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SCHLEY'S SIDE BEING HEARD

FIRST WITNESS WAS CUBAN
PILOT NUNEZ.

CAPTAIN FRANCIS A. COOK

Capt. of Flagship Brooklyn Covers
Entire Campaign After Span-
ish Fleet.

Washington, Oct. 14—Today in the Schley court of inquiry Judge Advocate Lemley concluded the presentation of testimony for the government and the first of Admiral Schley's witnesses was introduced.

Captain Francis A. Cook, who commanded Admiral (then commodore) Schley's flagship, the Brooklyn, during the Santiago campaign, and who acted, though unofficially, in the capacity of chief of staff for the commodore, was on the witness stand the greater part of the day. He was followed by Lieutenant Commander Wm. F. Fullman, who was senior watch officer on the New Orleans during the Spanish war, and former Lieutenant Joseph Beal, who as an officer on the Harvard translated the cipher dispatches between Commodore Schley and the navy department carried by that vessel.

Among these dispatches was that sent by Commodore Schley, May 28, expressing his regret at not having been able to obey the orders of the department and explaining the reason why he could not do so. There are some verbal discrepancies between the original draft of this dispatch and the official print of it, and these Mr. Beal explained. Lieutenant Beal was the last of the government witnesses, although Captain Lemley explained that he would reserve the right to call others if occasion should demand that he do so.

He had no sooner retired than the first witness for Admiral Schley was called. This proved to be the Cuban pilot Eduardo Nunez, who told Schley on May 28, 1898, that he did not believe the Spanish fleet under Cervera was in the harbor at Santiago.

Captain Cook's testimony was a review of the entire campaign after Cervera's fleet, beginning with the departure of the flying squadron from Key West on May 19 and concluding with the battle of Santiago July 3. He said that at first it had been believed by both Sampson and Schley, that the Spanish fleet was in the harbor at Cienfuegos and that no information to the contrary had been conveyed to Commodore Schley until the arrival of Captain McCalla on May 24; that it was Commodore Schley's expectation to meet the Spaniards in the open sea and his constant care was to have coal enough for such an emergency. He gave particulars concerning the retrograde movement and explained the Brooklyn's loop, in connection with a graphic account of the engagement of July 3. Asked for an opinion as to Admiral Schley's bearing as a commanding officer, he said: "I always regarded him as an enthusiastically brave and patriotic officer."

SURROUNDED BY TROOPS

BRIGANDS THREATENED TO
MURDER THEIR CAPTIVE.

Turkish Commander Retired Troops
at Request of Secretary of
U. S. Legation.

Constantinople, Oct. 14—It transpires that the Turkish commander had completed the disposition of troops to surround Miss Ellen M. Stone's captors, Saturday last. Spencer Eddie, secretary of the United States legation, however, received information that further activity would result in the death of Miss Stone and at 3 o'clock Saturday morning he repaired to the residence of Tewfik Passa and demanded the immediate retirement of the Turkish troops. This was carried out and the Bulgarian forces followed suit. Mr. Eddie's plan has the unanimous approval of the

members of the diplomatis corps who are convinced that any effort to release Miss Stone by force will inevitably result in her murder.

Miss Stone Still Alive.

Washington, Oct. 14—All that can be gained from the state department officials respecting the case of Miss Stone, the missionary who is held by brigands in Bulgaria, is that she is alive and that efforts are continuing for her release. The officials while declining to indicate the nature of the measures they are pursuing to this end, still have hops of ultimate success.

INDIAN AGENT REMOVED.

Result of Charges Filed at Interior
Department.

Washington, Oct. 14—John W. Harding, agent for the Yankton, S. D., Indian reservation has been removed to take effect on the arrival of a special agent who has been ordered to relieve him. The action is the result of a number of charges filed at the interior department, alleging, among other things, violations of the department regulations. No permanent successor has yet been selected.

CHALLENGED THE PANEL

CHARGE OFFICERS OF COURT
WITH PACKING JURY

And Jurymen With Political Bias
in the Case of Caleb
Powers.

