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## DEFENSE AT WORK

Still Figuring on Dickerson's Note Transactions.

Aim to Show That He Did not Realize Profits From Them.

The Court Room Submerged in a Mist of Figures.

There is so Much of This Work Ahead That the Hours of the Court's Sittings are Prolonged.

In the trial of J. E. Dickerson, Deputy Comptroller of the Currency, George M. Coffin was on the witness stand all day yesterday under cross-examination by the defense. It was all different from the Breese trial, when the attorneys for the defendant contented themselves with filing exceptions and did not otherwise interfere during the offering of evidence with the clear cut, chain lightning case arranged by the prosecution. Now the clear cut, etc., case against Mr. Dickerson has run foul of a London fog. The defense has conjured up a mist of figures and dates and records and numbers and initials, and the whole aspect of the court room has changed. The crowd has fallen off. The jury looks as if it could digest something besides figures if given a chance. The defendant is the most animated man in the room. He is not idle for the fraction of a moment. He is always intent on memoranda of his accounts, figuring them out and assisting his attorneys with suggestions. Judge Furnell said on Monday that he could not see the purpose of the cross examination of Mr. Coffin by the defense "unless it was to complete the government's case. The defense, however, declare that the object of this evidence was to show from the books of the bank that instead of Dickerson's getting \$60,578 as heretofore claimed, the evidence up to the closing yesterday showed the amount to be \$41,228, and that they will still further reduce this amount.

At the opening of the trial yesterday morning Mr. Adams said: "Just before court adjourned yesterday your honor made a remark seeming to be to the effect that the evidence seemed to make out a case for the government, and we desire to except to your honor's remark. Judge Furnell replied: "I stated that the court did not understand the purpose of the cross examination unless it was to complete the government's case. The court will instruct the jury at the proper time that they are not to be influenced by any remarks of the judge." The cross examination of Mr. Coffin was resumed by J. H. Tucker, of counsel for the defense. As in the cross examination Monday afternoon a great many questions were put to the witness in order to trace back some of the notes which Dickerson was said to have gotten the credit of to show that ultimately the notes were credited to some one else.

During the morning the notes traced back on the books and shown to have reverted to someone other than the defendant were the Brevard notes for \$4,700 and the Carolina Woodworking company's check. Judge Furnell announced that the examination was taking up so much time that he felt compelled to lengthen the

hours of the court sessions half an hour each. Accordingly the morning session is now held from 10:30 to 1:30 and the afternoon session from 3 to 6:30.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Court was called to order promptly at 3 p. m.

By Mr. Tucker:

"On July 15, at the page where the three items of interest, \$43 20, are mentioned, on the opposite side, do you see a rebate?"

"Yes. I see discount on note \$32."

"Do you recognize these four notes handed you as those, Dickerson discounted?"

"Yes."

"What is the amount of the notes?"

"The total is \$2,305.50."

"Does the \$20.25 and \$974.25 mentioned before dinner make the original amount of \$4,000?"

"Yes."

On October 7, 1896, you see the note of \$4,000?"

"Yes; the Carolina Woodworking company's note."

"On the next page, on the left hand side, is W. E. Breese credited with \$1,000 and G. W. Purefoy with \$3,000?"

"Yes."

"Is there any other entry on that day or the balance of the month?"

"No."

"No."

"If these notes have been correctly traced the books show that Dickerson's declaration was a mistake?"

"Yes, if traced correctly."

"On August 13, 1894 do you see a note of H. E. Baisin, \$2,200?"

"Yes."

"What was the discount?"

"I don't see the exact amount."

"Do you find any amount credited to W. E. Breese?"

"Yes."

"On March 13, 1895, is H. E. Baisin's note credited?"

"Yes for \$2,200."

"Whose charge is that?"

"J. E. D., special."

"According to the book J. E. Dickerson did not get that money, did he?"

"According to my recollection, it was."

"Then J. E. Dickerson did not get the credit of it, did he?"

"No."

"On October 1, 1896 do you find the note of W. B. Troy of \$2,100 discounted?"

"Yes."

"Look at the note handed you. It is one you found in the bank?"

"Yes, it is for \$2,000, dated July 7."

It is put down against Dickerson.

"This is one of the notes we traced this morning?"

"Yes."

"On Jan. 9, 1896, do you find a note of A. K. Smith's?"

"I find an entry which looks like A. C. Smith, \$750."

"Is any discount charged on that note?"

"Yes; \$48."

"See if that note wasn't discounted to W. H. Penland."

"I see two entries, W. H. Penland, \$1,700 and \$1,760."

"On Feb. 5, do you see L. M. Smith's note?"

"Yes."

"Who is credited with the note?"

"W. H. Penland."

"On Feb. 26 do you find J. E. Dickerson charged with \$47.52, discounted notes?"

"Yes."

"On Jan. 8, 1896, do you find a note of \$1,750 of A. K. Smith?"

"Yes."

"What is the discount on that amount?"

"\$47.52."

"Is that charged to Penland?"

"Yes."

"On July 25, do you see the note of E. C. Jones?"

"Yes; E. C. Jones, \$1,750."

"What is the discount?"

"I find it \$47.52."

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## SHERMAN IS BETTER

False Report Sent Out That He Was Dead.

