ASKS OUR AID IN BEHALF OF THE BOERS

Holland Informally Approaches United States.

ACTION UNOFFICIAL, HOWEVER.

Baron Gevers Talks Question Over in Private Conversations With Secretary Hay—Attitude of the Administration.

In addition to its overtures to Great Britain to bring about peace in South Africa, the Government of the Netherlands has informally approached the United States Government with the understood purpose of securing its aid to induce Great Britain to consent to treating with the Boers.

Discussed With Mr. Hay.

The matter has been discussed by Secretary Hay with members of the Diplomatic Corps, notably with Baron Gevers, the Minister of Holland, and presumably with Lord Pauncefote, the British Ambassador, but in no case has the matter ever progressed beyond verbal exchanges. Baron Gevers was at the State Department yesterday, and had a brief conversation with Mr. Hay.

In the talk between the Secretary of State and the Minister of Holland neither official has committed his Government in any way, and no suggestion or proposal has been reduced to writing. Neither side has regarded these exchanges of views as official, although notes of the conversations may have been made, and with propriety, for the information of the Dutch Government and President Roosevelt.

Appeals From Boers.

Recently Boer representatives in this country have made frequent appeals to the State Department to take some action to bring about a cessation of hostilities, but in view of the British Government's attitude, and the rule mentioned, no further action has been taken, although it cannot be said that Secretary Hay has not discussed the subject privately with Lord Pauncefote.

Should, however, the British Government and authorized representatives of the Boers show any indication of being willing to accept the good offices of the United States, President Roosevelt will act promptly.

In House of Commons.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—In the House of Commons this afternoon the Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury, and Government leader in the House, said he would not be able to lay the communication from the Dutch Government in regard to the peace in South Africa before the House today, and probably not this week. Mr. Balfour said:

"I am not able to name a day for laying the correspondence before the House. I do not imagine that the Dutch Government will be in possession of our reply until tomorrow. It is impossible to lay anything on the table just yet, but I hope there will not be a long delay."

LABOR LEADERS IN CONFLICT.

Clash Before a Committee Over Marine Band.

Representatives of the American Federation of Labor and the Knights of Labor came into wordy conflict yesterday before the House Committee on Labor over the right of the Marine Band to accept private engagements. The committee had before it for consideration the joint resolution of Representative Bartholdt prohibiting any enlisted man of the army or navy from engaging in any business or pursuit which would conflict with civilians in their arts, trades, or professions. The passage of this would prevent the Marine Band from accepting private invitations to render music for compensation.

Members of the Marine Band belong to the Knights of Labor and representatives of that organization were before the committee in opposition to the resolution. Several musical bodies belong to the Federation. An argument in their behalf was made by Mr. A. A. Lipscomb, who contended that members of the band played at private receptions, which interfered with the business of local musicians. Mr. Herman J. Schulteis and Mr. H. B. Martin, of the Knights of Labor, spoke in opposition to the resolution. Mr. Schulteis stated that the fight against the band was instigated by the Federation merely because the members were affiliated with the Knights of Labor. The other side retorted that the Federation represented a large number of musical organizations, all of which were in favor of the resolution, and that the Federation had 2,000,000 of members, whereas the Knights had dwindled to a membership of but 20,000.

Prof. Santelmann, leader of the band, was present, but did not address the committee. He has filed a statement opposing the resolution.

TWO MURDERERS MAKE DASH TO FREEDOM

Biddle Brothers Overpower Guards and Coolly Escape.

WARDEN'S WIFE ALSO MISSING

Men in Pittsburg Jail Thought to Have Been Aided by the Woman—Revolvers Furnished to Them—Were Twice Reprieved.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 30.—Edward and John Biddle, burglars and murderers, escaped from the Allegheny County Jail, in the heart of Pittsburg, at 5 o'clock this morning, after wounding two of the guards and locking up three of them in the jail dungeon.

