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GOES AGAINST SCHLEY

Destroyer of the Spanish Fleet Condemned and Convicted.

RECOMMENDS MERCY

The Court Finds Him Guilty on Eleven Counts, but Says He Deserves Consideration for Long Service—Rayner Chagrined.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Admiral Schley has been found guilty by the court of inquiry. There are two reports, Admiral Benham and Ramsey concur in the first, which is signed by Admiral Dewey also as a matter of form. Admiral Dewey makes a separate report, although he agrees with the finding of the facts subscribed to by the other. The majority report condemns Admiral Schley on 11 points, while Admiral Dewey sustains him in most particulars.

The finding of the court is as follows:

Commodore Schley, in command of the flying squadron, should have proceeded with utmost dispatch off Cienfuegos and should have maintained a close blockade at that port.

He should have endeavored on May 23 at Cienfuegos to obtain information regarding the Spanish squadron by communicating with the insurgents at the place designed in the memorandum delivered to him at 8:15 a. m. of that date.

He should have proceeded from Cienfuegos de Cuba with all dispatch and should have disposed of his vessels with a view of interrupting the enemy in any attempt to pass the flying squadron.

He should not have delayed the squadron for the Eagle.

He should not have made the retrograde turn westward with his squadron.

He should have promptly obeyed the orders of the department, May 25. He should have endeavored to capture or destroy the Spanish vessels at anchor near the entrance of Santiago harbor on May 29 and 30.

He did not do his utmost with the force under his command to capture or destroy the Colon and other vessels of the enemy which he attacked on May 31.

By commencing the engagement on July 3 with the port battery and turning the Brooklyn around with port helm, Commodore Schley caused her to lose distance and position with the Spanish vessels, especially with the Viscaya and Colon.

The turn of the Brooklyn to starboard was made to avoid getting her into dangerous proximity to the Spanish vessels. The turn was made toward the Texas and caused that vessel to stop and back her engines to avoid possible collision.

Admiral Schley did injustice to Lieut. Commander A. C. Hodgson in publishing only a part of the correspondence which passed between them.

Commodore Schley's conduct in connection with the events of the Santiago campaign prior to June 1, 1898, was characterized by vacillation, dilatoriness and lack of enterprise.

His official reports regarding the coal supply and the coaling facilities of the flying squadron were inaccurate and misleading.

His conduct during the battle of July 3 was self-possessed, and he encouraged in his own person his subordinate officers and men to fight courageously.

Following the above is Admiral Dewey's opinion, sustaining several points in Schley's favor. It reads:

In the opinion of the undersigned the passage from Key West to Cienfuegos was made by the flying squadron with all possible dispatch, Commodore having in view the importance of arriving at Cienfuegos with as much coal as possible in the ships' bunkers.

The blockade of Cienfuegos was effective.

Commodore Schley in permitting the steamer Adula to enter the port of Cienfuegos expected to obtain information concerning the Spanish squadron from her when she came out.

The passage from Cienfuegos to a point about twenty-two miles south of Santiago was made with as much dispatch as was possible while keeping the squadron a unit.

The blockade of Santiago was effective.

Commodore Schley was the senior officer of our squadron of Santiago when the Spanish squadron attempted to escape on the morning of July 3rd, 1898. He was in absolute command and is entitled to the credit due to such commanding officer for the glorious victory which resulted in the total destruction of the Spanish ships.

The following is the recommendation of the court:

In view of the length of time which has elapsed since the occurrence of the events of the Santiago campaign the court recommends no further proceedings be had in the premises.

RAYNER DISAPPOINTED.

He Says He Will Advise Schley to Fight the Decision.

Baltimore, Dec. 16.—Isador Rayner, chief counsel for Admiral Schley, showed keen disappointment when the findings of the court of inquiry were communicated to him. He announced that he would go to Washington as soon as his engagements would permit, probably Monday or Tuesday, and he will counsel Admiral Schley to fight the case to a finish by every appeal that is possible.

In an interview he said: "I think the country will almost unanimously accept Admiral Dewey's judgment. The testimony was so overwhelming upon almost every one of the specifications in favor of Admiral Schley that I must confess I am utterly at a loss to understand upon what facts or upon the evidence of what witnesses the other members of the court reached their conclusion. I am absolutely satisfied that the opinion of two judges is at total variance with the opinion of the country, and this will not by any means terminate the controversy. I shall advise Admiral Schley to fight it to a finish, to oppose it by every appeal that is possible, congressional or otherwise, and I believe that the sentiment of the whole country will uphold him in his resolve not to let the judgment stand."

