## MAY PROVE INVALID

Morgan Picks Flaw in Panama Canal Treaty.

DISPUTES HERRAN'S POWER

Quotes Colombian Constitution to Show Congress Must Act-Proposes That Senate Call for Herran's Credentials.

Senator Morgan yesterday raised a Herran to bind Colombia to the Panama Canal treaty, on the ground that the Colombian government is in the

hands of a dictator, Senator Quay objected to a piece of routine business, which brought down n him a charge of obstruction from Hale, and a few sharp compliments

ere exchanged. The diplomatic and consular appropriation bill was passed by the Senate. The House called for the papers in the Indianola postoffice case; passed the military academy appropriation bill without debate and begun consideration of the Indian bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Senator Morgan, chairman of the interoceanic canal mmittee, today offered in the Senate a resolution questioning the credentials of Tomas Herran, Charge d'Affaires of Colombia, who recently signed with Secre-tary Hay the Isthmian Canal treaty. Mr. Aldrich immediately made the point that the subject must be considered in executive session, and the Senate went into executive session on motion of Mr. Hale. The resolution which Morgan presented

is as follows:
"That the President is requested, if it is not incompatible with the public interests, to inform the Senate as to the alleged full powers of Senor Herran, who signed the treaty with Colombia that was sent to the Senate on January 23, 1963, for ratification, to negotiate and sign the same, and that he send to the Senate a

copy of the powers of said negotiator." Senator Morgan spoke in support of his resolution, contending that the Colomresolution, contending that the Colombian government is practically in the hands of a dictator. He said that the Colombian Congress had not been in session for three or four years, and insisted that this was vital, for the reason that under the constitution of Colombia no power was vested on any authority except the Congress of the country to enter into a contract affecting the treasury, as the

canal cession does.
Senators Lodge, Foraker, Cullom, Hanna and Bacon spoke briefly, most of them simply urging the reference of the question to the committee on foreign rela-tions. They did not enter into a discus-sion of the general question at issue beyand saying that to adopt the resolution would be to impeach the character of our own treaty-making officials and to offend the government of Colombia,

A motion was made to refer the motion o the foreign relations committee. None except Senator Morgan opposed, and it

Trenty Causes Joy in Jamaica.

KINGSTON, Jan. 26.-The Jamaican newspapers express delight at the sign-ing of the treaty between the United States and Colombia, providing for the completion of the Panama Canal. They look upon it as opening a much-needed field for Jamaican laborers and artisans.

## EXCHANGE OF EPITHETS. Quay's Statehood Block

ade of Senate Business.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Soon after the cenate met today Platt N. Y.) presented a report from the committee on rinting and asked for its consideration, this Quay (Pa.) objected.

Hale (Me.) said the objection was extraordinary and that things had come to a pretty pass if privileged reports from committee on printing could not be sidered. He said that Quay had confiscated the time of the Senate from ? clock, and he now sought to confiscate the time of the morning hour in the interest of the statehood bill. He hoped Platt would move to take up the print-Quay replied that there had been

great deal of sneering on the floor of the Senate" about his action. He was simply carrying out the will of a majority of the Senate. Those who were making complaints would relieve all pressure by allowing a vote on the bill. He said he was tired of being lectured and hectored by the Senator from Maine. Hale said Quay was mistaken if he thought the majority of the Senate was with him in objecting to a proposition

such as printing matters for the convenlence of the Senate. Cockrell then made the point that under

the rules a single objection carried the esolution over and he was sustained by President pro tem. Frye.

The credentials of Mr. Alger, recently elected Senator from Michigan, were presented and the oath of office administered to him. Morgan (Ala.) presented the resolution inquiring into the validity of Senor Herran's credentials, and upo otion of Aldrich, seconded by Hale, Senate went into executive session, which lasted two hours. When the doors were reopened, the credentials of Kittredge, elected to succeed himself as Senator from South Dakota, were presented by Gamble and the oath of office administered.

