

COL. SHAW COMMANDER

The Name of Judge Rascieur Is Withdrawn.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Other Officers Selected—Adjutant General Thomas Stewart, of Pennsylvania Is Reappointed—Insulting Questions in Examination of Soldiers' Widows Who Apply for Pensions Are Condemned by Both Majority and Minority Reports. The Newly Elected Officers Are Installed by General Louis Wagner and the Convention Is Adjourned.

Philadelphia, Sept. 7.—Shortly after the opening of today's session of the national convention of the Grand Army of the Republic Judge Leo Rascieur, of St. Louis, Mo., withdrew his name as a candidate for the office of commander in chief. Judge Rascieur in a speech that aroused unbounded enthusiasm among the delegates, declined to accept the nomination.



JOHN H. PHILLIPS.

President of the Local Branch of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

who have an income of \$8 a year is not warranted by the terms of the law and we warmly endorse the recommendation of the commissioners of pensions to suspend the application of the law in such cases as to make certain the true intent of the statute as we believe it can be construed as herein presented.

The report was signed by R. B. Brown, John Palmer and Charles Clark Adams. The committee assisting in the report was appointed, consisting of four signers of the report, together with General Daniel E. Sickles, of New York.

Insulting Questions Condemned.

The important matter embodied was that referring to the examination of soldiers' widows who applied for pensions. The majority report stated the widows were asked if their lives had been virtuous after the death of their husbands. The report suggested that such questions be condemned.

Shortly before adjournment Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart, of Pennsylvania, was re-appointed. Newly elected officers were installed, General Louis Wagner, of this city, past commander-in-chief, conducting the ceremonies, after which the convention adjourned sine die.

Resolutions.

Your committee on pensions respectfully presents this supplemental report pursuant to the instructions of the convention.

Resolved, That this convention respectfully represents to the president its earnest conviction that rule 22, now in practice in the examination of pension claims, for pensions, under section 2 of the act of June 27, 1890, in the pension bureau, works grave injustice to worthy ex-soldiers and ex-officers, and we express the hope that you will find it consistent with your duties as an executive officer to abrogate this rule and re-establish the principles as defined in rule 24.

Resolved, This convention respectfully represents that the practice in the pension bureau in carrying widow claimants

EMILE AGUINALDO IS VERY ANGRY

PREFERS CHARGES AGAINST ONE OF HIS GENERALS.

Consequence of the Failure to Assault Town of Imus—Traitors in That Place—Mayor and Five Members of the Council Known to Be Insurgent Sympathizers.

PREPARING FOR TRANSVAAL WAR

Special Military Train with Heavy Field Guns Dispatched to Natal Border—The Boers Are Sanguine.

London, Sept. 8.—The Daily Mail publishes the following from Johannesburg: "It is reliably reported from Pretoria that a special military train with a body of armed men was despatched to the Natal border on Tuesday night with an equipment of several heavy field guns and a quantity of ammunition."

AGUINALDO'S HEROISM.

John Barrett, Ex-Minister to Siam, Replies to Congressman Lantz.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 7.—John Barrett, formerly United States minister to Siam, delivered an address here last night under the auspices of the Seattle chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

NATIONAL GUARD ORDERS.

The Recommendations Made Regarding Inspections.

Harrisburg, Sept. 7.—General orders were issued from headquarters of the National Guard of Pennsylvania today containing the reports of the inspector general and inspectors on the spring inspections. The inspectors of the First and Second brigades found it necessary to comment unfavorably on the condition and discipline of some of the organizations of these brigades.

MUNICIPAL ELECTRICIANS.

Convention of National Association at Wilmington Adjourns.

CONTRACTS ILLEGAL.

Important Decision Made by Judge Archbald at Towanda.

Towanda, Pa., Sept. 7.—Judge R. W. Archbald, of Scranton, who presided over the hearing of the taxpayers' appeal from the auditors' report of the year 1896, today filed his opinion, in which he surcharges the board of county commissioners of that year with \$37,178.91.

DREYFUS TRIAL NEARLY ENDED

The Government Is Fearful of Results. No Matter What the Verdict May Be—Extraordinary Measures to Spirit the Prisoner Away from Rennes.

Rennes, Sept. 7.—Today came the beginning of the end of the Dreyfus trial. With the speech of the government commissary, Major Carriere, the case entered upon the final stage of pleadings and the verdict will be delivered on Monday at the latest.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

Completes Its Business by the Election of an Executive Committee.

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IN SESSION MANY HOURS

Letter Carrier Delegates Put in a Long, Hard Day at Dry Routine Business.

ARE REVISING THE CONSTITUTION

Three Sessions Were Held, Lasting from 9 O'Clock in the Morning Till After Midnight—Most of the Time Was Consumed in the Discussion of the Report of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution—Colonel Ripple Given an Ovation at the Convention—Secretary Robathan Presents President Parsons with a Smoking Set.

MORNING SESSION.

IN opening the morning session of the convention, President Parsons delivered his annual report.

President Parsons, at this juncture stepped to the front of the stage and addressing the delegates said: "You might have suspected unless some steps were taken to prevent it that this city of Scranton did not have a postmaster. But it has, and he is all right. And while he has been very modest, keeping behind the others and pushing his friends among the citizens to the front on the respective committees to entertain you and make provision for it, yet, I know that the postmaster of this town has been at work ever since the boys came back from the last convention and he has done no little share of helping to make the reception you have received a grand success. I therefore took the liberty of asking him to call up here this morning and be formally introduced to you and I take great pleasure in introducing Col. Ripple, postmaster of Scranton."

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WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Sept. 7.—Forecast for Friday: Eastern Pennsylvania clear; day afternoon or night and probably Saturday; warmer Friday; cooler Saturday; fresh southerly winds.

PRUSSIAN MINISTER DISMISSED.

Berlin, Sept. 7.—It is said that Baron von Hammerstein-Loxten, minister of agriculture, has been dismissed from office in connection with the part he took in regard to the canal bill.

GLAD TO GET LOST \$20,000.

But Owner of Check Only Rewards Finder with Thanks.

New York, Sept. 7.—"Thanks! I'll do as much for you some day." was all the reward which W. D. Barbour, of No. 15 West street, today gave to Timothy Conan, an advertising solicitor, of No. 24 West Twenty-sixth street, for returning to him his check for \$20,000, found in the street.

HARVARD'S NEW OBSERVATORY.

Prof. Pickering Has Chosen the Site for the Purpose.

Kingston, Jamaica, Sept. 7.—Professor Edward Charles Pickering, of Harvard, has located the probable site of Harvard's northern hemisphere observatory, complementary to the southern observatory in Peru.

PENNSYLVANIA PENSIONS.

Washington, Sept. 7.—Pension certificates, increase, Andrew Labar, Wyandotte, Bradford, \$5 to \$10.

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