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Schley's Protest

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Commodore Schley during the progress of the investigation, namely, that he did not mask his movements in departing from in front of the port of Cienfuegos, but in using arbores signals he revealed the destination of his squadron to the enemy on shore. Despite the fact that by overwhelming weight of testimony this charge was entirely disproved.

11. The majority of the court have based their opinion in reference to the retrograde movement upon a statement made in their report of facts that Commodore Schley, before sailing from Cienfuegos, received reliable information that ships could be coaled in the vicinity of Cape Cruz and Gonaves channel, and it is now respectfully denied that there was any such positive testimony in this case. Every witness, with one exception, who was examined on the subject disavowed all knowledge in reference thereto, and the uncontradicted testimony of Captain F. E. Cook establishes the fact that the official charts, with which the flagship Brooklyn was supplied, and upon which Commodore Schley was compelled to rely for information, showed coaling at Cape Cruz to be neither feasible nor practicable, and the records clearly show that not until the 27th of May, three days after leaving Cienfuegos, when Captain Charles S. Cotton visited the flagship Brooklyn, did Commodore Schley receive definite information concerning the feasibility or practicability of coaling ships from a collier in Gonaves channel, all of which facts have been wholly ignored by the majority of the court in formulating their said report of facts.

12. The majority of the court in stating in its report of facts that Commodore Schley received no positive information from the scout ships as to the presence of the enemy's fleet in the harbor of Santiago utterly ignores the overwhelming testimony in proof of the fact that Captain C. D. Sigsbee did actually report to Commodore Schley, and to others, that the Spanish fleet was not in the harbor of Santiago.

13. The opinion of the majority of the court and the report of facts is entirely silent on the subject of the proven and admitted failure of Captain Wise and Jewell to communicate the information they had received in reference to the presence of the Spanish fleet in the harbor of Santiago to Commodore Schley.

14. That the report of facts submitted by the court states that the conditions of wind, sea and weather from noon on May 28 to June 1 were favorable for taking coal from a collier at sea off Santiago, when this statement has been directly controverted by the evidence of the witnesses for the government.

15. The tables prepared by government experts and admitted in evidence before the court, showing the coal supply of the vessels of the flying squadron, with reference to their churning capacity, proceeding at full speed with forced draught, have not even been adverted to in the report of facts.

16. There has not been the slightest reference made by the majority of the court to the orders of the honorable secretary of the navy, offered and proved in evidence, forbidding the hazarding of American ships against shore batteries, and the court has de-

Five to Four Decision

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storm of indignation. It helped to produce a new alignment of parties. The republican party was then struggling for existence, and this decision at once made the party a power. It at once broke the old democratic party into two wings, those who followed the majority of the judges of the supreme court and those who would not.

In 1856 we had what might be called a five-to-four opinion which was soon changed.

Are we now at a point where the five judges of the supreme court will soon find themselves in a minority as the majority judges, under the leadership of Chief Justice Taney found themselves, when Abraham Lincoln and his followers came into power in the White house and in congress?

Turn whichever way we will, Tariff vs. Free Trade is the overshadowing issue of the hour. It is now up to congress. Next year, unless wisely decided by the present congress, it will be up to the people in the election of the next congress, and if not wisely decided by the next congress, it will be before the people in the election of a president in 1904.

JNO. L. DE HARS.
New York City.

Divided We Fall

"Fusion" is not the right word. "Co-operation" and "proportional representation" would be better. It is hard to give up or "fuse" honest convictions. United we win. Divided we lose. So it looks to a very humble SUBSCRIBER.

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An Astonished Jap

Marquis Ito, the Japanese statesman, said while in St. Paul recently that of all the American customs that impressed him as peculiar the free transportation extended by the railroads of this country seemed most odd.

"Why," said he, "should a railroad give away tickets? Every bit of mileage to them is the same as a piece of cloth to a dry goods firm. In Japan every one has to pay for his transportation. I never rode on a Japanese railroad for nothing in my life."