The statehood bill was laid aside informaily and the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill was taken up. Ar amendment offered by Lodge, providing for a reorganization of the entire consular service, was rejected on a point of order raised by Gallinger, Gallinger said that the Senate had listened to a lecture by the Senator from Maine, who had charged that a majority was filibustering. It was something he had never heard before, and he hoped he would never hear of it again. The diplomatic and consular appropriation

bill then was passed.

The statehood bill then was taken up and Foraker, having it in charge in the absence of Quay, yielded for the passage of a House bill making an appropriation for the suppression and to prevent the spread of contagious and infectious diseases of livestock. Mr. Burnham was not ady to continue his statehood bill speech today, and at 4:30 P. M. the Senate adtourned until tomorrow

## HOUSE CALLS FOR PAPERS.

Wants Information About Indianola -Record for Rapid Action Broken.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26,-The House to day made a new record in the matter of appropriation bills. The Military Acadbill was passed without a single word of debate. The Indian bill, which followed, was not completed, as Burton, (Rep., O.) made a long speech on it in general criticism of the policy of the Government toward the Indians. A resolution was adopted calling on the Postmaster-General for the corresponde the Indianola, Miss., postoffice case.

Loud (Cal.) presented as a privi-leged report a resolution from the post-office committee which calls upon the

Postmaster-General to transmit to the House, if not incompatible with the pub-lic interests, all correspondence and documents in his possession concerning the ecent resignation of the postmaster at adianaola, Miss.

Williams (Miss) asked Lond to vield to ermit him to offer an amendment to in-lude the President as well as the Postmaster-General, in order that light might be fully shed upon the matter.

be fully shed upon the matter.

Loud declined to yield, saying that the report of the committee was unanimous, Swanson (Va.), a minority member of the postoffice committee, said his understanding was that the resolution would procure all the correspondence, except a single personal letter to the President, which it would not be compatible with the public interests to publish, and that he had therefore agreed to the resolution.

he had therefore agreed to the resolution. The resolution was adopted, The House then proceeded to the consideration of District of Columbia matters. Before taking up District business, the fortifications appropriation bill was re-

ported to the House, At the conclusion of the District of Columbia business, the Military Academy appropriation bill, carrying \$544,273, was taken up. The bill was read and passed in 0 minutes without an amendment or a vord of debate.

Overstreet (Ind.) submitted the report

pon the anti-trust bill, and asked and btained consent for individual members of the judiciary committee to file their personal views. The House ordered 5000 copies of the majority report. Consideration of the Indian appropria-

tion bill was then entered upon. In a speech of an hour Burton (O.) criticised the Indian policy of the Government, Sherman (N. Y.), in charge of the bill, agreed with Burton that the Government and been liberal beyond justice to the red man, The ration system, he said, was continued in pursuance of treaty stipulations. Burton made numerous criticisms and offered several amendments, but they were voted down.

After completing 5 of the 52 pages of the bill the House at 5:20 P. M. adjourned.

### ADOPTS ELKINS' TRUST BILL.

Senate Committee Will Report It, but Makes Material Changes. WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 .- The Senate emmittee on interstate commerce today inti-trust bill, with some amendments, that a subcommittee is perfecting. Among the amendments was one relating to re-

bates as follows: "Every violation of this section shall be prosecuted in any court of the United States having jurisdiction of crimes within the district in which such violation was committed, or through which the transortation may have been conducted, and, when the offense is begun in one juris-diction and completed in another, it may be dealt with, inquired of, tried, determined and punished in either jurisdiction in the same manner as if the offense had

been actually and wholly committed therein."

Another amendment amends section 10 of the present interstate commerce laws, elating to publication of tariffs, as fol-

"In construing and enforcing the proor fallure of any officer, agent or other person acting for or employed by any common carrier shall in every case be also deemed to be the act, omission or failure of such carrier, as well as that of

The following provision was adopted: "Whenever any carrier files with the Interstate Commerce Commission or publishes a particular rate under the pro-visions of the act to regulate commerce, or participates in any rates so filed or published, that the rate, as against such carrier, its officers, or agents, in any prosecution begun under this act, shall be conclusively deemed to be the legal rate, and any departure from such rate, or deemed an offense under this section of this act."

