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# **DEWEY SUSTAINS** follows: **ADMIRAL SCHLEY**

Secretary Long Receives Two Reports from the Gourt of Inquiry.

MEMBERS DIVIDED IN THEIR OPINIONS

Admirals Benham and Ramsey Concur in Condemning Schley on Eleven Points, While Admiral Dewey Submits a Minority Report in Which Schley Is Sustained. The Majority Report Contends That Schley's Conduct of the Campaign Was Characterized by Vaccilation, Dilatoriness and Lack of forces in the San Juan mountains controlled the railway between Clenfuegos Enterprise-Admiral Dewey, on and Trinidad; and that there were fair the Contrary, Says That the Passage to Santiago Was Made With

roads from the landing place to Cienfuegos. At 8.30 a. m., May 23, the Castine and the collier Merrimae arrived as Much Dispatch as Possible. at Cienfuegos. At noon on the same day the British steamer Adula was permitted to go into Clenfuegos. At 7 By Exclusive Wire from The Associa ed Press. m., May 24, the Marblehead, Vixer Washington, Dec. 13 .- The most proand Eagle arrived at Cienfuegos. About longed, interesting and important naval 10 a. m. the Marblehead and Eagle protribunal over held in this country came ceeded to the landing place 13½ miles to a close today, having in open and west of Savanilla Point, communicated secret session lasted three months short of one week, when Secretary with the insurgents, landed stores for them, learned that the Spanish squad-Long was handed the findings of the ron was not in the harbor of Cienfuecourt of inquiry, which inquired into gos, re-joined the squadron at 3.30 p. m the conduct of Rear Admiral Schley, and reported to Commodore Schley the during the Santiago campaiga. For information obtained. After the receipt seven weeks the court heard testimony of this information, Commodore Schley and for fully a month it deliberated wrote a dispatch to the commander-inupon that mass of evidence, linally chief, in which he stated; "I shall move reaching the conclusions today. The eastward tomorrow." result was a complete surprise, and it dispatch to the com is probably that no prophecy has anproached the truth. Instead of one report there are two. Both are signed by George Dewey, president, and Samuel C. Lemly, advocate general. This is a form said to be recognized in all courts of inquiry, the signatures of the other the Texas' short coal supply and her chusetts ten days; Texas, six and onemembers not being necessary. But it is explained that Admiral Dewey signed

and that the enemy, if therein does not leave without a decisive action." Cubans familiar with Santiago de average distance of about 6 to 7 miles Cuba say that there is landing place five (5) nautical miles west or six (6) day and probably somewhat nearer him to hold Cienfuegos until the refrom mouth of harbor, and that therecelpt of more positive information. in insurgents probably will be found At 1.30 p. m., May 22, the Iowa arand not Spanish. From the surroundrived at Cientuegos, and at 7 p. m. of the same date the Scorpion left Cienport. As soon as ascertained, notify fuegos for Santiago. At 8,15 a. m., May the department whether enemy is 23. Commodore Schley received by the dispatch vessel Hawk the following dis-Could not squadron and also the Harvard coal from Merrimac. leeward Cape Cruz, Cuba; Gonaives, Haiti channel, or Mole, Haiti? The depatch and memorandums from the commander-in-chief: Dispatch No. 8, dated Key West, May 21, 1898, which partment will send coal immediately stated that the Spanish squadron was to Mole, Halti, Report without delay probably at Santiago and ordered Comsituation at Santiago de Cuba. modore Schley, if he was satisfied that

