

General Nelson A. Miles Dies Suddenly At Circus



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Diplomat And Author
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CAREER AS FIGHTER
VARIED AND COLORFUL
Was One Of Most Picturesque
And Distinguished Of
Military Leaders

Washington, May 15.—(By The Associated Press.)—Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles, Master of America's Army, Indian Premier, Indian fighter, diplomat and author, has taken up the long trail.

His career, spanning four of the six important military periods of his country's history, ended suddenly late today in the big tent of a circus just as a fanfare of trumpets announced the opening pageant.

General Miles was surrounded by happy children, including those of his family's third generation, excited over the prospect of witnessing reproductions of scenes which in their infancy had occupied so important a phase of his own life.

Dead at Circus.

Turning to Mrs. W. B. Noble, mother of his daughter-in-law, the general complained that he felt ill. Before help could be summoned he collapsed into the arms of Dr. A. E. Craig, sitting directly behind him.

The body was removed, underneath the tent of seats, to the outside, where a hasty examination revealed to the diagnosis that both had resulted from myocarditis and acute dilation of the heart. The man continued later at the hospital to which the body was rushed.

Despite his advanced years—86—the death of General Miles came as an extreme shock to his intimate associates. During the 22 years which have elapsed since he was retired "for age," he had maintained an active interest in current affairs, particularly those which touched either the Army or Navy. Any incident affecting either service, a matter of immediate personal interest to the retired soldier.

In Gay Mood.

There was no outward indication of a change in his unassumingly rugged health when he accompanied his grand children on their annual circus jaunt. Arriving at the show grounds, he gaily greeted one of the proprietors, whom he had known for years, with the remark that he intended never to miss a performance.

Mrs. Colledge was present when General Miles collapsed, but was seated some distance from him, and, as was the case with most of the audience, failed to recognize the crumpled figure which was carried hastily, but tenderly away. The excitement in that vicinity faded quickly, and the circus program was resumed after a brief pause. As the scrubs tumbled and the circus network, however, the wires carrying the news of the warrior's passing far and wide and over to the Western Reservation where wait a few good numbers of Indian tribes he fought, grimly, but fairly, through so many campaigns.

Funeral Plans.

Plans for the General's service are expected to await the arrival of General Miles' son, Major Charles Miles, who is returning on the Lexington from a long tour of duty with the American high commission at Constantinople and of his daughter, Mrs. Samuel M. Baber, wife of Major Baber, retired. She was visiting friends in New York and left at once for Washington when advised of the General's death. The Lexington is expected to arrive in Washington on Monday.

DEMOCRATS PLAN OWN NEWSPAPER

Arrangements For Issue Of
The National Democrat
Arranged At Capital

Washington, May 15.—(By Associated Press.)—As the first step in a policy of "militant publicity" for the Democratic party, a group of party leaders has arranged for the publication here of a weekly newspaper to be known as The National Democrat.

In announcing the forthcoming publication in a statement tonight, Representative William A. Oldfield, of Arkansas, chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, declared his editorial policy would be directed by a "strong advisory board" in the interest of the party as a whole.

Publication of the weekly, Mr. Oldfield said, was made possible by a number of prominent Democrats "interested in the party's future and having especially in mind the Congressional elections this year."

Not Partisan.

"The management of the National Democrat," he continued, "will not have any taint in the party. It will not be published in the interest of any candidate in the Democratic primary or convention."

"It will fight the enemies of the Democratic party, and it will do all in its power to assist in the election of Democratic candidates."

"Task of adequate publicity has been the greatest handicap of the Democratic party in state and national politics. Special privileges granted by the Republican party largely excluded the press of the country. Therefore the Democratic party must depend for its support upon the people who will not expect nothing more than an equal opportunity with all other Americans to work out their own salvation."

Anonymous Engagement.

Chicago, May 15.—The marriage of Helen Elizabeth Wilson, daughter of Thomas E. Wilson, president of Wilson and Company, bankers, to Henry F. Williams, an employee of her father, has been announced for June 28.

Gen. Miles Died 1925



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