

SIGN NEW TREATY

PANAMA'S MINISTER AND SECRETARY HAY MAKE TERMS.

Exact Text Cannot Be Made Public, but It Is Known the Terms are Liberal—President Will Not Send Document to Senate Until Present Work Is Out of the Way.

Washington, Nov. 20.—Secretary Hay and M. Philippe-Buna-Varilla, the minister of Panama, at 6 o'clock this evening, signed the Hay-Buna-Varilla treaty, providing for the construction of the Panama canal by the United States. The ceremony occurred in Secretary Hay's study. The Panama minister arrived at Mr. Hay's house promptly at 6 o'clock, having made an appointment with the secretary for a conference at that hour. He was surprised to find that the secretary had before him the treaty engrossed in duplicate. The secretary informed M. Buna-Varilla that he was ready to sign the treaty. The minister read the document carefully, and then he and Secretary Hay attached their signatures to it.

The secretary and minister refused to comment on the ceremony. The only official admission that can be had is that the matters of the terms of the treaty are practically settled. The treaty in its text cannot be made public at this moment for two reasons:

First—Because of the unwritten law which obliges the state department to await the pleasure of the senate in this matter of publicity.

Second—Because the president has not yet determined when the convention shall be submitted to the senate for ratification. His present purpose is to withhold it until there is reasonable assurance that its consideration will not obstruct any of the legislation for which the present special session of congress has been called.

M. A. MOODY WINS.

Judge instructs jury to return a verdict of Not Guilty.

Portland, Nov. 20.—Ex-Representative Malcolm A. Moody is acquitted and exonerated. Before the hearing of the case was completed, Judge Bellinger ordered that a verdict of acquittal be returned. After listening to a brief argument on the essential points in the action, the judge expressed the conviction that there was no evidence to show that Mr. Moody was guilty of any illegal action the transaction through which he was alleged to have embezzled and opened a letter belonging to Mrs. Margaret L. Conroy. Without permitting the case to proceed further, he took the matter in his own hands, commanded the verdict be prepared immediately, and ordered a juror to sign it for the jury.

Before ordering the case disposed of in this manner, the judge took occasion to pick to pieces the chain of evidence that the prosecution had attempted to prove "by inference," and stated that no evidence had been brought out to show that there was any illegal design back of any act Mr. Moody had performed relative to the transaction involved.

ON THE VERGE OF ANARCHY.

Honduras is Likely to Have a Revolution at Early Date.

Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Nov. 18. (via Guatemala, Nov. 20.)—Honduras is at present on the verge of anarchy, and the conditions are such that a revolution may break out at any time. The governmental party was completely overwhelmed at the recent elections, and the opposition controls the legislative branch of the government. Consequently any measure favored by the administration is voted down.

The reported intention of Nicaragua and Guatemala to unite against Honduras, while apparently unfounded, has had the effect of adding to the general apprehension.

If Guatemala were to take the offensive she would be in a position to cause much trouble, as she maintains a large force on the Honduras border. The reason for this is given as a fear that Salvador has designs on Guatemala and the force is kept ready to resist any invasion.

Rebels Are Driven Back.

San Domingo, Republic of Santo Domingo, Nov. 20.—Severe fighting took place last night around this city. The rebels were prevented from entering the capital. The loss of the rebels is not known. The United States cruiser Baltimore landed marines to protect American interests. Guards were placed at the American legation and consulate, and the Clyde Steamship agency. The situation otherwise is unchanged. All is quiet this morning, but a new attack is expected at any time.

One Large Mine Gives In.

Denver, Nov. 20.—The Matchless mine at Erie, principally owned by United States Senator Thomas M. Patterson, and one of the largest coal producers in the northern district, tonight agreed to grant the eight-hour day and the new wage scale demanded by the miners. The mine will be reopened immediately. It is confidently expected that the desertion of Senator Patterson from the mineowners' ranks will force other large owners.

Bulgarian Villages Are Burned.

Constantinople, Nov. 20.—The Mussulmans in the district of Kirk-Kilish have burned five Bulgarian villages in revenge for an attack made by the Bulgarians on the Mussulman village of Zaranas.