Mrs. Soffel, the wife of Jail Warden Soffel, is missing. Her husband is convinced that it was she who smuggled into the Biddle brothers' cells the saw and revolvers that they used to effect their escape. The Soffels have four children, the eldest fourteen years old and the youngest five.

Convicted of Murder.

The Biddles were convicted of the murder of Thomas D. Kahne, a grocer, whom they shot to death one night last summer. At noon the same day Edward Biddle killed City Detective Patrick Fitzgerald after a desperate fight.

Man Feigned Illness.

About 5 a. m. John Biddle sent word to McGarey by Reynolds that he was sick. McGarey left the office with medicine, and when he got to the cells was seized by the Biddles, who were crouching outside. They took his keys and dropped him over the railing to the stone floor, sixteen feet below.

Reynolds was in the cell rotunda. He saw the men seize McGarey and grappled with Ed Biddle. While they were struggling Jack Biddle shot Reynolds in the hip. Koslow had heard the shots and ran forward with a chair raised aloft.

Jack Biddle shot at him twice and missed him. Then, putting the revolver to Koslow's face, he marched him to the dungeon.

He and his brother dragged McGarey into the same dungeon and they put Reynolds into another, and locked the doors.

While this was going on the prisoners created a pandemonium, shouting and beating on the bars of their cells. The Biddles coolly went out into the office.

They passed into the warden's residence, took the warden's overcoat and went out. It is supposed that Mrs. Soffel had either left the doors open or waited for them.

Discovery of the Escape.

At 7 a. m. one of the day guards, Marshall, reached the jail. He saw the gates to the office and to the cell room open. He telephoned for the police, and then awoke the warden.

Guided by the other prisoners, the party went to the dungeon and released the three guards. When the warden went to his house to notify his wife, he learned that she was missing. It was decided to apprehend Mrs. Soffel, too. Up till late tonight none of the three had been captured.

Dorman, who had turned State's evidence on the trial, is still in the jail. Before leaving, the Biddles shouted out his name, but he was asleep, and did not hear them. It is believed they would have waited long enough to kill him had they known the location of his cell.

As soon as the escape became known Warden Soffel admitted that his wife was missing. He was apparently suffering under tremendous excitement.

The county commissioners offered a reward of $5,000 for the capture of the Biddles, or $2,500 for the arrest of either of them.

CLERK ACCUSES CHIEF.

O'Connell Suspended Pending Hearing of Charges Against Austin.

Jeremiah D. O'Connell, who has been an $1,800 clerk in the Bureau of Statistics of the Treasury Department for thirty-one years, has been suspended, and may be dismissed, as a result of his action in filing serious charges against the integrity of O. P. Austin, the chief of the bureau.

Mr. O'Connell charges Mr. Austin with having systematically used the clerical force of the bureau for his personal work, including the compilation of Government statistics, which he disposed of to periodicals for private gain, and also with having misappropriated the funds of the bureau for the benefit of the officials of the Treasury Department.

It is claimed Mr. Austin abolished the division of which Mr. O'Connell was chief, relieving him of the charge of supplies and making him a bookkeeper.

EVENTS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT.

THE RACING CALENDAR.

New Orleans Results.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 30.—Results of today's races; track heavy.

First race—Four-year-olds and upward; selling; six furlongs. Jerry Hunt (Dominick), 3 to 1, won; Horseshoe Tobacco (Vanduzen), even, second; Masterful (Landry), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:17.

Second race—Three-year-olds; five and one-half furlongs. Sandflea (W. Waldo), 3 to 2, won; Prowl (J. Miller), 20 to 1, second; Dolce far Niente (Lyne), 5 to 2, third. Time, 1:09½.

Third race—Three-year-olds and upward; selling; one mile. Prince Real (Brennan), 3 to 1, won; Ceylon (J. Miller), 30 to 1, second; Dalkeith (Dade), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:48½.

Fourth race—Handicap; three-year-olds and upward; six and one-half furlongs. Maggie Davis (J. Waldo), 4 to 1, won; Weideman (Dade), 5 to 2, second; Kaloma (Lyne), 9 to 5, third. Time, 1:24½.