Dewey's Signature Means Approval.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The secretary of the navy has been steadily growing lately and he has received a number of offers to go on the lecture platform. One proposition was a fixed price of \$500 a night for lectures to last 40 nights. Admiral Schley politely declined the offers.

ROUGH RIDER REWARDED.

Will Be Made United States Marshal in Indian Territory.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The acceptance of Mr. Carnegie's gift of \$10,000,000 for educational purposes was discussed informally at the cabinet meeting Friday, but no definite conclusion was reached.

The cabinet also discussed a special order promulgated by Secretary Wilson prohibiting the landing at any port of the United States, Hawaii or any of the dependencies of this government, of any live stock of any kind from the Philippine Islands. The order takes immediate effect and is due to infectious animal diseases in the Philippines.

Many Offers for Schley.

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Weather Forecast.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Cold wave predicted by weather bureau for the middle Mississippi and Missouri valleys and upper lake region has spread to the eastward and southward as far as Chicago and St. Louis. At both places the temperatures fell 50 to 54 degrees during Friday night, reaching 6 degrees below zero at Chicago and zero at St. Louis. The front of the cold wave today extends from northern Illinois southwestward to Arkansas. In all of this region the temperature has fallen from 40 to 50 degrees in the last 24 hours. The cold wave promises to be severe during at least two days. It will extend eastward and southward, reaching the Atlantic coast districts by Sunday. Declined fall in temperature will occur south of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi river.

Heavy Snow in Oklahoma.

Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 14.—Since Friday morning the heaviest storm that has visited Oklahoma in 10 years has been raging in many places four inches of snow are on the ground. The storm will cause great damage to cattle interests.

Twenty-One Below Zero.

Denver, Dec. 14.—In the mountain region of Colorado the thermometer generally registered below zero, the lowest temperature reported being 21 below at Gunnison.

Zero Weather in Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 14.—Zero weather, and worse, is prevailing all over central and southern Nebraska, and the mercury is steadily falling. With an absence of snow in any quantity. Livestock, it is thought, will not suffer greatly.

Gold All Over Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 14.—Severe cold weather is reported from numerous points in Kansas. Temperatures range from 2 to 3 degrees above to 5 below zero. It is feared that cattle on the great western ranges will suffer. Winter wheat will be damaged.

Earthquake Felt in Oregon.

Salem, Ore., Dec. 16.—A distinct earthquake shock was felt Friday in this city. The shock lasted three seconds and the vibrations were from north to south. Windows and dishes rattled, but no damage is reported.

COLDEST IN YEARS.

Mississippi River Frozen Over at La Crosse, Wis.

FIFTY DEGREES FALL

Mercury Reaches Almost to Zero at Low Bay as Texas—Continued Cold Throughout the Country for a Day or So.

La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 14.—The Mississippi river at this point is closed and ice is forming in the channel. At 8 o'clock this morning the mercury registered 23 degrees below zero. This is the coldest day the city has experienced since 1881, when the temperature dropped to 25 degrees. The thermometer here has fallen 50 degrees since Friday morning.

Mercury Low at Many Points.

Kansas City, Dec. 14.—At 7 o'clock this morning the temperature at points given in the southwest registered as follows:

Kansas City, 8 degrees below zero.
Concordia, Kan., 16 below.
Dodge City, 4 below.
Wichita, 6 below.
Springfield, Mo., 2 below.
Oklahoma City, Okla., 2 below.
Arlene, Tex., 10 above.

The local weather bureau predicts but little moderation in this section for the next 24 hours.

Two Men Frozen.

Terre Haute, Dec. 16.—Wright Fisher and Dr. Devitt Jordan, of Vincennes were frozen to death near Rosedale, a few miles north of here Friday night. They were intoxicated and fell from a buggy.

Storm Severe in Wyoming.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 14.—The storm that raged in the southern part of Wyoming since Thursday night shows no disposition to abate. The thermometer is now below zero, with the wind blowing that cuts to the marrow. Several herders have been frozen to death in efforts to gather scattered bands of sheep. Loss of sheep in Red Desert cannot be estimated as the flocks are scattered to the four winds. The hail which sheep have of taking refuge in railroad cuts has resulted in the death of a large number under the wheels of railroad trains.

