

THE ASSAULTS HOAR

Foraker Takes Up Criticism of Roosevelt.

PANAMA DEBATE IS WARM

Massachusetts Man Wants President to Prove Words.

OHIOAN'S CRITICISM SEVERE

Gorman Also Demands That Facts About the Revolution Be Given, and Declares Unless They Are, He Will Oppose Treaty.

WILL BE DEMOCRATIC ISSUE.
OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU,
 Washington, Dec. 17.—Senator Gorman, in his speech today on the Republic of Panama, today Senator Hoar, in a similar strain, plainly endeavored to strike a leading note for the Presidential campaign. His speech indicates an effort will be made to unite the Democrats of the Senate against the Panama treaty. It may succeed. The chances are it will. Then the whole matter will go to the Presidential election, and the Democrats, for a partisan object, will stand behind the canal. It looks now as if this is the real issue in the Presidential contest of 1904.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The Senate today debated the Isthmian canal question, as affected by the President's recognition of the independence of the Republic of Panama. The discussion began with a speech by Hoar on his resolution of inquiry and lasted several hours. In addition to Hoar's address, there were speeches by Gorman and Foraker.

Hoar confined his remarks to his resolution, and they were read from manuscript. He held this country had not yet received full official information concerning the revolution on the isthmus, and adversely criticized the conduct of this country as shown by what has been given out. He compared the conduct of the United States on the Isthmian question to that of a policeman, who would manacle and hold a person to be robbed, and who would then insist on having the spoils of the theft delivered to himself.

Gorman's utterances alleged the situation in Panama had been created to make a campaign issue, and charged Assistant Secretary of State Loomis with a violation of the proprieties in discussing the question at a banquet in New York. He also said that unless further light was thrown on the subject, he would oppose the Panama treaty. He referred to the action of the Executive, and declared the Senate should prevent the jeopardizing of the business interests of the country.

Foraker Takes Hoar to Task.
 Foraker took Hoar severely to task for his remarks reflecting on the Administration, and his indiscretion in speaking in open session concerning executive matters. He defended the Administration for its attitude toward the Panama revolt. A heated colloquy took place between Foraker and Hoar during an effort of Hoar to explain more fully his position in the matter.

Mitchell delivered a speech at the close of the day in favor of the appropriation of the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition at Portland, Or.

At the beginning of the session, McComas reported a bill from the committee on privileges, providing for the protection of exhibitors of artistic, musical and literary works at the St. Louis World's Fair, and at his request the bill was given immediate consideration and passed.

Hoar then addressed the Senate upon his resolution calling upon the President for such information as might be in his possession relative to the status of the Republic of Panama when the treaty with that country was negotiated. Hoar began by saying he was favorable to the Isthmian canal and desirous that the present President of the United States should build the great waterway. But anxious as he was for the accomplishment of these ends, he was even more anxious that the canal should be built "without taint or suspicion of National dishonor."

"What we want to know," he said, "is, did this Government know that a revolution, whether peaceable or otherwise, should be permitted to go on without interruption; and whether our National authorities took measures to prevent Colombia from stopping it?"

Hoar quoted the correspondence bearing upon the revolution and asked: "Why this great anxiety before any disturbance had occurred?"

It was, he said, clear that if the correspondence so far printed included all the information it was possible to give on the subject, that 24 to 48 hours before the revolution broke out this Government had instructed a man-of-war to prevent Colombia from doing anything to prevent it.

Hoar said it was impossible to believe, and he did not believe the President was capable of such intrigue and indiscretion as thus indicated, and declared it was for the purpose of saving him from such imputation that he desired all the information to be secured on the question.

Hoar said it was no justification of our course to say Colombia had failed to ratify the treaty for the construction of the Panama canal. In conclusion, Hoar pleaded for all the facts, and asked that they be sent to the Senate through the usual official channels.

Gorman Also Wants Facts.
 Gorman took the floor as soon as Hoar had concluded. He said the Democratic Senators generally were as favorable to the construction of the canal as Republicans. He congratulated the country on the possession of a Senator like Hoar, who, he said, was following many examples of courage, patriotism and disinterestedness in the Senate.

Gorman said the facts were all that were desired, and he referred to the ex-

pression of the executive influence, saying this influence has been extended until "the Senate had become practically the agent of the Executive."

He criticized the selection by the President of commissioners from the Senate to negotiate treaties as a reprehensible practice, and declared the Associated Press secured its suggestions as to information about events from the Administration. He also condemned executive interference in state politics.

"But none of these transgressions could be compared," he declared, "to the action of the Executive in connection with the affairs in Panama. It is the most flagrant act of transgression that has ever taken place in the history of the country, and it should be resisted without regard to party."

Criticizes Loomis for Speech.

