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## SCHLEY ON THE STAND

Neb State historical society

Testifies in His Own Behalf in Naval Court of Inquiry.

BEGINS STORY OF CAMPAIGN

Only Demonstration Is When the Witness Repeats the Pledge He Gave Sampson of Being Always Loyal. Big Crowd Is Present.

Washington, Oct. 25.—Admiral Schley yesterday took the stand in his own behalf at the court of inquiry which is investigating his conduct as commander-in-chief of the flying squadron during the Santiago campaign. He was summoned a few minutes after the court convened at 2 o'clock for the afternoon session and when the court adjourned at 4 o'clock he apparently had only gotten well under way in his testimony. The admiral gave a careful and detailed narrative of all the events of the campaign up to the battle of Santiago. He had not reached the stage of his testimony where he will tell of the battle when the court adjourned for the day. The audience which listened to his recital was by far the largest which has yet gathered in the gunners' work shop, where the court sits. All the reserved seats were occupied, as were the seats set apart for the public at large. In the rear of the room stood probably as many people as found seats, scores of men and women standing upon tables, chairs and in the windows. In fact, anywhere from which they could see the court. There was no appearance of demonstration of any kind during the admiral's recital. On the contrary, the silence was almost unbroken, except for the sound of the witness's own voice. Only once was there a stir in the room which indicated any feeling on the part of the listeners. That was when the admiral, detailing his conversation with Admiral Sampson in the cabin of the New York at Key West, told how he had assured the commander-in-chief of fealty to him. When the court adjourned for the day many of the spectators pressed forward and shook the admiral's hand.

Says Sigsbee Was Wrong.

Admiral Schley related the incident of Captain Sigsbee's coming on board the Brooklyn from the St. Paul, saying the visit had impressed itself vividly upon his mind. "The first thing I asked Sigsbee when he came over the side, and I want to say before I make this statement, that I do not believe Captain Sigsbee would misstate anything for his commission. I do not believe that he is capable of stating what is not true. I think in this instance, his recollection is at fault, and not his veracity. I said to him, 'Captain, have you got the Dons in here?' He said, 'No. They are not in here. I have been in very close.' He said, 'They are not here; they are only reported here.' I said to him, 'Have any of the other vessels seen them, the Yale or the Minneapolis?' He said, 'No, they have not; they have assured me so, and upon that was the assurance to which I referred when I spoke of the assurance of such men as Wise and Jewell, and Sigsbee.

"My habit of life, not only in principal command of a squadron, but also in command of a ship, was to assume the responsibility and the danger of censure of any movement, but I was never willing under any circumstances to be a participant in glorifying that I would not divide. That was the general principle upon which I acted in this matter. I did not call any counsel of war. The information which these people gave led me to infer that the telegraphic information was a ruse, similar to that which was telegraphed from Cadiz that the squadron had returned to Cape Verde."

At this point Admiral Schley described the movements of the squadron about Santiago, saying that he had concluded that the move eastward to be unwise. It would not have been wise to uncover Santiago. He said that their movements every moment of the day were known in Havana.

Dilemma of Merrimac.

"Just as we approached Santiago on the 26th the collier Merrimac, which had been giving us a good deal of trouble, broke down. I determined that an unmanageable collier was not a very preferable thing to have with the squadron if we met the enemy, so I first determined to send her to Key West with the Yale. It then occurred to me that if I sent her to Key West and she was taken we would be out a collier and the Spanish, if they were outside, would be in so much coal. So I determined therefore on this movement to the westward in the meantime, inquiring as to the coal supply of each of these ships."

Continuing his discussion of the coaling situation, Admiral Schley said that a supply was necessary. The enemy would not come toward the Americans, but would go in the other direction. Speaking of the collier Merrimac's breaking down, he said this accident rendered coaling out of the question. "I don't believe any prudent commander would have attempted to send a ship alongside an unmovable collier to take coal. The risk would be too great. The responsibility was mine, and it was too great to take."

With reference to the arrival of the Harvard on the 27th and his conference with Captain Cotton, Admiral

reporting in positive sense of the enemy at Santiago.

