

SHAW ELECTED COMMANDER.

The New York Man Chosen to the Highest Office in the G. A. R.—Pension Committee's Report Very Conservative.

Philadelphia, Sept. 8.—The thirty-third national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic came to an end last night. The election of a commander-in-chief, which it was supposed would be settled after a warm contest, was conducted and carried out in the most peaceable manner imaginable. Col. Albert D. Shaw, of Watertown, N. Y., was unanimously elected to the highest office of the organiza-



COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ALBERT D. SHAW.

tion after Judge Leo Rassieur, of St. Louis, had declined to be a candidate.

Aside from the selection of commander-in-chief the pension question received the major portion of attention. The report of the pensions committee was as follows:

Your committee on pensions respectfully presents this supplemental report pursuant to the instructions of the encampment. We respectfully direct attention to section 471 of the revised statutes of the United States, which reads as follows: The commissioner of pensions shall perform under the direction of the secretary of the interior such duties in the execution of pension and bounty laws as may be prescribed by the president.

Resolved, That this encampment respectfully represents to the president its earnest conviction that rule 25, now in practical effect in the adjudication of claims for pensions, under section 2 of the act of June 27, 1890, in the pension bureau, works grave injustice to worthy ex-soldiers and ex-sailors, and we express the hope that you will find it consistent with your duties as executive officer to abrogate this rule and re-establish the principle as defined in rule 164.

Resolved, That this encampment respectfully represents that the practice in the pension bureau in barring widow claimants who have an income of \$66 a year, is not warranted by the terms of law and we warmly endorse the recommendation of the commissioner of pensions to successive secretaries of the interior that the limitation be increased to \$250 a year.

Resolved, That the commander-in-chief appoint a committee of five comrades to present to the president a certified copy of the action of this national encampment with an expression of our earnest desire for justice only to our disabled comrades and the widows and orphans of our dead under the letter and spirit of the law.

Resolved, That this committee is hereby authorized and directed, in the event that it is determined that relief may not be accorded by the administrative officers of the government, to present to congress a request for the amendment of the law in such form as to make certain the true intent of the statute as we believe it can be construed as heretofore presented.

Corporal Tanner was of the majority of the committee. He made an address scolding the practice alleged to have been adopted by the pension bureau. After much heated discussion the report was referred to the committee on pensions. Late in the afternoon a motion was made to return to the south flags captured during the war. This was killed as was also a motion to admit sons of veterans as members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The features of the fourth day's celebration of the G. A. R. encampment were the illumination of the North Atlantic squadron and the camp fire of the Union ex-Prisoners of War, both of which occurred last night. The lighting up of the fleet drew large crowds to both the Pennsylvania and New Jersey shores of the Delaware river. The ships were littered covered with electric lights and presented a magnificent picture. The big searchlights on the vessels were in operation making the illumination more effective.

MAY FORCE MATTERS.

War May Break Out in 48 Hours in the Transvaal—Plot to Blow Up the British Agency.

London, Sept. 8.—The special correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette at Cape Town, in a dispatch dated yesterday, says: "It is believed in Afrikaner circles here that the Transvaal intends forcing matters to a sudden issue and that war may probably break out within 48 hours. It is supposed that the first act on their part will be an advance on Laings Neck (the sole route from the Transvaal to Natal). It is also rumored that there is a plot at Pretoria to simultaneously blow up the British agency there."

British Troops in India Warned. Simla, Sept. 8.—Three regiments of cavalry, four regiments of infantry and three batteries of field artillery have been formally warned to prepare to leave their stations in India at the shortest notice for service in South Africa. The hospital outfits have received similar orders.

DECREASE IN MEMBERSHIP.

Sons of Veterans Have 28,000 on Their Rools—Badge for Each Member Who Recently Enlisted.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 9.—Commander-in-Chief Shepard, of the Sons of Veterans, in his report to the eighteenth annual encampment of the organization, recommended that the order manufacture its own badges and sell them at a profit for its own benefit. Quartermaster General Bolton's report showed the order to be in good condition financially with \$2,600 in the treasury. The membership has fallen off about 1,000 in the past year, according to Adjt. Gen. Abbott's report, and he ascribes this to the fact that so many of the young men from whom the order's membership would come have enlisted in the army. The report shows a total membership of 28,000 scattered among 1,500 branches.