This dispatch was answered by Comthe Spanish squadron was not at Cienmodore Schley, about noon, May 27, as follows: "Received dispatch of May fuegos, to "proceed with all dispatch, but cautiously, to Santiago de Cuba, 26, delivered by Harvard off Santiago and if the enemy is there blockade him de Cuba. Merrimac's engine is disin that port." A memorandum, dated abled and she is helpless; am obliged off Havana, May 21, 1898, which directed to have her towed to Key West. Have Commodore Schley to mask his movebeen absolutely unable to coal the ments in leaving Cienfuegos. A mem-Texas, Marblehead, Vixen and Brookorandum which stated that a good lyn from collier, owing to very rough landing place had been found, by Comseas and boisterous weather since

mander McCalla, 1312 miles west of leaving Key West. Brooklyn is the Savanilla Point: that the Cubans had only one in squadron having more than at 3,500 yards range, which proved perfect knowledge of what was going sufficient coal to reach Key West. Im- short, and then engaged with her port on within Cienfuegos; that the Cuban possible to remain off Santiago in present state of coal account of the tant from the leading Spanish ship, squadron. Not possible to coal to leeward off Cape Cruz in summer owing starboard, with her helm hard aport, to southwest winds. Harvard just reports to me she has only coal enough to reach Jamaica and she will proceed to Port Royal; also reports only small vessels could coal at Gonaives or Mole. Haitl. Minneapolis has only coal enough to reach Key West and same of Yale, which will tow Merrimac. It is to be regretted that the department's aport the Teresa was about 1,400 yards orders cannot be obeyed, earnestly, as to the eastward of north from the we have all striven to that end. I am Brooklyn, the Viscaya was to the eastforced to return to Key West via Yueatan passage for coal. Can ascertain nothing certain concerning enemy. Was obliged to send Eagle to Port Antonio, Jamaica, yesterday, as she had

only 27 tons coal on board. Will

leave St. Paul here. Will require 9,500 tons of coal at Key West." The Coal Supply.

ant of the naval base at Key W.st, in which he stated: "As it is not found practicable to coal the Texas from the collier here, where there is so much swell, I shall

"lso wrote r

The coal supply of the vessels of the lying squadron at noon on May 27 was sufficient to have enabled them to proceed tomorrow off Santiago de lyn for eleven and one-quarter days; Cuba, being embarrassed, however, by Iowa, seven and one-half days; Massainability to coal in the open sea. 1 quarter days; Marblehead, three and the vicinity of Nicholas Mole, where the Brooklyn for twenty-six days, lowa A. C. Hodgson said:

The fire was returned by the ships in The blockade of Santiago was effeclas Mole, Haiti, "proceed at once and the harbor and by the land batteries, Ive. inform Schley and also the senior offi-Commodore Schley was the senior cer present off of Santiage de Cuba as but no large guns were used by the 'All department's informa- batteries. Several projectiles passed office of our squadron off Santiago tion indicates the Spanish division is over our vessels, but no injury was suswhen the Spanish squadron attempted still at Santiago de Cuba. The depart- tained. The flying squadron did not to escape on the morning of July 3, 1898. He was in absolute command and ment looks to you to ascertain fact withdraw at night from the entrance is entitled to the credit due to such to Santiago harbor to a distance at sea.

The blockade was maintained at an from the harbor entrance during the (Signed) during the night. Two vessels performed picket duty at night, two miles inside of the line of vessels. The Spanish squadron was discovered to be in the entrance to Santiago harbor steam-

In view of the length of time which ing out, about 9.30 a. m., July 3, 1898 has elapsed since the occurrence of the The Brooklyn at that time was heading events of the Santiago campaign, the to the westward of north, about 6,300 court recommends no further proceedyards southwest of south from the ings be had in the premises. Morro, which was practically her block-(Signed) ading position. Large vessels coming

out of the harbor of Santiago were obliged to head about southwest by south and the Spanish vessels, therefore, in coming out, until clear of the shoal to the westward, were obliged to head directly for the position of the Brooklyn. When clear of this shoal the Spanish vessels turned, in succession. to the westward and took a course nearly parallel to the land.

The "Hard Aport" Order.