"I never saw it," he said, with intense earnestness. "I never saw it, and I am sure that Cotton never delivered it to me. If he had done so it would be among my papers and it would have burnt itself into my memory, so that I never could have forgotten it."

Admiral Schley also referred again to his conversation with Captain McCalla, saying that McCalla did not testify to the whole conversation, and then discussed his dispatch to the navy department regarding the disobedience of orders. He said that as translated this message was essentially different from the dispatch as he had framed it. He contended that there had been no disobedience; that he had complied with orders in returning to Santiago and held that the proper construction of his dispatch would relieve him of this charge.

GOES OVER NIAGARA FALLS.

Mrs. Annie Edson Taylor Makes Trip in a Barrel and Survives.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Oct. 25.—Mrs. Annie Edson Taylor, 50 years of age, went over Niagara Falls on the Canadian side yesterday and survived, a feat never before accomplished, and, in fact, never before attempted except in suicide. She made the trip in a barrel. Not only did she survive, but she escaped without a broken bone, her only apparent injuries being a scalp wound one and one-half inches long, a slight concussion of the brain, some shock to her nervous system and bruises about the body.

Mrs. Taylor's trip covered a mile's ride through the Canadian rapids before she reached the brink of the precipice. Her barrel, staunch as a barrel could be made, was twirled and buffeted through those delirious waters but escaped serious contact with the rocks. As it passed through the smoother, swifter waters that rushed over into the abyss it rode in an almost perpendicular position, with its upper end half out of the water. As it passed over the brink it rode at an angle of about 45 degrees on the outer surface of the deluge and descended as gracefully as a barrel can descend to the white, foaming waters 158 feet below. It could not be seen as it struck the water because of the spray, but in less than a minute after it struck the water it was seen on the water below. It was carried swiftly down to the Maid of the Mist landing, where it floated so close to the shore that it was reached by means of a pole and hook and drawn up on the rocks. The woman said she would never do it again, but that she was not sorry that she had done it, "if it would help her financially."

The barrel in which Mrs. Taylor made the journey is 4 1/2 feet high and about 3 feet in diameter. A leather harness and cushions inside protected her body. Air was obtained through a rubber tube connected with a small opening near the top of the barrel.

Mrs. Taylor is a school teacher and recently came here from Bay City, Mich.

WORTHLESS CHECKS ABOUND.

Swindler Working Under Name of Nichols Operates in Iowa Towns.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Oct. 25.—Secretary Dinwiddie of the State Bankers association has received notification of the swindling operations of some person issuing checks signed J. C. Nichols, drawn on the First National bank of Sioux City. Sometimes he signs with a rubber stamp and sometimes with a pen. He has secured money on these checks at Sheldon, Rock Valley, Spencer, Sanborn, Clear Lake and Waverly. All of the checks thus far issued by him have been payable to Charles Gibbling. The checks are pronounced worthless. There is an epidemic of this kind of swindling in Iowa at the present time. Money has been secured at Oskaloosa, Des Moines, Corning and Cedar Rapids.

Hot Fight Over Color Line.

St. Joseph, Oct. 24.—Colored women are trying to gain membership in the Federation of Women's clubs of Missouri and in consequence there is a hot fight in the state convention which is now being held here. Strong feeling was manifested yesterday when the subject was informally discussed. It will come up in regular order today, and if the proposition to admit colored women carries, whole sale desertions of members is threatened.

Prety Weak.

The Boarder—I protest against drinking any such water as this. It is positively warm!

The Lady of the House—Gracious, man! That's not water! That's your coffee!

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

Seven men were injured, two of them probably fatally, in a collision of a Pittsburg and Western freight with a work train at Kent, O.

Dr. Hiram W. Thomas Thursday resigned as pastor of the People's church of Chicago, an institution with which he has been connected for 21 years.

One trainman was killed and two others were injured seriously in a tail-end collision between a passenger train and a helper engine near Petersburg, N. D.

Frederick D. Sargent, proprietor of restaurants in St. Paul, Milwaukee and Omaha and interested largely in mining in Minnesota, dropped dead in the Grand Opera house at St. Paul of heart disease.

## IN TOUCH WITH BRIGANDS

Missionaries Open Communication With Stone Abductors.

ARE READY TO TALK BUSINESS.