Official Letter Had Been Prepared Announcing His Death.

Flags on Public Buildings Were Ordered at Half Mast.

The Ex-Secretary's Condition is Much Improved and He will be Brought Home Soon.

Santiago, March 21.—A report was received here today from a correspondent at the government signal station at Guantanamo stating that the steamer Paris had arrived there and that ex-Secretary of State Sherman had died of pneumonia early this morning. The report proves incorrect. The Paris arrived here from Guantanamo and Sherman is not only alive but his condition is much improved. He rested well last night, and his recovery is almost assured.

The cruiser Chicago is expected here Thursday to take Sherman to the United States.

### THE UNTRUE REPORT.

Washington, March 21.—This city has not been so stirred over anything for a long time as by the publication in this evening's papers, from Calmilla, of the death of John Sherman and the subsequent discovery that the story was untrue. Although the report had no official confirmation, Secretary Hay, upon the strength of the Associated Press confirmation of the report, prepared a circular letter to the diplomatic and consular officers announcing the death and also sent a message to Mrs. Sherman. There was even some discussion of arrangements for a funeral and flags on public buildings had been ordered at half mast. Mrs. Sherman, however, was not told of the reported death. Many friends and relatives were gathered at the Sherman residence when the Laffan bureau despatch from Santiago was shown them. The reaction was almost painful to witness. The cablegram was also reported to Hay, who recalled his circular letter.

### HANGED BY A MOB.

A Negro Who had Committed a Murder Lynched.

Texarkana, Ark., March 21.—At noon today "General" Bennett, a negro, was taken from the jail at Rocky Comfort then riddled with bullets. Ducked and hanged by a mob. The body was a wealthy planter last Friday.

### EVERYTHING IN GOLF GOODS AND SUPPLIES FOR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN AT THE MEN'S OUTFITTER.

Call and examine the new line of golf carts and baby carriages at Mrs. L. A. Johnson's, 27 North Main street.

## ASSEMBLY MAY GIVE UP

Resolution to Dissolve and Disband Cuban Army; Disorder in Havana

Havana, March 21.—The trick played by the Cuban assembly in securing the rolls of the Cuban army is causing some concern to General Brooke. Some assemblymen are planning to pass a resolution ordering the disbandment of the Cuban army and accepting the \$3,000,000, and then turn the rolls over to Brooke, hoping thereby to kill Gomez's influence.

At the assembly's meeting today there was a hot debate on a resolution that the assembly be dissolved and the army disbanded leaving to the soldiers the right to accept a present from the Americans. The question will be voted on Saturday and will probably pass.

The situation here is not satisfactory, brawls with the police continuing. The body of a policeman was found today. He evidently had been murdered last night.

### SOLDIERS AIDING PULICE.

Havana, March 21.—The police are being aided in keeping order by American soldiers. Ludlow has authorized an increase of the force by 400 men.

### SUMMER CAMPS IN THE SOUTH

Several Will be Maintained, and if Georgia Gets Them She Must Modify Quarantine.

Washington, March 21.—The war department will during the coming summer follow out the program adopted during the war of maintaining summer camps in the south. This determination has been reached as a result of the visit to Alger yesterday of a delegation from Atlanta who want a military camp near there. Several camps will be maintained if there are troops enough to send to them, but the department will not make definite promises that they will be located in Georgia until the quarantine regulations in regard to vessels and persons arriving at Savannah and other ports from Cuba are modified.

### SPRING CLOTHING, HATS AND FURNISHINGS NOW READY FOR INSPECTION. IF BOUGHT FROM US "IT'S RIGHT."

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### TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

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## LEAPED TO DEATH

Fifteen Women Imprisoned in a Burning Building.

Two Who Did Not Take the Terrible Leap Severely Burned.

Fire the Result of an Oil Explosion on a Lower Floor.

Two are Dead and Others will Die—The Women Were Members of the Maccabee Order.

Omaha, Neb., March 21.—Fifteen women were imprisoned in the third story of the Patterson block this afternoon as the result of an oil explosion. When it looked as if they would be devoured by the flames thirteen leaped to the pavement. One was killed, one died tonight and the others were more or less seriously injured, some so badly that they will die.

In a number of the cases the women did not take the fearful leap until badly burned.

The women are all members of the ladies' branch of the Knights of Maccabee, and were holding a meeting when the fire started. Two who did not jump made their way down stairs through the flames and were severely burned.

## JOHN T. SHAYNE SHOT DOWN

Prominent Merchant of Chicago Wounded, Probably Fatally, in a Cafe.

Chicago, March 21.—John T. Shayne, one of Chicago's most prominent merchants, was shot this afternoon in a cafe of the Auditorium annex by Harry H. Hammond, a fashionable tailor, and probably mortally wounded. Three shots took effect.

Shayne was taking lunch with Hammond's divorced wife and two other women, and the cafe was well filled. Hammond entered, crept up behind Shayne and fired. Shayne fell to the floor and rolled under the table. Hammond lifted the table cloth and fired other shots as his victim lay prostrate. The women rushed away screaming. Hammond didn't attempt to escape and was arrested.

Shayne had been attentive to Mrs. Hammond for a long time and Hammond is said to have told friends Shayne had stolen his wife's affections.

## Do You Want Some Silverware

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