

The Panama Treaty Is the Bone of Contention In Congress.

War With Colombia Remotely Possible.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24, 1903.
During the present recess of Congress members of each party are making plans for renewing the struggle over the Panama treaty which is under consideration of the Senate. Senator Hoar's speech against the policy of the administration and Senator Gorman's attempts to block the ratification of the treaty, have aroused the Republicans, who are determined that the administration shall be upheld at all costs. If the two-thirds majority of the Senate cannot be obtained for the approval of the Treaty, the republican House plans to come to the aid of their party in the Senate by adopting a joint resolution authorizing the payments of the \$10,000,000 to Panama and the President to proceed with the construction of the canal. Such a resolution would pass by a majority vote and the assistance of the Democrats would not be required. There is precedent for such action in the admission of Texas and of Hawaii.

However, the joint resolution is hardly considered necessary, as Senator Gorman's plan may be dropped owing to the fact that some of his Democratic colleagues are in favor of the treaty. Senators McEnery and Foster of Louisiana have received instructions from the legislature of their state requesting them to vote for the treaty, and Governor Terrell, of Georgia, has declared that he approved the course of the administration in the Panama affair, although in little else. The action of the Louisiana legislature is important as it relieves the two Senators from that state from obligations to be bound by the Democratic caucus, in case it decides to oppose the treaty. Similar action by other state legislatures would have the same effect on their own senators. The Republicans claim that at least seven Democrats favor the treaty and that its ratification is thus assured. Senator Hoar will vote for it, in spite of his hostile attitude toward the manner in which the treaty was negotiated. It is generally thought here that the attempt to make a party issue out of the ratification of the treaty will fail, and that the agreement with Panama will receive the approval of both parties.

War with Colombia is regarded here as remotely possible. General Reyes, who is still in Washington, strongly advises his countrymen against such a foolish course, and the European nations have counseled the Colombian government against any act of hostility toward the United States. However, it is not safe to take for granted that South Americans and especially a government which was foolish enough to reject the canal treaty and to drive their own people to rebellion, will adopt a wise course in anything. It is known that the Latin Americans are sentimental, reckless, enthusiastic and live under conditions in

which was hardly an abnormal state. In Colombia many men have volunteered their services to the country to retake Panama, much depreciated money has been offered. President Marquis in spite of the fact that he was not reelected has placed his private fortunes at the disposal of the government, and even the women are offering their services. News of Democratic opposition to the canal treaty has been exaggerated in Colombia and has raised false hopes. General Reyes says he cannot answer for his people, although he is head of the army and the newly elected President.

The Navy department is prepared for any emergency. There is a fleet on each side of the isthmus and the ships carry many marines, some of whom have already been landed. The War department holds troops in readiness although the administration does not care to use them. The order of the Navy Department to prevent the landing of any force with hostile intentions is still in force, although the naval officers are instructed to wait for Colombia to fire the first gun.

Admiral John G. Walker, who represented the President on the isthmus has returned here and will make a full report to Mr. Roosevelt. W. I. Buchanan, the American Minister to Panama has arrived on the isthmus and will present his credentials. General Reyes' proposition to submit the question of the recognition of Panama to the Hague Tribunal will not be accepted by our government, although he might have better success with a proposal to submit the question of Panama's assuming a portion of Colombia's debt. This last question is still an open one; Panama's independence is an accomplished fact recognized by the countries of the world.

Officers of the State Department are somewhat concerned over the fate of the Chinese Commercial Treaty which has still to be ratified at Peking by receiving the Imperial Seal of China. Instructions have been sent to Minister Ogden to obtain this ratification as quickly as possible as it is thought here that Russian intrigue at the Chinese Court may oppose the treaty. The Czar's government is believed to object to the opening of the ports of Mukden and Antung in Manchuria, as our treaty rights there might give us occasion to interfere in the Russian-Japanese dispute. Until the treaty is finally ratified the State Department cannot send consular agents to the ports and thus block Russian opposition by pointing to the opening of the ports as an accomplished fact. State Department officers regard a conflict between Japan and Russia as inevitable, but believe that each side is playing for time. The United States will of course be strictly neutral but will send a large fleet under Admiral Evans to protect American interests.

Secretary Fay who has been ill for the past two weeks with a severe cold is now able to leave his bed room, and spends most of the day in his library where he transacts much of the important business which calls for his personal attention. In spite of his business the Panama and Russian questions

make him one of the most busy men in Washington.

