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AT THE SCHLEY INQUIRY

Interesting Testimony Given by a Newspaper Man.

WAS WITH SCHLEYON BROOKLYN

Declares He Heard Captain Sigsbee Say "The Spaniards Are Not There"-Other Witnesses Give Testimony In the Case.

Washington, Oct. 23 .- Lieutenant Wells resumed the witness stand yesterday and was cross-examined by Judge Advocate Lemiy and Mr. Hanna. He was followed by G. E. Graham, a newspaper correspondent, who was on board the Brooklyn with Schley during the campaign.

Mr. Mason was questioned by Mr. Rayner, and said that he had been on the Brooklyn from March 29 to August 20, 1898.

"Did you see Captain Sigsbee on board the Brooklyn on May 26?" "Yes, sir."

"Did you hear him in conversation with Commodore Schley?" "Yes, sir.'

"Can you give us an idea what that conversation was?"

"After he had reached the quarterdeck of the gangway he stopped and Commodore Schley said to him: 'Have we got 'em, Sigsbee?' Captain Sigsbee said: 'No; they are not here. I have been nere for a week, and they are not here."

"Is that the whole of the conversation as you recollect?"

"No, sir. We went aft, further back of the quarterdeck and he continued the conversation. Commodore Schley said: 'Are you sure they are not there?' He said: 'I have been very close to the harbor entrance two or three times. Captain Cotton has been in and cut a cable and they are not tnere.'"

"You heard Sigsbee say that?" "Yes, sir. I took some part in the conversation."

"Did you record that conversation and did Captain Sigsbee know you recorded it?"

"Captain Sigsbee knew I was a! newspaper man and was there looking for information, and Captain Sigsbee later took a dispatch written by me and vised by Commodore Schley. He took it aboard his ship, and he was to deliver it to one of the small boats or else take it over himself."

"And Captain Sigsbee took that dispatch?"

"Yes, sir. It was open. It detailed the fact that the fleet was not there.'

"Do you remember the reconnoissance of May 31?"

"Yes, sir; I was aboard the Massachusetts."

"Were you in the presence of Commodore Schley during the whole of this reconnoissance on the Massachusei ?" "Only part of the time. At times I

believed it was not enough to be dangerous." "That will do," said Captain Lemly. "I have before objected to that line of testimony."

Mr. Rayner inter.upted at this point to say that "it is not necessary to get into a rage with the witness."

To this Captain Lemly responded that he was not in a rage, adding: "I have seen counsel with the veins standing out on his forehead as big as your face. He is accusing me of being in a rage when he is in a high temper all the time." Mr. Cronin was then excused.

Lieutenant Commander Rush was called. Witness said that on the day of the battle off Santiago he had been in the after turret. Describing the Brooklyn's loop, he said: "When I was ready to fire it was impossible to do so, as the ship had commenced turning very promptly and was heading in toward the mouth of the harbor. 1 was unable to fire until the ship made her turn, so as to bring the after guns on the enemy. The after guns trained from about 45 degrees forward of the beam on one side around aft and across the stern to about 45 degrees on the opposite side. Of course, there was an angle, generally speak ing, of 90 degrees on either side of the keel right ahead, in which the guns would not bear, and it was not until the ship commenced to turn, or had turned, through a certain arc, that I could fire at all."

"What did you see?" asked Mr. Rayner.

"I saw nothing but the target, the enemy's ships," the witness replied. "The smoke was so dense I never saw any of our ships until after the Brooklyn had turned to the westward. The witness said he had a vivid impression of the Spanish ship Viscaya turning toward the Brooklyn, and he was under the impression that this had occurred before the Brooklyn made the turn. He had himself considered it necessary to make a turn.

THIEF'S FIENDISH CRIME

Attacked Lady and Attempted to Burn Her Alive.

