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Washington, Feb. 7.—Admiral Sampson's counsel this morning filed with the President a statement and argument in behalf of Sampson as opposed to the contention of Admiral Schley's attorney that Schley was in actual command at the battle of Santiago and therefore entitled to the credit of the victory.

The brief contends, as did the navy department, that question command did not properly come before the court during the entire proceedings of the court of inquiry and Admiral Dewey went beyond the precept when he gave his opinion on that point.

The claim is made that Sampson's flagship was never out of signal distance of the remainder of the fleet, and was actively in the engagement before the end.

Sampson's failure in the carrying out of the prearranged order of battle was due, it is claimed, to Schley's disobedience of the orders that were given him.

He was told to hold the enemy at the mouth of the harbor but it is charged that when so many of the enemy ships were approaching that point of the line guarded by his own vessel, he hooped and interfered with the Texas, thereby giving the enemy a double opportunity to escape.

In the order issued today officially notifying Admiral Sampson of his retirement, Secretary Long quotes President McKinley's letter in which the Admiral is highly complimented upon his achievement in the Santiago campaign.

As laudatory remarks in such orders are unusual, their appearance in today's publication has peculiar significance.

Washington, Feb.—Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., the president's eldest son, is seriously ill with pneumonia at Groton school, at Groton, Mass.

The boy's illness is the result of exposure during a bareheaded expedition in a snow storm, which he is said to have led several days ago.

San Francisco, Feb. 7.—Advices received from Honolulu say that the production of sisal for the manufacture of rope has proved a success in Hawaii and that it may in time supplant at least a part of the sugar industry. Over 3,500 acres in Oahu are planted in sisal and the yield this year has been remarkably. The fibre thrives well in the lowlands of Hawaii and the company which first introduced its production is acquiring more land and will install expensive machinery for cleaning purposes. The yield is about a ton per acre and crops are taken off twice a year. A market for the sisal fibre has been secured in the East and the first shipments are to be made this month.

San Francisco, Feb. 7.—The China, which sails for Hong Kong today, has among her passengers Rear-Admiral Frank Wildes. Admiral Wildes goes to relieve Rear-Admiral Louis Kempff, junior commander of the Asiatic station.

London, Feb. 7.—The Cabinet met today. The state of the Irish situation which has recently occupied equal attention with the South African war was the chief topic of discussion. The election of Wood, the land purchaser candidate Wednesday, is disturbing the officials considerably, and the expedience of more stern measures against the United Irish League is discussed.

Island Curaco, Feb. 7.—The Venezuelan vessel Liberator, reported sunk by Venezuelan gunboat at Port Columbia, was seen off here this morning.

Seattle, Feb. 4.—The First Washington regiment of volunteers has completed elaborate arrangements for the banquet to be given tonight in commemoration of the battle of Santa Ana, the first conflict of the Philippine insurrection. General Charles King, who commanded the First Brigade of the Eighth Army corps, of which the First Washington regiment was a part, is to be the guest of honor.

Washington, Feb. 5.—The treaty for the purchase of the Danish West Indies was reported favorably by the senate committee on foreign relations today. This country proposes to pay five million seven hundred thousand dollars for the islands.

Washington, Feb. 5.—General Wood, military governor of Cuba, will probably be reprimanded by President Roosevelt. Because of the extremely friendly relation between the two men the reprimand will not be severe.

Wood's offense consists in having addressed a circular letter to senators asking them to grant tariff concessions to Cuba.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 5.—The report that the Southern Pacific is planning to bridge the Great Salt Lake is confirmed by the local officials of the road. The bridge will be twenty-three miles long, twelve miles of which is through deep water, and will be on permanent freighting.

New York, Feb. 6.—The Carnegie Laboratory of Engineering, connected with the Stevens Institute of Technology, at Hoboken, was formally dedicated today with interesting exercises. At a banquet to be held this evening the guest of honor will be Mr. Carnegie, who a year ago gave to the trustees of the institute \$50,000 with which the laboratory was built.