Actual Negotiations for the Ransom Not Reported—Washington Pleased With the News—Officials Continue Their Efforts.

Constantinople, Oct. 25.—The missionaries who are operating from Samokov, Bulgaria, are at last in touch with the brigands who abducted Miss Ellen Stone and her companion, Mme. Taika, according to dispatches received here today, though whether negotiations for the ransom have been actually opened is not disclosed. The missionaries on the spot are expected to conclude the business with the brigands at the earliest opportunity.

Washington, Oct. 25.—The news that the missionaries operating from Bulgaria are in touch with the brigands who abducted Miss Stone is highly gratifying to the officials here. They hope the information is correct. No news to that effect, however, has been received at the state department. The officials continue unremittingly their efforts to secure Miss Stone's release and today a dispatch was sent to Spencer Eddy, the secretary of the United States legation at Constantinople, urging that missionaries get into communication with the brigands so that the ransom could be paid and a release of the missionary effected.

Banquet to Pan-American Delegates

Mexico City, Oct. 25.—Senator Ral gosa, chairman of the Mexican delegation and provisional president of the pan-American congress, sent to the governments of Colombia and Venezuela the peace telegram agreed upon at yesterday's session. A banquet was tendered the pan-American delegates last night at the palace. Among the speakers were Governor Escandon of the federal district, who alluded to Washington as the Saxon father of free America and to Bolivar as the Latin father of fraternal America. Mayor Algara said the figures of McKinley and Diaz, the former draped in sable crepe, will go down into history as the originators of this congress. General Clayton, United States ambassador, spoke, proposing the health of President Diaz.

Presbyterians Meet in Montreal.

Montreal, Oct. 25.—The semiannual meeting of the executive committee of the western section of the Alliance Reformed churches throughout the world holding the Presbyterian system was held here yesterday, delegates being present from all sections of the United States and Canada. At the afternoon session General Prim of Boston announced that he had received letters from missionaries in the Philippines, stating that the government had handed over the control of the educational institutions to the Roman Catholic church and that Presbyterians were denied full religious liberty. A committee was instructed to fully report on the matter at the Pittsburg meeting, to be held in April, 1902.

Unearth Plot Against Shah.

London, Oct. 25.—News has been received here from Teheran, says a dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Daily Mail, of the discovery of a serious plot against the life of the shah. The leaders of the conspiracy were the shah's two brothers, the grand vizier, Sadi Assam, and his son-in-law. The two brothers have been banished for life to Ardebil. The whole revolutionary party, together with the higher priests, were in the plot and all will be beheaded or imprisoned for life. There is a veritable panic among the people at Teheran.

Victory for Clergy.

Chicago, Oct. 25.—Strife between the clerical and lay representatives in the American Missionary association culminated last night in a victory for the clergy. The principal struggle arose over the proposition that there should be only one corresponding secretary in the association in place of three. The plan was presented by C. A. Hull, chairman of the executive committee, who was the acknowledged leader of the laity. The debate lasted for several hours. Finally a ballot was taken and by a bare majority the clergy won.

Divorce From Dying Man.

Fort Dodge, Ia., Oct. 25.—While her husband was lying at a lonely farm house in the country at the point of death from internal injuries received in a runaway, Mrs. Chris Rayne appeared in court here as a petitioner for a divorce. Rayne was injured by being thrown from a heavy load of lumber, which fell upon him. Mrs. Rayne secured the divorce on the grounds of habitual drunkenness.

Executed by the Garrotte.

Havana, Oct. 25.—Andrew Rodriguez and Antete O'Farrell, negro murderers, were executed yesterday by the garrotte. A fellow prisoner acted as executioner, receiving an ounce of gold for each execution, together with a reduction of six years in the term for which he was imprisoned. Deaths were apparently instantaneous.

conference of the Iowa Daughters of the American Revolution came to a close yesterday with the election of these officers: President, Mrs. E. L. Johnston, Waterloo; secretary, Mrs. Wellslager, Des Moines; historian Mrs. Skinner, Anamosa.

BEGIN WORK ON NEW RAILROAD.