Philadelphia, Oct. 23 .- An outrage was perpetrated upon Mrs. S. B. Hillman, wife of the proprietor of the Beechwood Inn, at Jenkintown, near here, when a fiend attacked her in a dark part of the road, and after smearing a plaster over her mouth stole her purse, and then, while she lay in the road, poured coal oil over her clothing and set fire to it.

Mrs. Hillman started from her home to go to the station. It was her intention to call on William B. Conard, who lives at Wayne Junction. The train left at 7.36, and Mrs. Hillman hurried along the road. She passed a spot where grows a clump of trees, and as she did so a man jumped out from the shadow and seized her.

Before she could scream he slapped a plaster over her mouth and threw her to the ground. He then seized her pocketbook, and, still holding her. without a word, poured a bottle of coal oil over her clothes. He then set fire to her skirt and ran away. Mrs. Hillman, almost frantic with terror, struggled to her feet. The flames were already beginning to creep up her skirt. She tried to shrick for help, but the plaster stopped utterance. Then, with rare presence of mind, she unloosened her skirt at the waist and let the blazing garment drop to the ground. Mrs. Hillman's underwaist almost caught fire, but she beat out the flames, and, mad with fear, ran towards her home. She tried to tear the plaster from her mouth, but could She reached her own door, only not. to fall in a deep faint. Miss Curry, her sister, and a friend, Mr. Peacock, were sitting in the library of the Hillman house on the second floor, when Miss Curry heard some one moaning on the road below. At first she paid little attention to the sounds, but as they continued she became alarmed. She and Mr. Peacock were horrified to see the body of Mrs. Hillman stretched out before them. The unfortunate woman was brought in and carried upstairs to her room. Then her sister undressed her and put her to bed. The clothes were found soaked with oil all through. There is only a slight clue to her assailant.

BIGPOSTOFFICE ROBBERY

Large Haul of Burglars in Chicago's Government Office.

ROBBERY EFFECTED IN NIGHT

Entrance Effected Under the Flooring and the Cashier's Vault Cut Open. Nearly \$75,000 Worth of Stamps

Carted Away In a Wagon.

Chicago, Oct. 22 .- A remarkable robbery, which netted the perpetrato:s \$74,000 in stamps, was discovered here yesterday, when the wholesale stamp department of the post office was opened for business. A rapid investigation showed that the burglars had crawled under the flooring for about 300 feet, bored a hole in the bottom of the vault, secured the stamps and es- confined there. Warden Mead, howcaped, carrying their booty away in a wagon.

The work of forcing an entrance to the vault had evidently been going forward with the greatest patience for many days. It is believed however. that the intention of the thieves had been to enter the cashier's vault, in which there was \$35,000 in money and stamps valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars. The bottom of the vault is of steel half an inch in thickness. In this 97 holes were bored, until a space 18 inches square-just enough to allow the entrance of a man's body-had been so weakened that it was possible to take out the whole plate with little difficulty. A dry goods box stood over the hole thus made and concealed the work of the robbers while it was in progress. When discovered the finger marks of one of the burglars were still discernible in the dust on the box, which he had pushed on one side. So carefully had the scheme been planned that men working in other parts of the building had not the slightest inkling of the daring robbery being worked almost under their noses.

Of the \$74,610 in stamps taken, \$4,-712 were in "postage due" stamps, so \$2,060 in special delivery stamps, so the convertible stamps amounted to \$67,828, but of these \$4,828 were Pan-American stamps of eight and ten-cent denominations.

F. O. Spalding, chief clerk of the wholesale stamp department, discovered the robbery when he opened the vault at 7.50 o'clock. The safe had been locked, with its contents apparently secure, at 5 p. m. on Saturday. Mr. Spalding notified Post Office Inspector Stuart, who, assisted by his deputies and a squad of detectives, made an investigation. Inspector Stuart afterwards said:

"It was the largest stamp robbery ever committed in the history of the postal service in this country. To get to the vault the men dug through the brick foundation wall, and a hundred feet or so further on they encountered another wall, and this they also dug through. On the way they met with a number of pipes, and as the floor is only two feet and in some places three feet above the ground, they tunneled under the pipes. The wholesale stamp vault, like the cashier's vault and the money order vault, is supported by a brick wall. It forms a square, and before the robbery was airtight. In this the robbers broke two holes, possibly to secure more air."