Another amendment makes it unlawful o discriminate in regard to furnishing

ars to shippers. Another amendment provides that suit shall be brought by United States At-torneys, leaving out the clause "by di-rection of the Attorney-General," so that the Attorney-General will not have to initiate the suits.

## IN MEMORY OF M'KINLEY.

Anniversary Banquet.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26. - President Roosevelt left shortly after midnight for Canton, O., to attend the banquet in com memoration of the birthday of the late President McKinley, to be given tomorrow night. The President will respond to the toast, "William McKinley. retary Root will speak on "The Army." Those in the party in addition to the President were: Secretary Root, Secretary Cortelyou, General Leonard Wood, Cowles, Surgeon-General Rixey, of the Navy; Assistant Secretary Brigham, of the Agricultural Department; Representative Taylor, Charles Emory Smith, Charles and Charles A. Whiting, Jr., of Canton.

## SMYTHE MUST PAY UP.

Liable for \$125,000 in Treasury Notes Burned in His Mint.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.-The question the liability of Andrew Smythe Superintendent of the United States Mint New Orleans, for \$125,000 in Treasury notes, which were lost by him while in his custody, was decided by the United States Supreme Court adversely to Mr. Smythe. The cialm was made on his be-half that the notes were burned, and it was urged that, as the notes were only promises to pay, the Government had in reality lost nothing by their destruction. The court, however, refused to accept this view, holding Smythe and his suretithe entire amount lost. Justice Peckham

Promotions in the Army. VASHINGTON, Jan. 26.-Brigadier-Gen ral Edward M. Hayes, recently promoted, was retired today, and Colonel Charles L. Davis, Fifth Infantry, will be promoted

to the vacancy. Other officers to be promoted and re tred are Colonel Joseph P. Parley, of the Ordnance Department, and Colonel M. C. mel Francis Moore, of the Eleventh Cavalry, will receive the permanent promotion as Brigadier-General, and will be assigned to the command of a military department in the Philippines,

### CUBAN TREATY EXTENDED. More Time Allowed the Senate to

Ratify It. WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The President today sent to the Senate an agreement with Cuba extending the time for the ratilication of the Cuban reciprocity treaty. Under the terms of the Cuban treaty ratification was required by January 31, and it has become apparent that the time

limit was too short. The President also transmitted the Canadian boundary treaty to the Senate.

## TWO HOUSES DISAGREE.

Senate Sticks to Philippine Currency Bill Rejected by House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.-The Senate mmittee on Philippines today decided substitute the Senate currency bill for the House bill and report to the Senate. The Senate bill is the same reported from the House committee on insular affairs which was defeated in the House

Only Americans to Have Contracts WASHINGTON, Jan. 38.—The Senate committee on interoceanic canals today nuthorized a favorable report on the bill probibiting the granting of contracts in relation to the proposed Panama Canai been no era of reconstruction, with its repressive agencies and oppressive legis-lation. If Lincoln had lived, there would

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and qualities at greatly reduced prices. And your SHOE NEEDS? If you are provident you will prepare not only for the present but for the future now while we are offering such splendid values in WOMEN'S HOUSE and PARTY SLIPPERS, STREET and DRESS SHOES, in a great variety of styles; also in BOYS' and YOUTHS' STOUT SCHOOL SHOES, with wearing qualities that are remarkable. Provide yourself now with needed WARM UNDERWEAR for all the variations of our temperature. Our clearance reductions are on such a wide variety of lovely woven undergarments, including the popular Merode make, all weights and wool, cotton, silk and the various mixtures in high or low neck, long and short sleeves, knee or ankle length, two-piece suits and combination, white, black and colors, all at special clearance prices. GLOVE NEEDS. There is always the need of another pair of gloves, and it is decidedly practical to get an ample supply while you can get beautiful, shapely, good-wearing ones for such a little price. CURTAIN and HOUSE FURN-ISHING NEEDS. The lovely things you can now secure in these lines are enough to create a want, if one did not already exist. There are beautiful lace curtains and artistic draperies that you will revel in, and at such low prices there is no use doing without them. Don't neglect the DRESS GOODS NEEDS-just glance at the magnificent materials at your disposal and the prices. Woolen goods in black and colors and everything elegant in silks for street and evening wear, all at special clearance prices. And your SUIT NEEDS? Some of our strongest specials this week will be found in our Suit Department. STYLISH STREET SUITS that will wear well and look well to the last minute, FASHIONABLE CAPES and JACKETS and SWELL SILK PETTICOATS-all at prices it will pay you to take advantage of. UNDERMUSLIN NEEDS. Ladies are reveling in the exquisite snowy undermuslins they are now getting for such small prices they banish all thought of making. CORSET NEEDS. Whether you need a corset now or not, it will pay you to invest in one of the Royal Worcester Corsets we are offering during this last week of our great clearance sale. You will have an opportunity to secure some of the best models of the finest corset made for half, and on some fine models in odd sizes at much less than half price.

