

SENATE'S ATTITUDE

Will Be Learned Before New Treaty Is Made.

TO SETTLE CANAL QUESTION

International Congress Suggested to Harmonize Differences—England Does Not Desire Matter Dropped—Senator Morgan's Views.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—No steps have been taken by either side since the delivery of the British note treating of the Senate and the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and it is understood that none will be taken in the immediate future. The treaty expired March 5, and it is stated positively that before this government decides as to whether or not it shall enter upon negotiations for a new treaty with Great Britain, an effort will be made to learn the views of Senators and party leaders in Congress. There will be no treaty submitted to the Senate except one that bears understanding that it is strong enough to secure the vote of two-thirds of the body.

A suggestion has been made that an international congress be held at Washington, the object being to harmonize the differences and bring about a common ground of understanding. Out of such a congress grew the Bona convention, which controls the usage of that waterway. There is reason to believe that the project of an international congress at Washington would meet with the favor of the several European maritime powers which have not up to this time taken a prominent part in canal affairs. On the other hand, the idea of a congress met some opposition when informally suggested today to diplomats who have taken a leading part in the canal negotiations. Lord Kimberley, the Under-Secretary of State in the House of Commons today, reaffirmed Great Britain's reply to the United States amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, communicated yesterday, added that the British Government was not engaged in negotiation with any other power on this subject.

OPENING FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

England Wants the Canal Treaty Dispute Settled.

LONDON, March 12.—The Foreign Office officials are nettled by the statement circulated here that no opening is left for further action in the case of Great Britain's reply to the United States notification of the Senate amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. It is pointed out that Great Britain's reply invites further propositions from the United States. Moreover, the statement is made that something of the sort is already contemplated in Washington. A representative of the Associated Press has been officially informed that there is no desire of the British Government that the matter should be dropped. They confidently expect further negotiations and hope for a satisfactory conclusion, though this does not lessen their insistence on the integrity of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty until both signatories consent to its abrogation.

The afternoon papers today follow the morning papers in approving the governments refusal to accept the Senate's amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. The only novel suggestion in the matter appears in the Evening Standard, which is of the opinion that the time has come to attack Monroeism, and says: "Now that it is possible to take an active interest in the world's politics the time has come when the fiction that the Western Hemisphere is to be regarded as a close preserve for American enterprise should finally be exploded. English interests are quite as paramount as those of the sister state, and it cannot be long before the attention of the Continental powers will be more drawn to the commercial possibilities of the dormant southern half of the continent."

SENATOR MORGAN'S VIEWS.

Rights Given Us by Agreements With Southern Republics.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Senator John T. Morgan, chairman of the committee on international affairs, in an interview with the Washington correspondent of the Journal and Advertiser, says: "If it is true, as it is, that our canal rights in Nicaragua and Costa Rica, acquired last December by a compact between the United States and those republics, will not become the subject of negotiations with England, we shall proceed quietly to construct, own and use the canal, and Great Britain will be left to make her objections in whatever way she may choose. "Those agreements were made deliberately and with full knowledge that they were in diametric opposition to the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. They were based on the principles of the adopted almost literally the regulations prescribed by the Euz Canal by the treaty of Constantinople of 1858. The President recognized the right of Costa Rica and Nicaragua to qualify their agreement with the United States according to the plans and principles of the treaty of Constantinople. "Great Britain and the United States had agreed to the same declaration in the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and she has formally therewith had agreed to silence any objection that might arise out of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty to the exclusive ownership and control of the Nicaragua Canal by the United States. Great Britain did not urge any objections but referred to them as being possible only and consented to remove them. Her honorable course was that she may not continue to animate her conduct under the reign of King Edward, but she must be aware that a covert threat of displeasure at our executing our agreements with Nicaragua will lose its moral force and its power to alarm the United States into another fit of paralysis. "Those agreements upon which the whole question of the canal now hinges, will be carried out by the United States and the undivided sentiment of the American people. If the conclusion that Great Britain is alleged to have reached had been given in the Senate 10 days ago the Hepburn bill would now be in the hands of the land. All delay now is to the advantage of Great Britain and to our terrible disadvantage, but she has gained another year, and I hope it will be a year. We contemplate no breach of the peace or of good feeling because we shall do, under our agreements with Costa Rica and Nicaragua what we have agreed to do, as those agreements are in the large treaty of Constantinople, to which all European assents."

THE WIFE DIED LAST.

Judgment in a Peculiar Case of Double Death in Mississippi.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Some months ago Tony Holland and his wife, highly respected citizens of Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, left their little farm home to take a winter in the woods. The old gentleman carried along his rifle, in the hope of getting a shot at a squirrel or perhaps a turkey. Shortly after the wife was shot by the rifle, and he was heard, but nothing was thought about it until nearly night, when some members of the family, becoming uneasy at their long stay, walked down the path to the green they had gone and soon came upon them lying on the ground, dead. The woman had been shot through and through from the back, and lay face down in the path. The old gentleman was a few feet from her with the whole top of his head blown off. They were a very devoted couple, and the suspicion was that the gun had been accidentally discharged. The woman had died last, and in his despair the husband took his own life. The question then was as to which of the two had died first, the disposition of the estate depending on that one point. Ann Duncan claimed the property, as heir to her brother, Mr. Holland, on the ground that he had done the killing, and that, as a matter of course, he had killed his wife first. The court below took her view of the matter, and awarded her the estate. The near relatives of Mrs. Holland took an appeal to the Supreme Court of Mississippi, claiming she had died last, wherefore she should inherit the property. The Supreme Court made a very careful investigation into the killing of the old couple, and found that, first, the woman had died last, though shot first. Her body was warm when found, and the body of her husband was cold, showing conclusively that she died first. The court then held that her husband had lived some four or five hours longer than her husband did, and that her immediate relatives should inherit the estate.

Senator Magee's Funeral.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 12.—The remains of the late Senator Christopher Lyman Magee, who died at Harrisburg last Friday night, were interred in the Allegheny cemetery this afternoon. Governor W. A. Stone, all the state officials and the members of the State Senate came from Harrisburg in a body to pay their last respects to their dead colleague. The funeral was one of the largest seen in this city in years, and the church was crowded, hundreds being unable to gain admittance. At the time set for the funeral, the current was turned

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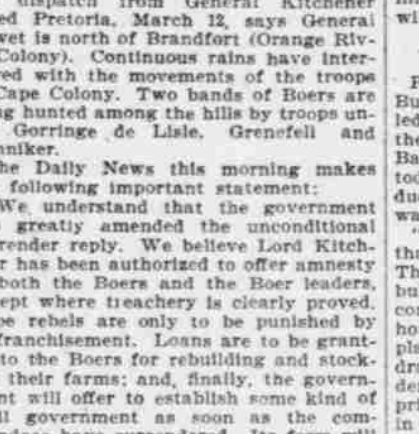
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