

POLICY IS FIXED

Democrats to Oppose Panama Canal Treaty.

STAND BY SPOONER ACT

Nicaragua Should Be Chosen Since Colombia Balked.

CAUCUS SET FOR TOMORROW

Cuban Bill Will Be Considered, and It is Certain Several Amendments Will Be Proposed.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—Democratic Senators have determined to oppose the ratification of a canal treaty with the new Republic of Panama, should the Administration enter upon treaty negotiations with that country.

It has been learned on the authority of a member of the Democratic steering committee that the sentiment of the committee is to attack any effort to open negotiations with the new republic, and go before the country in support of the Spooner act to show the party is not antagonistic to the building of a canal.

It is alleged the law is on the side of the Democratic programme, inasmuch as the Spooner act is a Republican measure. This act authorizes the President to proceed to the construction of a canal on the Nicaragua and Costa Rica route, in the event negotiations with Colombia are not concluded within a reasonable time for the Panama route.

The Democratic attitude on the Cuban bill, as well as the general policy on public questions, is to be the subject of a caucus of the minority members of the House Saturday night. A meeting of the minority members of the ways and means committee was held tonight for the purpose of outlining several amendments to the Cuban bill.

Floor Leader Explains.

In explaining the reasons for the amendments proposed, Mr. Williams, the Democratic floor leader, said his opinion could not afford to allow, without protest, the enactment of legislation which was an attempt, although an ineffectual one, to bind future Congresses and future Administrations by a pledge against further reduction of duties upon any article, with any country.

Aid of Majority Pledged.

Mr. Williams said assurances had been received from the majority of the House of enough votes to add the amendment doing away with the ratifiers' differential. It was hoped, he continued, that an appeal to the common sense of the House would succeed in passing the two amendments to article 8 of the treaty, which amendments, he said, would be so framed as to deny either the legal or moral obligation to bind future Congresses or Administrations.

SENATE DEBATES SMOOT CASE

Dubois Takes Issue With Hoar, Who Sticks to His Position.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—Immediately upon assembling today, the Senate plunged into a discussion of the question of the eligibility of Reed Smoot, of Utah, to a seat in the Senate which grew out of the remarks made yesterday by Hoar, saying petitions bearing upon Smoot's case were as much out of place as would similar petitions to the Supreme Court of the United States be in the interest of any case before that tribunal.

Dubois took issue today with Hoar's remarks and presented his views in connection with the petitions for Smoot's expulsion, which had been presented by himself.

After announcing the fact that his views differed from those of Mr. Hoar as to the propriety of the petitions on this subject, Dubois proceeded: "I contend," he said, "that these various objectors, Christian men and women, have a right to petition the Senate and maintain their duty to do so. Of course, we all appreciate that this is a judicial question, which must be determined by the facts, but it is not an idle question and it is proper before the Senate. It is the same question that was involved in the case of the polygamist Roberts, for whose unseating by the House of Representatives many petitions were filed. All the petitioners ask is that we study the case carefully before passing upon it. They know what they are doing. They represent the moral thought of the country and should not be discouraged. They scarcely expect to influence our votes, but it is to be hoped that the petitions will at least have the effect of causing us to pause and give careful attention to their representations."

TO LOOK INTO WOOD'S RECORD

Senate Committee Favorably Reports Other Army Nominations.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—The nomination of Robert Shaw Oliver, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of War, was ordered to be favorably reported by the Senate committee on military affairs today. No action was taken on the nomination of Brigadier-General Leonard

Wood to be Major-General, in view of the request made yesterday in executive session by Senator Felier, that he be given an opportunity to make inquiries concerning General Wood's military record.

Senator Proctor, acting chairman, will call a second meeting of the committee on military affairs within a few days. It is the intention now that the meeting shall be public and a hearing granted to all persons opposed to the nomination of General Wood.

PRESIDENT MEETS LEADERS.

Isthmian Situation is Believed to Have Been Discussed.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—President Roosevelt tonight had a conference with leading members of the Republican party, who dined with him early at the White House and remained until late. Those present were Secretaries Hay and Wilson and Senators Hale, Hanna, Fairbanks, Platt of Connecticut, Spooner and Allison.

