

PLATT'S WRATH AROUSED.

Senator Resents Criticism by William Allen White.

Interview with President Roosevelt Ended Abruptly--Threatens to Sue White for Libel.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Senator T. C. Platt called at the white house to-day and asked President Roosevelt if he intended to countenance the visits of a slanderer. The president resented the inquiry and senator left in a rage.

It may be said on good authority that President Roosevelt instantly resented the inquiry made by Senator Platt, and intimated that he was not responsible for the acts of everybody numbered among his casual acquaintances.

The president would not argue the matter, but changed the subject abruptly. This is far more than rumor, though Senator Platt refuses to discuss the interview.

The incident is one of supreme importance at this time because several prominent republican senators are rapidly drifting away from the president and no longer hesitate to express unfavorable opinions.

The activity and energy of the president, so popular throughout the country, is not appreciated by the statesmen who believe in the old-fashioned methods of selecting appointees for public office.

Senator Platt has announced that he will sue William Allen White for libel and also McClure's magazine in which the "character study" appeared.

MILES STANDS BY SCHLEY.

Says He is Satisfied With Dewey's Judgment in the Matter.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 16.—Gen. Nelson A. Miles, commander of the United States army, arrived here today, accompanied by Mrs. Miles. In speaking of the finding of the Schley court of inquiry, Gen. Miles said:

"I am willing to take the judgment of Admiral Dewey in the matter. He has been a commander of a fleet, and as such has known the anxieties and responsibilities which rest on a man under these circumstances. He was instrumental in the destruction of one Spanish fleet and knows and realizes the feelings that encompass an officer under such conditions. I think Dewey has summed up the matter in a clear and concise manner, and I believe his conclusions will be endorsed by the patriotic people of the United States. I have no sympathy with the efforts which have been made to destroy the honor of an officer under such circumstances."

Great Unrest in Ireland.

London, December 18.—There is every indication that the government is determined to conduct a vigorous campaign against the United Irish league, and Mr. Redmond's speech at Cork is taken to mean that the league is prepared to defend itself.

The situation in Ireland at present is very critical, and seemingly the struggle between the law, representing the landlord, and the league, representing the tenant, which rendered the early eighties historic, is about to be re-enacted.

WENT DOWN HOLE 200 FEET DEEP.

Thomas McCabe Suddenly Disappears on Middle Mount

THROUGH AN 18-INCH OPENING.

New York, Dec. 19.—The body of Thomas McCabe of Hibernia was found on Middle Mount, N. J., 200 feet beneath the surface of the earth, at the bottom of a mine hole. McCabe had been missing for more than a week. John Downs was the last man to see McCabe alive.

Downs says that when about half over he turned around to speak to McCabe, but could see nothing of him, although it was bright moonlight. Immediately he started back to find McCabe, but although he wandered around until daylight no trace of the missing man was found.

Downs then gave the alarm in the village. Searching parties were organized. Andrew McCabe, teller in a Brooklyn bank and brother of the missing man, was notified and went over the road last traveled by his brother. When near the top of Middle Mount he saw a small hole in the earth. It was not 18 inches across.

Some miners assisting in the search went into the main shaft of the mine, a mile away, and worked a day exploring different passages. At last McCabe called for a rope. He was let down 200 feet. He saw a hand sticking up out of the dirt not far away. He dug the dirt away and soon had disclosed his brother's face. From the position of the body and the character of the hole it is evident that the dead man stepped on a crust of thin earth, which gave way with him.

NICARAGUAN BILL REPORTED.

Appropriates Ten Millions With Which to Start Work.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The house to-day agreed to take up the Nicaragua canal bill January 7. Mr. Hepburn, Republican of Iowa, chairman of the committee on interstate commerce, reported the measure to the house, briefly outlining the purposes.