The order has decided to present to each of its members who served in either the Spanish or Philippine war a badge of honor, manufactured from a Spanish cannon, which has been promised for that purpose by Secretary of War Root.

AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

The Filipino Congress Met Recently and Elected Mabini, a Conservative, President of the Supreme Court.

Manila, Sept. 9.—A Filipino who has arrived here from Tarlac says an extraordinary session of the revolutionary congress took place at Tarlac. Aguinaldo presided and chose Mabini as president of the supreme court and Gonzaga as attorney general. They both represent the most conservative and temperate element.

The proceedings of the congress disproved the report that Aguinaldo had declared himself a dictator. A decree has been issued by the Filipinos compelling the registration of all foreigners in Filipino territory. The Chinese, who are a large fraction of the population, are considered foreigners, including those born in the Philippine islands. Applications must be made on stamped paper, which figures largely in all the business of the insurrectionary government. This seems to be largely a scheme to tax Chinamen.

The Santo Domingo Revolution.

Moca, Santo Domingo, Sept. 9.—Gen. Jimenez arrived yesterday afternoon at Moca with an escort of 500 cavalry, largely augmented by armed horsemen from the villages along his route. Everywhere the utmost enthusiasm was displayed. Gen. Jimenez has a dispatch from a Parisian banking house promising to furnish all the funds necessary to establish the government.

Will Not Speak for Goebel.

Louisville, Ky., Sept. 9.—W. J. Bryan has written a letter to Kentucky that further adds to the complex situation in the political field. Bryan has informed ex-Senator Blackburn in a letter that he is willing to come to Kentucky and make speeches for him for senator, but will not advocate the election of Goebel from the stump.

Two Negro Regiments Next.

Washington, Sept. 9.—Orders will soon be issued from the war department announcing the field and staff officers of two additional volunteer regiments, which are to be organized after the manner of the so-called immune regiments sent to Cuba last year, their company officers under the rank of captain and privates to be negroes exclusively.

Of Interest to Christian Scientists.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 9.—Attorney General Akin rendered an opinion yesterday that the medical practice act of 1899 does not prohibit the treatment of disease by mental or spiritual methods by Christian scientists or others where no medicine is used and that where a person dies during such treatment is not an offense under the criminal code of Illinois.

Dark Days for France.

New York, Sept. 9.—A correspondent of the Tribune in Paris writes: The government is believed to be in possession of voluminous documentary evidence establishing the existence of a nationalist and royalist plot to overturn the republic and there is every indication that President Loubet will apply the constitutional law of 1875.

Heber J. Grant Convicted of Polygamy.

Salt Lake City, Sept. 9.—Heber J. Grant was arraigned before Judge Norrell yesterday on the charge of polygamy, to which he pleaded guilty. Judge Norrell ordered that he pay a fine of \$100, or be imprisoned in the county jail one day for each dollar thereof unpaid. The fine was paid.

Bryan at Nevada's Capital.

Carson, Nev., Sept. 9.—W. J. Bryan, who delivered a speech here to-day, was given the largest reception ever tendered a public man in this section. From Lake Tahoe, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan were taken to Carson in the historical coach occupied by Horace Greasley on his trip to this city, and in which U. S. Grant was also driven.

A Railroad Teller's Alleged Shortage.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 9.—Half of the \$10,000 alleged to have been stolen from the Nebraska national bank by Railroad Teller Ned H. Copeland was found yesterday among Copeland's effects. The shortage will be made good by the American Surety company, who are on Copeland's bond.

WILL STAND BY EVANS.

To a Delegation of Veterans President McKinley Expresses Confidence in His Commissioner of Pensions.

Washington, Sept. 10.—A delegation of veterans who have been attending the encampment at Philadelphia was received at the white house by the president. The delegation consisted of Indiana men. At the conclusion of the interview the spokesman said that he and his comrades had come to see the president to express their confidence in Commissioner Evans, of the pension bureau, and to say that his administration of the office met with their approval. In response the president said he was glad to hear such sentiments expressed and to know that Mr. Evans had such staunch friends. He concluded by expressing his own confidence in Mr. Evans and by saying that he expected to stand by him.

