

OPINIONS UPON SCHLEY VERDICT

**Hear is Content With Dewey's View—Hale
Against Further Investigation—Rawlins
Favors Resolution of Confidence.**

Washington, Dec. 14.—The secretary of the navy has before him for review the report of the court of inquiry in the Schley case. He is naturally taking time to do this carefully, so that immediate action is not expected. Meanwhile the court is technically in session and will remain so until dissolved by order of Secretary Long, who convened it. The practice in such cases is laid down specifically in naval regulation number 1739 respecting courts of inquiry. The question has been raised since the appearance of two reports in print, how far Admiral Dewey, the president of the court, subscribed to the opinion expressed in the first report and in the findings by appending his signature, that signature being required of him apparently by the regulation above alluded to, regardless of his individual opinion. In response to inquiry on this point, the judge advocate general of the navy says:

"According to naval practice, Admiral Dewey, by affixing his signature to the report of the court of inquiry in the case of Rear Admiral Schley expresses full concurrence in all the findings of fact and in all the opinions reached by the court except those with respect to which he has in terms signified dissent in his minority opinion."

Opinion in the Senate is divided as to the probability of a congressional investigation of the Schley controversy but on the whole is against the probability of such course. A majority of the Republican senators appear to be adverse to the reopening of the question and those holding this view include friends of Admiral Schley.

Senator Hoar expressed himself as content to abide by the opinion of Admiral Dewey because of his superior facilities for reaching a correct conclusion and Senator Mason took a similar position, adding that the position of the admiral of the navy would be accepted as the verdict of the court regardless of what conclusion other members of the court might have reached.

Senator Hale thought there would be no further investigation. He is chairman of the committee on naval affairs and said he would use whatever influence he might possess against further inquiry as detrimental to the best interests of the navy.

Senator Cullum declared that further inquiry would be tantamount to a new trial and that he would be glad to vote for a resolution declaring Admiral Dewey's position to be the correct position.

Senator Money assented to the proposition that Congress should act if action was desired by the friends of Admiral Schley.

Senator Rawlins thought a resolution of confidence would be in order and Senator Jones of Arkansas thought it most probable that a resolution bearing upon the question as among the probabilities.

Representative Pierre of Maryland, who represents the Maryland district from which Admiral Schley came, stated today that he would introduce a resolution for a congressional investigation of the entire Sampson-Schley affair, unless his colleague from Maryland, Mr. Schrimm, who had contemplated introducing such a resolution, carried out this action. Mr. Pierre says he has not formulated the details of the proposed congressional inquiry, but he thinks it would be desirable to have it conducted by special committee rather than by one of the regular committees of the House.

Chairman Foss of the House naval committee, declined to express an opinion as to whether Congress would do it, but he said that he was careful to avoid taking sides on the subject as it might come before the committee and he wishes to preserve a wholly impartial attitude. Among Mr. Foss' associates in the general understanding that the chairman is not favorable to congressional action.

Chairman Payne, the majority floor leader, when asked if a congressional investigation was likely to be held, said:

"Why should Congress go into the subject? Admiral Schley has had his day in court and I doubt whether it would be advisable for Congress to go over the ground already covered by the court."

Representative Meyer of Louisiana, a member of the naval committee and an authority on naval affairs, said: "I do not think there should be a congressional investigation. The verdict of the American people finds its best expression in the findings of Admiral Dewey."

Representative Chester Long of Kansas said:

"If Congress could develop information which the court had failed to develop it might be well for Congress to investigate. I very much doubt whether the majority in control of the House would permit such an investigation to be undertaken."

Representative Sherman of New York said:

"I think the country will accept Admiral Dewey's view as conclusive and that Congress will take the same view of it. Dewey's conclusions will live in the history of the war and the members of the court are forgotten."

Senator McComas of Maryland excused himself from discussing the verdict, saying he would discuss on nothing until he could hear from the admiral's friends.

COLD WAVE SWEEPS THE COUNTRY

**In Some Places the Thermometer Has Fallen Fifty Degrees in
Twenty-Four Hours—Two Men Frozen to
Death in Indiana.**

Washington, Dec. 14, 1:30 p. m.—The cold wave predicted by the weather bureau for the middle Mississippi and Missouri valleys and the upper lake region has spread to the eastward and southward as far as Chicago and St. Louis, at both places temperatures fell 54 degrees during the last 24 hours, reaching 6 below zero at Chicago and zero at St. Louis. The front of the cold wave today extends from northern Illinois southwestward to Arkansas. In all of this region temperature has fallen from 40 to 50 degrees in the last 24 hours. The cold wave promises to be severe during at least two days. It will extend eastward and southward, reaching the Atlantic coast districts by Sunday. A decided fall in temperature will occur south of the Ohio river and east of the Mississippi river.