CZOLGOSZ SEES PRIEST Pastor of Polish Church to Attend

His Last Hours. Auburn, N. Y., Oct. 23 .- In accord-Ala., dined with the President last ance with Czolgosz's wishes, the Rev. John J. Hickey, pastor of the Church evening. of the Holy Family and the Catholic Lower Saranac lake in the Adironchaplain of the prison, has appointed Rev. Father Szadzinski, pastor of the dacks, was burned. Polish church of Rochester, to attend Czolgosz in his last hours. He visited S. Rogers, the eccentric Newark milthe assassin. Czolgosz never practiced lionaire, has been settled. religion, and as an Anarchist denouncplace of the Association of Directors ed all its tenets. He will make a stateof the Poor of Pennsylvania. ment to this ceffct before his death.

Czolgosz's request for a priest of his own nationality was made known ternational Missionary Conference of to Warden Mead yesterday morning. Yesterday afternoon he went to the O., last night and will continue in sesprison and remained there about an sion four days. hour. Upon leaving he was seen by a representative of the Associated abolished, and that city has been offi-Press, but refused to be interviewed, cially declared free from the plague. saying that his visit to the prisoner was in the interest of another Pole great injustice was done their city by the report of the United States cenever, says that Father Szadinski saw sus department regarding the death Czolgosz, and that he came at the rate there. prisoner's request. Further than that the warden would say nothing. Father tionalists adopted a resolution at Port-Kelly, who accompanied the Polish land, Me., favoring the appointment priest to the prison, also stated that of a committee of seven to consider Czolgosz was visited. It is learned the plan of publishing a systematic that Czolgosz was baptized in the and graded work for Sunday schools. Catholic church, but never received his first communion, nor was he conauthority of his relatives that Edward firmed in that church.

Father Szadinski urged him to renounce his belief in anarchy and return to the faith of his early years. Czolgosz declared his inability to do so, and he was informed that unless he could the consolation of the church would be denied him. Before taking his departure he left with Czolgosz some Catholic literature printed in Polish, and also some emblems of the church. Czolgosz assured Father Szadinski that in case he determined to accept the offices of religion he would send for him, but he did not hold out much hope that he would renounce the doctrines of anarchy.

Warden Mead, of Auburn prison, with Superintendent of State Prisons Cornelius V. Collins arranging the details for carrying out the sentence of death imposed on Leon F. Czolgosz, the murderer of President McKinley. They went carefully over the 1,200 requests which have been received for invitations to the electrocution. There will be but 26 witnesses admitted, the law limiting the number. The prison physician will be assisted in the conduct of the autopsy by Dr. Charles F. MacDonald, former president of the state commission in lunacy, and one of the greatest experts on insanity in the country. There will also be a number of other physicians in attendance when the final mandate of

CHESTER MAN'S SUICIDE

the law is carried out.

Reprimanded By His Father, He Shot

Himself. Chester, Pa. Oct. 23 --- Edward Stauffer, son of Joseph Stauffer, proprietor of the Aubrey Hotel, in this city, shot himself last evening and will die. He walked from the barroom

Tuesday, October 22.

former Attorney General and Mrs. Mc-Cormick, was wedded at Williamsport BEEF, PORK, MUTTON, SLICED HAM, to Joseph H. Cochran. James W. Wood, who drew the capital prize in the Lawton land district at the El Reno lottery last August and settled a claim valued at nearly \$50,000, is dead of typhoid fever. The Marquis Ito's party has initlated a strong movement to overthrow the cabinet. Important political developments are anticipated. The directors of the Mercantile Trust company, of Boston, have voted to increase the capital stock of the company from \$250,000 to \$500,000. Andrew Carnegie has given £600 each to the churches at Irvine and Castle Douglas, the money to go towards the purchase of organs in the churches.

