

**THE SCHLEY INQUIRY.**

**A Brief Summary of the Progress of the Investigation.**

Washington Post.

Lieut. James G. Doyle, formerly of the Brooklyn, continued his testimony Thursday for Admiral Schley. He described that officer as self-possessed under fire and said that Schley signaled to the Oregon on the day of the battle to fire her 13-inch gun, which order was obeyed. There was no record of this signal, but Lieut. Doyle said it was sent by Ensign McCauley, of Schley's staff. No record could be found in the Brooklyn's log of any word being sent to Admiral Sampson that there were any indications of the outcoming of the Spanish fleet, but the witness said that his impression was that the information had been conveyed to Sampson. He also testified that between the time of hearing the firing of guns off Cienfuegos and stopping off that port the Brooklyn steamed forty-five miles.

Capt. William C. Dawson, of the Marine Corps, and for some time past holding a position in the office of Judge Advocate Lemly, testified that while signal officer on the Indiana during the battle of Santiago he saw the Brooklyn turn and go southward, away from the Spanish fleet, for a distance of 2,000 yards, at right angles to the course of the other American ships. On cross-examination he said that the distance between the Indiana and the Brooklyn when he began the latter's movements was four miles.

Lieut. Clifford J. Boush, of the hydrographic office, testified to the distances from Santiago to the nearest coaling station and to Key West.

Lieut. George W. Dyson, of the bureau of steam engineering, was called to testify to the amount of coal in the ships of the Flying Squadron at the time of retrograde movement and how long that coal would have lasted for blockading purposes and for steaming at ten knots per hour. Mr. Rayner insisted that the statement should also give the length of time the coal would have sufficed for chasing the Spanish fleet under forced draught, and also how much coal would then have been necessary to carry the vessels to the nearest coaling port. It was agreed that the data should be furnished.

In the Schley court of inquiry Friday, owing to Judge Advocate Lemly's refusal to admit the existence of an apparent error in one of Admiral Sampson's letters, Mr. Rayner said that the only way of settling the controversy would be to summon Admiral Sampson, and he directed that that action be taken. Judge Lemly replied that any witness named by Mr. Rayner would be summoned.

Lieut. Charles W. Dyson, of the Bureau of Steam Engineering, testified as to the details of the Flying Squadron's coal supply. He allowed the Brooklyn seventy tons per day for steaming ten knots an hour, when the log of the ship showed that she consumed from eighty-six to ninety-seven tons.

Commander Raymond P. Rodgers, formerly executive officer of the Iowa, testified that Capt Evans acquainted him at Cienfuegos with the meaning of the signal lights on shore, information which was withheld from Commodore Schley. As senior member of the board to locate the hits made by all kinds of American shells upon four Spanish ships, he testified that of thirty-five hits so located, twelve were made by the Brooklyn's five-inch guns, or 33 per cent. for these guns alone.

Lieut. Commander Albon C. Hodgson, formerly navigator of the Brooklyn, testified that Commodore Schley said to him on the morning of the battle, when the Texas was discovered to be near, "Damn the Texas: let her take care of herself." He also testified that the turn was made so as to clear the Brooklyn of the Texas and of the fire of the latter vessel and also to bring the Brooklyn around as quickly as possible to the head of the line of Spanish ships. He said that the Brooklyn was never nearer to the Texas than 250 to 300 yards.

In the Schley court of inquiry Saturday a letter from Sampson to Schley which had been in the possession of the Navy Department showed a curious erasure regarding the word "Santiago" which did not appear in the copy of the letter as received by Schley.

An attempt by Judge Advocate Lemly and Mr. Hanna to

to get into the record an editorial from the New York Sun abusing Admiral Schley aroused Mr. Rayner's protest and was then promptly checked by the court.

Lieut. Commander Hodgson, formerly of the Brooklyn, called by the Department to testify against Schley and whose evidence was favorable to that officer, was confronted with his correspondence with Admiral Schley for the evident purpose of discrediting him as a witness.

Only one session of the court was held, and was mainly occupied with the reading of the Hodgson-Schley correspondence, which Captain Lemly insisted upon having read in full. It had not been concluded when the court adjourned.

