

Now, then, a word about the Navy. I never troubled myself much about the Navy. I have seen the ships. They will decay whether they are wood or iron. I am not anxious that many should be built, because there are continual changes in naval architecture, which might make the ship of to-day totally obsolete as a ship of war in three years, though we should have quite a number of cruisers. We need the Navy, too, for the present to keep the boys in training a little and maintain the old spirit; to keep a body of men who will be ready, as were Schley and his comrades, whenever called upon to brave a lingering death of starvation and freezing in the line of duty. [Applause.]

Now, my friends, as I am told I am to close this meeting, perhaps I may as well close it with a benediction. Let each and all of you in the coming day teach your children first to read all the history of the deeds of the American Navy in the olden and the present time, to teach them daring, courage, discipline, and perseverance in well-doing. Let them read there the history of their country, to teach them, first, its power, and lastly, the principles of its Government, that the people rule here as they ought to rule here, and that the rule of the people accomplishes the highest results of any Government on earth. [Great applause.]

At the conclusion of General Butler's speech the exercises were closed by a benediction spoken by Rev. JOHN A. GOSS.

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Early on the following morning the remains of Sergt. Winfield S. Jewell, of Lisbon, N. H., which were aboard the Bear when the relief steamers arrived in port, were taken out and brought to the city for transmission on