

GENERAL WHEELER'S VIEWS

As Expressed By Him in a Recent Interview.

Thinks Unprecedented Prosperity Is in Store for United States—Evolution of Trade.

Gen. Joseph Wheeler on his return from the Orient was interviewed in San Francisco by an Associated Press correspondent relative to his impressions of trade possibilities with the countries he had just visited. Among other things the old warrior said:

England, Russia, Germany and France have waged war and pestilence in efforts to secure a share of the wealth which will come to them by commercial relations with these peoples. The treaty of peace cast upon us the responsibility of sovereignty over nine to eleven million people, together with the islands which they inhabit, containing an area three times that of our great and prosperous empire state.

"Very naturally there may be honest difference of opinion as to whether everything has been conducted during the two years in accordance with the highest wisdom and best possible judgment, but there should be no judgment question among the American people as to the duty and wisdom of now uniting in a determined effort to take the situation as it stands and to so conduct the affairs of our country as to add the most to its glory, honor, welfare and prosperity. It is a friendly struggle for commercial supremacy in which our rival nations are using their best efforts and I say, let us, in a friendly but determined spirit, use our best efforts also.

"Our Pacific cities are now face to face with the eastern shores of Asia. The Nicaraguan canal will bring our Gulf ports nearer to them than those of the Atlantic and Europe.

"With Manila as a great depot, steamers from that emporium could reach the commercial ports of Eastern Asia as readily as it can be done by English steamers from Hongkong.

"We must consider that about one-third the population of the earth is concentrated in the eastern half of Asia and that these vast multitudes are rapidly learning to appreciate the advantages, and I might add, the necessity of high civilization, and they are also learning to realize the comfort which is enjoyed by the people of the most civilized nations in the possession and use of the products, manufactures and mechanical developments which are there found.

"Europe and America must purchase the silks, teas, coffee, hemp, spices and products of the handwork of the people of the Orient and this immense population needs articles which American farms and factories are producing cheaper and better than those which are produced anywhere else on earth. Cotton cloth such as is manufactured in Southern cotton mills is needed by the people of the East to the enormous value of four to five thousand million dollars.

"England with her navy has approached China by the sea and has established firm footholds at favorable locations on the coast. France has acquired possessions in Asia which contains a population four times as large as that of our Empire state. England's dominions and dependencies in Asia now extend over an area of 1,600,000 square miles and contains a population of nearly 300,000,000. Russia has already in Asia territory exceeding in area 6,000,000 square miles and containing over 19,000,000 people.

"Port Arthur, the great commercial and war port, is firmly in her grasp. This gives Russia a power over Korea which will add much to her strength. The completion of the trans-Siberian railway and its branches, the opening of the Nicaraguan canal, and the annexation of the Pacific islands to the United States will more thoroughly revolutionize the commercial relations of the world than has ever been done by all other influences combined during the last three centuries.

"It seems to me that there is but little limit to the possibilities which are before us and we are certainly justified in the belief and hope that the United States is on the edge of an era of unprecedented prosperity.

"I had," Gen. Wheeler continued, "a very interesting visit to Guam. It is a beautiful island. I rode over a great deal of it, traversed its length and crossed it three times. I visited all the towns and was much pleased with the people. Their hospitality and apparent desire to express good feeling toward Americans was very gratifying. Speaking of his resignation from the

army, Gen. Wheeler said he resigned November 20, but was not ordered home until the middle of January. He did not care to discuss his reasons for leaving the army. After a brief stay in the city Gen. Wheeler will go to Washington to take his seat in congress.

"I have a letter saying that an effort will be made to keep me from taking my seat," said the general, "but I do not see why such an effort should succeed. The objection is that I was not on hand to be sworn in, and it is stated that I was holding another position that militates against my right to be elected. I shall go to Washington, having resigned from the army, and with a proper certificate of election, and expect to be sworn in.

"It will be noted that my resignation from the army was handed in before congress met."

As to the situation in the Philippines and Guam, he said:

"All is very satisfactory in both places. The war is over except for the work of the guerilla bands that ambush our troops and do a little damage. Just before I left I heard of a case in which one American soldier was killed and several wounded. This condition of things will not last long, I think."

Mr. de Noon's Views.

Mr. H. R. de Noon recently arrived in Victoria from South Africa, and while there gave to the Times a great deal of interesting information, from which the following is an extract:

"Rhodes is credited with being responsible for the present war by many papers and people, said Mr. de Noon, but every right-minded man in Africa knows that there would have been war just the same had there never been any Cecil Rhodes. Many are only ready to see the bad points of Rhodes—and it is admitted that he has many—but still he has many good ones, and there is no man in the world who has a keener insight into the future of South Africa than the same Cecil Rhodes. He has made a fortune in the country, but unlike many, he has not trekked home to spend it. Much of his private capital has been used in the building up of many of his African enterprises. Take for instance the Beira-Port Salisbury railway, giving Rhodesia communication with the east coast. He could not get the government to build this line, and rather than let it drop, he came forward with his own money.

"He plainly foresaw the present war, and often told the British government that it was bound to come. Today his prophecies are coming true. The Boer has always been bitter against the Rooinek—as he calls the Britisher—and since the war of 1851 the malice has been deep-rooted. The raid of 1894, of course, intensified the feeling against the British, and the Boer arsenals began to fill for the struggle which the Boers firmly hoped would be the Armageddon, which should end the power of Britain. They hoped that when the outbreak came it would give birth to a European war, and while the allied countries of Europe downed the British supremacy—thus the Boer pictured it—they would sweep South Africa from Zambesi to the Cape, and all the land south of the big river would be a Boer republic. How the Boer hopes and wishes have been flattened the history of the past few months tell.

