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IS ADVERSE TO SCHLEY

Majesty of the Board of Inquiry Find Fault With Admiral's Conduct.

DEWEY IN REPORT SUSTAINS HIM

Letter, However, Admits Signature to Original Statement—Schley is Charged With Insubordination and Failure to Perform Duty.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The most prolonged, interesting and important naval tribunal ever held in this country came to a close yesterday, having in open and secret lasted one week short of three months, when Secretary Long handed the findings of the court of inquiry which inquired into the conduct of Rear Admiral Schley during the Santiago campaign.

For seven weeks the court heard testimony and for fully a month it deliberated upon that mass of evidence, finally reaching the conclusions announced today. The result was a complete surprise and it is probable that no prophecy has approached the truth. Instead of one report, there are two. Both are signed by George Dewey, president, and Samuel C. Lemly, as judge advocate. This is a form said to be recognized in all the courts of inquiry, the signatures of the other members not being necessary. But it is explained that Admiral Dewey signed the second report, a minority report, to express his qualification or dissent from the views expressed by the court, comprising, beside himself, Admirals Benham and Ramsey, in the first report.

AUTHORITY OF TEACHERS.

Reasonable Control Over Pupils Out of School.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 14.—As the cold winter days approach and the school children are inclined to caper a trifle more than usual on the way to school and after school hours, State Superintendent Fowler is called upon to define the authority of teachers over the youngsters outside of school hours. After searching the law Mr. Fowler does not find any specific statute, but judging from decisions of courts, he believes that in the absence of statutory authority the teacher may exercise reasonable control over pupils on the way to and from school. He warns the teachers, however, that this authority must be exercised with discretion if trouble is avoided, that parents have rights that ought to be respected, as they are guardians of their children and responsible for their acts in school and out. Yet he believes that it would be disastrous to school discipline to deprive teachers of reasonable control over pupils on the way to and from the school house.

All Want Nebraska Land.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 14.—Many letters of inquiry are arriving daily at Elkhorn headquarters from farmers in Iowa, Illinois and other states further east. They all want to know about the prices of Nebraska lands along the Elkhorn and other information about crops and locations, such as farmers like to know. The information is being promptly furnished, both by printed material and personal letters, and the outlook is encouraging for a big winter movement to the northern part of this state.

Committee on Land Transfers.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 14.—The committee appointed to investigate the Torrens system of land transfers will be ready to file its report with the judges of the supreme court by January 1. The members have visited Chicago, Toronto, Can., and Boston, inspecting the workings of the system with its modifications. The committee was appointed in response to a bill passed by the last legislature, introduced by Representative Hanks of Otoe county.

RAYNOR WILL ADVISE APPEAL

Will Counsel Schley to Fight Decision to the Last Extent.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 14.—Isidor Raynor showed great disappointment when the findings of the court of inquiry were communicated to him tonight. He announced that he would go to Washington as soon as his engagements will permit, probably Monday or Tuesday, and he will counsel Admiral Schley to fight the case to a finish by every appeal that is possible. In an interview he said: "I think the country will almost unanimously accept Admiral Dewey's judgment. The testimony was so overwhelming in almost all of the specifications in favor of Admiral Schley that I must confess I am at a loss to understand upon what fact or upon what evidence of the witnesses the other two members of the court reached their conclusion."

Ray is Appointed Orator.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The joint committee of the two houses of congress appointed to make the necessary arrangements for a memorial service in honor of the late President McKinley held a meeting today and decided to invite Secretary of State John Hay to be the orator whenever the proposed services shall be held. The selection was made upon a motion by Senator Fairbanks, who briefly addressed the committee.

To Deal With Anarchists.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The Judiciary committee of the house of representatives, at its initial meeting, authorized Chairman Ray to appoint a special sub-committee to consider the many bills offered to punish attacks on the president and vice president and to deal with anarchists and anarchy. The special committee will make a thorough investigation of the power of congress to deal with this subject and report a measure.

STATE TRAVELING LIBRARY.

First Shipment of Books Under the System Goes to Utah.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 14.—The first shipment of books under the Nebraska traveling library system will be sent to Blair. It will be one of the twenty-five or more independent traveling libraries that will soon be started on their way around the reading circle, which extends over practically the entire state and includes about thirty towns or villages. Books are now being purchased by the commission and it is likely that the system will be in good working order within the next few weeks. As Blair was the first town to apply for the reading service it will be the first accomplished.

"We want the people of the state to understand the work and the object of the library commission," said Miss Edna Bullock, secretary, today. "The intention of the framers of the law which created the commission was to encourage the founding of libraries and to improve the administration of those already established and to aid in every way possible the educational development of the state by helping the people to the desire for more and better books. The law was passed at the solicitation of the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs, the Nebraska Library association, the Nebraska Teachers' association and friends of library extension and education throughout the state."

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WILL NOT TOLERATE IT

Gomperz Declares American People Will Not Tolerate It.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 13.—When the correspondent of the Associated Press showed the San Juan cable to Mr. Samuel Gomperz, president of the American Federation of Labor, tonight he expressed great surprise at the news. In answer to a question as to what the federation will do he answered: "If Mr. Iglesias' conviction is upon the charge that he has been guilty of conspiracy to increase the wages of Porto Rico workmen we shall leave no effort unturned to secure his release and the necessary changes in the laws of the island to conform to American standards."

SCHELEY REPORT SOON READY

Findings of Board of Inquiry is Expected Soon.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13.—The Scheley court of inquiry is nearing the end of its labors and while it is impossible to secure from the members of the navy department a statement when the report will be submitted, it is believed it cannot be delayed more than twenty-four hours. It was said at the department this afternoon that the close of business hours the report was not finished. It is the intention of Secretary Long to have typewritten copies of it prepared immediately for the press.

Found Dead on the Prairie.

DENVER, Dec. 13.—A special to the News from Cheyenne says the woman who was reported lost on the prairie four miles from Cheyenne last night was found today, frozen to death, a quarter of a mile from where she was left by the linemen who tried to save her life last night. The woman has not been identified. She was between 35 and 40 years of age.

Kitchener Takes the Field.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Now that General Ian Hamilton is here, the Pretoria correspondent of the Daily Telegraph cables, Lord Kitchener has personally taken the field and is directing the movements of the troops.

Will Meet in Washington.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Members of the executive committee of the national council of the Grand Army of the Republic, at a meeting here, decided to hold the next annual encampment of the organization at Washington, D. C. It has been decided that the encampment will be held in the fall, although the exact date will not be selected until today. Atlantic City, N. J., and Denver wanted the meeting, but the national capital was selected.

TREAS TO CONVERT BRIGANDS

Advocates of Elementary Principles of Miss Stone's Teaching.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 13.—The latest information regarding Miss Ellen M. Stone, her American missionary, and Mme. Taikka, her companion, indicates that their condition has been so far ameliorated that they are able to obtain rude comforts. It is even said that the brigands have a doctor ready at hand in case his services should be needed.

FLAWS OF THE TREATY

Senator Bacon in Speech Frolics to Point Them Out.

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