

SCHLEY TURNED DOWN BY THE PRESIDENT

Court of Inquiry Decision Stands--Roosevelt Says It Was a "Captain's Fight."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The President today made public the statement on Admiral Schley's appeal and the answer thereto, from the Navy Department. The President says: "I have examined both with utmost care, as well as the preceding appeal to the Secretary of the Navy. I have read through all the testimony taken before the court and the statements of counsel for Admiral Sampson and Admiral Schley; have examined all the official reports of every kind in reference to the Santiago naval campaign and also personally had before me the four surviving captains from the five ships, aside from those of the two Admirals, which were actively engaged at Santiago. It appears that the Court of Inquiry was unanimous in its findings of fact, and unanimous in its expressions of opinion and most of its findings of fact. No appeal is made to me from the verdict of the court on these points, where it was unanimous. I have, however, carefully over the evidence on these points also. I am satisfied that in the whole, the court did substantial justice.

"It should have specifically condemned the failure to enforce an efficient night blockade at Santiago while Admiral Schley was in command. On the other hand I feel that there is a reasonable doubt whether he did not move his squadron with sufficient expedition from port to port. The court faulted in condemning Admiral Schley's action on the point where it seems to me he most gravely erred—his 'retrograde movement,' when he abandoned the blockade, and his disobedience of orders and misstatement of facts in relation thereto. It should be remembered, however, that the majority of these actions which the court censures occurred five weeks or more before the fight itself and it certainly seems that if Admiral Schley's actions were censurable, he should not have been left as second in command under Admiral Sampson. His offenses were in effect condoned when he was not called to account for them. Admiral Sampson, after the fight, in an official letter to the Navy Department alluded for the first time to Admiral Schley's 'reprehensible conduct' six weeks previously. If Admiral Schley was guilty of reprehensible conduct of the kind which called for such notice by Admiral Sampson, then Admiral Sampson ought not to have left him as senior officer of the blockading squadron on the third of July, when he (Sampson) steamed away on his proper errand of communication with General Shafter.

"We can therefore, for our present purposes, dismiss the consideration of so much of the appeal as relates to anything except the battle. As regards this point raised in the appeal in between Admirals Sampson and Schley, as to which was in command; as to which was entitled to the credit, if either of them was really entitled to any unusual and pre-eminent credit by any special exhibit of genius, skill, and courage. The court could have considered both of these questions, but as a matter of fact it unanimously excluded the evidence offered upon them, and through its pre-announced refusal to hear Admiral Sampson's side at all, and in view of such exclusion, the majority of the court acted with entire propriety in not expressing any opinion on this point.

"The matter has, however, been raised by the President of the court. Moreover, it is a point upon which Admiral Schley in his appeal lays the most stress, and which he especially asks me to consider. The appeal of Admiral Schley to me is not as to this. The chief point he raises really is an appeal from the decision of the Court of Inquiry.

"Five-sixths of the appeal is devoted to this question of command and credit; that is, to a matter which the Court of Inquiry did not consider. It is in effect an appeal from the action of President McKinley three years ago, when he sent in his recommendations for promotion for the various officers connected with the Santiago campaign, basing these recommendations upon his estimate of the credit to which the officers were respectively entitled. What I have to decide, therefore, is whether or not President McKinley did an injustice in the matter. This necessarily involves a comparison of the action of the different commanders engaged. The exhaustive official reports of the action leave little to be brought out anew; but as the question of Admiral Sampson's right to be considered in chief command, which was determined in his favor by President McKinley and later by the Court of Claims, has never hitherto been officially raised, I deemed it best to secure statements from the commanders of the five ships (other than the Brooklyn and New York) which were actively engaged in the fight.

"The President then included the statements from the five Captains and says: 'The question as to which one of the two men, Admiral Sampson or Admiral Schley, was at the time in command is of merely a nominal character. It was a captain's fight.'

"Therefore the credit to which each of the two is entitled, rests on matters apart from the claim of a nominal command over a squadron; for, so far as the actual fight is concerned, neither one nor the other in fact exercised any command. Sampson was hardly more than technically in the fight. His real claim for credit rests upon his work as commander-in-chief; upon the excellence of the blockade; upon the preparation of the ships ahead in the arrangement of the harbor, and the standing orders in accordance with which

they constantly moved to the attack of the Spanish fleet when the latter arrived. For all these things, the credit is his.

"Admiral Schley is rightly entitled—as is Captain Cook—to the credit of what the Brooklyn did in the fight. On the whole she did well; but I agree with the unanimous finding of the three Admirals who composed the Court of Inquiry as to the 'loop.' It seriously marred the Brooklyn's otherwise excellent record, being in fact the one grave mistake made by any American ship that day.

