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SCHLEY'S MEN ON THE STAND

Captain Cook, Commander Sears and Other Witnesses in His Behalf.

CAPTAIN COOK'S NEW TESTIMONY

He Tells of the Uncoupling of the Brooklyn's Engines, and Explains, in Some Detail, the Cause of the Slow Progress Made on That Occasion—Evidence of Other Witnesses Shows That Admiral Schley Was Cool and Courageous Under Fire.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Oct. 16.—The officers of Admiral Schley's flagship, the Brooklyn, occupied the attention of the Schley court of inquiry for the entire day. The proceedings began with the recall of Captain Cook and Lieutenant Commander Sears, both of whom made material additions to their former testimony and they were followed in succession by Commander N. E. Mason, who was the executive officer of the Brooklyn, Lieutenant Edward McCauley, Jr., who was signal officer and Lieutenant Charles Webster, who had charge of the forward gun deck battery of the Brooklyn during the battle off Santiago and was a watch officer on board that ship.

Captain Cook's new testimony related to the uncoupling of the Brooklyn's engines and to the voyage of the flying squadron from Cienfuegos to Santiago, explaining in some detail the cause of the slow progress made on that occasion.

Commander Sears spoke again of the conversation he had taken place between himself and officers of the Massachusetts in the afternoon of that vessel on May 31, in which he had been obliged to have said that it had been difficult to get Commodore Schley up to the point of understanding the importance of the colors and he admitted that he had said anything reflecting upon his superior officer.

Commander Mason and Lieutenant McCauley and Webster all gave accounts of the engagement of July 3. McCauley testified in detail of the signals made in connection with that historical event at the instance of Commodore Schley. When asked if Commodore Schley had said anything during the engagement which would indicate that he was anything but cool and courageous, the witnesses testified that several times had said "You hell, bullies." All these witnesses testified that the conduct of the commodore when under fire was cool and courageous.

TESTIMONY IN DETAIL.

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COUNTY CARE FOR INSANE

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DR. WITHERELL'S SPEECH

He Believes That the System of Caring for Insane is Progressing, Professor Jacobs, of Western Institution for the Blind, Gives Interesting Experiences—He Declares That Cigarette Smoking Is a Great Cause of Blindness.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Altoona, Oct. 16.—The second day's session of the twenty-seventh annual convention of the association of directors of the poor and charities of Pennsylvania opened with a larger attendance. Somerset was selected as the next place of meeting after considerable discussion in the open meeting.

Dr. Henry M. Witherell, secretary of the commission of insanity, delivered an interesting address on "The County Care for the Insane, result of observations and the success the act has attained."

He declared the system was progressing favorably throughout the state, but said that in many instances the act had not been taken advantage of. He believed the system to be the best so far brought forward and urged all counties to take up with it.

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PROF. JACOBS' EXPERIENCE.

Prof. H. B. Jacobs, of Pittsburg, superintendent of the Western Pennsylvania Institution for the Blind, interestingly told of his work. He made several startling declarations, among them being that cigarette smoking was a great cause of blindness, that there are few blind children among the educated and enlightened, that blind children should be compelled to attend school, and that so far as successful system for educating the blind has been devised.

Adam S. Miller, of Somerset, spoke on "Friendly visiting by directors," and Abel Flock of Blair, on "Protection of inmates."

This afternoon the following officers were elected: President, Hon. E. P. Gould, Erie; vice-presidents, Mrs. Sue Willard, Indiana; William J. Glesner, Somerset; E. E. Long, Montgomery; N. P. West, Delaware; John Wilson, Washington; Mrs. James Riddle, Philadelphia; E. E. Althouse, Westminster; corresponding secretary, L. C. Colburn, Somerset; secretary, William P. Hunter, Allegheny; honorary secretary, R. H. McCaughey, Pittsburg; treasurer, Louis F. Litzinger, program committee, P. H. Britton, Blair; Mrs. M. A. Koser, Somerset; G. Caldwell, Blair; Philadelphia; S. M. Shillito, Franklin; Fred Fisher, Lackawanna; Mrs. L. B. Walton, Chester.

THE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Important Meeting at Reading—Over Two Hundred Delegates Answer to Roll Call.

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