The Brooklyn stood towards the Spanish vessels, with varving helm fired one shot from her forward turre battery. When about 1,400 yards disthe Teresa, the Brooklyn turned to and continued so to 'turn until she headed to the westward parallel to the course of the Spanish ships. The commanding officer of the Brooklyn put the helm hard aport, and at almost the same instant Commodore Schley Wher gave the order "hard aport." the Brooklyn's helm was put hard ward of the Teresa, and the Colon was to the eastward of the Vizcaya. When the Brooklyn completed the turn and was heading to the westward, parallel to the course of the Vizcaya, the Vizcaya and the Colon were about 2,400 vards to the northward and westward of the Brooklyn. The turn of the

Brooklyn was towards the Texas. The Texas stopped and backed her envines. On July 3, 1898, about the time the

Brooklyn began her turn to seaboard, e conversation regarding the proximsteam at 10 knots per hour; the Brook- ity of the Texas took place between Commodore Schley and Lieutenant A C. Hodgson

Admiral Schley caused to be published in a daily newspaper a letter adgentine army reserves of 1878 and 1879 By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. shall not be able to remain off that one-quarter days; Vixen, eleven and dressed to him by Lieutenant Comhad been issued. These reserves New York, Dec. 13 .- After four days the second report, a minority report, to port on account of general short coal one-half days, or to have remained on mander A. C. Hodgson, dated June 11, amount to 60,000 men. It was added of practically an entire absence of offisupply of squadron, so will proceed to blockade duty off Santiago de Cuba. 1838, in which Lleutenant Commander that the chamber in secret session had cial information as to the inner work-"The colloquy harm and Ramsay in the first report. ings of the meetings of the magnates voted the credits necessary for the of the National Baseball league at the obilization of the militia. Fifth Avenue hotel in this city, a real days, Vixen twenty-three days, and you and me on the day of the battle Buenos Ayres, Dec. 13.-Dispatches then steam to Gonaives, Haiti, or to off Santiago July 3, 1898, never occurred sensation had been sprung. received here from Santiago de Chili The deadlock over the election Admiral Schley did not have published say that Senor Yanez, Chilian minister president to succeed N. E. Young has in session from 9 o'clock in the morn-At that date the flying squadron was the other letters of Lieutenant Comaccompanied by the collier Merrimac mander Hedgson in regard to this matcontinued. All sorts of statements of toreign affairs, has handed the basis containing 4,350 tons of coal. The ter. have been given out but tonight Mr. of a new proposition to Senor Portela, amount of coal required to completely Albert G. Spalding, threw down the Opinion-Commander Schley, in comfill the coal bunkers of all the vessels mand of the tlying squadron, should gauntlet. He announced positively the minister of the Argentine republic has not yet acted upon them. It is the insurgents to discover whether the of the flying squadron on this same have proceeded with utmost dispatch that he would not withdraw his name to Chili, to effect the impartial and probable that he will simply append his Spanish squadron was in the harbor of date was 2.750 tons. The conditions of off Cienfuegos and should have mainas candidate for the presidency, but friendly settlement of the dispute bewind, sea and weather from noon on tained a close blockade of that port. that he would force the magnates to tween the new countries. If these are May 26 to June 1 were favorable for He should have endeavored on May 23 vote on it. And the vote must be taktaking coal from collier at sea off San- at Cienfuegos, to obtain information refused by the Argentine government, en before the magnates finally adjourn tiago de Cuba. The Iowa, Castine and regarding the Spanish squadron by this meeting. Furthermore Mr. Spald Chili will make no further propositions. ing announced his position in the folcommunicating with the insurgents at The refusal of Argentine will be taken the place designated in the memoranlowing words: as indicating that that country desires Massachusetts and Castine on May 24. dum delivered to him at 8.15 a. m. of "When the vote has been taken, when my election shall be made unanimous war. that date. He should have proceeded Santiago de Chill, Dec. 13 .