Section 1 authorizes the president to secure for the United States from Costa Rica and Nicaragua control of territory needed for the canal. Section 2 authorizes the construction from Greytown to Brito while section 3 and 4 make a provision for the surveys. Section 5 guarantees to Costa Rica and Nicaragua the use of the canal and harbors on the terms agreed upon. Section 6 appropriates \$10,000,000 to start construction and fixes the aggregate cost at \$180,000,000.

"The purpose of this bill," says the report, "is to concentrate the authority and the responsibility of this great work in the hands of the president." It also urges importance of the undertaking and urges the passage of the bill.

At 1:46 the house adjourned for the holidays.

SAMPSON'S HEALTH BAD.

Washington Does Not Share Family's Belief That It is Not Serious.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—Admiral Sampson's condition this morning was not materially changed. His family does not consider it alarming at present. The general belief, is that he will never recover though the end may not come for months.

Said Dr. P. M. Rixey, attending physician, this morning:

"The condition of Admiral Sampson is very alarming and has been so for weeks." He admitted, however, there had been no change for the past 24 hours. Admiral Sampson's realization of current events bearing so heavily on his career is but feeble. In fact, he knows only in a vague way the decision of the court of inquiry and takes no further interest in the outcome.

Plans have been perfected for the erection of a twelve or sixteen story office building within two blocks of the junction at Kansas City, at a cost of from \$1,000,000 to \$1,250,000.

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SHREWD POLITICS BY ROOSEVELT.

Selection of Payne for Postmaster-General "Fixes" the Factions.

Washington, Dec. 18.—In making Henry C. Payne, of Wisconsin, the new postmaster general, the President played shrewd politics.

Payne is a close friend of Senator Hanna, at whose suggestion he was made vice chairman of the Republican national committee. He is a staunch supporter of and believer in President Roosevelt, and, because of his influence with national committeemen, is regarded as one of the best possible men to direct a campaign.

Mr. Payne has always been known as a machine man. He is prominently connected with corporations, and for that reason he was strenuously opposed when mentioned for postmaster-general at the time President McKinley was forming his cabinet.

The acceptance of the postmaster-generalship by Mr. Payne will bring to Washington one of the most charming women who has ever graced unofficial circles. Mrs. Payne was Lydia Wood Van Dyke, a descendant of one of the most aristocratic Knickerbocker families. She is a woman of delicate tact and keenest instinct. The Paynes have no children. Mr. Payne is 58 years old.

The resignation of Charles Emory Smith is the first break in the old McKinley cabinet, all the members of which President Roosevelt requested to remain during his administration. It is said that before his term expires there will be at least two other resignations, those of Secretaries Hay and Gage.

Mr. Smith has declared for Roosevelt for 1904.

FOUR PERSONS FOUND DEAD.

Two Couples Had Evidently Planned to Commit Suicide.

Columbus, Ohio, December 18.—Two young women and two young men were found dead to-night in rooms at a boarding house, 52 East Russell street, and evidence points to a quadruple suicide deliberately planned. The dead are:

Pearl Warner, aged 28, second cook at the Manhattan restaurant. Lou Kline, aged 18, third cook at the same restaurant. Sherman Lothouse, cab driver. John Jacobs, chief cook at Manhattan.

The four persons went to the boarding house Sunday and secured adjoining rooms. To-day nothing was seen of them, and though the rooms remained locked and no response could be secured to repeated calls, suspicion was not aroused until to-night. Finally the doors to the rooms were forced and the occupants were discovered lying on the beds dead. The keyholes and cracks around the doors had been closed with rags, and the fumes of chloroform filled the rooms, disclosing the cause of death. It was evident that both couples planned suicide, but the motive is not known.

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The estate of the late Kirkland B. Armour, president of the Armour packing company, who died a short time ago in Kansas City, has been appraised at \$41,032,401.53.

It is said a large amount of counterfeit coin has been put in circulation in St. Joseph, Mo. Government detectives are working on the case.

A colonization company has purchased about 60,000 acres of land in Archer county, Texas, upon which they hope to locate 400 Missouri and Indiana families.

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SCHLEY STRONG BILL OF EXCEPTIONS FILED.

