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Judge Richard Yates, nominee for governor, fired the first gun in the Illinois Republican campaign at a monster massmeeting held at the Auditorium in Chicago, under the direction of the Republican Veteran Yates club of that city. Gray-haired veterans of the civil war-men who received commissions from the great war governor, and men who fought in the ranks-to the number of over 3,000, gathered to cheer and testify their political allegiance to Richard Yates, the son. Flags and bunting of patriotic bues were everywhere and pictures of Lincoln, Grant, Logan, Sheridan, Sherman, Mc-Kinley, Roosevelt, Yates and Miles were reminders of war. On the stage were a score of generals and colonels of the civil war, while in boxes sat Senator Cullom, Governor Tanner, Chairman Rowe, Hon. James McKinney, Secretary Fieldhouse, Judge Hanecy, Hon. M. O. Williamson and a host of other political leaders and army veterans. When Richard Yates appeared the great audience rose, waved flags, cheered and shouted. The band joined in the hurrah and the patriotic scene was one of great enthusiasm, lasting fully five minutes.

Colonel Calhoun Is Heard. Preceding Judge Yates, Colonel W. Calhoun of Danville spoke briefly,

"The old soldier remembers Richard Yates of Illinois. He gave Grant his commission, he gave Logan his commission, he gave you the standards which you carried on many battlefields. You can follow his son knowing that the young man will be true to all that was noble in his father. The old soldier wants to see his flag respected at home and abroad. If there are any men in this country who have a right to assemble in a meeting like this to wave the flag of their country and sing patriotic songs they are the old soldiers of the United States, for they have demonstrated in times past their loyalty to their country. There are many men who express great fear of militarism; afraid of the army. I remember the time, gentlemen, when they were afraid of you. They were also afraid of what the great army of the republic would do when they were disbanded. They were afraid that they would subvert the public. They denounced the commander in chief as one who was trying to overthrow the republic. But now they pile the laureis high over the grave of Abraham Lincoln. They are talking a great deal of imperialism.

"The spirit of the American people is not for militarism, but for citizenship. This was demonstrated at the close of the civil war, when the goldiers laid down their arms and were swallowed up in civil pursuits. The old soldier likes to see the power of his country shown at home and abroad. Four years ago the country was in bad condition, business was stagnant, and labor walked up and down the streets. The election of McKinley changed all this and the country has changed in three years to one of the most prosperous on the globe.

"Four years ago Mr. Bryan came before the people with what he thought was a heaven-born inspiration. Sixteen to one was the eternal truth. That was to save the country. It was a truth that could never be disregarded, and we could have no prosperity until it was applied. Now he says that imperial. ism is the great isone before the country. After the rebellion is put down in the Philippines it will not be a matter for the president to settle; it will be one which congress must deal with, They will do the fair thing by the Filipinos. You know as well as I do that it is not the spirit of the American people to oppose any one."

Major William Warner of Kansas City followed with a patriotic address, which was warmly cheered. "You never were flag furlers or quitters," said Major Warner. "You voted to uphold national honor when you voted for Abraham Lincoln. You will not vote now to drag it in the dust. You would not vote for territorial contraction then. You will not now."

Judge Vatss Talks. Judge Yates was given a spontane ous greeting, lasting several minutes. when introduced by Chairman Riddle. He was at his best and in a speech which occupied an hour, he forefully outlined the issues of the campaign, reviewed the history of the grand old Republican party, and warmed the hearts of the men who wear the bronze buttons of the G. A. R. Time and again he was interrupted by cheers and applause. His manner of speaking is captivating and his strong voice reached to every section of the great hall, without the least effort on his part. Judge Yates, in his opening, paid glowing tributes to the public services of Lincoln, Grant, Logan, Mc-Kinley and other Republican leaders and drew a graphic picture of the first transport leaving New York for the Philippine islands, sailing up the Hudson to permit its passengers to salute the tomb of Grant. Judge Yates said, in part:

