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TO ASSIST THE CANAL

Morgan Introduces a Bill for the Issuance of \$5,000,000 of Bonds.

NICARAGUA WAS UNFAIR

Had No Right to Take Away the Concession Granted to the Maritime Company.

SCHEME TO GET MORE MONEY

Believed by the Senate Committee That Nicaragua Is Trying to Secure More Payments From Us.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—As a result of the meeting of the senate committee on the Nicaraguan canal tonight, Senator Morgan gave notice of an amendment to the Nicaraguan canal bill authorizing the immediate issuance, with a guarantee by this government, of \$5,000,000 worth of bonds for the redemption of all outstanding stock except that held by the governments of Nicaragua and Costa Rica, and the cancellation of all obligations. He submitted at the same time a report upon the situation with reference to the canal, dealing exclusively with the fact that the government of Nicaragua granted a concession to construct the canal to another company than the Maritime Company. He denounced this transaction in severe terms, upholding the rights of the Maritime Company for the present, and for an extension of its concessions for 10 years more. The report arraigns the conduct of the republic of Nicaragua, as well as that of Costa Rica, and the cancellation of all obligations, in the most severe terms. The committee addresses as justification of the serious consequences likely to result to the United States from the unprecedented and unwarranted action of the late government of Nicaragua, and the evident purpose to force our government into the payment of a large sum as compensation for the future consent of the United States of Central America to the creation of a maritime canal through San Juan river and lake Nicaragua, requires the committee to present the grounds on which it insists that this proceeding is without any support in law, justice and equity, and that it violates the hitherto cordial relations of the United States with Nicaragua. The report takes issue with the contention of Nicaragua that that country owns both banks of the San Juan river, calling attention to the fact that Costa Rica has equal rights, since the arbitration of President Cleveland, as owner of one bank of the stream.

ENGLAND'S AID WILL BE ASKED. LONDON, Dec. 7.—The Washington correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says: "I have ascertained from the highest source that President McKinley has no thought of ignoring or violating British rights under the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. On the contrary, when the proper time arrives, England will be invited to cooperate regarding the Nicaraguan canal." The Washington correspondent of the Times makes a similar statement.

TREATY OF NEUTRALITY OF THE NICARAGUAN CANAL. Provision to Be Made in Bill Before Congress Providing for Joint Guarantee of Neutrality With Great Britain.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—A dispatch to the Herald from Washington says: The senate committee on the Nicaraguan canal will add to the canal bill now pending a provision intended to bring about a treaty with Great Britain for a joint guaranty of the neutrality of the canal. This provision is embodied in an amendment which has been prepared by Senator Harris, of Kansas, who is one of the closest students of the problems relating to the construction of the canal, as well as one of the most earnest supporters of the canal project, in congress. The Harris amendment will authorize the president to negotiate a treaty agreement with Great Britain for a joint guaranty of the neutrality of the canal. It is designated to meet the English objects that the plans for congress for American construction and control in the teeth of the expressed terms of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.

The failure of the president to make any mention in his message of the existence of that treaty has called forth a note of criticism from the London newspapers, particularly those which are regarded as representing the views of the British government. The president's failure to refer to the treaty is construed as an encouragement to congress to proceed without any reference to the terms of that document which Great Britain contends are and ought to be still in force.

The American contention has been, of course, that Great Britain's violations of the terms of that treaty have been such as to practically abrogate it, and certainly such as would give this government full warrant in going ahead with the construction of the canal without any reference to its provisions. It is Senator Harris' idea, and Senator Morgan agrees with him, that the simplest way to prevent any misunderstanding is to authorize the president to make an agreement of the kind contemplated by the amendment.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—A dispatch to the Herald from Havana says: A severe test has been given the new pier at Mariano Beach, by a strong northeaster that has been blowing for four days, and its builders are pleased that it has weathered the attacks of the waves. The storm has demonstrated, however, the impossibility of landing troops and supplies there during the heavy seas. The result is that a new landing place has been selected at the oil company's pier between Chorrera and Vedado, near the mouth of the Chorrera river.

Work upon the new docks at this point is being pushed by the engineers, and by Sunday, when the troops are expected, any transport drawing 25 feet of water or less can be accommodated, thus obviating the necessity of lighterage. The volunteer engineers are comfortably housed and are busily preparing for the work for the reception of the troops. On the site of the camp for the First brigade the ground has been cleared, streets have been marked out and everything has been put in readiness for the arrival of the troops. Plans for the sewerage and water system have been completed, and the ground has been ploughed out with necessary pipes. Their sidings are being constructed connecting the camp with the railroad system, and as soon as the necessary material arrives these various works will be pushed. It is probable that much of the work will be given out by contract in order to expedite matters. President McKinley's message has given the greatest satisfaction to the Cubans, who look upon it as a definite declaration of the policy of the United States toward Cuba. Rafael Fortuondo, the president of the Cuban assembly, said: "The message is most satisfactory to Cuban aspirations, and will have an excellent effect here. It proves beyond further doubt and dispute the honest intention toward Cuba. It will quiet many of the more violent associates who have talked loudly about America and have been suspicious of her intentions, and it will enable those, like myself, who have believed and trusted in her, to cooperate more fully with her officials in their work. It is a good message, and fully satisfies us." In carrying out his work of sanitation for the city, Major Davis, with a sanitary inspector, made the rounds of the principal cafes and hotels, examining the internal arrangements, with a view to securing orders for their compulsory cleaning. Of the nine hospitals inspected by him, Major Davis reports that the "Elma Mercedes is the only one in fit condition to receive patients. General Humphreys has ordered that no Cuban physician attend the quarantine station, and in the future physicians of the marine hospital service will give professional attention to any of his men who may fall ill. The price of provisions continues to advance, the supply not being equal to the demand. New York exchange falls day by day because of the cash being sent here for the pay of employees by the government.