New York, Feb. 5.—William H. K. Redmond, M. P., and Joseph Devlin, of Belfast, the Irish envoys who arrived on the steamer *Cyprus*, were given a rousing welcome today by the Nationalists and other Irish societies of Greater New York. The two envoys will make a tour of the United States for the purpose of completing the work of organizing the United Irish League in America.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 5.—The steamer John Wales was blown up this morning by the boiler exploding, afterwards burning and sinking.

New York, Feb. 5.—The national commission of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition is holding a special meeting today at the Hotel Manhattan. The principal purpose is to outline the duties of the board of women managers, of whom Miss Helen Gould is a member.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 5.—Considerable interest is manifested in the Riverside Iron Company, for which an application for a charter was made today. The company's plant is to be located at Sharpsville, Pa. It is said to control patents on a new process of iron and steel making. The process will, it is stated, reduce the cost of steel making considerably.

Tacoma, Feb. 6.—Jim Hill, of the Great Northern evidently intends to control the Alaskan sound steamship business. It is officially announced that Hill is the chief stockholder in the Puget Sound Navigation Company which recently purchased five sound steamers belonging to the Thompson company and has announced its intention of building several new steamers and gradually covering all Puget Sound routes.

Astoria, Feb. 6.—The sunken French bark *Henrietta* and her cargo of lumber was sold today at auction sale to Hale & Kera for \$2000.

Portland, Feb. 6.—The steamer *Indra* which sailed yesterday is returning with her cargo afloat.

Port Townsend, Feb. 6.—The steamer *Alice Gertrude* arriving at Neah bay this morning brought wreckage consisting of a medicine chest, life buoy, preservers and buckets, all stamped "Mat-tan."

Washington, Feb. 6.—It is stated that the President's response to the applica-

tion of Admiral Schley will be made public Saturday. It is understood that it will be adverse to Schley.

A visitor to the White House, to whom the President talked on the subject, quoted the President as saying that he thought the verdict of the majority report ought to be sustained.

Seattle, Feb. 4.—One effect of the new Australian tariff will be to put a stop to the exportation of hops from Washington to that country. The hop growers of this state have heretofore enjoyed a lucrative trade with Sydney and Melbourne, the product being used for both brewing and medicinal purposes.

San Francisco, Feb. 5.—Ten military prisoners escaped from a stockade at the prison last night by tunnelling from tents to a point outside the stockade. The eleven was stopped by a shot from a sentinel. No trace of the missing men has been found.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 5.—Governor Van Sant's message to the special session of the legislature is largely devoted to tax matters.

A special section is devoted to the railroad merger. The Governor commends the steps already taken, and says that if the United States supreme court refuses to assume jurisdiction action will be sought in the state courts.

No special legislation is needed, but the legislature is asked to provide ample funds to carry on the legal fight.

The section devoted to the merger is rather milder than has been anticipated.

London, Feb. 5.—Lord Kitchener reports the capture of Dewet's last field gun together with the recapture of two other guns which had been taken by the Boers.

The guns taken in an attack on Wessels' command at Fannyshome. Commandant Wessels and four men were killed.

Halifax, N. J., Feb. 4.—The storm which has caused so much damage throughout this section seems to have reached its climax. It has been the worst storm for many years.

Reports show that at least a dozen vessels have been wrecked off the New Foundland coast.

Boston, Feb. 4.—The storm which has swept this coast for the past two days has subsided. The reports indicate much less damage to shipping than has been anticipated.

Portland, Feb. 4.—A report just received says United States ship *Knigh* Company, of the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company's Oriental line has foundered in the China sea.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 4.—The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New York began their one hundred and fifth annual convocation here today and will remain in session through tomorrow.

A full representation is in attendance from the various lodges of the order throughout the state.

Washington, Feb. 4.—General Young has been selected by the Secretary of War to be president of the army war college, to begin duty on his new appointment as soon as he is relieved as commander of the department of California.

London, Feb.—It was officially announced today that the British government has rejected the Dutch proposals.

