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Chamberlain Sick but Hopeful.
NEW YORK, March 11.—Mr. Chamberlain, who has arrived at Madeira, was received there with much ceremony, according to the Tribune's London correspondent. He has suffered severely from his old enemy, gout, during the passage. A Daily Mail representative says that the Colonial Secretary is personally satisfied with the results of his tour. The Cape situation is at least as satisfactory as he expected, and he is still hopeful of the future, provided the Dutch promises of loyalty and conciliation are kept.

Turbulent Russian Students.
BERLIN, March 11.—The correspondent of the Tagblatt at St. Petersburg says serious student disturbances have broken out at Tomsk, Siberia, which is the seat of a university.

Opposed to "Jim Crow" Cars.
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 11.—In the House today by a vote of 32 to 79 the separate railroad coach for colored people bill failed of final passage.

TREATY IS SAFE

All Doubt as to Panama Canal Ended.

MORGAN GETS HIS OWN WAY

Will Be Allowed to Publish Speech Against It.

DEMOCRATS NOT OF ONE MIND

Many Will Vote for Treaty—Fate of Cuban Treaty Undecided—Democrats Almost Solid Against It With Republican Aid.

The ratification of the Panama Canal treaty is assured, as the Democrats will divide on it and not make it a party question. The date of the Cuban treaty is uncertain, as the Republicans are divided and the Democrats are almost all opposed. Speaker-elect Cannon's prediction that public opinion would compel a change in the Senate rules was supported yesterday by Senator Allison's motion that a committee investigate the subject. Land Commissioner Richards will allow cattle and sheepmen to graze their herds this season on land withdrawn from entry preliminary to its addition to forest reserves. Adjutant-General Corbin says the Department of the Columbia will be moved to Portland, if at all, but no more is contemplated.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU. Washington, March 11.—The passage of the canal treaty as it was negotiated is assured. It has been known all along that it would pass, but the exact date was not known before, and for a few days past there has been some fear that the Democrats might be lined up under Gorman's lead to defeat it. The solid Democratic vote could easily defeat any treaty, but upon inquiry since the special session began it was found that there were at least half a dozen Democrats who could not see their way clear to vote against the treaty, even if it was made a party question. This practically settled the matter, and since that time the efforts of the Democrats have been simply to give Morgan all the show he wanted, either in talk or in getting his speech printed as a public document. This has finally prevailed, and Morgan's objection to the canal treaty will be made public. The situation of the Cuban treaty is different. It would not be surprising, if that treaty might be postponed until the regular session of Congress. Several Republicans who opposed Cuban reciprocity in the last session are talking in that line, while the Democrats are getting lined up pretty solidly against the measure. There are perhaps half a dozen Democrats who are not yet lined up, and if they still hold out, it would mean that the treaty could be ratified. The public declaration of Sangulini in Havana that neither the United States consumers nor the Cuban planters would get the benefit of the reduction has had the effect of bracing up the opponents of the treaty. The declaration that the sugar trust will be the principal benefactor seems to have offered the Democrats a reason for opposing the treaty, and the indorsement from the Cuban side lends some color to this claim. The Republican leaders believe that only one or two members of their party will dare vote against the treaty, when it comes to a vote, especially as many of them said, when they opposed the reciprocity bill, that they would support a treaty. But that does not mean that they cannot give indirect aid and encouragement to the opposition, and the indications are that such work is going on. The best sugar men have not organized as such, and O'Connell declares that he is making no opposition to the treaty, but it is noticeable that a number of Senators who opposed the Cuban treaty in the last Congress are perfectly willing that the pending treaty shall go over, or that it should be defeated by Democratic votes.

CONCESSION TO STOCKMEN.
They May Graze Herds on Lands Withdrawn From Entry.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU. Washington, March 11.—Commissioner Richards, in view of the many demands made upon his office, has issued a general order, authorizing sheep and stockowners who heretofore grazed their stock on lands that have within the past year, been withdrawn from entry with a view to their permanent reservation, to graze on these lands during the coming season, as if no withdrawals had been made. He finds that to prohibit grazing on these areas on such short notice would work hardship to many stockmen, and has decided on the liberal course. His order applies to the withdrawals in the Blue Mountain regions of Eastern Oregon, and to withdrawn areas in Washington and Idaho.

EFFECT OF PUBLIC OPINION.
Allison Proposes Investigation of Senate Rules, as Cannon Urged.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU. Washington, March 11.—In replying to Representative Cannon's criticism of the Senate rules, Senator Allison said that public sentiment would compel a change of the rules of the Senate would not stand, and

if the Senate found it necessary to change its rules, it would do so of its own volition. At the same time Allison's action today in introducing a resolution proposing an investigation of the subject would indicate that public sentiment is driving some away. There is a good deal of criticism floating about the country, and Senators are being asked by their friends why they maintain rules which prevent them from passing necessary bills and treaties. The proposition of Senator Allison today will come to nothing, as, when the Senate meets again with unlimited time before it there will be no occasion to change the rules. It is only under a pinch like the close of a short session that the demand for closure is made, and, of course, it is then too late to take any action.

DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON.
Still Considering Oregon Postoffices and Land Offices.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU. Washington, March 11.—Senators Mitchell and Fulton regularly attend the executive sessions of the Senate each day, as do Senators Foster, of Washington, and Heyburn, of Idaho, but none have so far taken any part in the discussion. Senator Ankeny is still confined to his room with grip and a rheumatic knee, but expects to get up tomorrow. Representative Williamson is busy with matters of minor importance in the departments, and each night confers with the two Senators over local patronage, principally postoffices and the land office appointments. Senator Fulton said today that the delegation had yet been unable to agree on any of the land office appointments, and probably most, if not all, would be allowed to stand until the delegation returned to Oregon. The new Senators have not yet been assigned office rooms. For the present Fulton is occupying a part of his colleague's room in the Capitol terrace, while Ankeny's clerk is sharing Foster's office in the Malby. Heyburn will procure a room tomorrow; for the present his office is at his hotel, the Normandie. The Cochran Hotel is Oregon headquarters, the two Senators being there, while Williamson is at the Dewey, just a square away. Senator Simon is on his way home.

PORTLAND IS PREFERRED.
If Army Headquarters Leave Vancouver, They Will Come Here.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU. Washington, March 11.—Senator Fulton today called on Adjutant-General Corbin and laid before him a communication from the Portland Board of Trade, protesting against the rumored removal of the headquarters of the Department of the Columbia from Vancouver Barracks to Seattle. General Corbin told the Senator, as he has periodically stated to Senator Mitchell and all other inquirers, that the department does not contemplate a change; in fact, he has not given the matter any consideration. He is at a loss to understand where the rumors start. They have no foundation in the War Department. Senator Fulton took occasion to recommend to General Corbin that headquarters be removed to Portland. He said the officers at headquarters preferred to be in the city and away from the post, and that in Portland they would have facilities not afforded at Vancouver Barracks. He said the entire delegation joined him in recommending this change. General Corbin gave no assurance if the transfer could be made, but intimated that if headquarters were to be removed from Vancouver, he would be disposed to have them taken to Portland. He, however, contemplates no change.

VESSEL IN DISTRESS.
Seen Off Point Reyes, but Her Name Is Unknown.

SAN FRANCISCO. March 11.—A vessel was reported in distress about one mile south of Point Reyes tonight. Her identity has not yet been established. The weather observer at Point Reyes telephoned to this city that he thought it was a large steam schooner. After displaying distress signals the vessel disappeared in the darkness. The tug Defiance has gone from this city to the rescue, and it will probably be some hours before the name of the vessel is ascertained. The schooner Chleo, from Eureka; the James Dollar, from Seattle; and the steamer Columbia are all due, and are thought to be in the vicinity of Point Reyes tonight. The Columbia does not answer the incomplete description given by the observer at Point Reyes, who is of the opinion that the vessel is a schooner.

DREAD OF DELUGE

Seizes Dwellers in Mississippi Valley.

FLOOD WILL BEAT RECORD

Army of Men Employed in Strengthening Levees.

MANY PEOPLE ARE HOMELESS

Houses Washed Away in Lowland—Game Fleets to Hills—River at New Orleans Within a Foot of Record Mark.

The flood in the Mississippi Valley is expected to break all records. The river at New Orleans last night was only a foot below the high-water record. Superhuman efforts are being made all along the river to strengthen the levees, and they are guarded day and night. The low lands are flooded, houses have been washed away and great damage is done to crops. The flood in Nebraska is receding, but it will be a week before the railroads can be operated.

NEW ORLEANS, March 11.—It is generally admitted by Government, state and city authorities that the Mississippi River will in all probability break all records before the present flood begins to recede. The gauge here tonight shows the river to be just one foot below the high water record and every precaution is being taken to prevent serious damage and to prepare for emergencies. All the levee lines are being inspected and large forces of men are at work day and night. Though all the authorities admit that a record stage is probable, they emphasize that the levee system is higher and stronger than ever before, and that the banks are prepared to withstand the extra strain. The most unfortunate condition at present is the continuance of the rainy weather. This is having the effect of softening the levees and all Louisiana is praying for a return of sunshine. Six hundred men are at work today at various points sacking weak points and raising the line of embankments. Thousands of sacks of sand are being distributed along the river. The engineers report the levees between South Port and Carrollton in excellent condition. The United States Engineers officials have promised their cooperation with the authorities in carrying on the fight against the flood. All the levee boards of the state may be in continuous session and every foot of levee on the river and its tributaries is under the surveillance of armed guards.

HOUSES SWEEPED AWAY.
River Above Danger Line at Natchez and Causes Devastation.

NATCHEZ, Miss., March 11.—A report reached here today that the Texas Pacific Railroad embankment at Natchez, about 35 miles south of Vidalia, had broken, but the Sheriff of the parish could not verify the report. Officers on the mail steamer Betsy Ann are aghast by the statement that frame buildings in the lowlands have been washed away. Residences have been torn from their foundations and some have been caught and held by the trees. The owners and occupants were glad to escape with their lives. Deer, bears and other animals have been driven to the highlands and are being slaughtered in large numbers. The river gauge is 2.5 feet above the

danger line and rising. Every mile of levee on both sides of the river is being patrolled. The prospects for making an early crop this year have been effectively killed.