When the marquis and party decided to proceed east from St. Paul over the Milwaukee line the officials of the road extended to the distinguished Japanese and his companions the courtesy of the line and invited Mr. Ito's private secretary that the tickets and the private car would cost nothing. The secretary was visibly embarrassed and shook his head dubiously as he left the office of the company to convey the startling information to his master. Shortly afterward Marquis Ito appeared at the railroad office and insisted on paying for the tickets and the use of the special car.

"I have no claim on your esteemed company," said the oriental. "I should not feel right in traveling over your most excellent road without paying for the great pleasure."

And so the Milwaukee officials were obliged to carry the marquis and his party over their line in the same way as if they were just plain, every-day Americans.

Late Oil News From Texas

(NOTE—In compliance with requests we have received, we publish some of the latest news from the Beaumont field, in this column. There is unquestionably a deep interest in this subject, especially among persons who have been considering investments in oil stocks. No doubt such items will be of interest to the general public.)

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NOTES AND COMMENT.
The St. Louis exposition management have given Texas oil a big boost by deciding to use it as fuel during the exposition.

It is pretty safe not to buy stock in any company unless its incorporators are well known for business integrity and sagacity, and unless they are willing to back up with a plain positive guarantee.

The small stockholder should know exactly what he is buying and should not part with his money until he gets it.

Nueces county, Texas, is attracting wide attention from experts, as a certain producer of a high grade of lubricating oil, with valuable by-products.

By securing both a Beaumont gusher and a few hundred acres of land in Nueces county, a company would be pretty sure to get the cream of the oil business.

The fairest proposition we have seen in oil stocks is made by a company in Des Moines, composed of a lot of strong, clean men. In fact, it is so attractive and straightforward that in a

few days most of the stock was subscribed. The shares are sold on guarantee at par, 10 cents a share and non-assessable.

The fiscal agents of the company are Lyons & Starr, Youngman Building, Des Moines, from whom we have received a circular containing full information.

To those who have idle money we would strongly advise to put in surface or ground tanks capable of holding from 100,000 to 500,000 barrels and fill up with Spindle Top oil. Every barrel that comes out of the hill is worth a gold dollar. The Beaumont oil does not "dile" like Pennsylvania oil and needs no "triveling up." There never was such a chance for money to make the returns that is offered by the Beaumont oil field today.

The shipments December 13 of 169 cars, or 1,098,500 gallons of oil, part having been shipped by water, made a record-breaker. It has arrived at that stage of business that only shipping facilities are needed, not orders for oil and investors in our local oil stocks now see they were wise in placing their money in same. There are still a great many opportunities to get in on the ground floor, as all stocks are advancing rapidly. We have personally looked over the books of several companies that could easily pay from 6 to 11 per cent monthly on their capitalization. In a word, we would advise our readers to buy, and that quickly.—Beaumont Oil Bulletin.

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Senator Teller

Without printing a word that Senator Teller said in defense of his position or giving one of the reasons assigned by him for voting against the ratification of the last Hay-Pauncefote treaty, the hiring editors of plutocracy all over the country are pouring out their bitterness upon him. Senator Teller took the same view of this matter that The Independent has from the beginning. Broadly speaking that view is that the United States should not enter into a treaty with Great Britain or with any other European nation in regard to what we should or should not do on the isthmus of Panama. His opinion was that the United States ought to abrogate the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, thus removing the British claim to interfere in any way in the affairs of the isthmus, and enter into no new agreement or obligations of any kind. We should then be in a position to build the canal where we pleased and as we pleased and to pay for it and run it, subject only to friendly agreement with the Central American countries, in a word, he wanted to exclude Great Britain

STUDENT'S DARING FEAT

Climbed Up Dizzy Height While Yale Men Stood In Awe.

HAD ONLY THE SLIGHTEST HOLD.

J. A. Whitehead Scaled the Sheer Side of East Rock, a Four Hundred Foot New Haven Cliff—Fingers Torn and Bruised—Will Try Steeper One.

The feat of W. S. Merrill, Harvard '04, who ate three steaks, two mutton chops and two dishes of peas and drank two pints of apollinaris water and two cups of coffee the other night for a three dollar wager, is dwarfed in the estimation of the other students and the residents of New Haven by the recent feat of J. A. Whitehead, a student at Yale, in climbing the East rock, a granite cliff nearly 400 feet high, in front of which stands the Soldiers' monument, says the New York Evening Telegram.

