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GOVERNMENT LANDS

Prizes Being Drawn By Settlers in Government Lottery.

ONE THOUSAND CLAIMS DELIVERED

A Good Natured Crowd Waited Patiently While the Wheel of Fortune Turned Out Prizes.

El Reno, Special.—Oklahoma's great land lottery was begun here in earnest Monday and when the commission appointed by the Federal government adjourned the drawing for the day, one thousand of the choice of the 160-acre claims in the Kiowa-Comanche country had been awarded. The first name drawn from the wheels was that of Stephen A. Holcomb, of Paul's Valley, I. T., for a homestead in the El Reno district, and the second, Leonard Lamb, of Augusta, O. T. These two men selected the two choice claims in this district. The capital prize winner, however, proved to be James R. Wood, of Wichita, Kan., whose name was the first to come from the Lawton district wheel, and Miss Mattie H. Beals, of Wichita, Kan., who drew the second number in that district. They will have the privilege of making the first filings in the Lawton district, and will undoubtedly choose the two quarter sections adjoining that town. These are considered the most valuable in the Territory and are, it is estimated, worth from \$20,000 to \$40,000 each. The day was one of keen excitement, replete with interesting scenes. It is estimated that fully 25,000 persons witnessed the drawing. The immense throng was wrought up to the highest pitch, and the drawing of the first names was followed by a mighty shout.

\$20,000 For Lafayette Relics.

London, By Cable.—"J. Pierpont Morgan, before his recent departure for the United States," says the Paris correspondent of The Daily Express "left a check for 20,000 pounds with General Horace Porter, to be paid on delivery at the United States embassy of certain valuable relics of Lafayette, said to be in a pawnshop in London. "How they got there is not known, but the story is that among them there is the sculptured gold jug and sword carried throughout the American campaign which Lafayette left to his heirs."

Turns Out to Be An Heiress.

Omaha, Special.—Mrs. Hazel Sylvia Wood, a young woman who attempted suicide last week, because she owed a small debt, proves to be an heiress to the extent of \$75,000, to her father, who died last November in Tallahassee, Fla. The will, made in 1878, before Hazel was born, after providing for a son, directs that the remainder of the estate, valued at \$75,000, go to his widow and after her death to any children she may have. Mrs. Wood is the principal legatee under the will.

No Truth in the Rumor.

London, July 29.—Inquiry made by the Associated Press shows there is no foundation for the rumor published here by The Daily Express that United States Ambassador Jos. H. Choate, had left London for Holland, not for a holiday, but at the invitation of Mr. Kruger, who desires him to act as a mediator in bringing about a peace settlement. He returned here last weekend visit to Sussex. Mr. Choate has not left London. He returned here from Sussex today.

Rejected Lover's Vengeance.

Muncie, Ind., Special.—The police Monday evening arrested Peter Tillery for throwing carbolic acid in the face of Mary Torrence Sunday night. Tillery has been arrested on the charge of mayhem, which is punishable by imprisonment from two to fourteen years. His victim will lose one eye from the assault. Tillery is 43 years old and wanted to marry the woman. She refused and he dashed the acid into her face from a can concealed under his coat. He claims he was drunk at the time of committing the crime.

Two White Men Killed By a Negro.

Little Rock, Ark., Special.—Louis Haynie, a brother of State Senator Haynie, and Hopkins, Halton, both of Camden, were killed, according to report received here, by a negro named Sigler, whose house a party of whites attacked last Saturday night, near Greenville. There are about 400 negroes to 30 whites in that region and further trouble is feared.

TELEGRAPHIC TERSITIES.

A St. Louis Dispatch says: David Block, a well-known member of the merchants' exchange, died in moderate circumstances, though he might have passed away a millionaire. He believed with Carnegie that it was almost a crime for a man to die rich and several months ago, acting on this theory, he called his children about him on his birthday and distributed his fortune among them equally.

With \$1,000,000 capital the Person Consolidated Copper and Gold Mines Company was chartered at Albany, N. Y., to work in North Carolina.

A potato famine threatens Chicago. \$100,000 has been brought, by Mrs. Robert Ingersoll against the Davis estate at Boston, Mass. for unpaid fees due her late husband.

Surgeon General Wyman, of the Marine Hospital, received notice that the Louisiana State board of health had decided to permit laborers en route from Porto Rico to Hawaii to pass through the State without quarantine detention. The action was taken upon the recommendation of the surgeon general that Porto Rico is free from infectious diseases.