Fifth race—Three-year-olds and upward; selling; one mile. Echodale (Lindsey), even, won; Garter Ban (Brennan), 3 to 1, second; Star Cotton (Dean), 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:45½.

Sixth race—Three-year-olds and upward; seven furlongs. Lady Alberta (Thompson), 9 to 5, won; Albert F. Dewey (Earle), 3 to 1, second; Senator Sullivan (Lyne), 9 to 5, third. Time, 1:32¾.

New Orleans Entries.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 30.—Entries for tomorrow's races:

First race—For three-year-olds and upward; selling; six furlongs.—Pharaoh, 115; Tom Collins, 115; Horseshoe Tobacco, 115; Homage, 109; Bronze Demon, 108; Quite Right, 108; Gracious, 108; Small Jack, 108; Somersault, 93; Orla, 93; Parnassus, 90.

Second race—For three-year-olds; selling; one mile.—Clearfield, 109; Sarah Black, 107; Meme Wastell, 107; Goldaga, 107; Leroyd, 109; Ladylike, 102; Debenture, 102; Kentucky Muddle, 102; Josie F, 97.

Third race—Steeplechase handicap; short course.—Coley, 145; Cantadas, 134; Gassoon, 121; Hosi, 130; King Eikwood, 139; Patreon, 136; W. H. Dixon, 130; Watercrest, 130.

Fourth race—For three-year-olds and upward; selling; seven furlongs.—Lexington Pirate, 108; Dr. S. C. Ayres, 108; Elsie Bramble, 108; Robt. Morrison, 105; Jim Nap, 105; Bobs, 105; Beauty Book, 100; Pirate's Queen, 100; Olekma, 98; Carlovignian, 97; James Fitz, 87; Wild Bess, 85.

Fifth race—For three-year-olds and upward; selling; one and one-eighth miles.—Swordsman, 102; Strangest, 99; Chancery, 99; Robt. Bonner, 99; Carl B, 99; Zack Phelps, 98; Farmer Bennett, 98; The Jefferson, 94; Saragamp, 92; Digby Bell, 87.

Sixth race—For four-year-olds and upward; one mile.—Dramburg, 114; Bequeath, 111; Judge Magee, 111, Palarm, 111; Prestome, 111; Helen Paxton, 109; Scotch Bramble, 108; Dr. Carrick, 106; Prince Real, 106; Avator, 106; Azua, 102; Aaron, 103.

New Orleans Selections.

First race—Tom Collins, Orla, Horseshoe Tobacco.

Second race—Josie F, Meme Wastell, Goldaga.

Third race—Coley, Cantadas, Hosi.

Fourth race—Pirate's Queen, Lexington Pirate, Olekma.

Fifth race—Strangest, Swordsman, Farmer Bennett.

Sixth race—Bequeath, Prince Real, Azua.

Charleston Entries.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 30.—Entrie for tomorrow's races:

First race—For four-year-olds and upward; selling; six furlongs. Lady Aintree, 110; Oricius, 109; The Brother, Barney F., 107; Grace, Elsie Venner, 105; Suttee, Negoncie, 100.

Second race—For three-year-olds; selling; five and one-half furlongs. Tristram, 105; Hattie Davis, 101; Jim Scanlon, 99; Oton Clay, 100; Georgianna, 98; Fanny Knox, 95.

Third race—For three-year-olds and upward; one and one-sixteenth miles. Ducassa, 108; Kildarlie, 107; Robert Gray, 105; Joe Gammage, 102; Sadie Burnham, 100; Laura's First, 98; Hucena, 88.

Fourth race—For four-year-olds and upward; selling; five furlongs. Passaic, W. J. Baker, 113; Samivel, Certain, B. O. Reed, 106; Intent, Eva's Darling, 104.

Fifth race—For four-year-olds and upward; selling; seven furlongs. Dewey D., 111; Frank B., 109; Also Ran II, 107; Queen L., Jim Winn, 105; Collette, Diva, 103.