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Stokes, who killed Jim Fisk, is not in a dangerous condition. He is ill, but not seriously, and is able to go out driving. . Saturday, October 19. The Presbyterian Synod of Pennsylvania, in session at Pittsburg, decided to hold its next meeting at Dubois. Attorney General Knox, Justice White, of the supreme court, and Hon. Wayne MacVeagh dined with the

Thursday, October 17.

Booker T. Washington, of Tuskegee

Edgewood Inn, a summer hotel on

All litigation over the will of Jacob

Somerset will be the next meeting

The first annual meeting of the In-

the Christian Church began at Piqua,

Friday, October 18.

The guarantine at Naples has been

Officials of Shreveport, La., claim

The National Council of Congrega-

It was stated in New York upon the

President last night. Funeral services over the remains of the Duke of Alva were conducted yesterday at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church in New York city

At Wilmington, Del., last night, was in conference on Monday Jack Bennett, of McKeesport, got the decision over Charles McKeever, of Philadelphia, in a 15-round bout. Sydney R. Tabor, of Lake Forest, Ill., was elected president of the American Humane association, vice Francis H. Rowley, of Brookline, resigned.

Monday, October 21. Senator Hanna starts on a two-

weeks campaigning tour of Ohio today. The 17-day strike on the Chicago & Southwestern Midland railroad is ended.

Dr. B. M. Duggar, department of agriculture expert, goes to France at once to study mushroom raising.

The government breakwater at the Portage Ship Canal, Mich., was completed at a cost of \$325,000.

ican exposition will be transferred to the exposition at Charleston, N. C.

The perjury charge against James Callahan, connected with the Cudahy kidnapping case, will be pushed at Omaha, Neb.

Miss Nellie McCormick, daughter of

and ne was on the other side of it." "Did you see Lieutenant Potts on

board the Massachusetts?" "He came into the pilot house during the conversation and took some

part in it." Describing the battle of July 3, Mr. Graham said that Commodore Schley had gotten to a position in front of the conning tower as soon as the nose of the first Spanish ships appeared. The Brooklyn at that time, he said, pointed almost north. Lieutenant Simpson had fired the first gun from the eight-inch turrets, and, calling Commodore Schley, said: 'How is that?" "

"To this the commodore replied," said the witness, "'I did not see it, Simpson; but keep at it."

"When the Viscaya went ashore the commodore went into the conning tower and himself called down the tube to the men below: 'They are all gone but one; it all depends on you, boys.' "

"Did you see the Texas before the turn ?"

"I saw her just before the turn. She appeared to me to be inside of us. We turned continuously to the right, according to my recollection."

"Did you ever see Commodore Schley when he appeared to be laboring under any mental excitement?"

"Oh, no; he was jovial and goodnatured at all times, and I did not observe the least trace of excitement or anxiety except at one time. That was when it looked as if the Colon might get away. He expressed fear that this might occur, and seemed much concerned."

"Were you?" asked Mr. Rayner, "present at any conversation between Captain Evans and Commodore Schley? Tell us what took place."

"Captain Evans came into the cabin. I sat at a round table in the centre. Commodore Schley got up and shook hands with Captain Evans, and the latter said: 'Schley, did you see Phillips turn around and run out of the fight?' The commodore said: 'No; neither did you. He did not run out of the fight.'"

"Captain Evans said: 'Oh, yes he did. I saw him.' Captain Evans said he was in the next ship and saw him. 1 The commodore said: 'It was not the Texas at all. The Texas was in the fight all the time. The ship you saw turn around was the Brooklyn.'

At the afternoon session Dennis J. Cronin was called. He was orderly to Commodore Schley during the Santiago campaign, and he testified that he was present when Captain Sigsbee came aboard the Brooklyn May 26.