A BEVERE STORM SHAKES UP HAVANA HARBOR.

The New Works Withstand the Force of the Gale—McKinley's Message Gives Great Satisfaction There.

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CLEVELAND OPPOSED TO IMPERIALISTIC POLICY. Has Not Changed His Mind Regarding Annexation—John Sherman Also Against New Policy.

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 7.—Former President Grover Cleveland was interviewed today on the new policy of the United States and dictated the following for the Associated Press: "Without going at all into details, I wish to say that I am ardently opposed to every feature of this annexation and imperialistic policy. The public ought to know pretty well what my convictions are from the Hawaiian question during my administration. I have not changed my mind and will remain opposed to all of this annexation, from Hawaii to the Philippines."

SHERMAN IS OPPOSED. BOSTON, Dec. 7.—At the meeting of the Anti-Imperial League executive committee today a letter was read from John Sherman, saying: "My hope is that the senate of the United States will reject the treaty and leave the people of the islands free from the shackles of Spain and the distant domination of the United States. I sympathize with Aguinaldo in his ambition to found a republic, and hope he may become the Washington of a new nation, absolutely free from European or American influence."

Bishop Potter, of New York, and James G. Carter, of New York, were added to the list of vice-presidents of the league. More than 500 petitions protesting against the imperialistic policy regarding Spain's conquered possessions have been received at the Washington and Boston offices of the league, each petition bearing many signatures, and it was decided today to begin presenting them to the senate.

WOULD BUY FREEDOM. MANILA, Dec. 7.—The native press continues to advocate independence and reimbursement to the United States government of the amount to be paid Spain for the Philippines.

PEACE TREATY WILL BE CONCLUDED THIS WEEK. Minor Articles Yet to Be Determined Upon, But Saturday Will Probably End the Work.

PARIS, Dec. 7.—There was no joint session of the peace commission today, as the Spaniards are still occupied in translating the American answer to their proposals in regard to the status of Spanish subjects in annexed territory. As cabled last evening, the eight principal articles of the treaty are settled, and all that remains for the commissions to attend to is the settlement of minor points of the treaty. The latter will probably be signed Saturday next, for the Spaniards are as anxious as the Americans to finish the work in hand.

TO INCREASE OUR MARINE

Recommendations in the Annual Report of Commissioner Chamberlain.

SHIPPING FALLING OFF

Indifference of the Government to Commerce Has Lost Us a Great Deal.

TREASURY SHOULD ASSIST

German Competition in the Pacific Makes It Necessary for Us to Take Immediate Action.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The annual report of Navigation Commissioner Chamberlain is devoted mainly to statistics and facts in support of the project for the creation of the American merchant marine, recommended by Secretary Gage. The report states that our maritime position must correspond to our pretensions, and to attain this result American shipyards and American ships must be increased, and reasonable contributions from the treasury towards this result should not be begrudged. Largely through indifference, we have lost a share in trans-Atlantic navigation which was once ours. The growing trade of the Pacific is rapidly slipping away from us. Foreign nations are now skillfully following a policy of government aid to develop their navigation in the Pacific. Toward the steamship business to the east coast of Asia alone Great Britain last year contributed \$120,000; France, \$137,000; Germany, \$40,000; Spain \$148,000; Russia, \$65,000; Austria, \$50,000, and the amount realized from the sale of Spanish vessels captured during the war and cargoes condemned as prizes is \$20,000.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S REPORT. WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Attorney-General Griggs today submitted to congress his annual report. The report shows that the amount realized from the sale of Spanish vessels captured during the war and cargoes condemned as prizes is \$20,000. BILL FOR THE INCREASE OF THE STANDING ARMY. Measure Introduced by Hull Provides for 100,000 Men and an Increase of 25 Per Cent in Some Salaries.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Representative Hull, chairman of the house committee on military affairs, today introduced a bill increasing the regular army to approximately 100,000 men. The bill was framed at the war department and has the approval of the secretary of war. It is not the bill framed by General Miles, as this measure has not the high rank proposed by the Miles bill, and some of the appointments are open to officers of volunteers from civil life.

It provides for one lieutenant-general and what is considered a sufficient increase of major-generals and brigadier-generals to command an army of 100,000 men. The decrease of enlisted men is made so that the army can be increased by recruits in case of war to the full strength. The cavalry is increased two regiments, and the infantry five. The enlisted strength of an infantry company is not to exceed 145, so that, in case of war new regiments would have to be formed, probably all of which would be volunteers.