Atkinson & Niobrara River Line Soon to Be Completed as Far as Perry. Atkinson, Neb., Oct. 25.—The Atkinson and Niobrara River railway, with a capital stock of \$425,000, to run from Atkinson, Holt county, Neb., to Butte, Boyd county, Neb., after being strongly agitated for several years is now being built. Work was begun on the road the first of this week, when Superintendent of Construction A. O. Perry arrived from the east. There are now 100 men at work on the grade. By Jan 1 trains will be running over 28 of the 34 miles in all on a standard gauge track. Instead of a narrow gauge as was contemplated at first to Perry, Neb. Early next spring the line will be completed to Butte, the terminus

AGREE TO DIE TOGETHER.

Hotel Man Makes Attempt but Falls Dose Fatal to Woman.

Denver, Oct. 25.—Mrs. Nellie Harder, wife of Philip C. Harder, a contractor of this city, is dead from morphine poisoning and William P. Flanders, a Lyons (Colo.) hotel man, is in a hospital and may die from the same cause. "We fixed it up to die together, for we loved each other and could not live apart," said Flanders, who is a married man, after the woman died yesterday in his room in the Midland hotel. Should Flanders recover he will be charged with murder.

KASSON ON RECIPROCITY.

Makes Principal Speech at Illinois Manufacturers' Banquet.

Chicago, Oct. 25.—Six hundred business firms were represented at the annual banquet of the Illinois Manufacturers' association, which was held last evening at the Grand Pacific hotel. There was but one set speech of the program for the evening, and that was by John A. Kasson of Iowa, the diplomat and tariff expert, who spoke on "Reciprocity." At the close of Mr. Kasson's address resolutions were adopted favoring prompt ratification of such treaties as are now before the United States senate.

AUTOMOBILES STILL SWIFTER

Winton of Cleveland Beats Fournier's Time for Ten Miles.

Detroit, Oct. 25.—All automobile records from one to ten miles were broken at the Grosse Point track here yesterday by Alexander Winton of Cleveland, who covered a mile on his racing machine in 1:06.25, lowering Fournier's record two-fifths of a second. Winton covered the ten miles in 11:09 flat, and three times clipped three-fifths of a second from Fournier's record. This mark of 1:06.25 caught three different times by expert timers, is the fastest ever made on any track by any manner of vehicle.

NEW WORLD'S RECORD.

Crescens Trots Mile on Half-Mile Track in 2:09 1/4.

Kansas City, Oct. 25.—Crescens, king of trotters, broke the world's mile record for a half-mile track yesterday at the Kansas City Driving club's park going the distance in 2:09 1/4, clipping one-quarter of a second off his previous record. He made the new record in his very first trial. The time by quarters: 32.3-4, 1:04.1-2, 1:36.1-2, 2:09.1-4. The track was fast and the weather conditions perfect.

Bolt Captures First Prize.

Des Moines, Oct. 25.—George Bolt of Blue Island, Ills., carried off the first prize, with a record of 25 straight birds to his credit in the annual hand-icap shooting tournament of the Des Moines Gun club. Five others were tied for second place, with 24 birds each. They were George Selbers of Newton, Ia., James Sheehy of Des Moines, Goodly Brunker of Omaha, D. H. Tripp of Newton, Ia., and Mr. Nichols of Nichols, Ia. They divided second and third moneys.

China May Oppose Russia.

London, Oct. 25.—An official telegram from Wu Chang asserts, says the Shanghai correspondent of the Times, that in reply to the vigorous protests of the southern viceroys against the Manchurian agreement, Emperor Kwang Su asks what means they would suggest to oppose Russia and what is the prospect of effective British and Japanese support.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

Andrew Tapper was sentenced to hang at Chaska, Minn., for the murder of Rosa Miza.

General Miles' annual report will oppose the repeal of the canteen law. He declares there is less dissipation and drunkenness now, but more desertions.

Mgr. Sbarretti, bishop of Havana, received an address from Rome to the effect that the pope has decided to appoint him apostolic delegate to the Philippines.

Terry McGovern and Young Corbett of Denver have signed articles of agreement for a 20-round championship contest on Thanksgiving day at Hartford, Conn.

Guy Bright shot and killed his father, Alexander Bright, on their farm five miles from Isthia, Mo.

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