New York to Revive War-Pay Bill.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—Efforts of the City of New York, made annually for many years, to have the United States Government reimburse it for money expended "in defense of the National Union" during the Civil War, will be renewed during the present session of Congress, when a petition will be again presented asking the National body to reimburse the city in the sum of \$1,000,000, expended by it in arming and equipping troops to the number of almost 40 regiments.

Oregon Appointments Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—The Senate in executive session today confirmed the following nominations: Registers of Land Offices—John N. Watson, of Paisley, Or.; at Lakeview; Edward W. Davis, Union, Or.; Algernon S. Dresser, Oregon City, Or.; Charles U. Snyder, Receiver of Public Money, at Lakeview, Or.

Factory Shuts Down to Break Strike.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 12.—As a result of a strike of 86 glaziers, the J. P. Mathew glass factory will suspend operations this week and about 700 hands will be rendered idle. John P. Mathew, head of the firm, states he will discharge all of his employees, and while the factory is closed will establish a training school for unskilled workmen to whom, when they learn the trade, will be given the places of the old hands.

CARNEGIE TO MAKE GIFT.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—Andrew Carnegie's plan to make New York one of the great engineering centers of the world and to give to all branches of the profession a large building for general club purposes is reported to be fast approaching realization.

FAMOUS LETTER IN RUBBISH.

HARTFORD, Conn., Nov. 12.—The historic letter of General Grant, accepting the nomination to the Presidency, and ending with "Let us have peace," has been found among some waste paper here by a scavenger. The letter was addressed to General Joseph R. Hawley, president of the National Union Republican Committee. After General Hawley went to Washington as Senator, the letter disappeared and was believed to have been lost.

Epistle Written by President Grant is Found by a Scavenger.

Workers taking waste paper from the cellar of the Courant building to send to the ragman tossed out a bulky envelope, which was picked up by the man in charge and taken to the office. It proved to be the long-lost epistle, the last paragraph of which reads: "Peace and universal prosperity, its consequence, with economical administration, will lighten the burden of taxation, while it constantly reduces the National debt. Let us have peace."

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12 1/2c Flannelette 9c First Floor—Domestic Aisle. Very nice Egyptian flannel and Cindrella cloth, in pretty, plain colorings, including light and medium blue, pink and white, plain or twilled weaves, much sought for material at this season for making up many of the wanted things for Winter wear; today only, yard. 9c

25c Soap Boxes 18c Toilet Sundries—First Floor. Pretty celluloid soap boxes in a nice assortment of colors; the regular 25c values; today only 18c

25c Boxes Correspondence Paper 15c Genuine Irish linen correspondence paper in boxes, 24 sheets paper with envelopes to match; regular value 25c; special today at 15c

\$1.25 Cushion Tops 78c Art Section—Second Floor. Cushion tops stamped on fancy art canvas in Oriental designs, with plain back of same material and enough raffia in assorted colors to finish them; regular price \$1.25; today only at 78c

Ladies' \$2.25 Union Suits \$1.53 Underwear Counter—First Floor. Ladies' fine ribbed silver gray and white wool Union Suits; high neck long sleeves, ankle length, 1/2 open front, silk-trimmed front and neck; regular \$2.25; special. \$1.53

Ladies' \$1.75 Kid Gloves \$1.37 Glove Counter—First Floor. We offer today our regular \$1.75 grade of washable Kid Gloves, in two-clasp style, full pipe and all the wanted shades, including black, at, the pair. \$1.37

Ladies' \$4.00 Lace Cape Collars \$2.25 Lace Counter—First Floor. Large size, very handsome, circular collars of lace in cape style, usual \$3 and \$4 values, today only \$2.25

Ladies' \$1.25 Purses 75c Leather Goods—First Floor. Ladies' combination Pocketbooks, plain, or mounted in seal, walrus and alligator leather; colors black, brown and tans; regular value \$1.25; special today at 75c

Tops for Hand Bags at Bargain Prices Leather Goods Counter—First Floor. Fancy gilt and oxide round gilt frame Hand-Bag Tops, values 35c, special today, 25c; same, values 60c, special today 35c; square frame spring bag tops, value 75c, special today at 45c

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