

BATTLE CHART RIDDLED.

Discredited by Every Witness at the Court of Enquiry.

Several Officers Testify to Making Great Allowances to Reach an Amicable Understanding. Lieutenant Commander Schuetz, of the Iowa, Tells of Corrections Made in His Reconnaissance.

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Lieutenant Commander Schuetz, who was one of the board of navigators who plotted the positions of the vessels during the battle off Santiago, was another witness today. He admitted that the chart was inaccurate, and said he had signed it under protest. He declared that he had been persuaded to do so by Commander Wainwright, of the Gloucester, in order that an agreement might be reached upon the spot.

Lieut. Mark Bristol, while on the stand to correct his testimony, took further occasion to disagree with the reports of officers concerning the value of the stadiometer. He preferred his own personal experiences, he declared, to any investigations made by other officers, and submitted to the Navy Department as official reports on the instrument and its reliability.

Lieutenant Commander Templin M. Potts, the naval officer who insisted yesterday that the Iowa was not a coward, was called to the witness stand this morning. He was given an opportunity to correct his testimony if he so desired. He had no important changes to make, and his evidence against Schley was allowed to remain practically as it was recorded yesterday.

Lieut. Edward F. Leiper, the watch officer of the New Orleans, was then recalled. He was upon the stand when adjournment was taken yesterday.

In answer to questions by the judge advocate, Lieutenant Leiper described the blockade of Santiago as follows: "The ship was six or eight miles off shore a little east of south of the entrance to Santiago. During the afternoon of May 20, the Iowa was directed to attempt to make distance in any direction, but to remain in an approximate column formation with the other vessels."

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CALLERS FROM LOUISIANA.

Harbor Improvements Discussed at the White House.

Representatives and Delegates Who Attended the Baltimore Congress Present Their Views to the President—Visit From Senator Mitchell.

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BRITISH AGENTS EJECTED.

Charged With Assisting the Insurgents in Sumatra.

MANILA, Oct. 9.—The British Vice Consul here has completed his investigation of the charges that two British firms on the island of Samar have been conducting unlawful trading and assisting the rebels.

General Hughes has since ejected from the islands of Samar and Leyte representatives of two of the largest firms on the island, who removed their property and shipping to Cebu.

A company of Macabebes and a detachment of the Twenty-first Infantry attacked 200 rebels who were entrenched at Dataguan, the capital of the province of the same name.

Lieutenant Benn was killed. The Americans ran short of ammunition and retired temporarily. On the arrival of reinforcements they made another attack on the rebels and routed them. The rebel loss is unknown.

A few days ago a body of rebels captured the armed police of the village of Tiyabais. The police force consisted of eleven natives, who were probably willing victims.

The insurgents recently captured a school teacher who was traveling under a native police officer. They treated the teacher as a non-combatant, took him to their camp, where he was entertained, and afterward released him unharmed near an American garrison.

TO HONOR SIR THOMAS. Plans for a Reception to the Irish Knight.

LONDON, Oct. 9.—A large meeting of influential men was held at the Hotel Cecil today to formulate plans for a suitable reception to Sir Thomas Lipton on his return from America. It was decided to entertain the Irish knight at a banquet.

The meeting was presided over by Joseph Chamberlain, M. P., and ex-Secretary of State. Several other members of Parliament spoke, dwelling on Lipton's great services to the country.

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THE KAISER'S CHALLENGE.

Removed that He Has Ordered a Design From Watson.

LONDON, Oct. 9.—The British correspondent of the "Standard" says it is rumored in sporting circles that Emperor William has already instructed the Kiel Yacht Club to challenge the America's Cup, and that he has ordered a design from Mr. Watson for the challenging yacht.

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MAY STOP THE RACE.

Competitors at Philadelphia Become Demented at Intervals.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 9.—The six-day-a-week-race at the Industrial Union track has developed all the unpleasant features of similar contests. Cartwright is leading, with 240 miles to his credit, and five others have passed the 200-mile mark.