HURRYING SACKS TO LEVEES.

Great Efforts to Strengthen Them Against Rising River.
VICKSBURG, Miss., March 11.—At a conference of levee engineers and freight officials of the Valley road in this city today, the levee men urged the railroad men to give a big shipment of sacks and other materials the right of way from New Orleans. The material is badly needed for strengthening weak places in the embankments along the Louisiana side. The water is rising steadily here at the rate of nearly half a foot in 24 hours.

FLOODS IN NEW ENGLAND.

All Rivers Rising, Paper Mills Stopped and Logging Hindered.
BOSTON, March 11.—Rivers of Eastern New England are beginning to show the effect of the warm rains which have prevailed for several days. The Merrimack, the cotton mill river of New Hampshire and Massachusetts, and the Penobscot and Kennebec in Maine are rapidly rising and threatening serious damage. At Lawrence, Mass., the height of the river is causing inconvenience to the local mills and a portion of the plant of the Champion Paper Company has been forced to shut down. In Maine there is apprehension in the lumbering sections. There are 20,000,000 feet of logs ready to be hauled to the rivers, which, it is said, will have to be left in the yards unless the floods subside and freeing weather comes.

Worst Over in Nebraska.

Ice Gorges Go Without Damage, but Railroads Are Crippled.
LINCOLN, Neb., March 11.—The flood situation in Nebraska is improved tonight and the worst is believed to be over. For 15 years railroads have suffered no such damage as during the past four days and it will require a week with favorable weather to put the roadbeds in as good condition as before the flood. The ice gorge at Plattsmouth has gone out, leaving two Burlington bridges intact, but the Rock Island is still without a bridge across the Platte between here and Omaha, the water at South Bend is being too high to permit repair work. A gorge in the Elkhorst, near Norfolk, gave way last night, causing a rush of water, and the fire bell was rung to warn the people. Little damage, however, resulted. Country roads over a wide district are flooded and impassable.

Arkansas River on the Rampage.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 11.—The Arkansas River will pass the danger line in about 24 hours. The banks of the stream are reported to be badly caving in. Factories at Duvall's Bluff have been compelled to close.

GREAT ALARM AT MEMPHIS.

River Rising, Sentries Patrol Levees and Engineers Busy.
MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 11.—The Mississippi River is rising steadily at this point, the gauge this morning marking 33.1 feet. This is a rise of five-tenths of a foot in the past 24 hours. It is believed that the river will reach a mark of 35 feet at Memphis. Reports from Mississippi and Arkansas today indicate that the gravest apprehension prevails regarding the flood situation. In some districts armed sentries are patrolling the levees. All streams and rivers in Arkansas are overflowing. In North Memphis the flood has already begun encroaching on certain points and it will take but a few inches more to render work impossible at many of the lumber industries in this state. At Greenlaw and Second streets the backwaters have reached the latter thoroughfare and the occupants of cabins have been compelled to flee to higher ground. The steamer Georgia Lee arrived from Cairo today and reports all landings to be in untoward condition. The steamer's officers say refugees from the lowlands are to be seen everywhere. The Government Engineers have augmented their forces and the steamers are carrying sacks of sand and other supplies to the more dangerous places.

LAKE IN SOUTHERN INDIANA.

Farmers Flee to Hills—Hard at Work on Levees.
EVANSVILLE, March 11.—Considerable drift is floating by this city. At Rahm's Station the water is two feet deep in houses and business is suspended. Several shanty boats on the Wabash and Green Rivers have been crushed in the flood and loss of life is feared. Farmers

IN GOOD HUMOR

Mayor Humes Jokes About His Indictment.

NO CRITICISM FOR JURY

Says All Who Voted for Him Must Be Indicted, Too.

ARRESTS EXPECTED TODAY

It Is Said Jury Considered Allegations of More Serious Nature, but Evidence Was Insufficient—Other Indictments Made.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 11.—Mayor Humes, in discussing the indictment, said: "The grand jury should now indict every man that voted for me. I told them how I would run the town, and I have done just as I promised."

Chief of Police Sullivan refused to talk, while ex-Prosecuting Attorney Fulton considers the charges far fetched. It is reported that true bills have also been voted against Samuel Rosenberg, Steven G. Meek, H. D. Smith and A. Hawthorne.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 11.—(Special.) "If the grand jury has indicted me it may as well indict every man that ever voted to put me in this office."

This is the statement that Mayor Thomas J. Humes has repeated dozens of times today when asked to discuss the true bill voted against him for malfeasance in office. He takes the matter good humoredly and offers no criticism of the action of the jury. The Mayor's statement is in line with his attitude at all times during his years of service as chief executive of Seattle. His offense, in the opinion of the grand jury, consists in failure to enforce the ordinances against gambling and kindred vices.

Humes points to his platform declarations in the municipal campaigns of 1899, 1900 and 1902, to the fact that the wide-open town was the triumphant issue in each election, and says he has amply followed the will of the people. Jurymen Supported Humes. An odd circumstance much discussed to— (Continued on Second Page.)

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