Consider all your needs thoroughly and the saving it will work in your expenses if you provide liberally now, while OUR ENTIRE STOCK IS MARKED AT SUCH SPECIALLY LOW CLEARANCE PRICES. And bear in mind, THERE ARE BUT FIVE DAYS MORE OF THESE

EXCEPTIONAL BARGAINS.

Tonsts to the Union and Lincoln Mingled With Those to Lee, Jeferson Davis and Roosevelt.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.-The 13th annual anquet of the Confederate Veterans' Camp of New York, held tonight at Valdorf-Astoria, was made memorable by eloquent culogies of the great figures of the South and North during the Civil War, delivered by men who themselves had fought in the opposing armies. Charles Francis Adams, of Massachu-setts, a soldier of the Union, responded to the toust of "Robert E. Lee," and Colonel Henry Watterson, a soldler of the Confederacy, paid a tribute to the character of Abraham Lincoln. The third toast to Jefferson Davis was responded to by William Hepburn Russell, formerly of Missouri, and now Commissioner of Ac-counts of New York City. More than 500 omrades of the camp and their guests were present, and the presence of many women lent brilliancy to the banquet. Commander Henry E. Owen presided, with Mayor Low at his right, and Colonel Watterson at his left. Others at the guest table were:

George H. Taylor, commander of Alex ander Hamilton Post; J. Edward Graybill president of Georgia Society; General A. S. Barnes, commander Lafayette Post; colonel Samuel D. Paul, lieutenant-com mander C. V. C., of New York; August Van Wyck, president Southern Society; Roger A. Pryor, regent Virginia Society D. L. Snodgrass, former Chief Justice of Tennessee; James H. Parker, past commander Confederate Veterans of New York; General Thomas H. Hubbard, of the New England Society; Walter S. Logan, regent Empire State Society Sons of the American Revolution; W. W. Fuller, president of the North Carolina Society: Rev. George S. Baker, chaplain Confederate Veterans of New York; Rev. J Nevitt Steele, president of the Maryland

and the Army and Navy of the United States—a Prince Among the Rulers of the World, but the Servant of a Free People," was drunk standing, amid great ap-plause, the orthestra rendering "Hail, Co-lumbia." This was followed by the toast to "General Lee-Nature Made Him, and Then Broke the Mold," responded to by Mr. Adams. Mr. Adams, a veteran of the Union Army of the Civil War, paid a glowing tribute to the character of Lee He paid especial tribute to his humanity, reducing as he did the horrors of war to the minimum. In closing, he declared that some day there should stand at the National capital a statue of Lee, who "erect on his charger and wearing the insignia of his Confederate rank, would agaze from his conrecerate rank, would gaze from his pedestal across the Poto-mac at the Virginia shore, and his once dearly loved home at Arlington," It should he added, "bear some such in-Robert Edward Lee, erected by contri-

bution of those who, wearing the blue or wearing the gray, recognize brilliant military achievements and lofty character honor, greatness and humanity in war, and devotion and dignity in defeat." This was succeeded by the rendering of "The Bonnie Blue Flag," and songs of ante-bellum days by Mrs. Hollingsworth

Warkins, formerly of Louisiana In responding to the toast to Abraham Ancoin-"He Was Not for an Age, but For All Time"-Colonel Henry Watterson "If Lincoln had lived, there would have