A. J. HENRY, Forecast Official.

BELOW AT CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—At 6 a. m. today the thermometer here registered eight degrees below zero. The forecast predicts temperature tonight 15 below zero. A liberal snow fall preceded the drop.

UNDER AT MILWAUKEE.

Milwaukee, Dec. 14.—Eleven degrees below zero is the record of the weather in Milwaukee today. An unknown man was found frozen to death in the public school yard at Watkinson, a suburb of Milwaukee, today. The body was thin and clad in it is supposed the man was seeking shelter when he was overcome by the cold. Severe cold prevails throughout the state.

25 BELOW AT ST. PAUL.

St. Paul, Dec. 14.—The mercury here today reached 25 degrees below zero. Even colder weather was reported at other points in the northwest. There was considerable suffering in the country.

Joseph Zalusky, 65 years of age, a farmer, living in Benton county, fell in the snow and froze to death within forty rods of his home.

THE MISSISSIPPI FROZEN.

Lacrosse, Wis., Dec. 14.—At 7:40 this morning the Mississippi river at this point closed, ice forming in the channel. At 8 o'clock the government thermometer registered 23 degrees below zero.

8 BELOW AT KANSAS CITY.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 14.—At 7 o'clock this morning the temperature in Kansas City was 8 degrees below zero. The weather bureau predicts but little moderation for the next 24 hours.

LOW IN COLORADO AND WYOMING.

Denver, Dec. 14.—Fourteen degrees below zero was the temperature recorded by the local weather bureau at 7 a. m. today. At Cheyenne, Wyo., it was 20 below zero and at Lander, Wyo., 24 below.

CLOUDBURST IN TENNESSEE.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 14.—A special to the news from Spring City, Tenn., says a cloudburst in the mountains last night forced Pinet river out of its banks from three to five feet higher than ever known before and flooded the town, driving many people from their homes and damaging property. About 100 feet of Cincinnati Southern track was washed away only fifteen minutes after passenger train No. 3, southbound, passed over it this morning. The waters are still rising and rain still falling.

TWO MEN FROZEN TO DEATH.

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 14.—Wright Fisher and Dr. DeWitt Jordan, of Vincennes, were frozen to death near Rosedale, last night. They were driving home from this city and both had fallen from the buggy.

GENERAL SNOW IN KENTUCKY.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 14.—The first general snow of the season in Kentucky is falling today and a cold wave is being felt throughout practically the entire state. The mercury fell 40 degrees during the night.

CARNEGIE'S UNIVERSITY OFFER.

Stated Definitely President Roosevelt Will Not Accept It.

WENT TO BOTTOM OF THE RIVER.

Tray, Ohio, Dec. 14.—The last span of the Big Four bridge across the Miami river, one half mile east of Troy, went down at five o'clock this morning as a westbound freight train was crossing. Fireman W. H. Clifford of Indianapolis was killed and at 11 o'clock today his body had not been recovered from the river. The engineer, fireman and conductor were in the cab of the engine at the time. The conductor, George Henry, had his right hand badly scalded, but the engineer escaped without a scratch. The bridge was supposed to be one of the best on the road. The engine and nine cars went to the bottom of the river.

Hearing in Contested Election Cases.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The hearing of contested election cases will begin early in January before the various election committees of the House. There are seven of these contests, including that made by ex-representative Lentz of Ohio, against the sitting member from the Twelfth Ohio district, Representative Tompkins. One of the contests, begun by General Walker of Virginia for the seat from the Ninth Virginia district, has been terminated by the death of the contestant, after all the testimony had been taken and the briefs filed. The remaining cases are: Seventh Alabama, N. B. Spears against Representative Burnett; Third

Kentucky, J. M. Moss against Representative Rhea; Twelfth Missouri, Wm. Horton against Representative Butler; Third North Carolina, J. E. Fowler against Representative Thomas; Seventh North Carolina, A. B. Dentler against Representative Stevens; Fourth Virginia, C. E. Wilson against Representative Lassiter.