"Dr. Jameson, he of the raid, is well known to Mr. de Noon. He saw him last at Fort Salisbury not long before the outbreak of the war. The people tried to get the raid leader to address them in the town hall, but he would not, saying it was then a time for action not for words. He afterwards went out and applied for military service, and when refused a commission on account of the raid, he went into beleaguered Ladysmith, where he doctored the fever victims until he fell a victim himself. With him in the garrison of Ladysmith was Col. Rhodes, a brother of Cecil, and two other noted members of the Johannesburg Reform League.

"The Little Englanders and the continental press have accused Hon. Joseph Chamberlain of complicity in the raid, but in the opinion of Mr. de Noon, and as far as he could learn, according to the public sentiment of South Africa, the British war leader undoubtedly had no knowledge of the raid until its abrupt ending at Doornkop. There are many strange rumors flying about Africa concerning the raid, and one, which, however, finds little belief, is that Oom Paul Kruger himself and his party were among those mixed up in it.

"The acquaintances of Mr. de Noon, whose names by reason of this war have become notorious, are not limited to Britishers. He knows Oom Paul Kruger well, but has not much that is good to say of the old president of the Transvaal. Of Gen. Joubert, though, whom he well knows, he speaks well, and places him at the head of the Boers in his acquaintanceship. President Kruger and Gen. Joubert have never agreed. Kruger is an anti-progressist and wants

none other than Boers or Hollanders in the country. He does not want improvement of things modern, unless it be that the promoters of the railway or what other modernization is trying to come into the Transvaal is willing to silence the conscience of Mr. Kruger with golden salve, while Joubert, on the other hand, is a strong progressist, and looks to the improvement of the country in every possible way. He favors the introduction of railways and the opening up of mines and manufactures. It is a well known fact that had he had his way there would have been no war.

(The foregoing was written previous to the death of Joubert.)

The Sunday Concert.

All arrangements for the concert which is to be given at the Palace Grand theater tomorrow evening have been completed. An interesting program of 12 numbers has been prepared, and those persons who attend will enjoy an excellent musical entertainment. Many capable artists have been secured, in addition to the services of the Yukon Garrison band; and Mr. P. W. Zimmerman is to be congratulated on the successful manner in which he is managing the affair. The program is as follows:

March, Dollis (Hall), Yukon Garrison band; vocal duet, "Battle Eye," (Bonheur), Messrs. Shank and Zimmerman; overture, Norma, (Bellini), Yukon Garrison band; vocal solo, "Tell Me, Beautiful Maiden," (Gounod), Miss Barrager; vocal solo, "The Lost Chord," (Sullivan), Mr. Shank; selections, Il Trovatore, (Verdi), Yukon Garrison band; vocal solo, "Blot Out the Past," (Harris), Mrs. Tozier; vocal solo, lullaby, (O'Brien), Miss Annie O'Brien; piano solo, (a) "To the Spring," (Greig), (b) "Spinning Song," (Raff), Mrs. E. B. Lyon; vocal solo, "Werner's Farewell" from "Trumpeter of Sacking," (Nesler), Mr. Zimmerman; vocal duet, "Adieu," (Nicolai), Miss Barrager and Mr. Zimmerman; choral, "Gloria in Excelsis," (Mozart), Yukon Garrison band.

Tickets of admission to the concert are now on sale at the drug store of Reid & Co.

Many Going Out.

Present indications are that there will be more people go back to their old homes from Dawson during the coming summer than have departed any season since the Klondike was discovered. Many who came in with the first rush and who have not since been out will go as soon as navigation opens, and many of them who are not claim owners, but who have been working lays, will go out and not return. The majority of those who have been here two years and over will be able to take with them something to show for their time and labor and the hardships endured; but there are many who, although they may economize by traveling to their old homes second-class, will arrive dead broke, having nothing for their time and efforts—what little of the latter they made—save experience.

The Seattle Fire.

The Daily Klondike Nugget is in receipt of the following letter of inquiry: Dominion Creek, April 8, 1900. To the Editor of the Klondike Nugget.

Dear Sir: Will you kindly inform me through the columns of your paper the day and year when Seattle was destroyed by fire? Yours truly,

A SUBSCRIBER.

Answer: The fire occurred on June 6th, 1889.

Christian Science Society.

Christian science services will be held in McDonald hall on Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. All persons are cordially invited to attend.

An Erring Stovepipe.

A fire alarm was rung yesterday evening a few minutes before 8 o'clock, the occasion being a blaze on the roof of a cabin on Sixth street, just above the Yukon Iron Works. The department responded in double quick time, but before the chemical engine arrived some cool-headed individual had quenched the fire with a cup of water. A defective stovepipe was the cause.

New Water System.

Messrs. McLennan, McFeeley and Matheson are constructing a new water system for Dawson. The well is located at the head of First avenue, in the vicinity of the Arctic well. The main pipe has been laid across the government—addition to the rear of the barracks buildings; it will follow down Third avenue to Harper street, thence west to Second avenue, and thence north to Second street. For the present, the pipe will remain on top of the ground. Within a week it is expected that water will be pumped from the well to the principal parts of the city.

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