HEROES OF BOTH SIDES the time the cue of his taking off to spur the steeds of vengeance. For Lincoln entertained, with respect to the rehabilitation of the Union, the single wish that the Southern States—to use his homely the men confessed judgment in ejection. UNION VETERANS JOIN IN CONFED-BERATE REUNION. phraseology-should come back home and behave themselves, and, if he had lived, he would have made this wish effectual as he made everything effectual to which he seriously addressed himself. "I believed," continued the witness,

"His was the genius of common sens Of perfect intellectual aplomb, he sprang from a Southern pedigree, and was born in the South. He knew all about the South, its institutions, its traditions and

its peculiarities.
"From first to last throughout the angry debates preceding the war, amid all the passions of war itself, not one vindictive proscriptive word fell from his tongue or pen, whilst during its progress there was scarcely a day when he did not project his great personality between some Southrn man or woman and danger. Yet the outh does not know, except as a kind of hearsay, that this big-brained, big-souled man was a friend, a friend at court, when friends were most in need, having the will and the power to rescue it from the wolves of brutality and rapine, whom the history of all wars tells us the lust of victory, the very smell of battle, drives from their hiding, to prey upon the helpless, the dying and the dead."

Mr. Russell, in replying to the tonst to Jefferson Davis, drew a parallel between Mr. Davis and Abraham Lincoln, both of whom were sons of Kentucky.

### WITNESSES FOR MARKLE Evidence Showing He Is Not as Black as Painted by Miners.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 26.-The attention of the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission was today directed to the claims and charges of the independent operators the first case being that of G. B. Markle & Co., whose collieries are located in and about Jeddo, in the Lehigh region. Ten witnesses for the company were examined the more important being Sydney Willlams, general superintendent of the firm. Gertrude Martin, a professional nurse in the employ of the company, and Frank Walk, general storekeeper at Jeddo. Superintendent Williams' testimony was

pased upon the company's answer to the miners' demands. He was subjected to a rigid cross-examination by Attorney Darow, for the Miners' Union, and was comselled to admit that, although 13 men were refused re-employment by the company for alleged criminal acts during the recent strike, he had no knowledge that any one of them had ever been gulity of criminal action.

Miss Martin was a good witness for the ompany. She told of the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Markle properly to care for the sick employes, and stated that where cases of necessity were discovered, patients were furnished with medicines and ourishing food free of charge. Frank Walk described the operation of

the "credit" or company store system. The prices of articles, he said, were about the same as those charged by other dealers, but he admitted that none other than employes of the company were given credit. He stated also that after the company store system had been abolished and he had resorted to the cash basis, he lost two-thirds of his customers.

Counsel for the company caused some surprise by requesting the commission to summon as a witness D. J. McCarthy, of Hazleton, one of the attorneys for the mineworkers. Mr. McCarthy objected on the ground that he could not be expected to testify to facts he had learned as counsel, but as counsel for the company said he would not ask questions which McCarthy could not answer as counsel, the latter waived further objection and took the stand. He was asked when he had first heard of the eviction notices served by the Markie Company on 12 ten-ants, to which he replied that all his inhave been wanting to the extremism of formation in this connection was secured

men had a good defense, so I saw the Sheriff and asked him to notify me a day or two before he served the notice so that I could prepare the defense. He promised to do so, but falled, and when upbraided him he said the writs had en prepared at midnight and brough to him at 6 o'clock in the morning with instructions to serve them immediately."

Counsel for the company asked the witicss if he was not aware that judgment could not be confessed unless an agree ment had been signed. have heard of forged papers," re-

plied Mr. McCarthy. "Do you mean to say these leases were

"I mean to say I think the men were grossly deceived." Counsel read from the stenographers' notes a statement made by McCarthy be-fore the commission at Scranton to the effect that the resident physicians em-ployed by the company received a sal-ary from the company in addition to the fees charged the miners. He asked the witness if he knew that to be so. Mr. McCarthy replied that he had no positive inowledge on the subject, it was a rumor he said, and had so stated when he previously mentioned it. On cross-examina-tion witness said the evicted men had

been elected without notice. Chairman Gray asked if the men had received copies of the leases from the company and witness replied in the nega-

"These leases are commonly known as cut throat agreements' are they not?" interjected Attorney Brumm.

