

WHAT CAUSED BRANCH'S DEATH?

Medical Experts Believe It Was
Blows Given Him by
Meriwether.

NOTHING COULD SAVE HIM.

Defense Rigidly Cross Examined Dr.
Stone But Did Not Succeed in
Changing His Opinion.

Annapolis, Md., Nov. 23.—The prosecution used its heavy artillery in the line of medical testimony during today's session of the court-martial which is trying Midshipman Meriwether for manslaughter in connection with the death of Midshipman Branch, important witnesses being Dr. J. M. T. Finney, chief surgeon of the Johns Hopkins university of Baltimore; Dr. Henry M. Thomas, neurologist of the same institution, and Surgeon J. C. Byrnes, the chief medical officer attached to the naval academy.

The operation upon Midshipman Branch, consisting of lifting and folding over a portion of the skull in order to remove such blood clots as might be formed, was performed by Dr. Finney and Dr. Thomas, the specialist in that line, who came to Annapolis at Dr. Finney's request, in order to locate from the symptoms the proper place for the operation. Dr. Byrnes was called in consultation with Dr. Stone shortly after Branch had been brought to the hospital.

Much testimony of a deeply interesting, though sometimes technical character was given by the medical men. All the medical officers gave it as their very positive conviction that Branch died from the effect of blows he received in his fight with Meriwether. They testified any possible effect of the treatment Branch received after the fight and gave it as their opinion that no treatment could have



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saved his life. The absence of an autopsy was explained by Surgeon Byrnes, who stated that Branch's father refused his permission.

The prosecution will almost surely close its testimony tomorrow, in fact, it is not likely that anything further will be brought out that will greatly affect the case.

The principal witness called was Surgeon E. P. Stone of the naval academy staff. He gave a detailed account of Branch's symptoms, his treatment and the change in his condition leading up to his death. The death, he said, was primarily due to edema of the vessels of the brain, though this was not disclosed by the operation and no autopsy was performed, as Branch's parents would not consent.

The cross-examination of Dr. Stone by Lieut.-Commander Robinson, counsel for the defense, was very searching and several members of the court also asked

questions on different phases of Dr. Stone's testimony. The defense evidently wished to raise a doubt as to the positiveness of the proof that Branch's death was necessarily caused by the blows received from Meriwether and asked many questions of the medical officer as to the possibility of an unhealthy condition of Branch bringing about the death. He was also examined as to the effect of the absence of an autopsy and his ability under the circumstances to testify positively as to the cause of death.

A large part of the time of the session this morning was taken up in reading over and verifying the record of yesterday's proceedings. This is required by regulations and as many witnesses were examined yesterday, much of this morning's session was so occupied.

Several witnesses noted minor discrepancies in the recording of their testimony or corrected themselves on statements they had made. According to the practice of naval court-martials, such questions are allowed to be made of witnesses who are recalled and one or two important points developed in this manner.

Mishpahan A. M. Fitch, the referee of the Meriwether-Branch fight, who admits to acting as referee in a similar encounter, was questioned as to the use of the gloves which were used in the fight at the academy. These gloves are used to protect the hands when punching the bag, but Fitch said that there was no regulation as far as he knew against their use in the friendly boxing matches at the academy gymnasium. He also said that he had never seen them so used. In answer to a question by a member of the court, Fitch said that he believed gloves used at regular prize fights weighed about a half or three-quarters of an ounce.

The only witnesses called during the morning session besides Surgeon Stone were Lieut.-Commander H. J. Ziegler and Hospital Steward John P. Mahanaka. The former was called to prove that the articles for the government of the navy, which contain the prohibition against fighting were read to all midshipmen during the summer cruise, during which the witness commanded the Hartford, on which Meriwether was stationed.

Hospital Steward Mahanaka was summoned to have his testimony fill the gap between the testimony of Pritchard as to the developments of Branch's unfavorable symptoms, his receding by the hospital authorities. He told of being summoned to Bancroft hall, seeing Branch and recognizing his serious condition. This he said, he did not do until he was ordered to bring Branch to the hospital. He had him carried in an electric carriage to the hospital and delivered him to Surgeon Stone. He testified, he testified, was accomplished without anything to disturb Branch. Dr. Stone said in his testimony that

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Branch came under his care at the hospital at about half-past eight Monday morning. He was absolutely unconscious, he said, the left side of his head, left temple, his forehead, right eye and lips were much swollen and discolored and both eyes were closed. When the eyelids were opened with the hand the eyes rolled and generally toward the left. The left arm and leg were paralyzed and there was a convulsive movement in the right arm and leg. There was slight fever, but the pulse was normal.

The witness said that he realized that Branch's condition was very serious and called Dr. Byrnes, chief surgeon at the academy, into consultation. Drs. Finney and Thompson of Baltimore arrived during the day and, with the consent of Branch's father, an exploratory operation was determined upon.

From the symptoms and what was disclosed during the operation Dr. Stone was confident that the condition had been brought about by external injuries to the head, such as might have been caused by blows of the fist. These blows could have been inflicted on either side of the head.

Much of the remainder of the direct testimony was on the technical points connected with Branch's injury.

