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Democrats Will Not Oppose the Treaty.

PEOPLE'S VOICE IS HEARD

Commercial Benefits Weigh Heavier Than Politics.

SENATORS HOLD CONFERENCE

They Say Republicans Are in Possession of Facts Withheld From Them, and Gorman is Authorized to Name Committee of Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—A conference of the Democratic Senators to discuss the Panama situation was held today. More than two hours were consumed in consideration of the various plans suggested of getting full information concerning the alleged participation by United States officials in the revolution on the isthmus. Nearly every Senator spoke, and it was the unanimous opinion that the Republican Senators are in possession of facts which have been withheld from the Democrats. Despite this feeling, it was agreed that there is no way the canal treaty can be defeated in the Senate. It was admitted that a number of Democrats must vote for ratification of the convention, as their geographical position and the consequent commercial conditions demand it.

Just before the close of the conference, a motion was adopted, authorizing Senator Gorman to appoint a committee to draft a composite resolution incorporating which will have the unanimous support of the Democrats. This committee was instructed to report tomorrow. The committee as announced by Gorman is composed of Senators Carmack, Cockrell and Culberson. The resolutions introduced in the Senate by Gorman, Morgan and Carback and others, calling for information concerning the Panama revolution and the formation of the Republic of Panama, will be considered in drafting the resolution, which it is expected will be adopted at tomorrow's conference.

SENATORS TALK ON PANAMA. Resolutions for Postal Investigation Sent to Committee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The Senate required less than a minute to dispose of the motion to refer to the committee on postoffices the various resolutions looking to an investigation of the Postoffice Department. The question had been previously debated for hours at a time, but today no Senator manifested any disposition to discuss it further, and it was adopted without a dissenting voice.

After the passage of a half dozen bills, the Senate returned to consideration of the Panama question. Quarles spoke for almost two hours in support of the course of the Administration and was followed by Patterson, who criticized the President's course in Panama. Patterson was subjected to many interruptions and had not concluded when the Senate adjourned.

Shortly after the Senate met a bill was passed affording relief to settlers on public lands in Oregon who have been granted to the Northern Pacific Railroad Company. The following bills also were passed:

Providing for the establishment of a live-saving station in vicinity of Cape Flattery, State of Washington; granting lands in Missoula County, Montana, for university purposes to the University of that state; and the Senate then took up and adopted the motion of Lodge to refer the Postoffice Department resolutions to the committee on postoffices. The action was taken without further debate.

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Idea of parliamentary proprieties, and he made the point of order that conversations were not in accordance with the rules of the Senate. The chair rapped for order, and Senator Spooner responded, said the Senator from Alabama was entirely right. The fault was all his own, he said, and he temporarily retired. Not ten minutes afterward, however, the two Senators again were standing together in the aisle.

HOUSE TALKS OF PURE FOOD. Hepburn Bill is Considered, and Will Come Up Again Today.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The House today considered the Hepburn pure-food bill, but did not complete it. When the House was ready to adjourn, on motion of Hepburn a recess was taken until 11:35 tomorrow. This course will retain the bill before the House without interruption for consideration tomorrow.

Just before the recess an amendment coming from the Democratic side was adopted inserting the word "willfully" relative to the sale of prohibited adulterated goods by the retailers, which would make it incumbent on the Government to prove knowledge on the part of the retailers that such goods were contrary to law.

The House then proceeded with the call for committees.

Hepburn announced on completion of the call of committees that the House go into committee of the whole for consideration of the pure-food bill. His motion prevailed. It was agreed that there should be four hours' debate.

Mann (Ill.), from the committee on interstate and foreign commerce, in charge of the bill, opened the debate. Upon his desk was an array of bottles and jars containing liquids and preserves, to which he referred as he proceeded. The bill, he said, practically was the same as that passed at the last session, and it had the approval of Government officials.

Adamson (Dem., Ga.) opposed the bill. Shackelford (Dem., Mo.), while favoring much contained in the measure, opposed certain features of it.

Bell (Dem., Cal.) favored the measure. An argument which met enthusiastic applause from the minority side, in favor of reciprocity with Canada, was made by Sullivan (Dem., Mass.). He declared such a treaty would defeat the Chamberlain

free-trade idea between Great Britain and her colonies. Several amendments to the bill were offered during its reading by sections. All were lost except one offered by Stevens (Dem., Tex.), making it necessary for the Government to "show willful intent to deceive on the part of the defendants" under the measure. This amendment was adopted by a vote of 106 to 106. The House took recess at 5:25 o'clock until 11:35 A. M. tomorrow.

Money Needed for Postal Routes. WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—An urgent deficiency appropriation of \$300,000 was requested of the House today by Postmaster-General Payne to enable the establishment of rural free delivery routes after March 1, when the present funds will be exhausted. On January 15 there were in operation 11,968 routes; 64 more have been ordered established by February 1, and 39

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Closing Mails to Many Schemes. WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Senator Penrose today introduced a bill to prohibit the use of the mails in the conduct of various chain coupon and chain investment schemes. Estimate for Naval Station. WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—An estimate of \$262,375 for the naval station at Olongapo, P. I., was transmitted to the House today from Secretary Moody. Consuls for New Chinese Posts. WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The President today sent to the Senate the following nominations: Consul-General, Fleming D. Cheshire, of New York, at Mukden, China. Consuls: James W. Davidson, of Minnesota, at An Tung, China; Edwin V. Morgan, of New York, at Dalny, China. Pay Diplomats to Panama. WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—A request for an immediate appropriation to defray the expenses of the diplomatic service of the United States in the Republic of Panama was transmitted to the House today from the State Department. The draft of an act accompanies the request. This fixes the salary of the Minister at \$30,000 annually, and that of the Secretary of the Legation at \$2500. New Statehood Bill. WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Senator Quay introduced a bill today providing for the admission of Oklahoma and Indian Territory as one state.

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Winter Shoes in the Clearance. GRAND REMOVAL SALE OF GOOD SHOES. We're already looking forward to moving the new Shoe Store to the new Annex. When the Spring Shoe selling season starts the stocks now here will be gone to new owners and new goods will fill the shelves in the new store. The persuasive force of matchless bargain prices must be the lever to move them. SHOES WITHOUT SHAMS—Good, fashionable, and even famous makes of shoes, the best bargains that ever our store news has told of.

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