### COAL COMBINE ENJOINED. Detroit Dealers Try to Dodge Law by Repealing Illegal Rule.

DETROIT, Jan. 26.-The Wayne Circuit Court today issued the preliminary injunction asked for by Prosecutor Hunt against the Detroit Coal Exchange, an organization of 30 local coal dealers. The injunction restrains the exchange from acting as an organization to fix the mini-mum price at which coal shall be sold. The fact was brought out today that 14 of the largest coal dealers of the city have resigned from the exchange, leaving the smaller dealers to settle with the law January 9, at a meeting of the exchange one of the larger dealers offered a resolution rescinding the clause in the by-laws providing for the fixing of a minimum price for coal. It is on this by-law that Prosecutor Hunt's case is principally based. There was apposition to rescind-ing the by-law, and when the resolution was voted down the 14 large dealers promptly resigned from the exchange.

### ARRESTS FOR TAKING COAL. Railroad Company Enrages Freezing People of lown Town.

STRATFORD, Ia., Jan. 26.-Stratford citizens are indignant over the arrest of over 30 persons for holding up a Northwestern coal train here yesterday and seizing several cars of fuel. But little coal had been shipped to Stratford for weeks, and a famine existed. When the train stopped for water the news spread like wildfire, and soon a mob of 500 persons with wagons, baskets and coal scuttles were at the tracks. A car was broken into and the citizens eagerly helped themselves. When the raid was over only a few tons of coal remained in the train. The railroad officials notified the Sheriff at Webster City, who left for Stratford and

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Excitement is intense and trouble the prisoners ught to trial. All were granted bail.

Henrat Still After the Trust. ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 26 .- Attorney-General Cunneen gave a hearing today on the application of William R. Hearst that action be commenced before the Supreme Court under the anti-trust law against 12 coal-carrying railroads and the Temple

CRISIS COMING IN ACRE. Brazilian and Bolivian Ministers Both Explain to Hay.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.-The Brazilian Minister and Bolivian Charge here called separately on Secretary Hay today to acquaint him with the position of their respective governments in the dispute over the territory of Acre. It appears that the situation is really critical, but both diplomats assured Secretary Hay that under no conditions would American interests in Acre suffer beyond the hap-

PANDO MAY NEGOTIATE. Meanwhile Brazil is Preparing Arms

and Navy for War.

LONDON, Jan, 26 .- The Brazilian Legation in London announces that the Boliv-ian Minister at Rio Janeiro has officially potified the Brazilian Foreign Office that President Pando has been given full power to enter into a formal agreement with Brazil regarding the Acre dispute. Pending these negotiations which are exnected to lead to a peaceful solution of

the difficulty, the Brazilian government has ordered a naval and military mobilization to meet the eventualities of the sit-

Second Contingent Leaves La Paz, LA PAZ, Jan. 26.-The second contingent of the Bolivian expedition to Acre left La Paz today under the command of

EXCURSIONISTS IN DANGER. Pelce in Eruption Scares Them From St. Pierre's Ruins.

CASTRIES, Island of St. Louis, B. W. I., Jan. 26.—The Royal Mail steamer Esk took over 400 excursionists to St. Plerre, Martinique, Saturday, and returned here today. She reports that while the party was at St. Pierre at 5 o'clock in the after on, Mount Pelee was in eruption. At at time more than 200 persons were ashore, and great alarm was felt for their safety. Volunteers from the passengers who had remained on board assisted the crews in hastening to the rescue. After 40 minutes of excitement, all the passen-gers were brought back safely. About 899 feet of the cone of the volcano has been

blown away. Strike at Biscult Factory.

CHICAGO, Jan. M.-Twelve hundred employes of the Kennedy Biscuit Company are out of work today, Miss Dalsy Sear-ing, president of the Cracker Packers' and Helpers' Union, said they were locked out, while representatives of the company re-fuse to give any information regarding the trouble. The controversy began Saturday, when the union threatened a strike unless three girls not members were forced to