

DE ARMOND EXPLAINS IT

HIS RELATION TO RURAL FREE DELIVERY IN MISSOURI.

House Decides to Take Up the Canal Bill January 7, and Continue Debate to Settlement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Before the House adjourned today over the holiday recess, a special order was made for the consideration of the Nicaragua Canal bill, beginning Tuesday, January 7, and to continue until the bill is disposed of, the order not, however, to interfere with revenue or appropriation bills.

When the House met there was a waste of vacant seats, owing to the holiday exodus. The session was brief. The message of the President relative to the creation of an Appalachian forest reserve was laid before the House.

De Armond obtained unanimous consent to make a privileged statement. He explained that reports were circulated in his district that he caused action on free delivery routes to be held up during his absence in the Philippines.

Richardson, the minority leader, said this was in no sense a political question and there was no objection to the proposition on his side of the House.

In the Senate. WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—In the absence of Frye, president pro tem., Perkins presided over today's session of the Senate.

The bill temporarily to provide revenue for the Philippines, which was passed by the House of Representatives yesterday, was referred to the committee on the Philippines.

DUE TO OVERPRODUCTION.

Statement as to Cause of Slump in Copper.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Amalgamated Copper claimed and held interest over all the list in the street today and went through a rapid series of bewildering fluctuations. After the erratic market had closed, the directors of Amalgamated met and voted a dividend of 1 per cent and issued a statement placing the blame for the decline upon the shrinkage in foreign consumption.

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REPORTED THE CANAL BILL

HEPBURN'S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF THE MEASURE.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Representative Hepburn, chairman of the House committee on commerce, today made the report of the committee in favor of the Nicaragua Canal bill. After stating the terms of the bill, the report says in part: "The purpose of this bill is to concentrate authority and responsibility for the construction of this great work in the hands of the President. It has been believed by your committee that this course would be a safer one to be pursued in carrying out the purposes of the bill in-

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The report refers to the "exhaustive report made by the Isthmian Commission, of which Admiral Walker is the head in which every feature of this enterprise is fully and at length discussed."

"No doubt is expressed by the commission as to the practicability of the enterprise; on the contrary, they join with a score of predecessors in expressing their belief that the work can be carried to a successful termination within the limits of reasonable cost and reasonable time. All of the great political parties are committed to the policy of the construction of this canal."

Nominations Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The Senate today confirmed the following nominations: H. N. Price, Surveyor-General of Arizona; Receivers of Public Money, E. B. Mathers, Buffalo, Wyo.; Levi R. Davis, Sundance, Wyo.; Frederick Miller, Santa Fe, N. M.; Register of Land Office, Fred W. Daniels, Buffalo, Wyo.

THREE VICE-ADMIRALS.

Bills for the Promotion of Schley, Sampson and Clark.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Representative Peare, of Maryland, introduced a bill reviving the grade of Vice-Admiral of the Navy and authorizing the appointment of Admiral W. T. Sampson, W. S. Schley and Charles T. Clark to the grade

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selected Dr. J. A. Crossland, of St. Joseph, Mo., to be Minister to Liberia, and J. C. Dalney, Collector of the Port of Wilmington, N. C., to be Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia, vice Henry P. Cheatham, whose term of office soon expires.

The following nominations were sent to the Senate: James Reynolds, Secretary of the Territory of New Mexico; Norman Hutchison, of California, secretary of the legation at Santiago de Chile; Wilder S. McCall, pension agent at Topeka, Kan. and add: Eugene D. Clark, at Santa Clara; Nevada; C. M. Sain, at Lovelocks.

Pension for Mrs. McKinley.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Senator Hanna today introduced a bill granting a pension of \$500 a year to Mrs. McKinley, wife of the late President.

Met a Strange Death.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The body of Thomas McCabe, of Hibernia, was found on Middle Mount, N. J., 200 feet beneath the surface of the earth at the bottom of a mine hole. McCabe had been missing for more than a week. John Downs was the last man to see McCabe alive. After going down to the Rockaway the two men started for Hibernia, deciding to go over the top of Middle Mount. Downs says that when about half way over he turned around to speak to McCabe, but could see nothing of him, although it was bright moonlight. Downs gave the alarm in the village. Searching parties were organized. Andrew McCabe, teller in a Brooklyn bank and brother of the missing man, was notified. When near the top of Middle Mount he saw a small hole in the earth. It was not 13 inches across. McCabe called for a rope. He was sticking up out of the dirt not far away. He dug the dirt away and soon disclosed his brother's face.

End of a Celebrated Case.

DENVER, Tex., Dec. 19.—W. R. Gaines, a fireman on the M. & T., was killed this morning at Checotah, L. T., in a wreck, and a celebrated criminal case was ended. Gaines shot Charles Koch, a brother-in-law, to death. Before Koch was killed he and his wife inherited a large sum of money, Gaines being already well-to-do. Gaines was convicted of the murder of Koch and given a life term. A new trial was secured, and Gaines was again given a life sentence, but secured a third trial. The third trial resulted in a hung jury, and the fourth was to have taken place in February.

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to consider proposals from Marconi for a compromise. This led to the opening of negotiations which are now in progress in London between the Anglo-American and the Marconi companies. It is stated that it is strange that the Anglo-American Company, in giving to the world what is intended for a fair statement of its position, fails to refer to or explain its first letter, which he says virtually amounted to an attempt to compel him to abandon all scientific research in Newfoundland.

Marconi Soon to Marry. INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 18.—Miss Josephine Holman, fiancee of Mr. Marconi, said today she had received several telegrams from him within the past two days. Miss Holman further admitted she was about to join him in New York. It is known among her intimate friends that her wedding outfit has been completed. It is believed by some of her friends that the marriage may take place next week in New York.

DOWIE BROKE DOWN. "Elijah the Second" on the Stand in His Own Behalf. CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—"Dr." John Alexander Dowie, the self-proclaimed "Elijah the Restorer," broke down when he went on the witness-stand today in his own behalf, and, between choking sobs, told how his confidence in his brother-in-law and legal opponent, Samuel Stevenson, had been shaken. The portly figure of the aged witness shook spasmodically and tears streamed down his face as he related memories of Stevenson's espousal of Dowie's sister, now deceased. Later, as he was cross-examined, his meek and lowly demeanor changed, and he denounced Stevenson, called him an "abominable traveling companion," and said that he was no use in "Zion" and was always blundering. Judge Tuley's court was packed to overflowing with the followers of "Elijah II," who followed minutely the "doctor's" testimony, and who, at the end of the day's session, gathered around him to act as his bodyguard back to "Zion."

C. J. Barnard, general manager of Dowie's Zion Bank, told of Stevenson's objection to the manner in which the lace industries were being managed, and how he had asked for \$25,000 to give up his interest in them. During the cross-examination of Barnard, Attorney Reeves drew from him the testimony that the cer-

IFICATE for \$20,000 worth of lace stock, made out to Mary Ann Stevenson, and which had disappeared, came to light after Mrs. Stevenson's death in Dowie's own case. Mr. Barnard related that Dowie had said wonders would never cease, and that he was utterly at a loss to find the document among his private papers.

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