

LIEUTENANT HOOD ADMITS HE ACTED THE SPY'S PART

Was Sent by Sampson to Watch Schley at Santiago—Argument Begins Monday

Washington, Nov. 1.—Lieut. John Hood was the principal witness before the court of inquiry today. He made the admission that he had observed the movements of Commodore Schley off Cienfuegos for the purpose of reporting them to the commander in chief. He made observations, but he did not communicate the result to Commodore Schley.

Q.—During the war were you on any boat or boats? A.—Yes, I was on several boats. Q.—Do you remember and can you identify the Somers N. Smith? A.—Yes, I was aboard her during the war.

The testimony of this witness was continued further, but nothing of sensational interest developed. Mr. Scovel, the correspondent who achieved some notoriety during the Spanish war, not only by reason of his dispatches, but because of an encounter which he had with General Shafter at Santiago, when, it is asserted, he took occasion to slap the face of that officer.

information on my own responsibility. I was to report it to the commander-in-chief at Havana. When I arrived there the commander-in-chief was gone and I was compelled to make my report to the commanding officer of the Dolphin.

WILL THE SULTAN DEFY THE FRENCH?

Paris Talks Excitedly of the Probability of War with Turkey.

Paris, Nov. 1.—The all-absorbing topic here today is the Franco-Turkish situation. Reports are conflicting and it is not yet settled whether France's efforts to bring the sultan to terms in the matter of the quays claims will result in peace or war.

way of Philippopolis, declares that the sultan has determined to defy the French government and that he has ordered the defence of Salonica, Smyrna and Mitlylene.

EDUCATIONAL DAY IN BURLINGTON

Burlington, N. C., Nov. 1.—Special.—This was a great day for Burlington and the graded schools. The weather was bright and beautiful. Governor Aycock, State Superintendent Toon, Auditor B. F. Dixon and Prof. M. C. S. Noble, of the University of North Carolina came on the 11 a. m. train as guests of the committee.

Acceptance of Flag and Bibles—State Superintendent T. F. Toon. Selection—Burlington Concert Band. The work of the Junior Order was a great success. The thanks of citizens and the school are due the order for the part they took.

Road Building and Good Roads Congress

Winston-Salem, N. C., Nov. 1.—Special.—The State Good Roads Congress opened in the court-house this morning, the court room being filled with citizens and visitors, the latter representing this and many other counties throughout the State.

Senator Simmons, and especially his statement that State convicts should be worked on the roads instead of farms. Capt. W. A. Hayes, representing the Southern Railway, gave a practical talk on the great advantage to a community of reducing the cost of freighting products, and said the reason the railroads were making better earnings now than formerly was because they had devoted their earnings for the past five years to lowering grades of their track so that the expense of hauling would be less per mile.

Familiar Story of Young Fool Lovers

Reading, Nov. 1.—A tragedy occurred this morning under the pines of the boulevard, the leading mountain drive overlooking this city. Walter F. Sneider, aged 22, shot and killed his sweetheart, Minnie C. Reichstetter, aged 21, and then killed himself.

her a pillow. He then stepped back and sent a bullet crashing through her brain, the ball entering her head four inches above her right temple. Sneider then fired a bullet into his own head and fell back to the ground.

McKinley's Friends Will Hold Their Jobs

Washington, Nov. 1.—Nearly all the time of the cabinet meeting today was occupied by the President in the inspection of long lists of appointments that were made by his late predecessor during the recess of Congress.

partment will not accept offerings for United States bonds. It is Secretary Gage's purpose to reduce the excess of receipts over expenditures in his department, and to prevent a detrimental effect upon the currency.

BRADSTREETS ON STATE OF TRADE

Unseasonably Warm Weather Checks Retail Distribution—Cotton Tends to Lower Prices.

New York, Nov. 1.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: The complaints of car shortage noted in Bradstreet's trade report for weeks past are repeated this week in an even greater degree. At best, however, this is only a negatively unfavorable circumstance and is the best of proof that an enormous volume of business is doing throughout the country.

in ocean freights prevalent for months past. Hog products are lower. It is claimed, because of packers manipulating the hog market; but the recent high prices appear to have checked consumption. Coffee has lost a little strength, and some grades of sugar are also lower.

White Caps Warn Negroes to Leave

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 1.—Much excitement exists in the third district of Lake county on account of white caps. Good, substantial negro renters have been notified to gather their crops as soon as possible and leave.

ceptants to leave under penalty of death. On the back of such of these notices is drawn a figure of a man swinging to a tree. Some of the negroes have left the fields of cotton and farmers are having trouble getting pickers. The land owners have banded together and vigorous methods have been adopted to apprehend the guilty parties. They intend to prosecute to the extent of the law.

In keeping with raw cotton several other farm products have weakened this week. Wheat has felt the influence of the heavy movement of grain at the northwest, and increases in visible supplies in Manitoba reported by Bradstreet's, and rather less critical advice from Argentina. In addition, the stories of dullness and depression in the export business have affected trade, though it is to be noted that wheat and corn shipments together since July 1 are heavier than a year ago.

"Dr." Dillard in Jail

Winston-Salem, N. C., Nov. 1.—Special.—Dr. E. H. Dillard, the Reidsville negro who has been creating a stir for several months, was brought here last night from Roanoke, Va., by his bondsman, T. W. Wright, colored, of Reidsville, who committed the old negro to jail. Wright went on Dillard's bond when the latter was arrested in Reidsville by a Winston officer, on the charge of getting fifty dollars from a Winston negro by false representation. The question of releasing Dillard's bondsman will be heard before Judge Starbuck tomorrow. It is thought that Wright will be released, though he may have to pay costs in the case.

Boer Lager Surprised

London, Nov. 1.—General Kitchener reports to the War Office that Colonel Kekewich surprised Van Albert's Lager at Beeste kraal, thirty miles northeast of Rustenburg, capturing three wounded and 75 unwounded Boers, including Commandant Klop-