**SUFFRAGE WOULD KILL
REVOLUTIONARY MOVE.**

St. Petersburg, Nov. 23.—The leader of the Social Democrats informed the Associated Press that if the premier agreed to universal suffrage it would be a hard blow to the revolutionary organizations and would compel them, when it was demonstrated that the supporters of a democratic republic were in the minority in the national assembly, to employ against the constitutional monarchial regime the weapons of civil disobedience and the revolutionary organizations would be against the autocracy.

The zemstvo congress has received a petition asking that it declare itself in favor of the autonomy of the kingdom of Georgia. No action has yet been taken either on this or on a similar request from Poland, which was submitted in a brilliant speech by Count Voronkoff.

Premier Witte is being bombarded by telegrams from all parts of Poland praying for the abolition of martial law and the granting of autonomy. The demand for the autonomy of Poland has encouraged the Lithuanians to make a similar demand. The premier has received a petition asking that autonomy be granted to the provinces included in the old territorial limits of the kingdom of Lithuania, which include the Vilna, Grodno, Kovno, and Courland and a portion of Suwalki, which are now comprised in the limits of Poland, but which the petitioners wish to be taken away from Poland and joined to Lithuania.

TO VOID LAND PATENTS.

Suit Brought in Montana Against Many Parties.

St. Paul, Nov. 23.—A special to the Pioneer Press from Helena, Mont., says: United States Atty. Rasch has instituted in the United States court of equity suit against a number of Montana corporations and individuals to set aside patents to lands secured upon what are known as Hyde and Benson forest reserve claims. There are 26 patents in all, involving between three and four thousand acres of land, located in various parts of the state.

The United States is plaintiff and the defendants are Hyde and Benson, the Western Lumber company, owned by Senator W. A. Clark; the Big Blackfoot Milling company, owned by the Amalgamated Copper company; the Conrod Investment company, owned by W. G. Conrad; the Riverside Land & Stock company, school district No. 11, of Pergus county, former State senator S. H. Hobson of Pergus county, Anna D. Huntley and others.

Hyde and Benson are under indictment for alleged illegal action in connection with the creation of forest reserves in California, the government alleging that by improper methods they brought about the creation of forest reserves in California to include lands they already owned. They are said to have secured scrip for such lands and to have sold the scrip all over the west through Washington parties. Patents for lands owned by the defendants in this suit were received upon the Hyde and Benson scrip and it is on allegations of fraud that the government seeks to have the patents set aside.

The bill of complaint makes some sensational allegations relative to certain parties in connection with Hyde and Benson, scrip operations in Montana.

SUITS AGAINST D. H. MOFFATT.

New York, Nov. 23.—The suits filed in Jersey City yesterday against David H. Moffatt, the mining and railroad millionaire of Denver, for alleged investments made in a pleasure park at Chesapeake Beach, Md. Charles Myers, a wealthy hotel owner of Atlantic City, the complainant, brings the suits as an executor through Lawyer E. B. Leaming of San Francisco.

Several years ago Charles R. Myers, his brother, the late John Myers, and President McCracken of the Camden Central Trust company, secured a leasehold on the land and expended \$120,000 in improvements at Chesapeake Beach with the intention of establishing what was termed at the time an American Monte Carlo and pleasure resort.

A charter was secured in the Maryland legislature, giving to poor families transportation facilities the venture was not a success. The property was afterward sold at what was alleged to be a tax sale and went to David H. Moffatt. The taxes amounted to about \$400. No notice of the sale had ever been given to Myers, he asserts, and he claims that his interest was under a leasehold and he should not have been liable for the taxes and that they should have been paid by the owner and could not affect his interest.

Moffatt sought to keep possession. Mr. Myers brought suit to recover damages and the \$120,000 expended for the improvements to the land, together with interest and damages. For months an attempt has been made to get service of papers on Moffatt in New Jersey, Maryland and New York.

The park is located about 30 miles from Washington, D. C. Mr. Moffatt is at the Fifth Avenue hotel here. He refused to discuss the case last night.

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TWO MEN KILLED IN HEAD-ON COLLISION.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—During a dense fog today a gravel train and a work train on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad came together in a head-on collision, one mile from Albion, Ind. Two men were killed, the fate of two others is in doubt and four were injured.

DEAD.

Engineer Odenkirk of the work train, Unknown Italian laborer.

J. H. Cross, brakeman.

Fireman J. C. Deitch of the gravel train.

SEVERELY INJURED.

Engineer K. W. Strouse of the gravel train.

FORFEIT SMUGGLED DIAMONDS.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—Information was filed in the United States district court yesterday by Asst. U. S. Atty. Edmund F. Woodman to forfeit 28 diamonds, valued at \$50,000.

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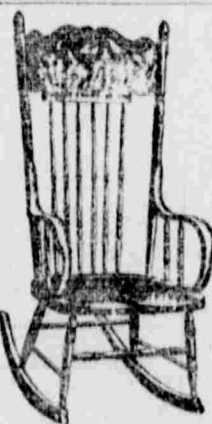
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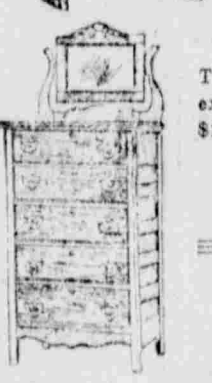
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