The refusal adds that if the Boer leaders themselves ask safe conduct the request will be considered, with the statement that peace negotiation will take place in South Africa.

The announcement is made in the reply written by Marquis Lansdowne to the Dutch Premier Kuyper's note, that in the peace proposals rejected Kuyper sought safe conduct for the Boer leaders in Holland for the purpose of enabling them to confer with the Boer leaders in South Africa. They were then to return to England if given power to conclude a treaty.

To this Lansdowne replies that the British government will adhere to its intention not to accept the intervention of a foreign government. That is the construction placed on Holland's actions, as it has not secured consent of the Boers in the field to make peace proposals.

In a Paris interview Kuyper says that King Edward is anxious to have peace declared before his coronation.

PLANS TO INCREASE

TRADE OF PORTLAND

New Railroad to Tap a Rich Valley in Washington—Wool and Wheat

Portland, Feb. 7.—Plans are rapidly bearing completion for the building of a railroad from the Columbia river landing known as Lyle, on the Washington side of the river, and about 10 miles below The Dalles, to Goldendale, the county seat of Klickitat county, to be operated in conjunction with a line of steamers between Lyle and Portland. It is the intention of the promoters of the enterprise to have the road in operation by the end of the year. The road will be from 25 to 30 miles in length, and will bring the products of the rich Klickitat valley to Portland. The valley is a large wheat producer, and also is devoted largely to the sheep and wool industry. At present most of the products are hauled to the Dalles by freighters.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Within a week the North Atlantic squadron will sail South to Colonay, the new rendezvous and to Guantanamo bay, Cuba.

The squadron will be composed of the *Albatross*, *Kearsage*, *Massachusetts*, *Indiana*, *Potomac* and *Machias*. It will be the most powerful fleet that has been in those waters in several years.

A conference two days ago between the state and navy departments resulted in a decision that the time is ripe for a fleet to go to the Isthmus, because the reports show that in both Venezuela and Colombia the insurgents have been victorious.

A state of anarchy seems probable and American interests must be protected.

London, Feb. 6.—The British government has decided to abandon its intention to fortify or garrison Wol Hai Wat, China. The government will withdraw troops from the place and transfer control to the civil authorities.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The marriage certificate which Miss Helen Hay, daughter of Secretary of State and Mrs. John Hay, bore away from the Church of the Convent today bore the signature as witness of the President of the United States. Miss Hay, one of the most notable and popular figures in Washington

society, became the wife of Payne Whitney, son of William C. Whitney, former Secretary of the Navy.

The wedding was by far the most brilliant of the season in the national capital. Scores of famous personages were in attendance, and the ceremony was distinguished by many picturesque features.

Among those present were President and Mrs. Roosevelt and the various members of the cabinet and their families. On the left were seated members of the Hay and Whitney households.

Miss Hay's wedding gown was of heavy duchess satin, prettily plain without lace or embroidery, save for a heavy silk cord which ran around the edge. A cluster of orange blossoms was fastened at the left side on the waist line, and the veil was made of finest tulle.

The wedding gifts were of great magnificence, diamonds predominating.

The bride is the elder of the Secretary's two daughters. She has inherited her father's literary taste and has gained more than local fame as a writer of verse. She was engaged upon the preparation of her fourth volume of verse, "Some Norse Legends," when her brother's death and then her love story, interrupted her labor.

Mr. Whitney is the second son of William C. Whitney. He spent much of his boyhood in Washington and is as well known here as in New York, where he spends most of his time.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon.

February 3, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the Act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled, "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

JOHN EDWARD NOAH

of Marshfield, County of Coos, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2025 for the purchase of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 and SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 35, Township 23, South, Range 11 West Willamette Meridian, in Oregon, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Roseburg, Oregon, on Monday the 18th day of April, 1902.

He names as witnesses: William Vincamp, Frank Vincamp, S. W. Noah, L. D. Noah, all of Marshfield, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 18th day of April, 1902.

J. T. Bairds, Register.

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