Every one of these men has been out of his mind at intervals during the last twelve hours. They cry out that it is raining in the track, and cover their eyes with their hands.

It is more than probable that the police will interfere in the contest before midnight and force the trainers to allow their men to sleep.

THE NEW YORK CAMPAIGN. Speaking Plans for the Rival Candidates for Mayor.

NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—It is evident that Seth Low will make a decided bid for the German vote in Brooklyn, for three out of five of the campaign speeches he is scheduled to make in that borough will be held in the Eastern district.

His first speech in Brooklyn will be delivered on October 14 in the Clermont Avenue rink. He will also speak on October 25 and November 2. The date of his fifth speech has not yet been set.

It is said that Mr. Shepard will be heard almost every night in Brooklyn, the plan being to have him speak early in some meeting in Brooklyn and then whisk him off to Manhattan, and at other times him to appear in Brooklyn after he has finished in Manhattan.

MARQUIS ITO IN CHICAGO. Plans for Entertaining the Japanese Statesman.

CHICAGO, Oct. 9.—Marquis Hirobumi Ito, former Prime Minister of Japan, and party, who are saying a visit to this city, will arrive here tomorrow evening at 10 o'clock this morning. The party went to the Auditorium Annex, where the Marquis will remain several days.

On Friday evening Consul Fujita will give a dinner at the Chicago Club in honor of the distinguished visitor. Invitations have been sent by the University of Chicago and the Northwestern University to visit those institutions.

KILLED ON THE RAILROAD. The Deceased a Supposed Resident of Washington.

A man whose name is given as Root, supposed to have been a resident of this city, was killed last night on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Hale Thorpe, a station about nine miles from Baltimore. None of the particulars of the accident have been received, and the first information was contained in a telegram from Currier David T. Egan, which reached Major Sylvester late this afternoon.

The body was viewed by the coroner and then removed to the morgue at St. Denis, near Relay Station. The man is about thirty-eight years old, five feet nine inches tall, and wore a black coat and coat of Scotch tweed and white starched shirt and a celluloid collar.

A BILL OF SALE FILED. F. C. Henry Buys the Drug Business of the Late W. S. Thompson.

A bill of sale was placed on record today by Charles J. Bell, President of the American Security and Trust Company, conveying to Frank C. Henry, the drug business formerly conducted by the late William S. Thompson, at 207 Fifteenth Street northwest.

BOTH IN FULL RETREAT.

The Report Received Through a London News Agency.

LONDON, Oct. 9.—A dispatch to the Central News from Durban, Natal, of yesterday's date, says the Boer commandant of the Cape Peninsula, Gen. Buller, is being hotly pursued by Gen. Bruce Hamilton's troops and other British columns.

General Kitchener reports to the War Office that the commandant has recaptured a 7-pounder which they lost last July.

He also states that General Botha, who has recently been operating in Zululand, has crossed the Plover River on his way north.

CAPE TOWN, Oct. 9.—The "Cape Times" this morning praises the enforcement of martial law in the newly proclaimed districts. It says: "We believe martial law will be heartily welcomed by loyalists throughout the newly proclaimed districts, the more so because the nature of its administration will impose the maintenance of order upon all who are zealous for the maintenance of the King's authority and the speedy termination of the war."

At the recent conference of Sir Gordon Spragg, the Cape Premier, with Gen. Buller and Kitchener it was demonstrated that there was a due necessity for the extension of martial law to the Cape Peninsula. This should have no terrors for the loyalists. It is the disloyalists who will quail with fear of the possible consequences of their lawless conduct during the past two years.

BULLER IN HIS OWN DEFENCE. The British General Challenges His Newspaper Critics.

LONDON, Oct. 9.—Speaking after a luncheon given in his honor by the King's Royal Rifle Corps, Sir Redvers Buller, whose recent appointment as commander of an army corps has been much criticized, expressed his condemnation of the newspaper criticisms of men who were doing their best and risking their lives for the country. He asserted that nobody junior to him was fitted to command an army corps, and he challenged the critics to name one.