MIGHT CAUSE MONEY PINCH.

Question About Paying Out the Price of the Panama Canal.

Washington, Nov. 19.—With the administration definitely committed to the building of a canal by the Panama route, and having brushed aside all immediate consideration of Colombia as a factor in that purpose, the important question now confronting the president, the cabinet and the Republican leaders in congress are whether they can proceed with the work under the Spooner amendment, adopted at the last session, or whether it will be necessary to enact new legislation throughout.

Senator Spooner was at the White House today, but would not say whether the question was discussed.

The most important question for the treasury is the expenditure of \$50,000,000 in cash that is authorized under the canal amendment. Can this amount be paid without unsettling financial conditions to some extent is a question being asked. The total available cash balance of the treasury department a few days ago was \$223,144,399, but of this vast sum \$173,328,464 was in national bank depositories throughout the country. That makes a total of about \$50,000,000 in the treasury proper. The amount will probably change in favor of a larger cash balance by the time this country gets to the point of doing business and making canal payments, but it will not be above \$60,000,000 at the outside unless the transaction is long delayed.

Traditions declare that there should always be in the treasury department proper \$50,000,000 with which to meet possible emergencies. It is admitted, however, that the amount could safely be reduced to \$40,000,000 or less. Of the amount with national bank depositories and carried as a liability to the treasury, there is a large sum to the credit of disbursing officers. This could be reduced and the treasury could probably use for the canal payments \$30,000,000 out of the funds now in hand. But this would leave \$20,000,000 to come from the deposits with the national banks. How seriously the withdrawal of this sum would disturb the financial and commercial interests of the country is now being carefully considered.

TO BREAK LAND KING.

Heuey Goes to Confer With Knox and Hyde Is Stricken Silent.

San Francisco, Nov. 19.—Attorney Francis J. Heuey will leave for Washington tomorrow to confer with United States Attorney General Knox on the land frauds. The investigation will be extended to this city, where it is asserted that the conspiracy had its fountain head in breaking into the big steal in the Southern Oregon land deals.

The men interested in that business have been at work covering up their tracks since Mr. Heuey was appointed special prosecutor against those frauds. In reference to the disclosures in the land frauds which are bringing the crooked deals so prominently before the public eye, Hyde, the land lawyer is now silent. The man who was so hasty to rush into print with his statements when conjectures and innuendoes were flying through the air is not talking for publication now. When he so airily took the public into his confidence to tell them all he wanted to tell them about these land deals, the machinery of the law had not been set in motion.

GREAT EXODUS OF MINERS.

Trouble Is Feared at Hastings, and More Deputies are Sent.

Trinidad, Colo., Nov. 19.—Another large shipment of miners left here tonight for the different coal fields of the south and middle west. A large crowd was at the station to bid them good-bye, and the demonstration when the train pulled out was deafening.

The report reached here that 200 men had resumed work at Hastings today, but this proved to be untrue. A man from that camp arrived in Trinidad tonight, and states that not a man is working there. Hastings is a Victor Fuel camp and trouble is feared there. Five extra deputies were sent out tonight to join a large number of guards already at Hastings.

To Become Judge at Once.

Honolulu, Nov. 19.—The commission appointing Governor Dole United States district judge reached here tonight. He will take the oath of office before Chief Justice Frear, of the territorial supreme court, and assume his seat on the bench immediately. Secretary Carter has not yet received his commission as governor, but by virtue of his office of secretary he will act as governor in the interim. The grand jury will resume its investigation of the scandals connected with the last legislature.

Colombian Commission Here.

New York, Nov. 19.—From the masthead of the steamer City of Washington, which arrived today from Colon, flew the flag of the republic of Panama, and on board were the special commissioners sent by the new republic to the United States. The commissioners are Manuel E. Amador and Federico Boyd. The commissioners on their arrival here did not know their exact state, and declined to talk until they had received the latest news from Washington.

Jack London's Creed.

Jack London is a practicing believer in hard work. "Work," he told a recent interviewer, "will carry a man anywhere. The four great things are good health, work, a philosophy of life and sincerity. With these you may cleave to greatness and sit among giants." Mr. London's new novel, "The Sea-Wolf," will begin in the January Century.