Snow plows have been working at most threatened points on the Union Pacific, and though the track has been kept open, trains are delayed.

The stage between Rapid City and Rawlins became impassable for several hours—passengers were compelled to walk. One man had both feet so badly frozen that amputation will be necessary.

Another Calculation.

New York, Dec. 16.—The reports of the consolidation of the plants of the leading manufacturers of pneumatic tools have been of interest at the 26th Yearly convention of the National Pneumatic Tool company. The company will not take over a part of the pneumatic tool manufacturing as was at first expected, but will include various concerns. While not officially stated, it is reported that the company is to be capitalized at \$10,000,000, and that an extensive plant for the manufacture of pneumatic specialties may be built in Germany.

Verkes Buys a Picture.

London, Dec. 16.—In art circles the news that Mr. Verkes has bought Turner's "Rockets and Blue Lights" from J. Orrock for £17,000 has caused a flutter of excitement. This picture was originally purchased from the Academy in 1847, when it was first exhibited by J. Naylor of Horton Hall, Cheshire. Then it became the property of H. McConnell of Crewbrook, Derbyshire, at the sale of whose pictures in 1888, it was bought by Sir Julius Goldsmith for £715. Ten years later, when Goldsmith's collection was disposed of, it realized £3885.

Rice Made Administrator.

Houston, Dec. 16.—H. Baldwin Rice, appointed temporary administrator, has filed his bond of \$1,000,000 in the probate court of Harris county, and has been given letters of administration of the estate of William Marsh Rice, the millionaire whom Patrick is accused of having murdered. Rice is a nephew of the dead man. The estate in Texas is valued at \$4,000,000.

Judge Speer Killed.

Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 16.—Judge Jos. E. Speer was killed by falling from a beam of lumber near his home in Lincoln county. He was about 70 years old and was one of the pioneer citizens of Kansas, being one of Jim Lane's most ardent followers and a prominent figure in the stirring events there preceding the civil war.

TELEPHONE STATISTICS.

The Total Capital Invested in Telephones Reach Five Hundred Millions.

New York, Dec. 16.—The Electrical Review gives data on the telephone business in the United States, showing that including all companies there are 4311 exchanges in operation, with 2,278,717 telephones in use. The total capital invested is nearly \$500,000,000. One company employs 23,000 persons and handles a total of 2,000,000,000 calls per year. The manufacturing side, says The Electrical Review, is estimated to produce a total of 5000 telephones per day. This annual output of instruments, with their accessory apparatus is valued at between \$50,000,000 and \$60,000,000. The telephone industry, which is only 22 years old, has become one of the most important interests in the country, and the authorities estimate that it is now at the beginning of an extended growth.

ROBBERY OF MAILS.

Inspectors Trying to Catch Rogues Who Take Registered Packages.

New York, Dec. 16.—Post office inspectors are investigating complaints which have been made regarding the registered mail department of this city. There have been recently several instances of the loss of registered letters and packages and the inspectors are attempting to place the responsibility for them.

While the post office officials are inclined to be reticent in relation to the investigation, it was generally understood that definite charges have been formulated.

Joseph H. Conlin, formerly a clerk at sub-station H, was arrested in San Francisco in March, charged with the theft of a registered mail pouch containing \$30,000. This is the most serious loss that has taken place.

Inspector Swift declines to discuss the investigation or even to admit that charges have been drawn up. Postmaster Van Cott is equally silent.

INTERESTING CASE.

Government Making Prosecution Against Mental Science or Mind Cure.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 11.—The grand jury in the United States court has returned a true bill in the case against Helen Post, alias Helen Williams, of Jacksonville, Fla. The indictment charges that the defendant violated section 399 of the revised statutes by devising schemes and artifices to defraud diverse persons under false and fraudulent pretenses on her part, by representing that she possessed the power of mental science or mind cure in all forms of disease and weakness, for which she received money that was converted to her own use.

The case promises to become celebrated as the mental scientists of their recent national convention in San Francisco voted to participate in the defense of the accused woman and her associates.

Mrs. Post was arrested in August last, and has been under \$5000 bail. Her husband, Colonel C. C. Post, and her son-in-law, S. P. Burman, were indicted in August, but last month.

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