

HER HONOR WAS HIS JEST.

Captain Dempsey's Sensational Testimony.

FLETCHER WAS ONLY FOOLING.

The Witness Says the Commandant Admitted Attacking His Wife's Character, But Said He Didn't Mean It.

Made Merry With Her Name. The trial of Lieutenant Colonel Fletcher by court martial, at Fort Omaha, was continued yesterday morning.

When the court was convened at 10 o'clock, Lieutenant Kinzie was called in and his testimony as offered Tuesday was read to him. A few immaterial changes were made.

The next witness was Captain Dempsey, one of the officers who has figured most prominently in this affair.

"Did you, on the 19th of June, have an interview at Colonel Fletcher's house with him?"

"I did,"

"He was called into his quarters that morning," continued the witness, "by Mrs. McFarland, who said that Colonel Fletcher had charged me with improper relations with his wife. I grabbed him by the coat collar and exclaimed, 'Did you say that?' He replied, 'No, Dempsey, I did not. I want to have a talk with you. There is something back of all this' and told him that I intended having a talk with him.

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"What were the allegations made against his wife?"

"So far as you are concerned, was there any foundation for these charges?"

"None whatever."

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"Did you comply with this request?"

"I did."

"Were the other officers present?"

"Yes, with the exception of Captain Mills, whom I asked to go with me. When we went in he said the charges against him were such that he would like to have all the officers of the regiment present and summoned the other officers of the post."

"What did he say at that meeting?"

"He said he hardly knew how to commence, but thought it would be best to begin at the beginning, and referred to the night of the 17th of May and the morning of the 19th of June, when he understood that he had charged me with having improper relations with his wife."

"In this interview, did the accused directly charge you with having improper relations with his wife?"

"I could not swear that he used the word 'indecently.'"

"For what purpose was this meeting of officers called?"

"It was to make an explanation to me."

"What did he say in regard to having made these allegations?"

"He said he had made the accusations but did not mean them."

such members of his family when he was able to attend them himself?"

"Did he not say that he did not doubt his wife's purity?"

"He did."

"He also said that he had seen you at his house while returning from a meeting of the Loyol Legion and going out next morning at five o'clock, and that these things hurt his feelings."

"He said he had seen me there attending his sick child the night before and that that hurt his feelings any you to sign."

"Witness excused."

Assistant Surgeon Henderson, another one of the gentlemen who have been made a witness in this affair, was the next witness called.

He testified that on the 19th of June, while taking breakfast with Lieutenant Wright, Mrs. McFarland called at Lieutenant Wright's quarters and summoned me to the door. She said she wanted me to go to the commanding officer's quarters with her and refute charges he had made against me and his wife—charges of adulterous relations."

"Did you find Colonel Fletcher at his quarters?"

"I did not."

"Did you endeavor to find him?"

"I did. I visited the rooms and the out houses and the barn. There I found his coachman hitching up his horses. Captain Kinzie accompanied me. On returning to the quarters of the accused, accompanied by Assistant Wright. The accused sat upon the porch. I said to him, 'Colonel Fletcher, I came here this morning to see you on business, but you ran away. I now have here a letter from Mrs. McFarland, who charges me with improper relations with his wife. I grabbed him by the coat collar and exclaimed, 'Did you say that?' He replied, 'No, Dempsey, I did not. I want to have a talk with you. There is something back of all this' and told him that I intended having a talk with him.

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AT BELLEVUE RIFLE RANGE.

The Conditions Unfavorable For Making Good Scores.

A DAY OF CLOUDS AND WIND.

The Final Contest in Firing at Known Distances—Standing of the Twelve Leading Competitors.

The Military Marksmen. Yesterday was the last day's shooting at known distances in the rifle competition at the Bellevue range, and the work done was almost marvellously good, when the disadvantages under which the men worked is considered.

The day was too dreary for anything. During all the practice hours there was a gradual settling down of an unwelcome, dismal, hazy gray. Clouds, purple and portentous, hung over the grounds, but they really meant nothing, but in addition to the prevailing gloom, and hung soft and motes in the air. The wind was blowing and came burdened with mellow and fragrant messages from the hills and woods. It was a typical time for day dreaming, not a very poor day for shooting.

In the morning the wind blew upon the range from both the east and west, sorely puzzling the marksmen. Those whose scores depend in a great measure on their ability to calculate the effect of a current of wind upon a bullet fired at a target at a distance of 600 yards. But the shooting was great, just the same. There were few visitors present, but it was the final contest in firing at known distances, and each competitor went in to improve his score.

The firing was at 200, 300, 500 and 600 yards, ten rounds at each distance. Of the three scores of competitors, twenty-four scored more than 100 points in a possible 200. Lieutenant Huck led the list at 171, with Corporal Keirson 159, and Sergeant Salomon, Deitz and Sauer and Private Corrie tied at 168.

The appended table shows the standing of the competitive men in the competition, the results of two days' shooting at known distances and one day's skirmish shooting being considered:

Table with columns: Name, Score, Rank. Includes Gustave Ourenberg, Albert Saladin, Leonard Deitz, Charles Elwell, A. G. Doolin, B. B. Buck, John Carrig, Richard Davidson, C. H. Cochran, C. H. Mait, James W. Davis, Park B. Spencer.

The usual evening amusements of the soldiers were foregone last night, and the entire attention of both officers and men given to the discussion of the competition. The averages are so very close among a number of competitors that the result of to-day's firing will be of great importance.

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J. O. Bishop, of the Missouri Pacific, has returned from Kansas City.

J. Francis, general passenger agent of the Burlington, has returned from Chicago.

John Langtry, superintendent of bridges of the Union Pacific, has been promoted to Superintendent of Bridges and Trainmaster of the Union Pacific, have gone to Cheyenne.

Daniel W. Johnson, Michigan passenger agent of the Union Pacific, with headquarters at Detroit, is in Omaha.

George Hoper, of the passenger department of the Union Pacific, has gone to Denver in the capacity of chief clerk of the division agency recently established at that place.

The Atlantic express on the Union Pacific arrived from the west in three sections. The first and second sections, composed of cars laden with silks and teas from China, and fruits from California.

John Gannon, the man who was injured while at work on the Pacific snow shed, was taken to the hospital at Jacksonville, Ill., for treatment. His expenses were borne by the local order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a member.

P. J. Clansy, who, until one year ago, was employed the Union Pacific in the yards at this place, has been sentenced to four years in the penitentiary for the crime of being in liquor contrary to the state laws of Kansas. He was conducting a saloon at Armourdale, Kan.

For a disordered liver try Beecham's Pills. YOUNG HAMEL, THE ADONIS.

He Talks About the Recent Sensational Society Drama.

A Chicago paper publishes a "Utica dispatch" in which the following is given: Fred J. Hamel, who took the "heavy part" in the Barton-Bridges society drama. He said:

"I first met Miss Bridges in Ogdensburg, where I was at the home of her aunt, where I have been boarding since going there. The young lady lived with her aunt, and an intimate acquaintance sprang up between us. I liked her, and she liked me, and we were engaged to be married. After her return home she seemed pleased at her good fortune and referred to the coming event with seeming pleasure."

Young Hamel said that Miss Bridges, when the time for the wedding approached, told him that she and her husband would spend their honeymoon at the Bellevue rifle range. He said that he was not alone in the case. Hamel said that he had been told by a certain person that a law suit will grow out of the novel case and that several men besides himself will take leading parts.

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