MORE STRIKE RIOTS

CHICAGO STREET CARS, HOWEVER, GAINING IN NUMBERS.

Police Force to Be Increased by Five Hundred Men and Screens Protect the Gripmen From Missiles—There Seems Very Little Hopes of Peace—Both Sides Claim to Gain.

Chicago, Nov. 18.—Encouraged by the successful operation of a regular service on the Wentworth avenue line today, the management of the Chicago City railway announced tonight that an effort would be made tomorrow to resume traffic on the Cottage Grove avenue cable line. The intention is to start trains early in the morning, and unless too much opposition is met with the service will be gradually extended later in the day.

Five hundred policemen will be added tomorrow to the number already detailed to guard the property of the company. This additional force will be assigned to the Cottage Grove avenue line, and the cars will be run under the same protection as those on Wentworth avenue. Screens have been provided for the grip cars to shield the gripmen, and the trains will be run at a high rate of speed in an effort to prevent crowds from blocking the tracks.

Although considerable interference marked the operation of the Wentworth avenue branch today, still a five-minute service was maintained throughout the day, and an attempt will be made tomorrow to install a closer schedule. Riots were frequent all along the line, but the police charged on the crowds with such quickness and force that but one serious blockade was met with. When the last of the 25 cars that had been in the service reached the barn at 4:30 o'clock tonight, it was decided to suspend further traffic until tomorrow morning.

The inquiry of the state board of arbitration asking that the difficulty be settled by arbitration, it was announced tonight, would be replied to tomorrow by S. R. Bliss, counsel for the company. The communication, it is said, will agree to arbitration of the wage question only, and will entirely ignore the demands of the men that the recognition of the union also be submitted to the board. As the latter clause in the stumbling block all along to a peaceful settlement of the trouble, it is said there is little chance, for the present at least, of a conciliatory adjustment of the controversy.

Reports to the effect that union men were going over to the company and deserting the organization are declared by both President M. C. Buckley and Secretary L. D. Bland, of the union, to be falsehoods.

RARE STAMPS STRAY AWAY.

Postoffice Department Seeks to Find Leaking Place.

Washington, Nov. 18.—The postoffice department is pressing the investigation of published allegations that rare postage stamps have illegally found their way from the department to stamp speculators.

Postoffice Inspector Fosnes, ex-director general of posts of Cuba and fourth assistant postmaster general Bristow's chief assistant in the postal investigation, and Inspector Williams are in charge of the stamp investigation. They have not only gone through the records of the department, but have examined a number of persons in the department and in the bureau of engraving and printing, which prints the stamps, and have questioned philatelists, including a prominent dealer in this city, with a view to ascertaining the identity of persons who have sold stamps to the dealers in those articles.

It has been the practice of the office for a number of years to distribute among department officials and other prominent persons "specimen" stamps, distinctly marked, so as to prevent their use as postage, as an official courtesy, and it is known that a large number of these stamps have found their way into the hands of the dealers.

Plea for Statehood.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Governor Brodie, of Arizona, in his annual report to the secretary of the interior, urges that the interior department aid in securing the passage of an enabling act for the admission of Arizona to statehood. He states, however, that the people of the territory would rather forego statehood than accomplish it by union with any other state or part of any other state or territory. The total population of Arizona is estimated at 155,000. The total taxable wealth aggregates \$43,688,041.

Threats to Blow Up Hotel.

Chicago, Nov. 18.—Threats to blow up the Plaza hotel, fronting on Lincoln park, have been made to William Hall, manager of the building, in an anonymous letter, which names as an alternative the payment of \$500. The letter was turned over to the police and a trap laid for the writer, but he failed to appear. The writing is similar to that of other letters which have recently annoyed wealthy residents of the neighboring Lake Shore district.

Big French Wheat Crop.

Washington, Nov. 18.—The department of agriculture has been advised that the 1903 wheat crop of France, according to an estimate of the French ministry of agriculture, is 365,600,514 bushels, harvested from 16,151,967 acres. These figures represent the largest crop and the smallest area of any crop harvested in France within the last ten years.