DESPERATE PRISONERS.

Two Men in the Kansas Penitentiary Try To Escape, Freely Using a Knife and Revolver, but Are Subdued.

Leavenworth, Kan., Sept. 11.—John Harper and F. C. Gilbert, two long-term convicts at the Kansas penitentiary, secured arms and made a desperate attempt to escape last night. Gilbert had a sharp knife and Harper a pistol. They got out of their cells on the third tier and, on gaining the outside, pounced on a trusty convict named Carlisle, but were afraid to shoot him for fear of giving the alarm. Carlisle told the guard and Capt. McFarland, at the head of eight officers, started to capture them. Harper shot all five loads at the guards, but no one was injured. He surrendered after throwing his empty pistol at them. Gilbert gave up without a fight.

Soldiers Decked With Flowers.

San Francisco, Sept. 11.—The transport Sheridan was docked at dawn Saturday and the Minnesota and South Dakota volunteers were landed. The streets along the line of march to the Presidio were thronged with people who decked the soldiers with flowers. The men will go into camp at the Presidio and will be mustered out in a few weeks. The general health of the troops is good. They all show that they have passed through a hard campaign.

On Account of the Cuban Demand.

Vera Cruz, Mex., Sept. 11.—There is a growing scarcity of beef here, owing to the large exportation of cattle to Cuba ever since the war. All over the country the price of beef has materially advanced. The newspapers are clamoring for a heavy export duty on cattle to prevent their shipment, such as has been imposed lately by the government of Guatemala, which imposes a duty of \$20 a head on all cattle shipped abroad and allows imported cattle to come in duty free.

Altgeld's Opinion of the Trust Conference.

Chicago, Sept. 11.—Ex-Gov. John P. Altgeld has returned to Gov. Tanner the commission appointing Mr. Altgeld a delegate to the trust conference to be held in Chicago September 13. As to his reason for this step Mr. Altgeld says: "The fact is I haven't much confidence in the proposed trust conference. It looks to me as if it were going to be more of a trust love feast than anything else."

Dr. Schell Vindicated.

Frankfort, Ind., Sept. 11.—The case against Dr. E. A. Schell, national secretary of the Epworth league, which has been widely discussed by Epworth leaguers the country over, was disposed of by the Northwestern Indiana conference, and the result was a decided victory for Dr. Schell. The conference found the charges circulated by Zion's Herald to be groundless and passed resolutions requesting a change in the editorial management of that paper.

Nearly a Half Billion in Gold.

Washington, Sept. 10.—The government now has in its vaults gold coin and gold bullion to the amount of \$422,000,000, including \$21,000,000 in gold certificates in the treasury. The total amount of gold certificates now outstanding has nearly reached the \$100,000,000 mark and the amount of free gold in the treasury approximates \$254,000,000, which breaks the record in the history of the government to date.

Distinguished Quartette Coming Home.

Southampton, Eng., Sept. 11.—The American liner steamer St. Louis, which sailed from this port to-day for New York, had among her passengers Senator Mark Hanna and F. S. Monett, attorney general of Ohio; Wayne MacVegh, former attorney general of the United States, and Seth Low, president of Columbia university, who was one of the delegates to the International Peace conference at The Hague.

Swindlers Are Too Numerous.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 10.—Leading bankers and live stock commission men of Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago and St. Joseph will meet here to organize an association to protect dealers in live stock and cattle paper against swindlers like Grant G. Gillett. It is said that 1,000 commission men and as many bankers will enter the association.

Murdered by Africans.

Bulawayo, Sept. 10.—An unconfirmed report is current here that an exploring party which recently left for Lake Tanganyika, in central Africa, has, with only one exception, been murdered by natives.

EAGER TO COMPROMISE.

The Transvaal Government Agrees to Meet Delegates from Great Britain to Discuss "Technicalities."