Charleston Selections.

First race—Barney F., Oricius, The Brother.

Second race—Tristram, Jim Scanlon, Hattie Davis.

Third race—Robert Gray, Kildarlie, Ducassa.

Fourth race—W. J. Baker, Samivel, Passaic.

Fifth race—Jim Winn, Frank B., Also Ran II.

INTERCITY BASEBALL GAME.

Vorwaerts, of Baltimore, Will Play Y. M. C. A. Here Tomorrow Night.

The Y. M. C. A. indoor baseball team will have as its visitors tomorrow night the team representing the Vorwaerts Club, of Baltimore, for the first of a series of games for the intercity championship.

The game will be played in the association gymnasium, 1732 G Street, and promises to be of unusual interest. Both teams stand at the head of the leagues of their respective cities, and neither has lost a game.

The visitors' pitcher, Cuddy, is known as a crack among the clubs of his city, and to his ability is due much of the credit for his team's standing. The local team has two crack twirlers in Bielaski and Speare, and with two such teams, tomorrow night's game should be a royal one.

This will be the line-up:

Y. M. C. A.	Position.	Vorwaerts.
Speare	Pitcher	Cuddy
R. Shepard	Catcher	Anderson
Greene	1B	S. Kaufman
Bielaski	R. S. S.	Martin
S. Shepard and	2B	Joesting
Weightman.		
Lindsay	L. S. S.	Valentine
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UNIFORMS IN LINE AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

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rank had been received, came General Miles and Mrs. Miles. There was every evidence of cordiality in the greetings exchanged between the President and the General Commanding the Army.

General Heywood was accorded an equally cordial greeting. Admiral Crowninshield came a little later and was also warmly received.

Admiral Schley is not in Washington at the present time, so that one of the most talked about personages in the navy was missing from the list of notables present. Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, who will represent the United States Navy during the coming visit and entertainment of Prince Henry of Prussia, greeted the President in his usual characteristically cordial manner.

Capt. Richmond Pearson Hobson, who sank the Merrimac in Santiago Harbor, was also among those received.

THE BLUE ROOM COMPANY.

A Brilliant Assemblage Behind the Receiving Line.

The company which was invited to stand behind the receiving line in the Blue Room possessed even more than its usual brilliant character.

Many of the high officers of all branches of the service were there, as were a large number of members of the Diplomatic Corps.

Those invited to the Blue Room were:

The Secretary of State, Mrs. Hay, the Misses Hay, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of War, Mrs. Root, Miss Root, the Attorney General, Mrs. Knox, Miss Knox, Mr. Reed Knox, Mr. Hugh S. Knox, the Postmaster General, Mrs. Payne, Miss Jones, the Secretary of the Navy, Mrs. Long, the Secretary of the Interior, Mrs. Hitchcock, the Misses Hitchcock, the Secretary of Agriculture, Miss Wilson, Mr. Jasper Wilson.

The Secretary to the President, Mrs. Cortelyou, Miss Hinds, Miss Fenimore, Hon. William Loeb, jr., Mrs. Loeb, Col. Theodore A. Bingham, Mrs. Bingham, Commander W. S. Cowles, Mrs. Cowles, Major Charles L. McCawley, Major J. C. Gilmore, jr.

The Chief Justice, Mrs. Fuller, the Misses Fuller, Mr. Justice Harlan, Mrs. Harlan, the Misses Harlan, Miss Child, Mr. Justice Gray, Mrs. Gray, Mr. Justice Brewer, Mrs. Brewer, Miss Brewer, Mr. Justice Brown, Miss Goodwin, Mr. Justice Shiras, Mrs. Shiras, Mr. Justice White, Mrs. White, Mr. Justce Peckham, Mrs. Peckham, Mr. Justice McKenna, Mrs. McKenna, the Misses McKenna.

Hon. William Cary Sanger, Mrs. Sanger, Hon. Charles H. Darling, Mrs. Darling.

Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles, Mrs. Miles, Gen. Henry C. Corbin, Mrs. Corbin, Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, Lieut. Col. Henry H. Whitney, Mrs. Whitney, Lieut. Col. Samuel Reber, Mrs. Reber, Lieut. Col. Marion P. Maus, and Mrs. Maus.

Rear Admiral A. S. Crowninshield, Mrs. Crowninshield, Commander Nathan Sargent, Mrs. Sargent, Miss Sargent, Lieut. J. W. Crawford, and Mrs. Crawford.

Brig. Gen. Charles Heywood, Mrs. Heywood, Miss Stellwag, Lieut. Harold C. Snyder, Mrs. Mary F. Snyder, and Miss M. Rosa Snyder.

Gen. Wesley Merritt, Mrs. Merritt, Gen. J. M. Wilson, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Waller, Gen. George L. Gillespie, and Mrs. Gillespie.

Senator William P. Frye, the Speaker of the House.

The Solicitor General, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. S. B. Steece, Hon. Wayne MacVeagh, Mrs. MacVeagh, Miss MacVeagh, Hon. James A. Gary, Mrs. Gary, Hon. John W. Foster, Mrs. Foster, Hon. B. F. Tracy, Mrs. Wilmerding, Hon. Hilary A. Herbert, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Micou, Mr. Hilary A. Herbert, jr., Hon. John W. Griggs, Mrs. Griggs, the Misses Griggs, Hon. Cornelius N. Bliss, Mrs. Bliss, Miss Bliss, Hon. Charles Francis Adams, Mrs. Adams, Hon. J. C. Bancroft Davis, Mrs. Davis, Hon. John A. Kasson, Hon. Thos. B. Ferguson, Miss Ferguson, Gen. W. F. Draper, Mrs. Draper, Mrs. George A. Draper, Hon. W. W. Rockhill, Mrs. Rockhill, Hon. Truxtun Beale, Mrs. E. F. Beale, Hon. J. L. M. Curry, Mrs. Curry, Mrs. M. C. Coxe, Mr. Cornelius N. Bliss, jr., Hon. Charles Emory Smith, Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. U. S. Grant, Mrs. Sartoris, the Misses Sartoris, Capt. Algernon Sartoris, Hon. U. S. Grant, Mrs. Frederick Dent Grant, Mrs. Blaine, Mrs. H. S. B. Beale, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Damrosch, Mrs. Harriet Lane Johnston, Miss Kennedy, Mrs. John Russell Young, Mr. Berkeley R. Young, Mrs. Semple, Mrs. T. F. Bayard, Mrs. Clymer, Mrs. Sheridan, the Misses Sheridan.

Hon. Henry B. F. Macfarland, Mrs. Macfarland, Miss Macfarland, Hon. John W. Douglass, Mrs. Douglass, Hon. John M. Schick, Mrs. Schick, Mr. James F. Schick, Dr. P. M. Rixey, Mrs. Rixey, Mrs. English, Miss Taunt, Hon. Thomas F. Walsh, Mrs. Walsh, the Misses Tuckerman, Miss Choate, Gen. D. E. Sickles, Gen. James H. Wilson, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. A. E. Bates, the Misses Bates, Col. W. R. Nelson, Mrs. Nelson, Mr. George Vanderbilt, Mrs. Vanderbilt, Mr. Richard Townsend, Mrs. Townsend, Miss Townsend, Miss Strong, Miss Gage, Miss Lomax, Hon. F. W. Hackett, Mrs. Hackett, Mr. Chauncey C. Hackett, Mr. John H. Hammond, Mrs. Hammond, Major W. A. Wadsworth, Mrs. Wadsworth, Hon. J. D. Phelan, Hon. W. W. Morrow, Mr. Pillsbury.

Hon. John R. Procter, Mrs. Procter, Lieut. A. M. Procter, Lieut. John R. Procter, jr., Mr. P. B. Bromfield, Mrs. Bromfield.

MUSIC FOR THREE CHIEFS.

Marches in Honor of Heads of Each Branch of Service.