-- A continand when they shall come to me and from Cienfuegos to Santiago de Cuba ask me to be their president, if I ac with a view of intercepting the enemy gent of the Chilian reserves has been cept the honor, my one condition will in any attempt to pass the flying called to arms. It numbers about fifty be that Andrew Freedman must get out squadron. thousand men. No movement of the of base ball absolutely and entirely. He He should not have delayed the military forces under arms has oc- must be wiped off the base ball map. squadron for the Eagle. He should On his record in base ball, and I speak not have made the retrograde turn curred, however. Everything is quiet only of his base ball record, I openly westward with his squadron. He here, in expectation of the announceand publicly charge Andrew Freedman should have promptly obeyed the navy ment of Chill's answer to Argentine, with being a traitor and a mariplot. He department's order of May 25. has done more to ruin base ball than which, according to public opinion, will He should have endeavored to capany other four forces that ever existed ture or destroy the Spanish vessels at be firm and serene. in the history of the game. anchor near the entrance of Santiago "I will meet Mr. Freedman on any harbor on May 29 and 30. SIX-DAY BICYCLE RACE. position he may take. My only stip-He did not do his utmost with the ulation is that the matter must be force under his command to capture By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. or destroy the Colon and other vessels New York, Dec. 13 .- Another big crowd was National league. The man that loses of the enemy which he attacked on attendance at the six-day bicycle race at Madison square Garden tonight and great excitement pe May 31. ailed. During a sprint tonight, McFachern, Mc forever. By commencing the engagement or Just how Freedman was to be Lean, Julius and Fredericks collided. They July 3 with the port battery, and turncent down in a heap with Julius underneath. dropped was not made clear. It is said night. ing the Brooklyn around with port was taken from the track and examined by dee that a new National League may be helm, Commodore Schley caused her to tors, who found that his collar bone had be organized and New York may be lose distance and position with the fractured. Lawson, his partner, was allowed t dropped from the circuit, the Brooklyn Spanish vessels, especially with the mish the score for the team. He will ride twelve club becoming the New York represen-Vizcaya and Colon, hours tomorrow without a partner. The midnigh tative. The turn of the Brooklyn to starscore was: Milles board was made to avoid getting her Butler and McLean ..... 2191 DEATH OF F. R. STARK. into dangerous proximity to the Span-vessels. The turn was made to-Young Attorney Passed Away This Morning. avoid possible collision. ing and Samuelson ..... Fred R. Stark, the well-known attorters. Admiral Schley did injustice to Lleuney, died this morning at 2.45 o'clock at Fredericks and Jaak ..... tenant Commander A. C. Hodgson in his home, on the corner of Quincy aveawson and Julius ..... .2133 publishing only a portion of the cornue and Myrtle street. He had been ill The riders are 125 miles behind the record. respondence which passed between them. Commodore Schley's conduct in for about six weeks. The deceased is survived by a wife ROCHESTER WALKING MATCH. connection with the events of the Sanand one son, Frederick. tiago campaign prior to June 1, 1898, By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. was characterized by vaccillation, dlia-HEAVY BAIL DEMANDED. Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 13 .- As the six-day gtoriness and lack of enterprise. as-you-please race draws to a close attendance in-creases and the interest seems to center principal-His official reports regarding the coal In Case of William Miller, of the apply and the coaling facilities of the ly in the two leaders, Golden and Fahey, The 520 Per Cent. Syndicate. flying squadron were inaccurate and cores of the six leaders at midnight were: misleading. His conduct during the By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. hattle of July 3 was self-possessed and C. New York, Dec. 13 .- The heaviest ball ever d panded in a criminal case in Kings county wa he encouraged, in his own person, his xacted by Judge Aspinail, sitting in Brooklya oday, in the case of William F. Miller, head to be famous "520 per cent, Franklin syndicate." subordinate officers and men to fight ourageously. (Signed) Miller, who had been sentenced to a term of Georged Dewey, U. S. N. President. mprisonment in Sing Sing, recently obtained Samuel C. Lemly, judge advocate genorder for a new trial, and was brought bei Governor Returns Warrants. eral U. S. N., judge advocate. Judge Asninall on a motion for release on bail By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, The bond was fixed at \$72,300, Admiral Dewey's Opinion. Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 13.-Governor Stone In the opinion of the undersigned, the



Decision Reached After Four Hours Deliberation-Mrs. Bonine Leceives Congratulations.