Georgetown, Ky., Oct. 14—After the jury was completed this afternoon in the trial of ex-Secretary of State Caleb Powers as accessory to the murder of Governor Goebel the defense challenged the whole jury, charging it with political bias, and the officers of the court with packing the jury for the purpose of conviction. Both sides presented affidavits and arguments, after which Judge Cantrill overruled the motion of the defense to disqualify the jury and also a demurrer to the indictment to which the defense took exception.

DEVASTATION WIDESPREAD

FLOODS IN CHINA WORST IN
FIFTY YEARS.

Thousands of People Drowned and
Famine Threatens the
Survivors.

Washington, Oct. 14—The navy department has received a report from the United States steamship Helena regarding the devastation by flood of the Yangtze valley above Nanking, China.

The water reached the highest in 50 years. The devastation was widespread, the flood wiping out old villages and sweeping away the lightly constructed farm houses. The extensive crops of rice, corn and beans have been too long covered with the water to survive, scarcely any livestock remains and famine stares the people in the face.

The loss of life was very great, thousands being drowned in the region just below Loukiang and also on the north side of the river. Kiu kang and Wuhu being treaty ports, information was obtained from the Europeans there, but from many other Chinese cities not open to foreign trade there has been no estimate of the loss of life, nor to what extent the natives are dependent on charity. Shanghai newspapers say that the distress is the worst that has occurred in half a century.

To add to the suffering a storm, the center of which passed near Kiu kang on August 2, destroyed a great part of what remained of the farm houses and the rudely constructed platforms built above the water and in the trees by the people. Riots and robbery prevail as a result of suffering from hunger.

The interests of the United States in the region affected are centered in the missions and property belonging to United States subjects and is situated mainly near the treaty ports. The number of missionaries is about 200, men, women and children.

MANY WRITE TO CZOLGOSZ

AND SEND HIM FRUIT AND
FLOWERS.

LETTERS NEVER REACH HIM

Only Twenty-Six Will Witness
the Execution of the
Murderer.

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 14—Superintendent Cornelius V. Collins will send a request to Secretary Hay to designate an official representation of the government to be present at the electrocution of Leon F. Czolgosz, the murderer of President McKinley.

Only 26 witnesses will be present in the chamber of death when the sentence is executed. Warden Mead of Auburn prison has sent to Superintendent Collins the requests he has received for permission to attend the electrocution, over 1,000 in all.

The law will limit the number of witnesses and the superintendent will direct who the witnesses shall be. It was stated at the state department of prisons today that the statements to the effect that Czolgosz is in a continuous state of collapse and that he breaks down and weeps every time anything is said to him concerning electrocution are false. Superintendent Collins had a talk with the condemned man this morning and some days ago, and at that time he said he knew he had to die. He expressed no fear as to electrocution but said that he would not care to go outside of the prison for he believed that the people would kill him.

Since his confinement in Auburn prison several thousand letters have been received for him at the prison as well as a large number of express packages containing flowers and fruits. Neither the letters, flowers nor fruit have ever reached the condemned man. The flowers and fruit it is learned have been sent by Christian societies, as have a number of the letters, consoling him in his last moments. Other letters have come from cranks who have written about the species of torture to which they would put him if they had the execution of justice in his case.

It is stated, however, that it would be a matter of surprise if the names of senders of fruit and flowers were made public.

The state prison department has pursued a uniform policy in regard to Czolgosz. Every effort has been made to prevent the murderer from gaining any notoriety while awaiting death and to surround him by as perfect isolation from the world as possible.

ABOUT CZOLGOSZ.

Warden of Prison Says a Few Words
Concerning Assassin.

Auburn, N. Y., Oct. 14—"Absolutely nothing new with Czolgosz," was Warden Mead's reply to the query of an Associated Press reporter today. "The condemned assassin has not asked for any spiritual advisor whatsoever. The death warrant has not been read to him as yet. He has not given the least intimation that he would like to make way with himself, contrary reports notwithstanding. Of course he will not be given the slightest opportunity for this purpose."