In the musical programme honor was done the chiefs of the three branches of the service, the Army, the Navy, and the Marine Corps.

The first number, in three parts, on the Marine Band programme was "Three marches—Admiral Dewey, General Miles, General Heywood." It was an appropriate tribute to the three commanders, two of whom were present.

The Engineer Corps Band, under Chief Musician Jule Kamper, alternated with the Marine Band, which was, as usual, led by Lieutenant Santelmann. The Marine Band programme follows:

Three marches—
(a) "Admiral Dewey".....Santelmann
(b) "General Miles".....Wight
(c) "General Heywood".....Santelmann
Overture, "Fra Diavolo".....Auber
Medley, "The Sunny South".....Iseman
(a) "Cuban Dance," Trocha.....Tyers
(b) March, "The Meteor".....Boyer
Excerpts from "A Runaway Girl"...Caryll
Waltz, "Our Volunteers".....Santelmann
Melodie in "F".....Rubenstein
March, "The Stars and Stripes Forever." Sousa

Following is the Engineer Band's programme:

"Star-Spangled Banner."
Overture, "Light Cavalry".....Suppe
Selection, "King Dodo".....Luders
"Reminiscences of Meyerbeer"...Meyrelles
Waltz, "New Vienna".....Strauss
Selection, "Florodora".....Stuart
Paraphrase, "Forsaken".....Kretschmer
Selection, "The Burgomaster".....Luders
Overture, "A Hunt in the Ardennes" Marie

EXQUISITE GOWNS WORN.

Beautiful Toilettes of Mrs. Roosevelt and Other Ladies.

Mrs. Roosevelt was exquisitely robed in white lace embroidered in turquoise silk over gleaming white silk. The skirt was panneled from waist to edge with turquoise panne velvet, and there were glimpses of the blue arranged with the rich laces of her low bodice. In her hair were diamond side combs and ostrich tips of light blue. She wore with this artistic toilette a superb necklace of diamonds. A cluster of lilies of the valley was fastened in her corsage, and the same flowers formed her bouquet.

Mrs. Root was in white gauze flowered with silver. Her crush belt was of pink panne and there were pink blossoms on her bodice and in her hair. She wore a diamond necklace and ornaments of the same gems flashed in the laces of her bodice.

Mrs. Knox was daintily pretty in pink panne satin trimmed with silver passementerie, with garniture of rich white lace and pink roses. A white aigrette and flower were fastened becomingly in her hair.

Mrs. Payne, moonlight gray satin brocade that shimmered with every movement of the wearer. Black spangles pailleted the white lace of her corsage, and she wore about her handsome throat a simple band of black velvet.

Mrs. Hitchcock, rich ivory corded silk, the seams defined with broad bands of silver passementerie, richly encrusted with rhinestones, each band ending near the edge of the skirt in a medallion of flowers outlined with rhinestones and silver thread.

Miss Wilson was not in line.

Among other toilettes that attracted admiring attention were:

Mrs. Miles, blue panne velvet and duchess lace. Diamonds.

Mrs. Clover, wife of Commander Richardson Clover, a superb gown of ivory satin with a very long and gracefully sweeping train. There was a glint of silver in the misty laces about her bodice and her ornaments were diamonds.

Mrs. Crowninshield, turquoise satin, point lace and pearls.

Mrs. Corbin, white satin and lace and a tiara of diamonds.

Mrs. Townsend, black net jeweled with rhinestones. Diamonds.

Mrs. W. F. MacLennan, black velvet and point lace.

Mrs. Gillespie, light blue satin, embroidered with white; Renaissance lace and diamonds.

Mrs. Cowles, light blue silk and white lace with a blue ostrich tip in her hair.

Miss Alice Roosevelt, white mousseline de soie and white satin, with a necklace from which was pendent a crescent of diamonds. White blossoms in her hair.

Madame Callenberg, blue satin and black velvet with touches of silver spangled white lace.

Mrs. Tyler, black and white silk, lace and diamonds.

Mrs. Ffoulke, black silver spangled net.

