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SCHLEY WILL BE WITNESS

The Last to Testify in Support of His Side of the Controversy.

HEARTY APPLAUSE FOR THE ADMIRAL

Boatswain Hill's Evidence Evokes a Demonstration Which Makes It Necessary for Admiral Dewey to Rap for Order—Photographer Hare Confirms the Sigsbee Story—Sylvester Scovel Is Wanted—Eight Witnesses Heard Yesterday.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Oct. 23.—Admiral Schley is expected to take the stand today in the naval court of inquiry which is investigating his conduct in the Spanish war, sometime tomorrow. This announcement is justified by the progress made today in the examination of witnesses called to testify in the admirals' behalf. Eight witnesses were heard yesterday, and there are only three more names on the list preceding the name of the admiral himself. Of these three, only Captain Clark, of Oregon, is expected to testify at any length. It is not probable that the admiral will be called before the afternoon session. He will be the last of the witnesses to be heard in support of his side of the controversy. It is not considered probable that he will be on the stand for two or three days. It is not yet possible to say whether any witness will be called in rebuttal by the court, but it seems probable that a few persons may be summoned for this purpose. The testimony today will be judge Advocate Lemly and Mr. Hinman to decide upon the calling of at least one rebutting witness, if he can be found. This is Mr. Sylvester Scovel, whose testimony is desired in connection with the incident of the calling of the press agent. Scovel was among the crew of the steamboat St. Paul, while the latter was off Santiago, in May, 1888. The first of today's new witnesses, Mr. James Hare, photographer on the press boat, stated that Captain Sigsbee, of the St. Paul had told the correspondents aboard the St. Paul, on May 26 or 27, that Corvo's fleet was not inside the harbor at Santiago. Mr. Scovel was among the correspondents on the St. Paul, and if he can be found he will be asked to come to Washington and give his testimony on this incident. It is also probable that an effort will be made to rebut other portions of the testimony given in Admiral Schley's behalf, including Lieutenant Sears' denial of a conversation concerning Admiral Schley, which the admiral is alleged to have taken part in, on board the Massachusetts, on May 31.

Other witnesses in addition to Mr. Hare who testified were: Chief Boatswain William L. Hill; Gunner F. T. Applegate and Major Paul St. C. Murphy, of the marines, all of whom were aboard the Brooklyn during the Cuban campaign. Lieutenant Commander Harkness, who was executive officer of the Vixen made notes of the battle of July 3, and three officers of the Oregon, Lieutenant Ackerman, Lieutenant Kephart and Lieutenant R. G. Johnston. Lieutenant Ackerman had charge of the after 13-inch turret and Lieutenant Elmer of the forward 13-inch turret of the Oregon on July 3, and Lieutenant Johnston was signal officer on the Oregon at that time. Mr. Johnston testified that he did not receive any signal from the Brooklyn to fire her 13-inch guns at the Spanish ship Cristobal Colon, and all the Oregon's officers who testified today expressed the opinion that the Oregon and the Brooklyn were practically equidistant from the colon when that vessel went ashore. Some of them, however, were inclined to think that the Brooklyn was a shade nearer the Spanish ship.

While Boatswain Hill was giving his testimony, which was very complimentary to Admiral Schley, there were two outbursts of applause. These were promptly suppressed by Admiral Roosevelt in Washington.

THE TESTIMONY.

Washington, Oct. 23.—Chief Boatswain William L. Hill, gunner F. T. Applegate and Major Paul St. C. Murphy, of the marines, all of whom were aboard the Brooklyn during the Cuban campaign, testified yesterday that they did not receive any signal from the Vixen to fire her 13-inch guns at the Cristobal Colon. The battle of Santiago, in which the Vixen was engaged, took place on July 3, 1898, and the Brooklyn was engaged in the same battle.

The testimony of the three officers of the Oregon, Lieutenant Ackerman, Lieutenant Kephart and Lieutenant R. G. Johnston, who were executive officer of the Oregon on July 3, and Lieutenant Johnston, who was signal officer on the Oregon at that time, was also given yesterday.

Both the testimony of the three officers of the Oregon and the testimony of the three officers of the Vixen were given in support of Admiral Schley's defense of his conduct in the Spanish war.

After the testimony of the three officers of the Oregon, the admiral was asked if he had any further evidence to add to what he had said. He told the deck room, "No, I have nothing else to add."

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