Pretoria, Sept. 10.—The News to-day prints an official statement from F. W. Reitz, secretary of state of the South African republic, in which Mr. Reitz says:

The government considers that three courses are disclosed by the communications of Joseph Chamberlain, the British secretary of state for the colonies. The first is a joint commission of inquiry; the second is a commission of inquiry from both governments to discuss technicalities and the third is a conference at Cape Town.

Secretary Reitz adds that the Transvaal government now agrees to the second proposition and invites Great Britain to define the constitution of the commission suggested and the place of meeting.

Attitude of the United States.

Washington, Sept. 10.—Because of the large number of Americans employed in the Transvaal, the state department officials are closely watching the developments in the diplomatic engagement between the London government and President Kruger. Considerable effort is being made to secure the interference of this government, but beyond an intention to be strictly neutral and at the same time fully protect Americans and their interests, the authorities do not propose to interfere.

MORE WORK FOR THE NAVY.

The Warships Now at Manila Will Participate Largely Hereafter in Bringing the Filipinos to Time.

Washington, Sept. 11.—Gen. Otis has been instructed, in framing his plan of campaign for the dry season, to allow for the fullest participation of the naval forces in the Philippines and as soon as he has been heard from the necessary orders will go forward to the naval commanders to co-operate with the army to an extent not before contemplated. The naval officers have always been willing to do this, but they have been restrained in their operations by an indisposition to interfere in any manner with the plans of the military commander. The ships will undertake to capture any of the ports now in insurgent possession that may be desired by the army, and also to hold them indefinitely, thus making it possible to open the railroad on Luzon from the northern extremity, while in Cavite province, with the large force of marines now on hand, it is believed that the navy can undertake to relieve the soldiers stationed there and make available a considerable force for other operations.

THE EGAN CASE.

Col. Weston Doing All the Work of the Commissary Department and the Suspended General Receiving Pay.

Washington, Sept. 11.—Overtures have been made to Gen. Egan to induce him to take advantage of the voluntary retirement law, in order that Col. Weston, who is now acting commissary general, may be advanced to the head of the subsistence department. As the case now stands, Col. Weston is doing all the work of the office and Gen. Egan is getting the pay. Gen. Egan is now drawing full pay, at the rate of \$5,500 a year, and, being under suspension, is prohibited from doing any military service. If he went on the retired list he would receive but three-quarters' pay, or \$4,125 a year, which would mean a loss to him of \$6,875 for the five years remaining to him on the active list. Friends of Col. Weston have offered to make good this difference in case Gen. Egan vacates the office at once, but he has declined all propositions to that end.

IN A FIGHTING SPIRIT.

Three Bodies of Filipinos Simultaneously Attack Santa Rita, Guagua and San Antonio, but Meet With Repulse.

Manila, Sept. 11.—A force of 450 rebels, with one cannon, attacked Santa Rita early Saturday morning, and simultaneously Guagua and San Antonio were attacked by bodies of rebels numbering about 60 men. All the attacks were repulsed without loss to the Americans. Col. Bell and his regiment, while attempting to take the rebels in the rear, met two small patrols and succeeded in capturing a rebel captain, a lieutenant and six privates.

The inhabitants of Santa Barbara, the rebel headquarters in the island of Panaya, have abandoned the town, fearing a bombardment of the place by the United States battleship Oregon.

SONS OF VETERANS.

Officers Elected and Constitutional Life Members Made—Syracuse, N. Y., the Next Meeting Place.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 11.—The Sons of Veterans suspended their constitution in order to make the following men constitutional life members of the order: Isaac Cutter, of Camp Point, Ill.; A. H. Parkinson, of Rochester, N. Y.; and C. R. Borin, of Kansas. All these appointments were made because of distinguished service rendered to the order. The following officers were elected:

Commander-in-chief, Asa W. Jones, Youngstown, O.; senior vice commander, A. L. Solter, Des Moines, Ia.; junior vice commander, W. S. Raines, Battle Creek, Mich.; council-in-chief, George B. Abbott, Chicago; George Adlington, Albany; Rev. W. G. Patton, Marinette, Wis. Syracuse, N. Y., was unanimously selected as the next place of meeting.

EARLY FORWARD MOVEMENT.