Mrs. Kitson, of the British Embassy, white jeweled lace over pink satin.

Mrs. Selke, an artistic toilette of cream and black, with a garniture of white lace and red blossoms.

Mrs. Merritt, black lace over white chiffon piatted with silver.

Miss McKenna, white satin striped gauze over pink silk.

Mme. Takahira, wife of the Japanese Minister, a Paris gown of pale pink brocaded satin and duchess lace. With her was a Japanese guest, Mme. Sato, a pretty, dark-eyed young lady, who wore a light blue satin kimono embroidered with cherry blossoms. With her native costume she wore in her black hair a French knot of rose pink ribbon.

Miss Talford, white silk and lace.

Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh, black satin and a dog collar of pearls.

Mme. Vignal, wife of Captain Vignal, of the French Embassy, pink silk and pearls.

Mrs. Bingham, delicate blue silk, with bodice garniture of white lace and pink roses. Pink roses in her dark hair.

Miss Louise Jones, light blue silk and white lace.

Miss Emma Haywood, gray broadcloth trimmed with Irish lace over canary satin.

Mrs. Marian Longfellow O'Donoghue, white silk, with garniture of white lace and silver passementerie.

Miss Longfellow, black silk and white lace.

Miss Madeline Morris, white point d'esprit over pink.

CREDIT FOR BATTLE DENIED TO SCHLEY.

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answer says that it is a question between two officers, Admiral Sampson, then commander-in-chief, and Admiral Schley, then commodore and second in command. One of these officers is no more concerned in this than the other; both are alike interested. To have investigated it fairly both should have been heard.

Doors Closed to Sampson.

The reply then goes on to state that the doors of the court were entirely closed to Sampson and his attorneys, but it argues also that it was not one of the questions entered into by the Court of Enquiry, and that the evidence relating to it was merely incidental. The answer states that the main purpose of the appeal is to secure the reversal of the department's action and the approval by the President of the minority opinion expressed by the presiding officer of the court, whose language it quotes in regard to the credit for the victory.

"Why did the enemy succeed in passing the battle line?" Captain Lemly asks. Then, further along, he says:

Battle Divided in Three Parts.

"The battle of Santiago naturally divides itself into three parts—first, the closing-up movement and destruction of the Pluton and Furor; second, the destruction of the Teresa, Oquendo, and Vizcaya; and third, the chase of the Colon. At the opening of the battle, when our fleet began to close in, the New York was in sight and probably nearer the east wing of the American line than was the Brooklyn. If the New York was within signal distance, as evidence, if heard, would probably show, then there is no doubt that Admiral Sampson was in command. During the first part of the engagement the New York and the Brooklyn both signaled to close up; but there is evidence indicating that neither of these signals was seen, or, if seen, that they accomplished nothing, the closing up occurring without regard to them, and in obedience to the general order issued by the commander-in-chief to cover just this contingency."

Excerpts from the evidence are quoted from time to time in the reply to substantiate the points advanced.

"Approval of Admiral Dewey's expression of opinion," says the answer, "upon the question of command involves two points:

"First was Commodore Schley in 'absolute' command during the battle of July 3?

"Secondly—and quite a different proposition—is he 'entitled to the credit due' for that victory?

"The first point is a purely technical one, where we have the case of a running fight, covering a distance of about forty miles, and the question is affected by the naval practice of reaching distant ships by repeating signals.

Did Not Exercise Command.

"Upon the second point, whether Commodore Schley is entitled to the credit for winning that battle, the testimony from himself and his own witnesses is so conclusive as to leave no doubt. In the course of the proceedings before the Court of Enquiry, every prop raised to support the contention that Commodore Schley did anything to achieve the victory by issuing orders as commanding officer of the American fleet was removed. The plain truth was for the first time revealed that Commodore Schley did not exercise command on that day over any ship except, to some extent, his own flagship, the Brooklyn. As widespread misapprehension exists upon this point, sufficient extracts from the testimony will be quoted to show conclusively the facts as developed before the court."