MINE EXPLOSION.

Miner Loaded Hole With Too Much
Powder.

Tunnelton, W. Va., Oct. 14—By an explosion in a mine here today 13 miners were burned, five probably fatally. The accident was caused by a miner loading a hole with too much powder.

The following are probably fatally burned: William H. Haney, Peter Spiker, Chester Bucklew, Earnest Cross, Frank Dodge. The eight other miners were painfully burned, but will recover.

Reward Withdrawn.

Omaha, Oct. 14—Cudahy today withdrew the \$20,000 reward for Crowe and the city council will probably take similar action regarding the offer of \$5,000 when it meets tomorrow night. Cudahy says the offer is withdrawn only conditionally.

RIOT IN IRELAND.

John O'Donnell Dragged From Plat-
form When He Tried to Speak.

London, Oct. 14—John O'Donnell, (nationalist) attempted to address his constituent today in Killmaine, county of Mayo, the scene of the recent evictions. He was dragged off the platform five times by the crowd and finally after a fierce struggle was taken to the barracks. One hundred and fifty police were present at the meeting. The crowd hurled stones and several persons were injured.

AFTER BACK TAXES.

Large Amount Claimed to Be Due
From Estate of John Sheman.

Mansfield, Ohio, Oct. 14—Charles W. Fritz, auditor of Richland county, has placed on the tax duplicate, against W. S. Kerr and M. M. Parker as executors of the estate of the late Senator John Sheman, \$263,928 of back taxes. The amount is said to cover bonds of which no return was made. Treasurer Brumfield will likely bring suit to collect the amount.

VENEZUELA WANTS PEACE

BUT ASKS FOR EXPLANATION
OF INVASION.

Awaits Colombia's Action, Mean-
time Guarding Frontier
Against Invasion.

La Guayra, Venezuela, Oct. 14—General Cipriano Castro, president of Venezuela, made the following statement today regarding the Venezuelan-Colombian situation to the Associated Press:

"I earnestly desire peace between Colombia and Venezuela, but I consider that by reason of the Venezuelan memorandum and our request, communicated diplomatically through Dr. Rico (Colombian minister to Venezuela) for an explanation of the invasion of Tachira in July by Colombian troops, Venezuela has taken the first step toward a peaceful settlement.

"It would be against the national dignity and honor of Venezuela to take another step in this direction until an explanatory answer has been received. The invasion of Tachira was the first openly aggressive act in this trouble. It was the act of Colombia; and therefore she should today follow up our initiative toward a peaceful settlement.

"No, I do not consider Colombia's acceptance of the offer of the United States to extend their good offices, and to mediate between the countries, which has been reported in the press here, as a conciliatory answer to our diplomatic request through Dr. Rico. If Colombia would officially notify Venezuela that she had accepted the United States as mediator, Venezuela could and would gladly consider the advisability of addressing the United States as representative of Colombia in regard to a peaceful settlement.

"While awaiting Colombia's answer we most decidedly cannot, directly or indirectly, approach Colombia again in a conciliatory manner. Meantime we guard our frontier against invasion."

CHICAGO HOTEL FIRE

FIREMAN RESCUE GUESTS
FROM UPPER FLOORS.

One Man Jumps From Third Story
Window to Certain
Death.

Chicago, Oct. 14—One man lost his life and a score or more of guests of the Garden City hotel, 46 to 48 Sherman street, were rescued from upper floors by firemen in a treacherous blaze in that hotel tonight.

The dead man is Levi Whitman, a resident of Indiana, whose body was found after the fire had been extinguished in a court in the rear of the building. Whitman leaped from the third story window in an effort to escape. The hotel was filled with guests, many of whom had retired for the night.

The flames spread with such rapidity that those on the upper floors were entirely cut off. Loss to hotel was small.

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