General Buller said he had been attacked on account of a telegram which it was said he had sent ordering General White to surrender Ladysmith after his (Buller's) attack on Colenso on December 15, 1899. He had written unsuccessfully, General Buller described at length his own and General White's difficulties at that time. He said that at that time he prepared a message telling General White that his (Buller's) attack had failed and he could not make another attempt to relieve him within a month in the then slow fighting. General Buller said he read this telegram over several times, saying to himself, "That's a mean thing to send a fellow."

He said that the responsibility was his and that General White should have surrendered, that General Buller had advised it. The same telegram suggested that it might be necessary to surrender and in that case General Buller made some suggestions as to how General White should do and how he should do it, thinking that it would be better for a man who he believed to be in greater difficulties than his own.

General Buller declared that he wanted to bring the man who said he had counseled General White to surrender into the ring. Therefore, he challenged him to produce the telegram, which he said, he knew was in the hands of the editor of a magazine and must have been sent because it was in cipher addressed to General White and was perfectly private. The speech created a sensation among those present.

THE AFGHANISTAN SITUATION. Complications Under the New Government Not Expected.

ALLAHABAD, Oct. 9.—The Government of India has issued the following: "Reliable information states that Habibullah was accepted by his two brothers in the Eastern district of Afghanistan made on October 4 in the name of the new Amir."

It is pointed out that the chances of complications in Afghanistan are much less than when the treasury at Kabul was empty, the army poorly equipped, and Russia's Afghan border not clearly marked. The Amir, Abul Kadir, is a man of high character, and his accession by allying Habibullah in marriage with all the leading nobles.

MR. CHOATE TO REMAIN. Denial of the Report That He Will Not Return to London.

LONDON, Oct. 9.—The "Evening News" says: "Mr. Choate is in a position to state that the report printed in the 'Paris Herald' that Mr. Choate, the American Ambassador, who is to sail for home next Saturday, will not return to London, is an unfounded rumour. It is said that Mr. Choate will be heard almost every night in Brooklyn, the plan being to have him speak early in some meeting in Brooklyn and then whisk him off to Manhattan, and at other times him to appear in Brooklyn after he has finished in Manhattan."

A DISASTER IN SERBIA. Terrible Explosion of Dynamite at Knevezovat.

VIENNA, Oct. 9.—A terrific explosion of dynamite destroyed twelve houses, killed three persons, and injured fourteen others at Knevezovat, Serbia, where King Alexander and Queen Draga intended to spend the winter. It is said that the explosion was caused by the carelessness of the keeper of the shop where the dynamite was stored. Their majesties have abandoned their proposed visit to the town.

A SCHOOL TO COST MILLIONS. Elaborate Plans for a Technology Institution at Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Oct. 9.—Plans for the erection of one of the largest schools of technology in the world have been adopted by the trustees of Carnegie Institute, in accordance with an offer from Mr. Carnegie to endow and maintain such a school of the highest order in this city.

The city will be asked to contribute \$100,000 to the building of the school. Carnegie will be asked to give at least \$500,000 for the maintenance of the institution. The building of the school will cost several millions more.

All the plans and suggestions have been collected and embodied in a comprehensive report, which will be sent to Mr. Carnegie for his approval. A committee on municipal relations was appointed by the trustees to confer with the city authorities at once in regard to the donation of land.

The Loss of the Coler. PORTSMOUTH, Oct. 9.—A court-martial in regard to the loss of the torpedo boat destroyer Coler on September 19 last was opened here today.

Flynn's Business College, 83 and 85 Thomas, Northeast, Typing—\$4 a year.

Flooring, \$1.25. Floorfix, \$1.25. Flooring, \$1.25. Floorfix, \$1.25. Flooring, \$1.25. Floorfix, \$1.25.

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