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THAT PAPER DUEL. Investigating General Hunton's Warlike Message. Columbus Alexander Hill Pursuing the Virginia Congressman - Testimony Taken by the Grand Jury - Who Received the Registered Letter? - Captain Shepherd Recites His Proceedings.

The Hunton-Alexander Controversy. The grand jury continued the hearing yesterday of the charge brought by Mr. Columbus Alexander against Hon. Eppa Hunton, of Virginia, that the latter had sent him a challenge and invitation to mortal combat in the month of July last.

Mr. F. E. Alexander was examined, and testified to having received the registered letter, which he claimed to have been a challenge, at the city post-office and delivered the same to his father, to whom it was addressed. He also said that he saw a copy of the printed protest, in which his father had published as a falsehood, sounder, and coward, in the hands of J. F. Dyer, of this city.

Colonel F. E. Shepherd, of Virginia, a clerk under the district government, a warm friend of Mr. Hunton's, and who took a conspicuous part in this matter, was also examined. He admitted carrying the copy to Mr. Alexander, three in number, and said that one was brought in his pocket from Warrenton, Va., to this city and delivered to Mr. Alexander at his home. He called there several times for the purpose of obtaining a copy, but Mr. Alexander might feel disposed to make, until that gentleman informed him that he would find a way suitable to himself of transmitting any copy he wished to send Mr. Hunton.

Mr. Alexander testified to the contents of all the letters that he carried, and expected to receive answers to them when they were delivered to the person to whom they were addressed. Colonel Shepherd was not very communicative, occupying only a few minutes in the grand jury room; but it was evident that if he knew anything detrimental to the best interest of Mr. Hunton, he would keep it back, unless brought out by compulsory pumping. He was short and stilted in making replies, and answered every question as briefly as possible.

Mr. Columbus Alexander went into the room for a few minutes, and more clearly explained some portions of the statement previously made. These were the only witnesses examined in the case.

Postmaster Stewart, of the House of Representatives, was expected, but the subpoena was returned void. It is thought that the bill will have better success to-day and the waiting witness find his way to the grand jury room. Among others summoned for to-day is James McNabb, who the grand jury heard give an explanation that is very desirous of obtaining. It seems that last Saturday there appeared in a New York paper an article professing to be a statement of the grand jury members of the investigating body upon this subject, and at a time, too, when the case had not sufficiently developed for an impartial opinion. Whether the statement be true or false, some of the grand jurors are considerably annoyed at seeing themselves thus set down in print, and having traced, as they believe, the authorship of the article to Mr. McNabb, they have invited him to the witness stand to be cross-examined with his source of information upon which the article in question is based. It promises to be an interesting sitting for the grand reviewers to-day.

Supreme Court Decisions. The following decisions were rendered in the Supreme Court of the United States yesterday: A PATENT DOES NOT SECURE THE RIGHT TO SELL AS AGAINST STATE LAW.

THE CONTRACT OF BAIL ON BOND. No. 152. DAVIS vs. DEWEY & DEWEY. Error to the United States District Court. In this case the court held that the bond of the jurors are considerably risen at seeing themselves thus set down in print, and having traced, as they believe, the authorship of the article to Mr. McNabb, they have invited him to the witness stand to be cross-examined with his source of information upon which the article in question is based.

A VOLUNTARY PAYMENT OF TAXES. No. 698. The Union Pacific Railroad Company vs. The Commissioners of Dodge County, Error to the Nebraska District Court. This was an action by the company to recover taxes assessed upon its lands by the county officers, alleged to have been paid under protest. The court held that as the payment had been made under protest, the assessment would stand no more than to make the assessment, when the company appeared and paid the taxes, filing their protest, it must be regarded as a voluntary payment, and could not therefore be recovered. The Chief Justice delivered the opinion.

THE RIGHT OF COPYRIGHTS. No. 93. FERRIS, DE. vs. HERRICK. Appeal from the United States District Court. In this case the court held that a copyright of a fire insurance map for the city of New York is not infringed by the issue of a similar map of the city of Philadelphia. A copyright, it is said, gives the author or publisher the exclusive right of multiplying copies of what he has written or printed. Hence a map of one city cannot infringe upon another. They are not only not copies of each other, but they do not convey the same information. The Chief Justice delivered the opinion.

THE SHERRILL-PINCHBACK CONTROVERSY. No. 103. UNITED STATES vs. GEORGE J. SHERRILL. Error to the Louisiana Circuit. In this case the court divide in opinion on the question whether Sherrill was entitled to his pay while confined to the penitentiary of Louisiana. The majority, consisting of Justices Miller and Stewart, held that Sherrill was entitled to his pay for the Forty-third Congress, under the act making appropriations for such purposes. The court below held that he was, and as the court now consists of only eight judges, because of the illness of Justice Hunt, the judgment is affirmed in consequence of the division.

A FORTUNATE DEFENDER. No. 126. The United States vs. BENCKEN. Certificate from the Court of Appeals of Missouri. It is held here that there is no provision in the act of 1864 against withholding the back pay of soldiers or officers by attorneys. They cannot be indicted and punished under it for that offense, and that as the act charged in this case was committed four years before the passage of the act of 1868, it cannot be punished under its provisions. Hence the question certified must be answered in the negative. Mr. Justice Miller delivered the opinion.

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