NORTH CAROLINA CROPS.

Warm Weather and Scattered Rains Have Helped Crops Materially.

Very favorable weather conditions prevailed generally throughout the State during the week ending July 29, and most correspondents report some improvement in crops, and good progress in farm work. The entire week was bright and sunny, with high temperatures, but not sufficiently so as to cause suffering in crops, although the mean for the week averaged 6 degrees daily above the normal; the hottest day of the summer occurred on Thursday, when the maximum temperature slightly exceeded 100 degrees at some points. Throughout the larger portion of the State no rain fell during the week, but at some places very light and beneficial rains occurred on the 23d and 27th. Towards the latter part of the week the need of light rains began to be felt generally, and in some western districts, Surry, Wilkes, Yancey, and the extreme western tier of counties, drought may be said to prevail with some severity. As a whole the soil was in good condition for plowing, and farmers were able to kill much grass. Laying by all crops is proceeding rapidly, and will perhaps be nearly completed with another week of favorable weather. Farmers have been forced to lay by many crops in rather bad condition as regards grass. The influence of the hot dry weather was immediately apparent in the improved condition of cotton, especially where it had received good cultivation; laying by cotton is under way. In some places cotton has too much weed, in others it is very small, and generally it is not fruiting very rapidly; in some northern counties it is only just beginning to bloom; the bolls do not seem to be maturing very well; complaints of lice on cotton are very few. Young upland corn is doing very well, and is silking and tasseling as far as the extreme west. The older crop has also improved, though much of it is small and barren; corn generally needs light rain to cause the proper filling of the grain. Tobacco was slightly freed in a few counties by hot sunshine, but generally looks fairly well; topping is under way throughout the northwest portion of the State; curing progressed rapidly and quite successfully during the past week. Reports on the condition of the sweet potato crop are uniformly excellent; peas, peanuts and rice are also doing well. Sowing the fall crop of Irish potatoes, turnips and rutabagas has begun. Conditions were very favorable for haying. Threshing wheat and oats is nearing completion. Reports on fruit indicate an inferior yield of most kinds, especially apples; melons in the south and west are poor, but in central and eastern portions are coming into market in abundance.

Taylor Again Victorious.

New York, Special.—Major Taylor, the colored cycle rider, of Worcester, duplicated his victory of Saturday, when he beat Frank Kramer at Manhattan Beach in the half-mile circuit championship, in a similar event on the indoor ten-lap track at the Madison Square Garden. Kramer was defeated in the semi-final heat by W. S. Fena, who met Taylor in the final heat. Taylor won by three-quarters of a wheel's length.

News Notes.

After shooting Walter Morris, a burglar, 12-year-old Minnie Waddell, of Griffithsville, W. Va., stood watch over him all night. Secretary Reckstadt, of the National Association of Sculptors, has been appointed director of sculptors, at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. Greater New York had 989 deaths from heat last week. Dowiettes have been forbidden to meet in the streets of Waterloo, Iowa. Daily prayers for rain are being offered all through Johnson County, Missouri. A \$20,000,000 combine of cardboard makers is being arranged at Norwich, Conn. Most of the 550 striking machinists at Waterbury, Conn., have returned to work. High telephone rates in Chicago, Ill., has caused Court proceedings against the Chicago Telephone Company by the Illinois Manufacturers Association. The Paris newspapers announce that the Lyons-Mediterranean Railroad had bought ten American locomotives. The Sanford (N. C.) Cotton mills has completed its addition, recently under construction, and has the new spindles, 4,000 in number, now in operation. The entire complement is now 9,000 spindles and 256 looms.

Texas Drought Broken.

Dallas, Tex., Special.—The drought has been broken by heavy rains in approximately 20 per cent. of the cotton growing district. These rains have fallen regularly for the last four days, over the extreme northern and southern rims of the cotton belt. About 80 per cent. of cotton-lands in the central district, located inside this circle, have received only local and scattering showers.

What China Will Pay.

Pekin, By Cable.—The ministers of the powers after Friday's meeting dispatched a note to the China peace commissioners accepting the recent Chinese offer, which was in anticipation of the ministers' plan for the payment of \$20,000,000 in indemnity at 4 per cent. interest. The total payments of principal and interest will be 1,000,000 francs.

