEWEY WROTE HIS NAME. He came and raised his flag aboard the ship. An' mentioned how that Dewey were his name. He didn't have no great amount o' lip, but wot he said he meant it, jist the same. He put us thro' manoeuvres short an' long. An' kep' us at sub-caller, betweens. Until we come to anchor at Hong Kong. An' got our orders for the Philippines. Then this 'ere Dewey struck a powerful o' gall. An' mentioned how that something' had ter drop; the collers workin' soon an' late. An' every blessed Jackie on the hop. An' w'en he got 'is bunker chock-block, 'W'y then he up an' filled his mags. An' tol' 'em w'en they asked him wot's o'clock. "A little game o' Spanish Philippines!" An' w'en all's done, he up an' goes to sea. The other ships a-trailin' in his rear; An' w'en he sights them islands on the sea. He signals out for every ship to clear. We done it w'd kind o' rousin' cheer. For his w'd kind o' learned to like his style. Which w'en s'ich he made it to ap-pear. He knowed wot he were doin' all the while. He kep' us on an' off till close o' day, An' then he kind o' squared around in his chin. An' w'agged out. "Their ships is in the bay. They won't come out, so I'm a-goin' in! He knowed the odds agin him in the game. He knowed the bay were mined for Uncle Sam. He knowed that Dewey were his name. An' bein' s'ich he didn't care a damn. So on we went, a creepin' thro' the night. Not knowin' whereabouts that we was at. With every barker stripped in trim fer fight. An' every blessed Jackie standin' pat. An' w'en the mornin' broke, w'y, there we lay. Lined up, each crew a-standin' to its Right in the middle o' Manila Bay— Old Glory gleamin' pretty in the sun. There warn't no time ter talk about it then. An' powder out loose her iron in a shower. An' powder monkeys turned to fightin' men. An' fightin' men to devils, in an hour. 'Twere just on awful crashin', tearin' war in a state of insensibility. The case is wrapped in mystery.

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The Bulgaria Sinking. LONDON, Feb. 14.—Lloyd's agent at St. Michael's cables that the tank steamer Weekhampton reports that the steamer Bulgaria, when spoken on February 5th, Lat. 40 Long. 42, was in a sinking condition, with three holds full of water, her rudder broken and her machinery disabled.

Deadly Street Duel. TEXARKANA, ARK., Feb. 13.—Three men were killed and another wounded in a street duel at DeKalb, thirteen miles from here, this afternoon.

A Californian has invented a street railway curve sweeper and other which can be attached to the truck of an ordinary car, a frame being carried on two auxiliary wheels under the car, with gears to revolve a brush depressed against the rails by a lever, which also discharges the oil.

DEWEY WROTE HIS NAME. He came and raised his flag aboard the ship. An' mentioned how that Dewey were his name. He didn't have no great amount o' lip, but wot he said he meant it, jist the same. He put us thro' manoeuvres short an' long. An' kep' us at sub-caller, betweens. Until we come to anchor at Hong Kong. An' got our orders for the Philippines. Then this 'ere Dewey struck a powerful o' gall. An' mentioned how that something' had ter drop; the collers workin' soon an' late. An' every blessed Jackie on the hop. An' w'en he got 'is bunker chock-block, 'W'y then he up an' filled his mags. An' tol' 'em w'en they asked him wot's o'clock. "A little game o' Spanish Philippines!" An' w'en all's done, he up an' goes to sea. The other ships a-trailin' in his rear; An' w'en he sights them islands on the sea. He signals out for every ship to clear. We done it w'd kind o' rousin' cheer. For his w'd kind o' learned to like his style. Which w'en s'ich he made it to ap-pear. He knowed wot he were