Tribune.

ned) George Dewey, Admiral U. S. N., President, Samuel C. Lemly, Judge Advocate By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

leneral U. S. N., Judge Advocate. Washington, Dec. 13 .- The jury in he trial of Lola Ida Bonine, accused Admiral Dewey was seen late tonight of the murder of James Seymour and declined to make any statement Ayres, jr., the young census office clerk, killed in the Kenmore hotel last concerning the court's findings. He said that the court was not dissolved spring, tonight returned a verdict of not guilty after being out about four

hours. The attendance in the court room when the jury returned was limited to the members of the bar, representatives of the press and the employes of he court. There was some little atempt at a demonstration of approval but this was quickly suppressed by Judge Anderson, who previously had warned the spectators against mani-

festations of any character. Mrs. Bonine was in court at the time. She maintained the calm demeano which has characterized her conduct throughout the trial and smiled approvingly when the jury returned its verdict. Her husband threw his arms affectionately around her neck and kissed her, followed by her sisters and day's date, announcing that decrees brothers who clustered around her emhave been published calling out a suf- bracing and kissing her. Others in the ficient number of conscripts and terri- court room also added their congratulations. After leaving the court house Mrs. Bonine accompanied her husband to the house where he and her sons and other relatives have been living and where it is announced she will re

> THE MAGNATES SPRING **A BALL SENSATION**

Albert G. Spalding Throws Down the Gauntlet-Says Freedman Must Get Out of the Business.

As a rule the delegates to the Amerian Federation of Labor co little over three hours for meals.

**RAFT OF MEASURES ARE CONSIDERED** 

The Federation Delegates Have

Three Extremely Busy

Sessions.

Ambitious Members of Smaller Organizations Disappointed by the Failure of the Organization to Expand the Executive Council. Would Not Censure the British for Its Conduct Toward the Boers Because of the Conduct of Our Own Government in the Orient-Executive Council Makes a Pro-Autonomy Declaration in Unequivocal Terms-Cheers for Dewey.



F. H. FLYNN, OF PITTSBURG, General Organizer of the American Federation of Labor.

try to content themselves with eight hours' work, but yesterday they were ing until after 11 o'clock p. m., with a

and that he was still bound by his oath of secrecy. **CHILI CALLS** 30.000 MEN Further Indication of Trouble Brewing with the Argentine

Paris, Dec. 13.-A dispatch received side in the future. ere from Santiago de Chili, under to-

day's date, says: "The alarm manifested in Argentina s declared in Chilian official circles to be unwarranted. In the opinion of the government the boundary dispute will never justify a rupture."

As reported by cable from Buenos Ayres, last night, a decree ordering the mobolization on January 1 of the Ar-

Republic. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, Dec. 13 .- The Times prints a lispatch from Valparaiso, under totorial guards to place 30,000 men at the disposal of Chili to protect the mountain passes.