"You are the living witnesses that in this country there is no danger of militarism. If there ever was danger of militarism it was in your day, when you were under arms and your foe had surrendered. But there was no danger of it even then. By your action in coming here tonight you show that you are not afraid of this ridiculous phantom-this militarism. By your action, and by avowing your allegiance to Republicanism, you manifest your faith in

the self-control and the self-governing capacity of the people. "After forty years the nation's peril again arouses to wonderful activity the men who in 1861 sprang between the American Union and the onsaught of the hosts of rebellion! How the very sound of the word causes visions of the past, crowded with fast rushin events, to rise tonight, in the mind of every middle-aged man in this great hall. He remembers the preliminary excitement; the country convulsed from day to day by ominous occurrences; this state trembling beneath the mighty blows struck by renowned champions of public opinion; every community stirred to its foundations in the mighty orisis. The new president leaving his lilinois home for the national capital is so surrounded by menacing difficulties that he owns his strong diffi-

farewell, he says: "There has fallen upon me a task such as did not rest even upon the father of his country; and so feeling, I cannot but turn and look for that support without which it will be impossible to perform that great task. I turn then, and look to the great American people, and to that God who has never forsaken me. Grand and sublime figure! How he towers aloft in his pure nobility! How he guided this struggling and suffering country with patient, merciful hand! How he stood like a shield and a bulwark, strong and firm, between the Union and all the perils that assailed it! "When gallant Phil Sheridan rode down the Shenandoah valley to glorious victory, even as in after years he rode to the rescue of flame-stricken Chicago, the first man whom he recognized was a young Ohio soldier, rallying his comrades. That young man's name tells

the story of devotion to his country in the red glare of the cannon's mouth, even as in after years that name is to signify to a world in arms that our American leader exists, who, while exhausting every resource of peace before resorting to war, had the prudence, calmness and wisdom to at the same time resort to such stupendous preparation for war, as to extract from that war when it came, peace within a hundred days-William McKinley!

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Imperialism and Militarism.

Judge Yates said the American penple were not afraid of the so-called militarism and imperialism of the Repub-

"You have no fear that arbitrary autherity will be exercised in this country," said he, "except as it was exercised by an absolute oligarchy in overthrowing the wish of a majority in the national Democratic convention at Kansas City on July 4, 1900, and except as it is exercised today by Democratic leaders in Kentucky, who have most completely and brazenly nullifled the plain will of the majority of the plain people. Aside from these instances, you know of no rule over the many for the benefit of the few-no arbitrary power, no imperialism-under the American flag. Every man of common sense knows that it is absolutely impossible, with the Republican party in power. There is not a Republican precinct in all the land where, as General Grant said, 'A man may not g and cast his ballot in safety and in peace, and have it counted as he cast it.' The entire growth and progress of the Republican party has gone hand in hand, and step by step, with liberty, pure and undefiled

"Whatever danger there is, or possibly can be, of such evils, comes from the marvelous and mysterious movings of the minds of Democratic mandarins. The aid and comfort, direct and indirect, which the oligarchy of Aguinaido in the Philippines has received, and is today receiving, through the utterances and attitude of Democratic leaders, is also to be considered in this connection. "I have enough respect for the mass-

es of the Democratic party to believe that they have no fear of oligarchies, aristocracies, emperors and the overthrow of the republic by the Republicans. The rank and file of the Democratic party do not want the American army and navy withdrawn from the Philippines. They do not consider the occupation of the Philippines to be wrong. They want the army and the navy and the flag to remain there. Their leaders do not dare to say they would, if, in power, withdraw them. Everybody knows that the Republican administration has done in the Philippines what every sensible administration ought to have done. No Democratic leader dare, while criticising the administration, advocate the abandonment of the Philippines. It is hoped that the next Democratic leader who speaks from this platform, or any other, will tell the public just exactly what a Democratic administration would have done under the existing circum-

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