

SECRETARY HAY SPEAKS AT A BUFFALO BANQUET

Talks of the Brotherhood of the Western Nations.

Gen. Miles at the Exposition—Will Deliver an Address at the Flag Day Celebration To-day.

BUFFALO, June 13.—Secretary of State Hay was the guest of honor at a dinner given this evening by the Board of Directors of the Pan-American Exposition to the National Editorial Association. One thousand covers were laid in the great dining room in Statler's Hotel, the banquet being the largest in the history of the city. Secretary Hay was introduced by Director General Buchanan, who presided. Mr. Hay spoke in part as follows:

"Last night as I looked from my window at this marvelous creation, lined in fire upon the evening sky, and to-day as I have walked through the courts and the palaces of this incomparable exhibition, the words of the prophet have been constantly in my mind, 'Your old men shall dream dreams; your young men shall see visions.' We who are old have through many hopeful years dreamed this dream. It was noble and inspiring, leading to earnest and uplifting labor. And now we share with you who are young the pleasure of beholding the vision, far nobler and more inspiring than the dream.

"This ideal of the brotherhood of the nations of the Western world is not a growth of yesterday. It was heralded when the country was young by the clarion voice of Henry Clay; it was cherished by Seward and Evarts, by Douglass and by Blaine. Twelve years ago we held the first reunion of the American republics. Much was said and done, destined to be memorable in our history, opening and blazing the way along the path of peace and fraternal relations. We have made steady progress; we have grown day by day to a better understanding, until now we are looking to our coming conference in the City of Mexico, in which we have the right to hope that with larger experience and profounder study of the great problems before us, results still more important and beneficent will be reached.

"As a means to those ends, as a concrete realization of those generous dreams which have led us thus far, we have this grand and beautiful spectacle, never to be forgotten, a delight to the eyes, a comfort to every patriotic heart that during the coming Summer shall make the joyous pilgrimage to this enchanted scene.

"There have been statesmen and soldiers who have cherished the fancy in past years of a vast American army recruited from every country between the arctic and the antarctic seas, which should bind us together in one immense military power that might overawe the older civilizations. But this conception belongs to the past, to an order of things that has gone, I hope, forever by.

"How far more inspiring is the thought of the results we see here now; how much more in keeping with the better times in whose light we live and the still more glorious future to which we look forward, is the result we see to-day of the armies of labor and intelligence in every country of this new world, all working with one mind and one will, not to attain an unhappy pre-eminence in the art of destruction, but to advance in liberal emulation in the arts, which tend to make men happier and better, to make this long harassed and tormented earth a brighter and more blessed abode for men of good will. [Applause.]

"Our hearts have glowed within us as we have surveyed at every turn the evidences of the equality and fraternity of progress under skies so distant, under conditions so varying as those which obtain between Alaska and Cape Horn.

"God forbid that there should be in all this the slightest hint of vainglory, still less of menace, to the rest of the world. On the contrary, we cannot but think that this friendly challenge we send out to all peoples—convoking them also to join in this brotherly emulation in which the prizes are after all merely the right to further peaceful progress in good work—will be to the benefit and profit of every country under the wide heavens.

"Every great achievement in art, in science, in commerce, communicates to the universal human spirit a salutary shock which, in ever widening circles, spreads to regions the most remote and obscure, to break at last in lingering ripples on the ultimate shores of space and time. Out of a good source evil cannot flow; out of the light darkness cannot be born. The benign influences that shall emanate from this great festival of peace shall not be bounded by oceans nor by continents." [Great applause.]

Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles, accompanied by Mrs. Miles and Lieut. Col. Whiting, his aide de camp, arrived here to-day, and later visited the Exposition, being received at the water gate by the Director General, who conveyed the party across the lake in his launch. After Major Symons had pointed out the various buildings the party went to the Government Building, where Gen. Miles was greeted by Capt. P. C. Harris and Capt. Wisser. They were then conducted to Col. Michael's headquarters in the War Department exhibit, and there they met Secretary of State Hay, Mrs. Hay, Miss Hay, and others of their party.

To-morrow Flag Day will be celebrated with ceremonies in the Temple of Music. Among the prominent men who will be present during the exercises are Secretary of State Hay, Lieut. Gen. Miles, Capt. Richmond P. Hobson, and Senator Platt. Admiral Dewey was expected, but word was received to-day that he will be unable to visit the exposition until later in the month. Gen. Miles and Capt. Hobson will deliver addresses.