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Men From Brooklyn on Bearing of Their Commander.

EIGHT WITNESSES WERE HEARD

Five of Them Were Ensigns on Schley's Ship—Testimony of a Surgeon—The Admiral on "Active Duty."

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—The presentation of Admiral Schley's side of the controversy was continued before the court of inquiry today, eight witnesses being heard on the ground that the question and the entire eight had served on board the Brooklyn with Admiral (then Commodore) Schley. The first of the day's witnesses was Lieutenant Charles Webster, who had begun his testimony yesterday. He was followed by Lieutenant-Commander T. T. Griffin, who had charge of the powder division of the Brooklyn during the fight off Santiago, and he was succeeded by Ensigns C. A. Apple, John Halligan, Jr., Ulysses S. Macr, James A. Hand and Ralph N. Marble. The last witness of the day was Medical Director Paul Fitzsimmons, who was chief surgeon of the flying squadron. While Ensign Halligan was on the stand Mr. Raynor sought to bring out information as to the American ships in sight at the beginning of the battle of July 3, but Judge-Advocate Lemly objected on the ground that the question was intended to show the absence of the New York, and the question was withdrawn. Ensign Marble stated that he had heard Captain Sigbee tell Commodore Schley when he came aboard the Brooklyn May 25 that the Spaniards were not at Santiago.

There has been some inquiry as to Admiral Schley's standing in the Navy since he was placed on the retired list because of age, but it appears that all questions on this point have been settled by the department having assigned the Admiral to "active duty" at the court of inquiry while it is in progress. This action was taken to prevent any question as to the effect the Admiral's retirement would have on the court. The questions which had been formulated for presentation previous to McCauley's taking the stand related principally to the movements of Admiral Sampson's flagship, the New York, July 3, the day of the battle of Santiago, and especially to the signals of that day, directing the fleet to disregard the flagship's movements. It is still the intention to put before the court questions involving Admiral Sampson's relation to the inquiry before the close of the case. It seems probable that the presentation will be deferred until the beginning of the beginning of Admiral Schley's testimony.

Correction of Testimony.
The first of yesterday's witnesses called for the correction of testimony was Commander Mason, and after him came in successful Lieutenant-Commander Sea Lieutenant McCauley and Lieutenant Webster. Quite a number of additional questions were addressed to Lieutenant Webster by Mr. Hanna. Replying the witness said that he had seen signal lights at night on the shore while lying off Santiago. In connection with the question of the distance of shore at Santiago, Mr. Hanna asked: "While the vessels were on blockade at Santiago from May 29 to the 31st, inclusive, were you able during the night to distinguish points on shore readily when you were on watch?" The witness replied in the negative. "Could you make out Aguderes and Cabanas?" "I was not familiar with the coast at that time, and would not have known those points under any circumstances, but it was so dark I think I could not have seen them."

"What was the background?" "The high hills back of Santiago did give us good points later when we were familiar with them. We could see them quite readily."

"Could you discover the shore line at night?" "Not the line of breakers, if there were any."

"Could you see the vessels on the inner picket line at night?" "Not without the aid of searchlights."

On redirect examination Mr. Raynor asked Lieutenant Webster concerning the bearing of the Iowa and Texas on the morning of July 3, at the beginning of the battle. The witness said they were abaft the starboard beam of the Brooklyn, the Texas being to the right of the Iowa. The Brooklyn was headed, he said, north or north-northwest.