FOSBURGH'S RELEASE

Acquitted on the Charge of Murdering His Sister

PEOPLE PLEASED WITH VERDICT

Close of a Very Sensational Trial in Which Young Fosburgh Stood Charged With the Murder of His Sister.

Pittsfield, Mass., Special.—The trial of Robert Stewart Fosburgh for the alleged killing of his sister May, was brought to an abrupt close Friday, when the jury, under instructions from the court, returned a verdict of not guilty. When the court convened the chamber was crowded and a large number of members of the Berkshire bar occupied seats which had been reserved for them. Many women who had attended the trial at every session, carrying their luncheons with them, were there again with their lunch baskets. The Fosburgh family came into the court room in a body and passed to their accustomed seats. It was just 9:15 o'clock when Judge Stevens entered, and immediately upon the opening of court his honor arose, faced the jury and directed them that a verdict of acquittal be given for the defendant, Judge Stevens said: "Foreman and gentlemen: During six days we have listened to a painful recital of one of the saddest tragedies ever presented to a jury. A beautiful girl just budding into womanhood was shot down and her brother has been accused of the crime. The government has endeavored to prove first, that the girl was not shot by burglars; second, it has endeavored to exclude all other members of the family from the affair and third, to prove that the shot was fired by her brother, Robert S. Fosburgh. "The trial has proceeded somewhat in the form of an inquest and has been tried with great pains on the part of the government and the defense. There has been a desire to obtain proof and so a great deal of evidence has been introduced and admitted without objection which might have been excluded under the strict rule of the law. I think I ought also to say to you that it is due to the chief of police who has stood behind this prosecution, that in view of the court, he has tried to do his duty with a single eye to ascertaining the truth. Now, Mr. Foreman, and gentlemen, a motion has been made that this case be taken from the jury and it becomes my duty to say to you that in the opinion of the court, the government has not furnished proof sufficient to sustain a verdict of guilty against the defendant, and, therefore, under the direction of the court, the indictment of Robert S. Fosburgh, for killing his sister you will return a verdict of not guilty. "As the judge concluded his remarks the people in the court room began clapping their hands, but the judge immediately ordered that the applause be suppressed and this was done by the court officers. The defendant stood while the foreman of the jury replied to the question: "What is your verdict?" The reply was, "Not guilty."

The defendant was then formally discharged by order of the court. Judge Stevens then dismissed the jury, but before doing so, he thanked them warmly for their services and congratulated them because they had not shirked the responsibility that fell upon them. Immediately after this, the Fosburgh family was given an opportunity to leave the court chamber in advance of the rest of the people and they did so, passing down the private stairway. They proceeded at once to the Wendell House, where a reception was held and where hundreds of people took advantage of the opportunity to shake hands with young Robert Fosburgh.

As soon as the jury was dismissed the foreman called them together in his private room and for the first time there was a conference as to what the jurors believed. Without exception they declared that they would have returned a verdict of not guilty within 15 minutes, even had they not been instructed by the court.

Bursting of a Shell.

Washington, D. C., Special.—The Department has received a report from Captain McCalla concerning the bursting of a shell in one of the 13-inch guns in the after turret of the Kearsarge, while that ship was engaged in target practice with the North Atlantic squadron, off Newport. The shell broke up in the gun, which was slightly scratched. The injuries sustained by the big gun are located at a point about seven feet from the muzzle. At this point the lands are deformed for a distance of 6 inches. These lands are the portions of the surface of the gun tube lying between the grooves that make the rifling of the gun.

Kansas Drought Broken.

Topeka, Kan., Special.—General rains throughout Kansas have caused an effective break in the drought. The rains came too late to be of material benefit to the corn, but will result in plenty of stock water and giving new life to the pastures. The rain in Topeka lasted an hour. Other localities report precipitation from light showers to heavy rains of 2½ inches fall. In many places rain is still falling and indications are for heavy downpours.

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A SERIOUS WRECK.

Train Leaves the Track on the Southern—Engineer Killed.

Asheville, Special.—A wreck, disastrous in the loss of life and property, occurred Saturday morning a short distance below Marshall, on the main line of the Southern Railway. No. 35, the regular passenger train scheduled to leave this city at 1:10, was running at a very high speed when it reached Firsbee curve, the sharpest curve on the river. The train had left Asheville something like a half hour late and the engineer, Lee D. Watson, of Knoxville, Tenn., is said to have remarked that "if she rounds this curve all right, she will do to bank on." These were his last words. The engine, tender and every car left the track, except the Pullman. The engineer was killed instantly and his colored fireman had a miraculous escape. His can be also said of the express messenger and mail clerk, for their car was thrown over in a corn field and left lying on the side. The engine is little more than scrap iron and also lies in the corn field 37 feet from the track.