The most noticeable change is in that of the medical department, in which provision is made for a hospital corps of 5000 privates, with the necessary non-commissioned officers and largely increased number of surgeons and assistant surgeons. All the officers and men serving in sub-tropical countries are to have an increase of 25 per cent in pay. Under the immediate control of the president, the inhabitants of new countries may be enlisted in organizations there serving. The bill gives a total of 14 regiments of artillery, 12 of cavalry and 10 of infantry.

HENRY B. HYDE DYING. NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The World says that Henry B. Hyde, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, is seriously ill at his home in this city, suffering from nervous exhaustion. His physician said last night in reply to a direct question whether Mr. Hyde would be able to resume his duties: "It would certainly be against the advice of his physician. His age and extremely enfeebled condition are such that the very great improvement necessary can hardly be looked for."

MCKINLEY WILL VISIT ATLANTA. WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—President McKinley will attend the peace jubilee exercises at Atlanta. He will leave Washington Tuesday, December 13.

MR. SHARKEY WRITES ABOUT MR. CORBETT.

Is Willing to Meet at Any Time or Place and for Any Amount of Money Corbett May Fit.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Tom Sharkey last night issued the following letter: "I see by the papers that Mr. Corbett wishes to retrieve his lost laurels by making a proposal to me that seems out of the question; but I will not do as he and the man who at present holds the championship did, and will not back it up as they have done, by telling their opponents that they should meet somebody else first."

"I will cover Mr. Corbett's forfeit, although I think it very foolish to meet in private for \$500 a side, when we can get 50 much more money by boxing in public; but if Mr. Corbett will find the place to box in with an man on a side and guarantee me protection from arrest, I will box him any old way. I will give the \$500 to the poor of New York, or what's better, seeing Mr. Corbett has mentioned charity as an excuse for a return match, I will box him in public where there is no chance for arrest, as it will be according to the Horton law, and will agree to give the whole, or any amount agreeable to him, to be given to the poor, the same to be under the provision of a committee from the press of this city."

"The only proviso I wish to put in is that if I should make another match in the meantime, this match with Corbett is to come off afterwards." George Dixon, the featherweight champion of America, has been matched to fight Young Pinto, the Australian champion. Dixon and the foreigner have agreed to try conclusions in a 20-round bout before the Olympic Club of San Francisco some time in February. It is Tom O'Rourke's intention to take his stable of boxers to San Francisco after Sharkey has had one more fight in the east, which will probably be with Kid McCoy. The arrangements for the Pinto-Dixon match were made some time ago, but rumors to the effect that the latter would not fight again left the match an uncertainty. However, Dixon has not decided to retire for a while at least, and will take on a few good ones before he leaves the ring. Pinto is said to be the cleverest boxer at his weight that Australia has ever produced, barring that wonderful fighter, Young Griffo. He comes to this country with a clean record.

ROSEBURG COURT HOUSE BADLY DAMAGED BY FIRE.

Blaze Was Caused by Defective Fluor Electric Wires, and Caused a Loss of Nearly \$5,000.

ROSEBURG, Dec. 7.—At 5:30 p. m., after the adjournment of the circuit court, fire was observed issuing from the court house cupola and from under the roof. Before the fire department got water the whole upper story was blazing. To make matters worse the hose burst. Scarcely had the firemen gained such headway that the fire building was doomed. Their being no wind, the progress of the fire was slow, affording time to carry out all the records.

Circuit Judge Hamilton had moved his extensive library to San Francisco, adjoining the courtroom and lost a collection covering many years; also the papers in the cases under consideration. The upper story is entirely gone and the lower seriously damaged, the courtroom floor being burnt. The damage done to the building cost \$40,000 and was erected five years ago. The exact insurance is not known, but is supposed to be from \$12,000 to \$15,000. The cause of the fire is thought to be a defective fluor or electric wire. The prisoners were moved from the court just to the city jail when the fire was first discovered.

THE KAISER'S VISIT WAS VERY DISAPPOINTING.

His Trip to the Holy Land Made a Very Unfavorable Impression on His Mind—Decay Indescribable.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—A dispatch to the World from Berlin says: Disappointment was the dominant impression left in the Kaiser's mind by his visit to the Holy Land. His address to the Evangelical clergy in Bethlehem, now first published, candidly expressed that feeling. He said: "To describe the impressions of the last few days, I must say that I am above all things very disappointed. "It did not want to say that here, but as I have heard that my court chaplain felt the same thing, I will not keep it from you."

"It may be that the unfavorable approach to the town of Jerusalem contributed to this, but when one sees the state of things at holy places and what goes on there, it cuts into one's heart. "Only the Christian life can make an impression upon Mohammedans. Nobody can wonder if they have no respect for the Christians in ecclesiastical matters, as the Christians are divided. "They must be prevented, even by force, from quarrelling with one another at this sacred spot." The emperor has said since his return: "My visit to Jerusalem has shattered the dearest illusion of my heart. Its equal and undignified decay is indescribable."

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