Federation of Labor.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 14.—The American Federation of Labor began work promptly this morning. A vast amount of business must be disposed of today, as the convention hopes to adjourn this evening. The special committee on autonomy is not yet able to report. Three rough drafts of its report have been made and the members of the committee hope to agree later in the day. The report, it is believed, will favor the trade unionists, the only difference of opinion among the members being on the wording of the report.

Samuel Gompers was re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor; James Duncan, of East, was re-elected first vice president.

Call for Bank Statement.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The comptroller of the currency has issued a call for the report of the condition of national banks at the close of business Tuesday, December 10.

Lasker and Janowski Draw.

Manchester, Dec. 14.—The second and final game in the chess match between Champion Lasker and the Parisian expert Janowski resulted in a draw.

American Friends of Peace.

Philadelphia, Dec. 14.—The final day's session of the American Friends of Peace conference was devoted to speechmaking. Arthur Perry of Boston, presiding over the morning session and addresses were delivered by "E. C. Wright, of Washington college, Ohio; James B. Untank, president of the same institution and Prof. Pearson, of Pennsylvania college.

LIVELY RUNAWAY.

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**Met at the Depot by Prominent
Knights—Will Lecture Tonight
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Supreme Chancellor Ogden H. Fethers of the order of the Knights of Pythias arrived this noon from an official trip through Colorado and Wyoming, and registered at the Knutsford where he will remain until Sunday evening, when he will resume his trip to the Pacific coast. He was met at the depot by Mr. Farnsworth and other prominent city Pythians and escorted to the hotel where a number of Knights called on him to pay their respects. The head of the great order is a tall, blue-looking and heavily shouldered man with a military moustache.

In a short, pleasant talk with a "News" reporter, the supreme chancellor said, "There is nothing formal about my visit, nothing stated, nothing 'according to program,' etc. When I visit a place I am visiting all knights, and they come to me as brothers and welcome me as cordially as I welcome them." When asked about himself personally, the visitor replied that he was a native of New York, but had been practicing law in Wisconsin for twenty-four years. That was all he had to say on that point.

Chancellor Fethers stated that the requirements of his position were such that for the term of his office he had to give up his law practice and devote all his energies to the Pythian work. He was on his way to San Francisco with Mrs. Fethers, and had been visiting the lodges of the order en route. He was pleased to note that the order was in a flourishing condition everywhere—more so than ever before, and the biennial convention to be held in San Francisco next August would be the greatest convention San Francisco ever saw. "Why, at Detroit," said he, "the figures showed that the railroads carried 250,000 people into the city at the time of the convention that was held there in 1900. So a greater crowd may be looked for the coming August."

Chancellor Fethers was closest most of the afternoon, and hotel with members of the grand lodge and other prominent Pythians talking over conditions in Utah and expressed himself afterwards as gratified with the showing. Mrs. Fethers will attend this evening's band concert in the Tabernacle and both Mr. and Mrs. Fethers will attend services in the Tabernacle tomorrow afternoon. The lecture before the Knights of Pythias held tonight in Castle hall, will be on Pythianism and will be largely attended by Knights from the city and vicinity. There will be an informal reception after the lecture and exercises of the evening.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Number of Inmates Paroled—Improvements for Institution.

(Special to the "News.") Ogden, Dec. 14.—The trustees of the State Industrial school met here yesterday afternoon. President Wright reported the purchase of some land adjoining the present property of the institution after which Superintendent Allison submitted his monthly report and recommended that the following inmates be paroled on December 24: Ed. Gower, Frank Henry, James Patterson, Wilford Haddock, Richard Ball. The recommendations were adopted. Charles A. Floyd asked for the parole of his niece, Clara Anderson, but as the girl had been paroled once before and had been recommitted since, the petition was denied.

The report showed that seven inmates had been received during November and one returned for violating the parole regulations.

The treasurer reported the receipt of \$174.50, money received for sugar beets from two one-tenths acres on the school farm.

Monthly bills were submitted and allowed and the motion that a new blacksmith shop be erected was referred to Superintendent Allison and President Wright will bring it up to act.

W. W. Browning leaves tomorrow for Oregon, Idaho and Wyoming points to act as judge in various poultry shows.

HEALTH OF CITY.

**Contagious Diseases Reported Have
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The report of the board of health for the past week is as follows:<