Captain Lemly asked the witness concerning his testimony about the proximity of the Texas, and the witess replied that he had not especially noticed the Texas. "Because he had

New Heir to China's Throne.

Pekin, Oct. 22 .- A new heir to the throne will be appointed when the Dowager Empress meets Prince Ching and several of the viceroys at Kai-Feng, capital of the province of Ho-Nan, where there will be a general discussion of the affairs of the empire. This news is believed to be authentic, as it was received from high Chinese officials. The present heir has proved to be dissipated and uncontrollable. Moreover, his father's status as a banished prince makes his succession contrary to Chinese traditions. The candidate of the empress is said to be Peitze, a nephew of Prince Tuan, who is intellectually weak. He participated in the Boxer aggressions, personally leading an attack on the French cathedral. The reform faction disapproves of the selection and suggests that the powers oppose it if the empress wishes to carry it out.

Former Editor Commits Murder.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Oct. 23 .-- Carl Stubblefield, a wealthy resident of this city, was shot and instantly killed yesterday by Myer Solmson, formerly city editor of The Daily Graphic. The shooting is said to have been caused by an article Solmson was alleged to have written while doing newspaper Sork.

Captain Shot and Killed.

Columbus, Miss., Oct. 23 .- Joe Galvin, a young man, last night shot and killed Captain Willis Harris. The cause of the deed is not known.

Suit For Real Estate.

Trenton, N. J., Oct. 23 .- The case of Marion Eltonhead against George Allen and others, involving title to a large amount of property in the heart of Atlantic City, was begun in the United States court here yesterday. The case is one of a series of over thirty suits. The Eltonhead heirs claim title to this property by virtue of some ancient deeds. The property is now in the hands of third parties. The proceedings went no further than the presentation by a surveyor of maps showing the location of the property in dispute. The case was resumed this morning.

Dynamiter Arrested.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Oct. 22 .- Alexander Dongowski was arrested yesterday, charged with being one of the men who placed dynamite under the house of Mine Superintedent Reese Morgan Sunday night and wrecked it. The prisoner was formerly an employe of the Murray mine, where Mr. Morgan is superintendent. Last week he was discharged, and is said to have made threats that he would get even with somebody. The police are after two other men who are said to have been implicated with Dongowski in the deed.

Yale's Bi-Centennial Celebration.

New Haven, Conn., Oct. 23 .- In a great amphitheatre, bedecked in blue and illumined by long strings of orange-hued lanterns, the sons of Yale witnessed last night an allegorical performance by the dramatic association of the university, and listened to the songs of the student chorus. drilled especially for this feature of the bi-centennial celebration.

A Philadelphia Fire.

Philadelphia, Oct. 23 .- A fire of unknown origin late last night destroyed the drying and hair department of Congressman Robert H. Foerderer's leather factory, at Bridesburg, a suburg of this city. The loss is estimated at over \$100,000, fully covered by insurance.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

Borea, O., Oct. 22 .- An explosion of a boller in a sawmill six miles west of here last night resulted in the death of Charles Weeder, of Pottsville, Pa., and the fatal injury of Edwin Irving, of Olmstead Falls, O., and in alight injuries to three other men.

to a small room adjoining, pulled a revolver from his pocket and shot himself in the head. The only reason assigned for the deed was family difficulties at home over the young man's habits. Young Stauffer is unmarried and about 25 years of age. He was reprimanded by his father a few minutes before he made the attempt upon his life.

Striking Machinists.

Chicago, Oct. 23 .- A novel plan to escape conflict with a court order has been hit upon by union labor men and will be put into operation here today

Fearing that any attempt by them to talk with the non-union machinists at the Allis-Chalmers company shops might be construed as a violation of injunction recently issued by the Judge Kohlsaat in the Federal court against picketing, the striking machinists will communicate with the men inside the works by means of printed cards. It is the first time that a printed card has played so important a part in a big strike. It is believed by the unionists that this mute appeal to the men who have taken the places of the strikers will prove efficacious and at the same time be within the limits of the law.