It is said at the navy department that there will be no further proceedings in this celebrated case on the department's initiative. Secretary Long and Judge Advocate Lemly positively decline to discuss the findings in any while Commander Schley was off that phase. The secretary received the reports at 5 o'clock this evening, and he signature, with the word "approved." to the whole record. The court itself recommends no further proceedings owing to the lapse of time. A representative of the Associated Press conveyed the first information of the findings of the court to Admiral Schley He was seated in the public reception room of a hotel, chatting with friends and several newspaper men, and evinced no signs of nervousness over aives channel. the outcome.

express his qualification of dissent from

the views expressed by the court, com-

When the conclusions of Admiral Dewey were read to him, Admiral Schley showed his pleasure, and it was evident from his manner that he regarded the statement from Admiral Dewey as a vindication of his cause. He declined to make any statement concerning the court's findings and, excusing himself from the little company which had gathered about him, went to his apartments, where Mrs. Schley had been anxiously awaiting to hear duced her speed. the court's decision. Later the official copy was brought to the hotel by a messenger from the navy department, The reports are as follows:

# The Court's Finding.

Washington, Dec. 13 .- Court of Inquiry, McLean building, 1517 H street, N. W., Washington.

The court having by the authority of the navy department, occupied then to return to Key West. At noon rooms Nos. 7 and 10 McLean building. of May 26th the Eagle had sufficient No. 1517 H street, N. W., Washington, D. C. ,while deliberating upon its proceedings, and the members thereof stopped about 22 miles to the southhaving assembled daily since Monday, Nov. 11, with the exception of Sundays and holidays, and having concluded the investigation, reports its proceedings engines of the collier Merrimac were and the testimony taken, with a full temporarily disabled. The engines were and detailed statement of all the perchanged to work "compound" and at tinent facts which it deems to be es-4.20 p. m. of May 27 she was able to tablished, together with its opinion make six knots with her own steam, and recommendation in the premises. The broken parts of the engines were Facts-The flying squadron, consistrepaired on board the flagship, all reing of the Brooklyn, Massachusetts, Texas and Scorpion, under the fom-

mand of Commodore Schley, U. S. N., salled from Key West about 8 u. m. while disabled. of May 19, 1898, with orders from the navy department and from the comto signal, took with him a Cuban pilot, mander in chief of the North Atlantic and had a conversation with Commostation, to proceed with dispatch (utdore Schley. Commodore Schley had most) off Cienfuegos to capture the enemy off that port, if possible, or to blockade him, and to maintain the blockade as close as possible. The flying squadron arrived off Cienfuegos on morning of May 22, and established a blockade. During the day the ships the flying squadron to the westward lay off the port at various distances in no particular order. At night they formed in column of vessels, headed off shore and moved at only sufficient speed for keeping positions. The small essels performed picket duty in shore of the large ships.

# Did Not Proceed with Despatch.

ward course for 23 miles, stopped again Commodore Schley did not proceed at 7.15 p. m. and drifted until 1 p. m. with utmost dispatch off Cienfuegos of May 28. and blockade that port as close as pos ible. At 10 o'clock a. m., May 22, the At Mole St. Nicholas. Dupont arrived at Cienfuegos with a At 9.30 a. m., May 27, the Harvard joined the flying squadron, and her dispatch from the commander in chief dated Key West, May 20, 1898, which commanding officer delivered to Cominformed Commodore Schley of the modore Schley the following dispatch, probability of the Spanish squadron dated May 25, ming in Santiago de Cuba and ordered | partment to the Harvard at St. Nicho- | near the Colon.

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remain in collier. No Work in Progress. Cape Cruz, Cuba to coal.

No work was, apparenty, in progress

on the fortifications of Clenfuegos port. No efforts were made by Commodore Schley to communicate with Cienfuegos, prior to the morning of May 24

Signal lights were displayed on shore at night, May 22 and May 23, but Com-Dupont coaled at Cienfuegos from the modore Schley had no information which enabled him to interpret them. collier Merrimae, on May 23 and the Before sailing from Cienfuegos, Com-The Texas asked permission to coal modore Schley received reliable information that ships could be coaled in first on May 23 and was refused by Commodore Schley, who ordered the the vicinity of Cape Cruz and in Gon-Iowa to coal from the collier on May The flying squadron, with the excep-