Gorman adversely criticized the speech made by Assistant Secretary Loomis before the Quill Club, of New York, a few nights ago. He said that Mr. Loomis, while excited by wine, had "given information which the Senate had not received from the Administration or from any other source. He did not tell the country all the facts, but he made the broad assertion that the President was a bold and great man who had the courage and the patriotism to land marines and seize a part of the territory of the Republic of Colombia which we were under contract to do one day or another. This, in the light of the facts before us, is nothing less than usurpation."

Gorman then discussed the President as a "second Napoleon."

"A second Napoleon, indeed!" he exclaimed. "Had it come to this, that the United States must have a Napoleon to shape its destinies and to distort the Presidential office from its proper functions?"

Here Aldrich asked Gorman whether it was the "purpose of the reconstituted Democracy to defeat the treaty."

After some parley Gorman said: "I say to the Senator from Rhode Island that if the case stands as it is now, with only the information the Administration has furnished us to this hour, then we regard it as a most objectionable transaction. And let me say to the Senator, when you talk about responsibility we can take the responsibility and say to the Administration, Congress has directed us to do one or two things, to construct the canal and do it without delay; when you can't get it at Panama go to Nicaragua and construct it there, and do it at once."

Nicaragua Statement Challenged.

"Yet Mr. Loomis in his speech has the audacity to say the reason why they did not go to Nicaragua and attempted no negotiations with Costa Rica or Nicaragua as provided by the Spooner act was because eminent engineers have said Nicaragua was not the proper route for the construction of the canal. That statement I challenge. It cannot be verified. But one member of the commission expressed a doubt as to the feasibility of the Nicaraguan route."

"I do not desire to do the President of the United States an injustice. I respect the office. I believe that whoever occupies it cannot make one without its consent. When the attempt to deprive us of all the facts is made, I resent it. And it is not the first instance of such action and of such a challenge. I resent it, and I have resented it at the cost of setting some of my political associations in the past when we had a Democratic President of the United States. I accord President Roosevelt the same treatment."

Business Must Not Be Disturbed.

"Open your books and give us the information. If you fail to do it in this case I cannot make one without its consent. What I believe the people want, is that there shall be nothing that will disturb business. Every thoughtful man recognizes that we have for four years and more passed through an era of unexampled prosperity, of expansion, of reckless expenditures, of imprudent investments, and now the remainder of the world is taking action to interrupt me again," remarked Foraker, amid the laughter of the Senators.

Hoar Denies He Said It.
 "I made no such statement," declared Hoar.

Foraker—Then I hope you will make it and stick to it.

Hoar—I thought the Senator was always "delighted" to have me interrupt him.

"That is the way the Senator always has to get the better of his adversaries," remarked Foraker. "Yes, I shall always be glad to be interrupted by him. But I wish the Senator would tell me where I was."

"I will tell him," declared Hoar with a smile. "He was mistaking one of my propositions."

"Well," retorted Foraker, amid great laughter, "that does not help me any. He has made so many of them I don't know which one he was referring to."

Foraker concluded by saying there was no real ground for criticism of the course of the Administration in the Panama matter, not even any that the Democrats might take advantage of. He deplored the discussion of the matter in open session of the Senate, however.

The following bills were passed:
 Authorizing a change of conditions in the sale of lands in the Hall Indian reservation in Idaho; repealing the law prohibiting the employment of persons over 16 years of age in lighthouses.

At 5:35 P. M. the Senate adjourned.

TO DEFENSE OF LOOMIS.

Secretary of Quill Club Says No Wines Were Served.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Exception to a statement made by Senator Gorman, in his speech on Panama, in the United States Senate today was taken tonight by Dr. T. J. Harris, assistant secretary of the Quill Club, of this city. Senator Gorman, in criticizing the address made by Assistant Secretary of State Loomis before the club on Monday night said that Mr. Loomis had discussed the Panama situation at a dinner at which perhaps many persons "were excited by wine," and had given information which the Senate had not had from the Administration or from any other source.

"It is a well-established custom of the club," said Dr. Harris tonight when the statement was called to his attention, "to have no wines served at its functions. This custom has been closely followed, although at times it has been to our financial loss. There were no wines served on Monday night."

HOUSE PASSES PENSION BILL.

Panama, Tariff and Rural Delivery Are Also Discussed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The House today passed without division the pension appropriation bill, carrying \$138,150,000. While the bill was under consideration there was a general discussion on Panama, rural free delivery, tariff and pensions.

Speeches were made by Scott (Kan.), Miers (Dem. Ind.), Sims (Dem. Tenn.) and Burgess (Dem. Tex.).

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Reviews History of Uprising.

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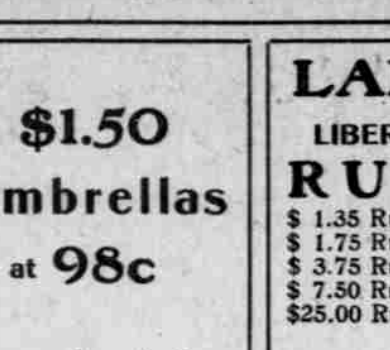
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