**BOERS SUFFER HEAVILY.**

**Gen. Kitchener Reports 250 Killed and 300 Wounded.**

The news from South Africa is a little more encouraging to England. Lord Kitchener reports that two officers and thirty-one men have been killed in an attack made on Col. Kekewich's camp, at Moedwil. The Boers, who were under Commandants Delarey and Kemp, had fourteen officers and 114 men wounded, after two hours' night fighting, when the Boers were driven off. Col. Kekewich was among the wounded.

The Boer reverse at Moedwil occurred September 29. The Boers are reported to have been one thousand strong. Lord Kitchener, in his dispatch, says the British repelled the attack with great vigor. Col. Kekewich was slightly wounded in two places. He says that all ranks behaved extremely well. The wounded were taken to Rustenburg, half way between Pretoria and Mafeking.

Lord Kitchener confirms the heavy losses of the Boers, about 250 killed and 300 wounded, during their attack on Fort Italia and Fort Prospect. He says the guns recently captured at Vlakfontein have been recovered from the Boers.

**NEARER, MY GOD, TO THEE.**

**The History of the Famous Hymn and its Author.**

The hymn, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," which President McKinley made famous in his dying moments and which was sung at funeral services the country over, has an interesting history. It is said to be the best metrical expression in modern psalmody of the desire for a more intimate spiritual acquaintance with God.

Its imagery embraces the associations of one of the most sublime and interesting religious experiences recorded in the early Hebrew scriptures, Jacob's vision at Luz. "And he lighted upon a certain place," said the scripture of Jacob's wanderings, "and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place and put them for his pillow, and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set upon the earth and the top of it reached to heaven; and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it."

Mrs. Sarah Flower Adams, author of the hymn, was a daughter of Benjamin Flower, an English writer and editor. She was born in 1805.

In 1841 she published a dramatic poem in five acts entitled "Viva Perpetua" in which she portrayed the experiences of the early martyrs.

The hymn, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," was a record of her own religious experience, and was written as a memorial of answered prayer, probably without any expectation that it would be of public service. It was furnished with thirteen other hymns to Charles Fox's "Collection of Hymns and Anthems," published in London in 1841.—Indianapolis Sentinel.

**A Fiendish Attack.**

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Mr. D. A. Whitney appeared in the mayor's office one day last week and said that he had been very much perplexed as to what was going with the milk from his fine cow, as she was only giving a pint a day. He set a diligent watch over the cow, and at last slipped upon a huge black snake in the act of sucking her. He procured a hoe, struck the snake and cut it in two. After killing the reptile the cow bellowed and bemoaned at an awful rate. He says the snake was five feet long and exceedingly large.—Cor. Lumberton Robesonian.

Papers of appeal have been filed by the attorneys for the condemned murderer, John Henry Rose, who is now in jail here, and of this itself stays execution—hence he will not be hung on October 11th. While the general sentiment is that Rose is the man who shot Tom Farmer from ambush, yet his attorneys, Col. D. Worthington and Mr. S. G. Mewborne are working hard for his life and speak very hopefully of his chances for a new trial. They say that all reasonable efforts will be exhausted before Rose is hung. They say that they can get a new trial on their objections to the charge of Judge Timberlake.—Wilson Times.

Major Joseph Morehead has shown the Greensboro Record a smooth-bore flint and steel buck gun, five feet and eleven inches in length and whole stocked—that is the stock runs to the muzzle. This was the property of Caleb Crews, of Granville county, and used by him at the battle of Guilford Court House in 1781. There was also shown a powder horn of that period and a buck-skin shot bag also used in the battle, all now the property of the Guilford Battle Ground Museum, a presentation of patriotic descendants. The Major is having pictures of these taken to aid Mr. Mullins, of Ohio, in the manufacture of a statue true-to-life of a North Carolina militiaman of 1771—the pioneer of American liberty who at that date set the Revolutionary ball in motion.—Winston Sentinel.

An Ohio man is to plant a colony in Beaufort county, this State, not far from Washington. His name is Marvin, and he is from near Findlay, Ohio. He has bought several thousand acres of land on Blount's Creek, and has at once begun to develop it. Report has it that he will build a hotel there, and that from 100 to 125 families will move from Ohio to settle. A large saw mill and lumber plant will be put up at once. Such colonists as this is what North Carolina needs. The success of the colony at Chaburn, and the settlement at Southern Pines is evidence that other such places would not only pay good dividends to promoters, but would give the colonists pleasant homes and good incomes. This is the kind of immigration we need. We can well afford to do without the foreign kind.—Raleigh Times.

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