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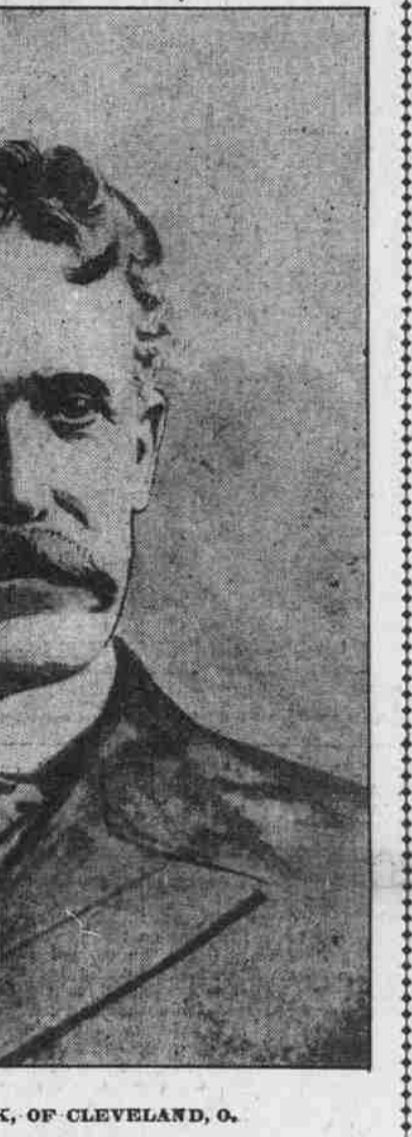
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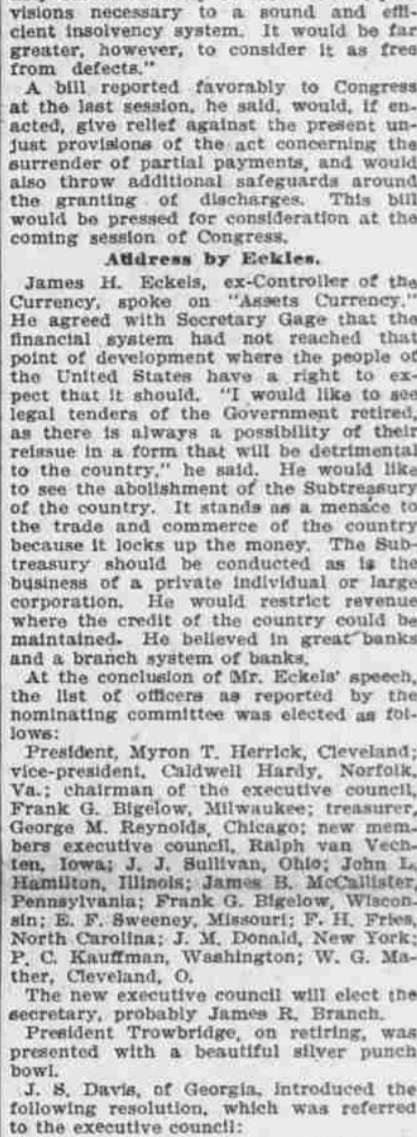
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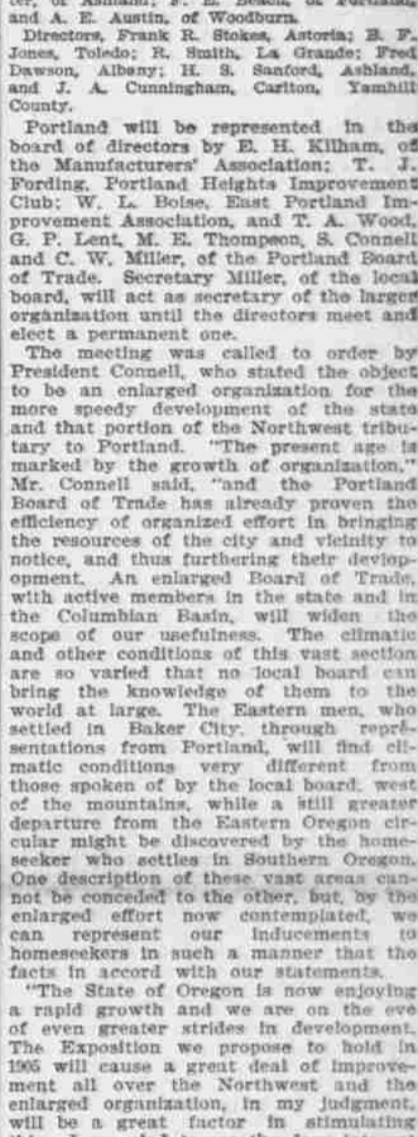
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