Activity at the War Department Indicates That Hostilities in the Philippines Will Soon Be Resumed.

Washington, Sept. 8.—The activity by the war department officials and the close figuring that is being done regarding the available force in the Philippines indicate an early movement. It has been known that a forward movement was contemplated in November, but there are now indications that the campaign may begin at least a month earlier if there should be favorable weather conditions. By October 1 Gen. Otis will have an army of 31,000 effective fighting men. With the arrival at Manila of the other troops now being raised it is suggested there may be formed another corps for the purpose of pursuing the Filipinos in some other part of the island of Luzon. In this connection it is known that many officers look with favor upon the suggestion that an army should be landed at Lingayen and moved down the Dagupan railway, thus taking the army of Aguinaldo in the rear. This will necessitate the co-operation of the navy, and the navy has offered to send a squadron to Lingayen bay, subdue the town and occupy it, thus making a safe landing for the army.

RICHES FOR A LUNATIC.

William Wood, for 14 Years in the Topoka Asylum, Now Owns a \$6,000,000 Mine at Aspen, Col.

Denver, Col., Sept. 8.—Justice long delayed gives at last to William Wood, an insane man in a Topoka (Kan.) asylum, his legal right to about \$6,000,000 worth of property, the Emma mine at Aspen, Col. It is a story strange in all its details. The finding of the man in the asylum, the neglect of his nearest relatives, the bitterly-contested suits in the state and federal courts to prevent the poor lunatic getting his rights and the restitution required by the courts from Jerome B. Wheeler and the Aspen Mining & Smelting company fill many chapters of one man's life history. William Wood has been insane for 14 years and during this time he has been at the Topoka asylum utterly oblivious to the great interest centered in his name. He has never said one word that would aid his lawyers in any way. They have toiled incessantly to gain the coveted prize for him, and restore him to reason. His condition is not entirely hopeless.

The Census Proclamation Published.

Santiago de Cuba, Sept. 8.—The census proclamation of President McKinley has been officially published here. The newspaper comment is generally favorable. A leading journal says: "The Cubans must realize the situation and co-operate in all possible ways for the thorough taking of the census which will give proof regarding the elements of the population and supply arguments to support the contention of our people that they deserve independence and a stable form of government."

A French Architect Awarded the Prize.

San Francisco, Sept. 8.—A jury composed of American and foreign architects has awarded M. Berard, the Parisian architect, the first prize in the competition sponsored by Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, who offered prizes for the best plans for new buildings for the University of California. The ultimate cost of the improvement will reach into the millions. Mrs. Hearst will defray all of the expenses of the proposed additions to the university.

Firemen Rescued a Woman.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 8.—Fire completely destroyed the barber shop of Ezora A. Riekner, 12 West Twelfth street, this morning. Before it was over six firemen showed their heroism by rushing through suffocating smoke to save the life of Mrs. Kittie Trotter, who, half overcome by smoke, was about to leap from the fourth story of an adjoining building to the asphalt pavement.

Preacher Charged with Murder.

Ponca City, Ok., Sept. 8.—Rev. H. W. Ruby, Free Methodist preacher, who returned from Portland, Ore., where he has been engaged in revival work, was arrested upon suspicion that he is Rev. John Simpson, wanted in the New England states for killing a deputy sheriff named Smith while resisting arrest.

Alton Will Issue \$55,000,000 in Bonds.

Chicago, Sept. 8.—At a special meeting here of the stockholders of the Chicago & Alton road, authority was given to the directors to issue \$40,000,000 three per cent. gold bonds for refunding purposes and an additional \$15,000,000 provisionally for the acquisition of additions to the system.

For a Monument to Dahlgren.

Philadelphia, Sept. 8.—Rear Admiral Sampson attended the convention of naval veterans of the United States here yesterday. The delegates discussed a plan for the erection of a monument to the memory of Past Rear Admiral J. H. Dahlgren. A committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions for the memorial.

Count Esterhazy Will Reveal All.

London, Sept. 8.—Count Esterhazy in an interview repeated his statement that L. did everything in the Dreyfus affair by order of Col. Sandherr and his superior officers. He says he will reveal all after the trial a Renney is over.