Fright Causes Death.

Wabash, Ind., Oct. 23 .- Worry killed John Dye, who died yesterday. He was one of several heirs to an alleged estate of several thousand acres of coal land in Pennsylvania. Recently he received many anonymous letters, stating that he would be kidnapped and held for ransom. Dye was an old man, and the letters threw him into a paroxyism of fright, which resulted in a speedy decline and death.

Wholesale Poisoner On Trial. Dayton, O., Oct. 23 .- Mrs. Mary Belle Witwer, the suspected whole sale poisoner, charged with the killing of her sister, Mrs. Anna Pugh, was placed on trial in the police court yesterday for murder in the first degree. The prisoner appeared in court

calm and dignified, assisting her attorney in cross-examinations.

Hunters Start Prairie Fire.

Fargo, N. D., Oct. 23 .--- A prairie fire, believed to have been accidentally started by a party of hunters, is sweeping through the northern part of Ward county. It is reported that damage to the extent of thousands of dollars has been done.

Opposed to Capital Punishment. Buffalo, Oct. 23 .--- The Universalists

at yesterday's session of their general convention evinced their opposition to capital punishment by applauding and adopting the report of the committee on penology.

Wednesday, October 23.

State Congress of Daughters of the Revolution opened in Harrisburg today

Slight earthquake disturbances were felt in various towns in Porto Rico.

Mrs. Isaac Bond, of Newark, N. J., was killed on the railroad at Plainfield, N. J., last night.

Andrew Carnegie has accepted the nomination for lord rectorship of St. Andrew's University, in London.

Marquis Ito, former premier of Japan, declares he knows nothing of the movement against the Japanese ministry.

The textile workers at Fall River, Mass., asked for a 10 per cent. increase in wages, to take effect on November 4.

GENERAL MARKETS.

GENERAL MARKETS. Philadelphia, Oct. 22.-Flour quiet; winter superfine, \$2.15@2.30; Pennsyl-vania roller, clear, \$2.85@3.10; city mills, extra, \$2.40@2.65. Rye flour firm at \$2.85@3.per barrel. Wheat firm; No. 2 red, spot, 73½@74c. Corn strong; No. 2 yellow, local, 63½ c. Oats quiet; No. 2 white, clipped, 42½@43c.; lower grades, 39@41c. Hay in good demand; No. 1 timothy, \$16@16.50 for large bales. Beef firm; beef hams, \$19@ 19.50. Pork steady; family, \$18.50. Live poultry quoted at 9½@11c. for hens, 7@7½c. for old roosters. Dressed poultry at 10c. for choice fowls, 7c. for old roosters. Butt/r steady; creamery, 22½c. Eggs steady; New York and Pennsylvania, 23c. Potatoes firm; Eastern 70@72c, per basket. Baitl.® re, Oct. 22.-Flour was quiet and unchanged. Wheat dull; spot, the month and November, 73½@673½c.; steamer No. 2 red, 65%@69%c.; southern, re, by sample, 64@74¼c.; southern,

steamer No. 2 red. 65% 669% c.; southern on grade, 70% 674% c.; southern on grade, 70% 674% c. corn dull mixed, spot and the month, 58% 6 58% c.; steamer mixed, 57% 657% c.; southern white and yellow corn, 60% 61c. Oats unsettled; No. 2 white 40% 641c.; No. 2 mixed, 39% 6% c. Rye dull; No. 2 nearby, 55c.; No. 2 west-ern, 56c, asked. Hay steady; No. 1 timothy, \$16@16.50. Butter firm and unchanged; fancy imitation, 18% 19% c.; fancy creamery, 52@25c. Eggs firm and unchanged; fresh, 19@20c. Cheese firm and urchanged; isrge, 10% 010% c.; small, 11% 11% c. Sugar firm and unchanged; fine and coarse gran-ulated, \$5.15.