Says Majority of Court Has Perverted the Ends of Justice by Ignoring Evidence.

Attacks Them on all Points.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Admiral Schley's bill of exceptions to the majority verdict of the court of inquiry is in the hands of Secretary Long. Admiral Sampson's protest against Admiral Dewey's minority verdict will probably be filed to-morrow.

Admiral Schley's points practically cover the entire testimony and argue that the verdict was contrary to it. The bill of exceptions claims that the majority of the court gave their opinion that Commodore Schley should have proceeded with the utmost dispatch off Cienfuegos without giving the applicant an opportunity to furnish evidence on it.

The bill further contends that overwhelming evidence was presented to the court to show that a close blockade of Cienfuegos was maintained; that the majority of the court entirely ignored the uncontradicted testimony proving that the British steamer Adula was allowed to enter Cienfuegos to obtain information regarding the Spanish fleet; that the order of Admiral Sampson, known as No. 7, was an imperative order for Commodore Schley to hold his squadron off Cienfuegos; that the majority of the court have ignored the admitted fact that the commander of the Eagle did not communicate the situation at Cienfuegos to Commodore Schley; that they ignored the fact that Captain Evans failed to communicate to Commodore Schley the meaning of the signal lights on shore at Cienfuegos.

THE COAL QUESTION AGAIN.

The bill denies that the conditions of wind, sea and weather were favorable for taking coal from a collier off Santiago; that no reference has been made to the orders of the secretary of the navy forbidding the hazarding of American ships against shore batteries; that the minority opinion failed to contain any reference to the character of the blockade of Santiago, although covered in the specifications; that the demonstration made by Commodore Schley before Santiago on May 29 and 30 was predetermined and intended solely as a reconnaissance, and not as a formal attack upon the Colon; that the majority opinion of the court is ambiguous with respect to the loop of the Brooklyn.

ENDS OF JUSTICE PERVERTED.

The bill contends that the finding of the majority opinion that Commodore Schley's conduct was characterized by vacillation, dilatoriness and lack of enterprise is not justified by the evidence; that the majority, opinion is entirely silent upon a charge that Commodore Schley was derelict in the discharge of his duty; that the majority of the court entirely failed to determine who was commander-in-chief in the battle of Santiago; that the majority of the court have rejected the whole of the testimony on behalf of the applicant and the testimony of the applicant himself, and that by so doing, has prevented the ends of justice and deprived him of common law and constitutional rights; that he has been found guilty upon specifications substantially abandoned by the judge advocate; that the testimony of a few hostile witnesses has been made prominent.

DEATH PENALTY FOR CONSPIRATORS

Bill For the Complete Suppression of Anarchy.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Chairman Ray of the house committee on judiciary to-day introduced an anti-anarchy measure which will be the basis of legislation on that subject in the house.

The measure is very elaborate and brings together features of the many propositions made for dealing with the subject. It provides the death penalty for assaults on the president or other executive officers. It is made a felony to advise or teach the overflow of the government or any interference with government officers. The death penalty is also provided for conspiracies in this country leading to the killing of a foreign King, Emperor or President or other ruler.

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K. C. Pittsburg & Gulf Time Table. Arrival and departure of trains at Worland. SOUTH BOUND. No. 1 Kansas City daily Express... 12:40 p. m. No. 3... 3:17 a. m. No. 2 Through Fort Arthur Express... 3:41 p. m. No. 4 Sloom Springs Express... 12:25 p. m. Remember this is the popular short line between Kansas City, Mo., and Pittsburg, Kan., Joplin, Mo., Neosho, Mo., Sulphur Springs, Ark., Sloom Springs, Ark., and the direct route from the south to St. Louis, Chicago, and points north and northwest and to Denver, Ogden, San Francisco, Portland and points west and northwest. No expense has been spared to make the passenger equipment of this line second to none in the west. Travel via the new line. H. C. O'NEILL, Gen'l Pass. Agt., Kansas City, Mo.

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