When the train left the track all the lights went out and for some time the trainmen and distressed and frightened passengers were compelled to work in total darkness. For a time only a single match could be found. This match was used by W. R. Fraley in lighting the fuse to signal an approaching train, and thus a second catastrophe was prevented. When lights were finally secured it was ascertained that while there were innumerable bruises, only a single passenger had sustained injuries that were at all serious. The injured man was J. P. Harper, of Salisbury. Several ladies fainted and there was much sympathy for a lady who sat by a basket containing the body of her child. She was thrown violently to the side of the car. Her first question was concerning the remains of the child. Capt. C. H. Russler was in charge of the train. He was in the second-class car and with difficulty crawled through the door at the side of the smoker. Among the passengers was Mr. Francis Osborne, of Charlotte. He was not injured.

7,900 School Districts.

Prof. John Duckett, chief clerk in the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, has sent out the last of the blanks for the school census of the State. There are about twelve thousand of these blanks and each one will hold 112 names. There are 7,900 school districts and 2,483 colored school districts. Mr. Duckett has also just completed the list of county superintendents and chairmen of school boards, which has been given to the printers. It will be issued in pamphlet form.

Porto Rico Pleaded.

Washington, D. C., Special.—The announcement of the declaration of free trade between Porto Rico and the United States, was received here with many evidences of popular approval according to the following telegram from Secretary Hunt which was received Friday by the State Department: "News of the President's proclamation was received throughout Porto Rico Thursday evening. There was a general expression of popular gratification and many telegrams and news items rejoicing and sending messages of congratulation to the President and Governor Allen."

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THE MAINE AFLOAT.

New Battleship Christened Amid Much Enthusiasm.

THE PRESIDENT WAS NOT PRESENT

The Ill-Fated Maine Superseded By a Faster and Better Vessel—The Interesting Ceremonies.

Philadelphia, Special.—The battleship Maine, designed to be bigger, stronger and faster than her namesake whose shapeless mass lies in the harbor of Havana, was launched from the yards ways at Cramp's yards, on Building Company, Saturday morning. The great hull's initial dip into the waters of the Delaware river was a success in every way. One of the largest crowds that has ever seen a warship leave the ways at Cramp's yards was on hand and patriotism ran wild as the ship left her cradle. Launchings of warships at Cramp's have been so frequent that in late years, such events have lost much of their attractive power. The presence of the immense crowd at this christening was largely due to the fact that the new ship bears the name of the ill-fated Maine. Kensington, the great industrial station where the shipyard is located, took a holiday and attended the launching. Thousands of persons from other parts of the city were on hand and as the yard was open to the public, every yard swarmed with humanity. The weather was beautiful. There was just enough cool breeze from the river to temper the warm rays of the sun. Although the number of invited guests was not as large as usual there was a good attendance of naval and civilian officials. President McKinley, Secretary of the Navy Long, Admiral Dewey, Captain Sigbee and other naval dignitaries who received invitations were unable to attend. It was the intention to have some of the survivors of the Maine witness the launching but none was present.

The honor of christening the ship was given to Miss Mary Prentiss Anderson, of Portland, Me., a descendant of the Preble family that has added fame to the naval honors of the country. Next to the ship itself, Miss Anderson was the center of interest and her every movement was closely followed. At 10:25 Miss Anderson stepped upon the stand that had been erected at the bow of the hull. She was escorted by Henry S. Cramp, and was accompanied by Governor Hill, his staff, her parents and several other members of her family. Before she arrived the knocking away of the blocks from under the great mass of steel had begun and all was ready when the tide slackened. Then the shoe piece, the last timber that held the ship, was sawed in twain and the vessel began to move. Before she had receded a foot Miss Anderson, true to custom, struck the bow of the Maine a blow with the bottle of champagne and formally christened her. As the vessel slid off the ways a great shout went up and every steam craft in the vicinity began the tooting of whistles. The Maine, after she reached midstream, was taken in tow by several tugs and brought to the shore. After the launch an informal luncheon was served in the double loft of the shipyard.

New Coal Combine.