The rock is a sheer precipice and for a hundred feet offers only the slightest hold for foot or hand, but Whitehead climbed to the top of it, where he fell almost exhausted, while the shouts of several hundred students and others who had gathered to watch his perilous ascent rang indistinctly in his ears.

Whitehead risked his life in climbing the face of the precipice, for a misstep at any stage of his upward progress would undoubtedly mean death. He regarded as a hero by his classmates and is looked upon wonderingly by the townspeople. Whitehead does not seem to think he has done anything very remarkable and is indifferent about telling of his experience.

An odd feature of the performance is that it was accomplished at night, when young Whitehead did not care to have too large a crowd watching him. He was prompted to try the ascent of the cliff by hearing other students telling of the impossibility of doing it.

Whitehead was with a party in the city that had been at a restaurant where liquid refreshments were indulged freely. On the way home, as the party passed the Soldier's monument, one student remarked:

"I'd like to see the man who could climb that rock," pointing to East rock.

"Would you?" said young Whitehead. "Well, I'll gratify your desire." He thereupon approached the side of the cliff and began a laborious ascent. It is understood that he had intended to perform the feat before, but wanted to make it more remarkable by pretending it was impromptu.

Some of the students tried to dissuade Whitehead from making the ascent, but he only laughed at their warnings.

Slowly, inch by inch, the plucky student climbed. He would rest at every new foothold he got. Before he got up very far his fingers were torn and bruised by the rock, but he couldn't turn back even if he had, wanted to, which he didn't.

It was a weird picture, his tall form apparently glued to the side of the precipice and the crowd below watching with breathless interest in the dark. The men watching Whitehead were almost afraid to move or talk, fearing that the slightest commotion would cause the student to lose his grasp on the naked rock.

Gradually the plucky young fellow forged his way up. Fifty feet he got, and the crowd could hardly repress a cheer. Seventy-five feet he laboriously climbed, and then in a short time, which seemed an age to the watchers, he reached the top and fell exhausted, while the shouts of the crowd below awakened the echoes of the night and drew many others to the scene.

His was the first performance, according to the oldest inhabitants. Others in years gone have tried it, and in at least one instance the attempt has resulted fatally.

Mr. Whitehead, whose home is in London, has come to Yale to prepare for a course in civil engineering and will shortly enter the Sheffield Scientific school. He served with the British South African police during the Boer war.

He said modestly of his climb:

"I went to the summit by the saddest Sunday and climbed down twice to familiarize myself with the ice. On Monday I made the ascent. The first twenty feet was really a difficult distance, the hardest of the climb. The rock for that height leans toward one, and with my fingers I had to hold on tightly to the ledges and the lift myself up. Half way up there is a ledge of six inches width, I sat down on it and looked down. The scenery was so fine that I felt well repaid. The remainder of the climb to the summit was easier.

"Twice I almost slipped and let go my hold. It was not easy, but it was considered impossible."

Mr. Whitehead intends to attempt the ascent of West rock, on the other side of the city, which is still more difficult to climb.

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"Did you purchase any article abroad, and if so, how much did you pay for it?"

"I did," replied Mr. Lefkowsky. "I bought a cork leg, for which I paid \$17 in Berlin."

Down went "one cork leg" on the declaration. When the ship reached her pier, a customs inspector was waiting to perform his duty, but relented.

"Hold on a minute," stammered the inspector. "Maybe I shan't have to examine your leg."

The law was consulted, with the decision that cork legs are "family supplies" and tariff free. Lefkowsky was happy.

"I went away with \$3,000 and have only \$3 left," said he; "might have had to send my leg in bond to the public stores."

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"Private" Allen's Latest Story.

"Private" John Allen, who is not in congress now, went up to it capital the other day and sat in the House lobby for a time, says the New York World's Washington correspondent. "I was walking along the street yesterday," he said, "and I heard a negro man and his wife quarreling and the man said something particularly exasperating, and the man, shaking with anger, retorted, 'Don't you talk that way to me, woman, or I'll smash you in the face.' 'If you do,' the woman replied, 'I kin hear you say, 'Good mornin', jedge!'"

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