24, but the order was revoked as the Massachusetts was alongside of the tion of the Castine, sailed from Ciencollier and the commanding officer of fuegos about 8 p. m. of May 24, the heavy ships in column of vessels, the the collier deemed it unsafe to place light ships on the right flank and the his vessel between two battleships, The Texas and Marbleheau coaled at collier Merrimac on the left flank. At sea, off Santiago, from colliers, May 10.10 a. m. of May 26th the light vessels were shifted to the port beam and the 27 and 28; the Massachusetts and Vixen collier to the starboard beam. Before on May 29; the Brooklyn and Iowa, midnight of May 24, owing to heavy on May 30; the Brooklyn, Texas and rolling, the forward compartment of Marblehead on May 31. the Eagle filled with water, which re-At 3.35 p. m. May 27, Commodore

Schley signaled to the Texas "the more coal you take in this smooth weather On May 25 the wind was fresh from the eastward, the weather was bad and the less you will have to take in Haiti." Commodore Schley made no effort to the sea was heavy for small vessels The squadron reduced its speed to enascertain whether the Spanish squadable the Eagle to remain with it. ron was in the harbor of Santiago; he

On May 26, the weather improved, left said harbor entirely unguarded the wind veered to the westward and from 6 p. m. of May 26 to 5 p. m. of became light and the sea moderated. May 27 and guarded only by the scout At 1.39 p. m. Commodore Schley sent St. Paul from 5 p. m. May 27, until the Eagle to Port Antonio to coal and about 6 p. m. of May 28. The flying squadron arrived off the harbor of Santiago de Cuba, seven coal to steam 10 knots per hour for miles south of the Morro, at 6 p. m. three days. At 5.30 p. m. the squadron May 28 and established a blockade The distance from Clenfuegos to Santiago is 315 miles. Commodore Schley ward of the post of Santiago, and was did not proceed with all dispatch from joined by the scouts Minneapolis, Yale and St. Paul. At 6 p. m. May 26 the Cienfuegos to Santiago de Cuba,

# No Attempt at Capture of Colon. Early on the morning of May 29 the

'ristobal Colon and other vessels of the Spanish squadron were discovered at anchor in the harbor of Santiago, about 1,200 yards from the entrance. No atpairs being completed at midnight of tempt was made by Commodore Schley on May 29 or May 30 to capture or de-May 28. The Yale towed the Merrimac stroy these Spanish vessels. The commanding officer of the St.

At 10.30 p. m., May 30, the cruiser Paul visited the flagship, in obedience New Orleans and the collier Sterling joined the flying squadron. At 10.55 a. m., May 31. Commodore Schley shifted his flag to the Massa-

no conversation with the senior comchusetts. At 11.10 a. m. the flag ship Massa-chusetts signalled: "The Massachumanding officers of the scouts and obtained no positive information from setts, New Orleans and Iowa will go in the scouts regarding the Spanish squadron. At 7.45 p. m. May 26, Comafter dinner to a distance of 7,000 yards modore Schley changed the course of and fire at Cristobal Colon with 8, 12 and 13-inch guns. Speed about ten and signalled to his squadron "destinaknots.

At 1.30 p. m. the three vessels desigtion Key West, via south side of Cuba and Yucatan channel, as soon as col-lier is ready; speed nine knots." The nated steamed, in column, towards the intrance to the harbor of Santiago. heading to the eastward, at about ten squadron proceeded westward 18 miles. stopped at 11.15 p. m. (the tow lines of knots speed. The ships passed the harbor entrance, about 7,000 yards distant the collier having parted), dr.fted unfrom the Morro, firing at the Colon and til 3.40 p. m. May 27, resumed its westthe shore batteries with ranges varying from 7,000 yards to 8,200 yards. All projectiles fell short.

When the ships had passed to the astward of the entrance, the flagship turned off shore, followed in succession by the other ships, re-passed the entrance and fired as before, but with ranges varying from 9,000 yards to 11,addressed by the de-

passage from Key West to Cienfuegos was made by the flying squadron with all possible dispatch, Commodore Schley having in view the importance of arriving off Cienfuegos with as much coal as possible in the ships' bunkers. The blockade of Cienfuegos was effective.