Columbus, O., Special.—It was announced here that all coal and coke properties on the Kanawha river, in West Virginia, covering a territory of about 20 miles, have been taken over by the Kanawha and Hocking Coal & Coke Company. Twelve companies are included in the combine, which secured options on the property early in June. The company will work in harmony with the Sunday Creek and Buckeye Coal Companies and will have a common headquarters in this city. The receipts will not however be pooled, Cleveland and Columbus capitalists are said to control the new combine.

Baptist Young People.

Chicago, Special.—President Wm. McKinley sent a message of congratulation to the Baptist Young People's Convention, at the Coliseum, in which he tendered his best wishes for a successful gathering. Rev. W. H. Geiswiler read the dispatch and one of the most enthusiastic scenes of the week followed. Banner meeting and roll-call were features of the day. To Minnesota for the fifth consecutive time was presented the banner for the best work in literature course, a banner for the best all round work of any union was given to the Duffy Street church, of Savannah, Ga.

Nebraska Co'n Helped.

Lincoln, Neb., Special.—Reports from over the State show that the rains which visited Nebraska Saturday night and Sunday have left the corn in many localities in better condition than at first thought. The fall of rain ranged from half an inch to three inches. This, while not of much help to the hay crop, will make many places will make from one-third to a full crop of corn. In some localities, however, there will be no corn.

Troubles in Spain.

Madrid, By Cable.—Anti-clerical meetings held Sunday in connection with the promulgation of the law of 1837, suppressing convents and monasteries, resulted in disorders in Madrid, Saragossa and Barcelona. The police charged the crowds, who shouted, "Long live the Republic!" and "Death to the Jesuits!" Numerous arrests were made.

A HOUSE DYNAMITED.

A Lady Occupant in a Serious Condition as a Result.

Albemarle, Special.—A dastardly crime was committed at Nall's post-office, Montgomery county, twelve miles from here Tuesday night. The house where Mrs. M. A. Smith was sleeping was blown up by dynamite and the occupant severely injured. M. A. Smith owns considerable property and her home place consists of three houses. One of them is a large frame building, then a smaller house, used for a sleeping room and another one used as a kitchen and dining room. It was in this smaller house that Mrs. Smith was sleeping. Between the house of 12 and 1 o'clock a terrific explosion was heard and timbers were flying in every direction. Three jobs of dynamite were placed under the house, but as fate would have it, in the corner where Mrs. Smith's bed stood, no dynamite was placed. The lady is not injured externally but the shock she received has caused her to take her bed. Another bed in the house was blown through the roof; a trunk was knocked through the table and a broom which she had worn the day before was found up a tree in the yard, whither it was blown by the explosion. Her niece from Montgomery, Ala., was in the larger house and was awakened by the screams of Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. Smith was postmaster at Nall's and the government at Washington has been asked to send an inspector at once to look into the matter. Mrs. Smith is quite a noted character in Stanley and Montgomery, being a woman of much wisdom and business sagacity. She has doubtless several enemies and some of them as the perpetrators of this dastardly crime. The community is considerably aroused over the occurrence and it is to be hoped that the guilty parties may be brought to justice.

Tar Heel Notes.

Superintendent Mann, of the penitentiary, says: "I am doing everything possible to avoid having to borrow any money to pull us through this year, except that during August we will rebuild the dyke at the 'Caledonia' farm on the Roanoke, which was so badly damaged by the great May freshet. There are numerous gaps, the largest 1,500 feet. If we can get enough labor we may be able to make the repairs during August."

There is an inquiry in regard to certain admissions and non-admissions to the insane asylums. Two recent occurrences have brought the matter to a head. An indigent insane woman was refused admission to an asylum, on the ground that there was no room. At about the same time an indigent insane woman was admitted. There are grave complaints of difficulties in securing the admission of indigent persons. The State authorities say in no uncertain tone that preference must be given to indigents.

Commissioner of Agriculture Patterson has prepared a list of farmers' institutes to be held in various Piedmont and western counties during August. He intends to attend all or most of them. He will be aided in the work of conducting them by Prof. Burkett, a pay student, who is acting as State Chemist Kilgore and Prof. W. F. Massey, the station horticulturist. The dates of these institutes are: King's, Stokes county, August 19th; Elkin, 13th; Yadkinville, 14th; Farmington, 15th; Greensboro, 16th; Stanley, 17th; Gas ton county, 19th; Lincoln, 20th and 21st; Newton, 22nd; Hendersonville, 23rd and 24th; Brevard, 26th; Columbus, Polk county, 25th; Rutherford, 29th; Shelby, 30th.