"Personally I feel it would have been well to have given Captain Clark, of the Oregon, the advancement that was given Wainwright. But waiving this is evident that Wainwright was entitled to receive more than any of the other commanders, and that it was just to Admiral Sampson that he should receive the greater advantage in numbers than Admiral Schley—there was nothing done in the battle that warranted any unusual reward for either.

In short, as regards Admirals Sampson and Schley, I find that President McKinley did substantial justice, and there should be no warrant for reversing his action.

"Both Admirals Sampson and Schley are now on the retired list. In concluding their report the members of the Court of Inquiry—Admiral Dewey, Benham and Ramsey—unite in stating that they recommend that no further action be had in the matter. With this recommendation I most heartily concur. There is no excuse whatever from either side for any further agitation of this unhappy controversy. To keep it alive would merely do damage to the Navy and to the country."

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Weekly Review of Literature

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Alice, Gladys, Susan, Joyce,
Katherine, Jean, or Rose for choice,
Faith or Phyllis, Helen, Grace,
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Ah, a puzzled group were we,
Long we chattered, wondered, wrought,
Racked our brains in solemn thought,
Scanned the poets one by one,
Knew no more when we had done.
Then, we said, the little elf,
Surely yet will name herself.
But again, that was not fair.
And with many a wistful prayer,
We picked out a name of love,
Sweetest all other names above.
And, to suit our winsome fairy,
Chose to call the babe, Mary.
(Margaret E. Sangster, in February Every Where.)

W. B. Conkey & Co.'s new book on Schley and Santiago is fanning the flames of that controversy into national dimensions.

Longmans, Green & Co., New York, have out Stanley Weyman's romance of the Court of France, Count Hannibal.

O. M. Clark & Co., Boston, have out Hester Blair, a story of New England village seaport life that promises to become very popular.

Will Carleton's magazine, Every Where, has a great feature for February in Col. Littlefield's personal recollections of Lincoln. Send for a sample to 308 Gates avenue, Brooklyn.

The Leopard's Spine is published by Doubleday, Page & Co., New York, is getting large advance orders on the strength of being the Uncle's Tom's Cabin of the South.

The same firm announces The Columbian, a romance of forest adventure at the beginning of the revolution by Allen French.

Current History for February presents a record of the world's events during December last and closes the eleventh volume of this valuable chronicle. Beginning with the March number a new department, entitled "Literary Chronicle," conducted by Nathan Haskell Dole, will be added to the magazine, considerably increasing its value. Other important additions to the corps of writers are being made. Sample copy free on application. Address Current History Co., Boston, Mass. Price \$1.50 year.

The success of Doubleday, Page & Co.'s new magazine, Country Life in America, is marked by an increase in the number of pages and the widening of its scope to include a greater variety of out-door interests. The demand for the February issue was so large that the number was out of print, in so far as the publishers were concerned, before the first day of February.

During the past year The Delicatore's facilities for obtaining the first information of what is being done in the centre of fashion have been greatly extended, and it now commands resources that, perhaps, are not possible to any other magazine. Some of these results are shown in the March number, where is presented the first intimation of the Spring modes in garments of all kinds and millinery—the work of some of the most noted designers of Paris, London, Vienna and New York. The literary features of the March number possess high quality and great interest. The first paper on Pictorial Photography, by J. C. Abel, showing the possibilities of the

camera in a series of beautiful landscapes, the work of well known leaders in the photographic world. Dr. W. L. Savage, the noted physical director, contributes an article on Gymnasium Work for Women, with remarkable pictures taken from life. The household department includes house furnishing, illustrated cookery, and new and economical recipes, domestic science, etc.

The February American Boy (Sprague Publishing Co., Detroit, Mich.) comes to us suggestive of winter in its front cover illustration of boys coasting. The stories in this number will prove highly interesting to a live boy, and will not prove uninteresting to grown folks. Among the articles helpful to boys are: "Boys, Get Strong," "Some Boys I Have Seen," "Familiar Talks With Boys," "For Boys to Think About," and "George Washington the Boy." The well-known special departments of this publication are as usual filled with well selected items of interest to boys, and all fully illustrated. Sixty-eight illustrations, \$1 per year. The Sprague Publishing Co., Detroit, Mich.

The clerkship abuse in the United States Senate is receiving an overhaul. This week the senate resolutions for the employment of extra clerks and messengers were favorably reported by the committee on contingent expenses. These called out a vigorous protest from Mr. Clay of Georgia. He pointed out that during the past 30 days more than twenty extra messengers and clerks had been employed at a salary of \$1,440 each per year.

He had been informed, he said, that nine of these employees were for committees that had not had a meeting in eight or ten years.

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At the National Convention of Woman Suffragists United States Senator Mitchell presented to Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the Convention, and to Miss Susan B. Anthony, his credentials as a duly accredited delegate to that convention from the Oregon State Equal Suffrage Association, signed by Abigail Scott Duniway, as president.



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