Quotations from the record then follow at some length in an effort to show that no orders were issued by Commodore Schley during the battle. One by one the reply disposes of the several ships in the engagement. It contends that even the Indiana, the Iowa and the Texas participated, and it seeks to show that the captains acted upon their own responsibility without direction from Commodore Schley.

Did Not Direct the Battle.

"The plain truth is," it says, "that Admiral Schley did not during the battle in any way direct or control the splendid performances of the Gloucester and the three battleships, Indiana, Iowa and Texas. The officers in command of these ships neither received nor obeyed a solitary order from him.

"There remains only the Oregon. Persistent attempts were made by Admiral Schley's attorneys to show that in some manner the Oregon at least acted under his orders during the battle; first, by answering the signal 'Close up,' made at 9:45, and afterward by firing her thirteen-inch guns under signaled order from the Brooklyn. If this could have been established it would have given some ground for the contention that Commodore Schley exercised over this one ship at least the powers of a fleet commander, and thus did something to merit the honors of Santiago. But the attempt was a failure. It was not the fact that the commodore did anything and therefore it could not be established.

Not a Single Order Obeyed.

"The contention that the magnificent work of the Oregon, or any part of it, was done under orders from the Brooklyn, or that the Oregon received and obeyed even a single order from Commodore Schley from the time the Spanish ships were sighted to the time of the surrender of the Colon, which surrender may fairly be taken as the close of the battle, must be abandoned; and with it goes the last peg upon which to hang the pretence of a claim that during the battle of Santiago Commodore Schley effectively exercised any of the functions of a commander-in-chief.

"The weight of the testimony is to the effect that the commodore controlled the movements of his flagship, the Brooklyn, well, with the exception of the loop. But it also shows, not negatively, but affirmatively and beyond question, that he did not control the operations of the fleet in general on that day.

"All this is established not by theoretical deduction or expert or inexpert opinion, but by direct, positive, unimpeached, and unimpeachable testimony, given under oath by the admiral's brothers in arms.'

"The plain truth of the matter, therefore, developed for the first time under the searchlight of this enquiry, although quite incidentally, is that so far as the Gloucester, the Iowa, the Indiana, the Texas, and the Oregon are concerned, not the stroke of a propeller blade, not the touch of a helm, not the firing of a shot, was done under the direction or by the orders of Admiral Schley during this memorable battle."

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1 Roll Cotton Tape..... 1c
Paper Gold-eye Needles..... 1c
Paper Dressmakers' Pins..... 1c
500 yard Spool Machine Cotton..... 3½c
Corset Stays, 4 and 5 Hooks..... 3c
Whalebone Casing..... 3c
Large bottle Machine Oil..... 3c
6 yards Feather Stitched Braid..... 3c
Clark's best Machine Thread..... 4c
Black Beauty Tar Soap..... 3½c
Wrisley's Glycerine Soap..... 4c
Dupont's 15c Rose Cold Cream..... 5c

Lace Curtains.

$1.69 Nottingham Curtains..... $1.25
$2.00 Nottingham Curtains..... $1.39
$2.25 Nottingham Curtains..... $1.49
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15c the yard, wash Ribbons, 4 inches wide. Bargain Friday..... 9c
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Ladies' regular $1 Swiss Ribbed Vests and Pants..... 79c
Ladies' regular 50c Oneita Union Suits..... 39c
Ladies' regular $1 Kid Gloves, fitted to the hand..... 69c
Ladies' regular 50c Scotch Woolen Gloves..... 39c
Ladies' 25c Hose, special lot, pink, violet, and red..... 12½c
Children's regular 15c Hose. Splendid quality..... 8½c
Ladies' 12 1-2c gingham and white lawn Aprons..... 8½c
Children's 15c and 20c All sizes.....
Ladies' 39c Corset with embroidery and tuc.
Ladies' 25c short flan Skirts.....
Ladies' 69c long muslin Skirts, deep ruffle, tucks, lace trimmed..... 49c