Commodore Schiey, in permitting the steamer Adula to enter the port of Cienfuegos, expected to obtain information concerning the Spanish squadron from her when she came out. The passage from Cienfuegos to point about twenty-two miles south of Santiago was made with as much dis-000 yards. Some of these projectiles fell patch as was possible, while keeping the squadron a unit.

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returned to the war department the warrant Ler \$102,000 received by him in part pays int of Spinish American war claims of the state of Pennsy vania against the general government. The reas for the return is that the government refused : for the return is that the government remove to pay partions of the claims, and the state insists that every claim is just. If the \$102,600 is ac-cepted aow it will be regarded as a tacit con-sent of the state that the turning down of some of the claims was warranted.

Steamship Arrivals.

## By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press,

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 13 .- A meeting of the executive committee of the Democratic state conmittee has been called for next Wednesday at the emocratic state headquarters in this city. Chair-Steamer Trave, New York via Gibraltan man Creasy says it will consider affairs of a gea eral character.

A vast amount of work was accomplished and many interesting discussions occurred.

The proposition to expand the executive council was defeated; the resolution instructing union men to hold aloof from the militla was tabled; the per capita tax was increased to one-

half of one per cent.; a resolution to increase officers' salaries was lost; censure was withheld from the British government's conduct of the Boer war because "our own government is guilty of the same conduct." and a declaration came from the executive council that the attempt to force firemen, engineers and coopers at breweries into the Brewery Workers' union was a violation of the constitution, which should not be tolerated.

Twelve socialistic resolutions were to have been reported, last night, from the resolution committee, but they were not reached and had to go over until today. This, coupled with the fought out in the meeting room of the fact that report of the special committee on autonomy comes up today will must stipulate to get out of baseball likely make the closing day the liveliest of the session. The convention will likely be in session until late to-

> As the delegates were adjourning last night, they vigorously applauded Admiral Dewey's support of Admiral Schley.

The likelihood of the Shaffer-Gompers-Mitchell controversy coming before the convention faded away yesterday when President Shaffer of the steel workers left for Indiana to deal with a strike, in response to an urgent telegram from steel workers' headquar

### Against Expansion.

The feature of the morning session was a protracted discussion of the proposition to increase the membership of the executive council by making the number of vice-presidents eight instead of six. The committee reported in favor of the proposition but the convention took a contrary view and by a small majority it was defeated. Those favoring the expansion of the council argued that the work has grown sufficiently to warrant it, and that the expansion was demanded by the fact that there are now many organizations other than those represented on the council, that have attained dimensions demanding representation on the council.

The anti-expansionists contended that the enlargement of the council would change its character from that of an executive body to a deliberative body.

An intimation that the executive ouncil "ring" favored the expansion so as to secure to itself the assured complete control of the federation and

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Washington, Dec. 13 .- Forecast for East ern Pennsylvania: Rain in southern, snow in northern portion Saturday; solder in western portion. Sunday snow and much colder: brisk southerly winds, shifting to northwesterly Saturday night. 

New York, Dec. 13 .- Cleared: Steamers L. cania, Liverpool; Lahn, Genoa and Naples; Kaier Wilhelm der Grosse, Bremen via Plymouth and Cherbourg; Maasdam, Rotterdam, Antwerp-Ar-Steamer Zeeland, New York. rived:

and Naples.

# Fire at Lancaster.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Lancaster, Pa., Dec. Et .- A big barn, tobas and and carriage house on the farm of John H Miller, in Manor township, were destroyed by this morning, together with 15,000 but wheat, 1,500 hushels of corn, six acres of toba two nucles, eight bogs and farming impl ment The fire was incendiary. The loss is estimated a 8,000, partly covered by insurance.

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