

CLOUD ON ITS TITLE

Morgan Attacks New Panama Canal Company.

DEBTS OF OLD COMPANY VALID

Columbia Liable for Them—He Tells Story of Million Dollars Paid Colombian President for Extension of Concession.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Ten minutes after convening today the Senate, on motion of Cullom, went into executive session. Senator Hawley (Conn.) was in his seat after a long absence due to illness. Morgan entered on a discussion of Attorney-General Knox's opinion as to the validity of the title to the Panama Canal property which can be given by the New Panama Canal Company. This opinion he attacked as defective in some points, especially in its failure to deal with the jurisdiction of the French courts which rested upon the canal company's title. Morgan read at length from the speeches he had prepared for publication. He charged that the French courts had overstepped their legitimate authority in assuming to dispose of property in Colombia without reference to the rights retained by Colombia and the limitations and restrictions imposed by the Colombian government on its grant of the international interoceanic canal concession. He contended that, as Colombia never really had parted with the canal zone, and as that country was guaranteed an annual income of \$200,000 for the proposed canal, "that country was the ultimate sole beneficiary of the enterprise and the concessionary company the temporary recipient of the title of the canal for its compensation or indemnity." He claimed therefore that the decree of the French court authorizing the sale to the United States was void because an invasion of the rights of Colombia. It also contended that the French legislation attempting to invalidate the acts of the French courts was clearly without authority as to the documents of the company.

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Early in the day (Gorman) announced his intention to call a Democratic caucus for tomorrow, but when the Senate adjourned it was stated that the caucus had been postponed until Monday.

AGREEMENT AS TO CANAL

Acceptance by Knox of Company's Option is Latest Step.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The Senate today made public the reply of the President to the Senate resolution introduced by Senator Morgan, asking information as to the present state of negotiations between the new Panama Canal Company and the Government of the United States, together with a copy of all agreements touching the sale of the property since December 1, 1902. The reply is by Attorney-General Knox. He says that negotiations have been conducted with the understanding that the consent of Colombia was necessary to enable the canal company to sell and the United States to buy the canal rights. The cablegram of Mr. Knox of February 17, accepting the offer of the company to sell to the United States the canal property, is given. On February 10 President Roosevelt sent a cable to Mr. Knox, saying that William N. Cromwell was charged with transmitting the response of the counsel of administration. A letter from Mr. Cromwell to the Attorney-General, dated March 3, says the acceptance of the President is assured by the Attorney-General's telegram of September 17 as being in conformity with the offer of the canal company. Mr. Knox says there has been no other negotiation or agreement.

NO MORE FEMALE INSPECTORS.

Secretary Shaw Approves Recommendation of Immigration Officials. WASHINGTON, March 12.—Commissioner of Immigration Williams at New York has made a report to the Treasury Department on the employment of female inspectors. The report points out many objections to the employment of these inspectors and Commissioner-General of Immigration Sargent has reported to the Secretary of the Treasury that their services are not needed.

Cabinet Not Doing Much.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Only four members of the Cabinet attended today's session, the other five members—Secretaries Hay, Root, Moody, Postmaster-General Payne, and Attorney-General Knox—being out of the city. It was announced that no subject of serious importance was considered.

Launching of the Colorado Delayed.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The launching of the battleship Colorado, building at the Cramp yards, has been postponed until April 2.

Consul at Aden Confirmed.

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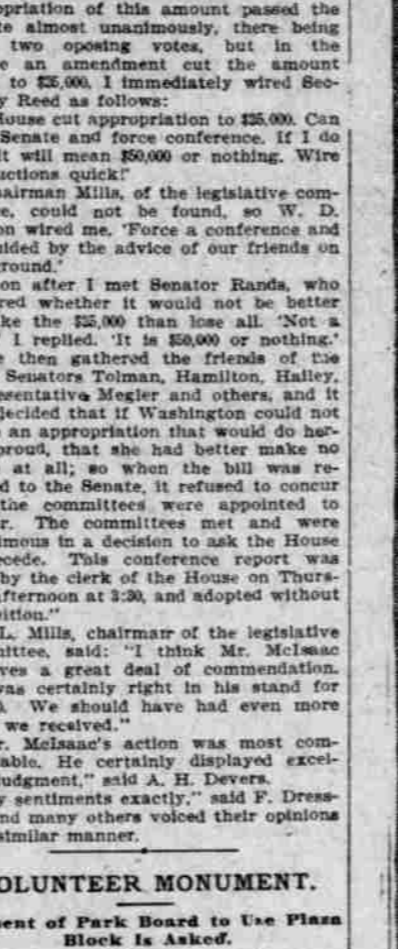
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