News has been received here that the Governor of Alexandria has made an official call on American Consul Davis and offered formal apologies for the indignities offered him by some Turkish soldiers. Attarian, the Armenian and naturalized citizen of the United States, whose arrest caused the trouble has been liberated. The Consul was taken back to Alexandria in the United States cruiser San Francisco.

A Prisoner in Her Own House.

Mrs. W. H. Lysba, of 1001 Agnes Ave., Kansas City, Mo., has for several years been troubled with severe hoarseness and at times a hard cough, which she says, "Would keep me in doors for days. I was prescribed for by physicians with no noticeable results. A friend gave me part of a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy with instructions to closely follow the directions and I wish to state that after the first day I could not see a decided change for the better, and at this time after using it for two weeks, have no hesitation in saying I realize that I am entirely cured. This remedy is for sale by G. A. Harding.

MACKSBURG.

Christmas has come and gone. A very beautiful Christmas tree was appropriated by the German Lutheran church on Christmas Eve. An elaborate program was rendered by the young folks, and a very pleasant time was enjoyed by the old and young. Appropriate service was rendered by Rev. Metz.

The Misses Anna Weisfall and Helena Kloss, of Germany, have arrived in our burg and are visiting the Blasky family. The latter came from the same vicinity across the waters.

The new mutual telephone line is nearing completion and the new thing will be "Hello honey!" "Hello Sweet heart!"

Since Will Heinz went East all the girls are wearing crepe veils, even the Oak Grove school bell seems to have a mourning sound.

Fred Welch and his princess were out riding this week.

Miss Helena Kloss and August Blasky were united in the holy bonds of matrimony in Portland on the 26th. The bride is one of the most charming and amiable young ladies of this place, who recently arrived here from Germany. She has won the high esteem and respect of all with whom she came in contact during her short stay here. The groom is one of our most energetic and highly respected citizens, whose character is beyond reproach. The young couple left for Camas, Wash., where they will make their future home. Thus we will lose one of our best citizens while Camas is one the gainer. May success, prosperity, happiness, and our best wishes accompany them through their journey of life.

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Parkplace.

Now that Christmas has passed, and the New Year is here, now is the time to make resolutions—only to be broken.

Miss Ruby Cook, who has been attending school here and stopping with Mrs. Holmes, is spending the holidays with her parents at Damascus.

William Rivers, who is attending the Portland Business College, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rivers.

The cantata given by the Parkplace Sunday school Wednesday night was a real success in every way, and every one was so well pleased that by request of the public, it will be repeated on next Wednesday evening. New features have been added and a full house is expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Brayton, of this place, spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Inez Kellogg, of Oregon City.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Freyta and daughter, of Oregon City, ate Christmas dinner with Mrs. Freyta's parents, Capt. and Mrs. Smith.

A good many Parkplace people attended the Christmas exercises given by the various churches in Oregon City.

Miss Myrtle Holmes spent Christmas with friends at Clackamas.

Mrs. Brannon and son, Johnnie, and Mrs. Forbyan are spending the holidays with the latter's son near Borings, Or.

One of the latest industries of Parkplace worthy of special mention is the new meat market which Mr. Dauchey has opened up near the Clackamas bridge, which is not only a great convenience but also proves that Parkplace is not behind the times.

Don Holman went to Napavine, Wash., to spend the holidays with his parents, who moved from here last fall.

Our very latest "sensation" is the story of the tramp who walked into the house of George Hamilton on Sunday last, thereby causing a small commotion, till George colored him and washed him out of doors. He next entered the house of W. A. Holmes, where only the children were home, but Mr. Hamilton was watching and soon he was forced to move on again. He has not been heard of since, and we hope such unbecomingly visits will not be repeated.

Perhaps Mrs. Holmes was a little the happier woman in Parkplace when on Christmas morning her husband presented her with a new kitchen range. We extend congratulations.

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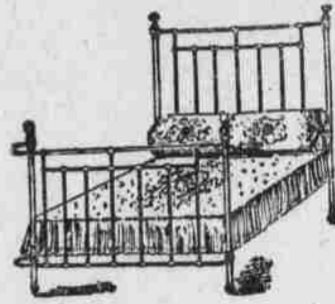
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