A Narrow Escape.

Durham, Special.—Wednesday morning there came near being a serious accident at the Erwin Cotton Mills, in West Durham. The cylinder head, which weighs about 75 or 100 pounds, flew out of the dye house engine and landed out in the village, about 150 yards distant. Just before the accident occurred Mr. T. M. Booker, who is employed in the engine room, passed the place where the piece of iron landed and had it struck him it would have killed him. This accident caused the closing down and the shutting down of the beaming and slashing department and the weaving room.

To Punish Lynchers.

Rome, By Cable.—In accordance with instructions from Washington, the American charge d'affaires here has informed Signor Prinetti, the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs, that the Federal government will take every legal means to secure the punishment of the lynchers of the Italians in Mississippi. In this connection the minister has expressed his full confidence that those most guilty of the lynchings will be sought out by competent authorities. He also said he felt sure the criminals would not go unpunished as happened in some preceding cases.

Schoolhouse Demolished.

Waycross, Special.—The school house at Manor, in Wayne county, was struck by lightning last night and almost completely wrecked. The bolt struck the top of the building, tore off almost one end, and knocking two blocks from beneath the structure, one of which was torn into splinters. Fifteen minutes before the building was struck the school had been dismissed and ninety pupils and two teachers had just left for their homes.

Georgia Banks.

Macon, Ga., Special.—State Treasurer R. E. Park completed an investigation of five State banks in this city in an interview afterwards stated. "The banks of Georgia, I find, are in better condition than they have been at any time in their history. This is attributed to improved business conditions throughout the country. A large number of merchants, I am told, have doubled their previous orders for the fall trade."

INQUIRY IS ORDERED

Final Outcome of the Sampson-Schley Controversy.

AN INVESTIGATION IS TO FOLLOW

Admiral Dewey Will Likely Preside Over the Court That Will Pass Upon the Merits of the Controversy.

Washington, D. C., Special.—Secretary Long Wednesday morning received a letter from Rear Admiral Schley calling attention to the criticisms against him which are contained in Macley's History of the Navy and the innuendoes which have appeared in the press for several days, and stating that, in his opinion, the time had now come to take such action as would bring the entire matter under the clear and calm review of his brothers in arms. He asked that the Department take such action as was deemed best to accomplish this purpose. He also requested that whatever action be taken should occur in Washington, where his papers and data are stored. The Secretary immediately decided to comply with Admiral Schley's request, and dictated a letter to the rear admiral, saying that under the circumstances he heartily approved of his action and that the Department would proceed at once in accordance with his request. Admiral Schley's letter is as follows: "Great Neck, Long Island, N. Y., July 22, 1901. "Sir: Within the past few days a series of press comments have been sent to me from various parts of the country of a book entitled 'The History of the Navy,' written by one Edgar Stanton Macley. "From these reviews it appears that this edition is a third volume of the said history extended to include the late war with Spain, which the two first volumes did not contain, and were in use as text books at the Naval Academy. "From excerpts quoted in some paragraphs, from which the page and paragraph are given, there is such perversion of facts, misrepresentation of intention, such intemperate abuse and defamation of myself as subjects Mr. Macley to action in civil law. While I admit the right of fair criticism of every public officer, I must protest against the low flings and abusive language of this violent, partisan opponent, who has infused into the pages of his book so much of the malice of unfairness as to make it unworthy the name of history, or of use in any reputable institution of the country. "I have refrained heretofore from all comment upon the innuendoes of enemies muttered or murmured in secret and therefore with safety to themselves. I think the time has now come to take such action as may bring this entire matter under discussion under the clearer and calmer review of my brothers in arms, and to this end I ask such action at the hands of the Department as it may deem best to accomplish this purpose. "But I would express the request in this connection that whatever the action may be that it occur in Washington where most of my papers and data are stored. "Very respectfully, "W. S. SCHLEY, "Rear Admiral U. S. N."

Secretary Long's Reply.

"To the Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D. C. "Secretary Long replied to Admiral Schley as follows: "Navy Department, Washington, July 24. "Sir: I am in receipt of yours of the 22nd inst., with reference to the criticism upon you in connection with the Spanish American war, and heartily approve of your action under the circumstances, in asking at the hands of this Department such action as may bring this entire matter under discussion under the