PROTEST IS FILED.

Colombia Holds That America Violated Existing Treaties.

London, Nov. 18.—The Colombian authorities have cabled to London a long protest against the United States' action toward Panama, in which they allege the "main responsibility for the secession of Panama lies with the United States government, firstly, by fomenting the separatist spirit, of which there seems to be clear evidence; secondly, by hastily acknowledging the independence of the revolted province; and, finally, by preventing the Colombian government from using proper means to repress the rebellion."

The cable message goes on to say that President Marroquin has energetically protested to the United States, and wishes that his protest should be known throughout the civilized world. The president contends that the United States has infringed article 35 of the treaty of 1846, which, he asserts, implies the duty on the part of the United States to help Colombia in maintaining her sovereignty over the isthmus, and adds that the "Colombian government repudiates the assumption that they have barred the way to carrying out the canal."

He asserts that since 1835 they have granted canal privileges to different people no less than nine times, and claims that the treaty concluded with the late General Hurlburt, when he was minister at Bogota, July 18, 1870, has been ignored at Washington.

After giving the previously stated reasons for the Colombian senate's failure to approve the Hay-Herran treaty, and asserting that the delay in negotiations had not affected the ultimate issue of the canal project, the protest of President Marroquin points out that Colombia had "constantly endeavored to act in a friendly manner with the United States, even asking for the assistance of the American marines to insure free transit across the isthmus," says the rising occurred when the government was not prepared, having withdrawn most of its troops when peace was re-established last year, and concludes:

"The hastiness in recognizing the new government, which sprung up under the circumstances, is all the more surprising to the Colombian government, as they recollect the energetic opposition of Washington to the acknowledgment of the belligerency of the Confederates by the powers during the Civil war."

CANE SUGAR GAINS.

Increase in Output Much Greater Than Beet Product.

Washington, Nov. 18.—The department of agriculture, in its official crop report for November, announces that the indications are that the world has entered on a new era in the production of cane sugar. The department estimates placing the total sugar production of the world in the year 1903-4 at 10,425,800 tons of 2240 pounds each, including 4,342,800 tons of cane sugar and 6,083,000 tons of beet sugar, and says as to cane sugar:

"During the past five years the world's output of this product has increased from 3,000,000 to more than 4,000,000 tons, quantitatively the greatest increase ever made in any five-year period in the history of this industry. Moreover, for the first time in a half century the ratio of increase in the world's production of cane sugar has exceeded that of sugar made from beets, the percentage of increase in the former product for the five years being about that of the latter.

"The four years from 1900-01 to 1903-04, inclusive, were each in its turn record-breaking years for the production of sugar. The previous high record crop (3,530,000 tons) was that of 1894-95, the crop made just before the outbreak of the revolution in the most important producer—Cuba.

"The high-record crop in the history of the world's best sugar production was that of 1902-03. Since that date there has been a decline in production in Europe, amounting in all to about 1,000,000 tons, but the present year's estimated output still shows a considerable increase over that of five years ago."

The report says that about 80 per cent of the cane sugar of the world is now annually produced in tropical and semi-tropical islands.

New Lieu Land Bill.

Washington, Nov. 18.—In line with his belief, as repeatedly expressed in his annual reports, while commissioner of the general land office, Congressman Hermann has introduced a bill to amend the lieu land exchange law by providing that whatever lands within forest reservations are relinquished to the government and other vacant surveyed public lands are taken in exchange therefor, the lands so selected must be of approximately the same character and the same value as the lands relinquished to the government.

Forty Years a King.

Copenhagen, Nov. 18.—Fetes were held throughout Denmark today in honor of the 40th anniversary of King Christian's accession to the throne, the population rendering homage to their aged and beloved sovereign. Thousands of telegrams and addresses of congratulations as well as gifts and flowers have been received, many of the messages of congratulation coming from the United States under cabled instructions from Washington.

Opening of Wiju.

Pekin, Nov. 18.—The demand of the United States government for the opening of Wiju has been received here with surprise. The British and Japanese ministers at Seoul on October 17 asked for the opening of Yongampho. The foreign minister consented, subject to the approval of the emperor, which was withheld.

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