

NO ACT OF WAR

Platt Defends Roosevelt in Panama.

IS BRAVE AS WELL AS JUST

Democrat's Criticism Based on Generalities.

MORGAN SUPPORTS HIS BILL

He Contends Appropriation Item Was Inserted With a View to Pacifying Colombia and Securing the Canal.

DEFENSE OF ROOSEVELT.

His (Roosevelt's) act stands out as that of a brave and fearless man; as that of a man who is neither rash nor impetuous. He did the right thing at the right time, the thing which will insure the building of the canal, which has been long delayed. Whatever Roosevelt may do in the present or any other term of office, this act will stand forth as the greatest of his career. Independently of the treaty of 1846, the United States had the right to protect transit across the isthmus, even against Colombia. Indeed, we were bound not only to protect our own interests on the isthmus, but those of the civilized world. Commander Hubbard and his 42 men had nothing to do with the burning of the depot of the Colombian troops.—Extract from speech of Senator Platt.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Senator Platt (Conn.) concluded his speech on Panama today. He defended the course of the President throughout the Panama revolt, and endorsed the Executive personally as brave and fearless. During the morning Morgan spoke in explanation of his bill for the annexation of Panama to the United States, basing his argument on the ground that the pending canal treaty contemplated that result. Morgan called for the reading of the bill introduced by him yesterday for the annexation of Panama to the United States, after the disposal of routine business, and also of the resolution directing the President to enter into treaties for the construction of a canal via the Nicaragua route. He then entered upon a formal explanation of the two measures.

Blames President for Conditions.
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WANT NO HEARST

Capital Losing Faith in the Democrats.

IS IN DESPERATE STRAITS

Hanna, Foraker or Any "Favorite Son" Now Desired.

ROOSEVELT HOLDS HIS LEAD

Platt and Quay Both Declare They Will Stay by Him, and Without Their Delegations Opposition Can Make No Headway.

ORONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash., Jan. 21.—It is evident that the declaration of Mr. Bryan, taken in connection with the persistent efforts of Hearst to capture the Presidential nomination, has frightened the moneyed interests that had determined to support the Democratic candidate, and elect him if possible. This inference can be drawn from the determination to force Hanna or some other candidate into the lead against Roosevelt. Already there is talk of Fairbanks, Cannon and Spooner, with the apparent effort of getting a "favorite son" movement started.

There is reports that the same methods used to defeat Bryan in 1896 are being used to defeat the nomination of Roosevelt, and railroads, banks and corporations are believed to be in it. At present the greatest stumbling block in the way of any movement against Roosevelt is the attitude of Platt and Quay. Platt asserts Roosevelt can carry New York; declares the President will have the New York delegation, and makes it plain that the efforts of the financial interests in his state are not influencing sentiment. Senator Quay, before leaving for Florida today, said Pennsylvania would be for Roosevelt.

"If necessary," said Senator Quay, "I shall go upon the floor of the Senate convention at Harrisburg and move that the delegates-at-large be instructed to vote for Roosevelt."

Senator Quay added that the instructions of the district delegates would depend largely upon the rules existing in the several districts. In some districts it is not customary to instruct. He intimated, however, that he thought it quite likely the districts would take their cue from the State Convention, and that Pennsylvania's 68 votes in the convention would be pledged to Roosevelt. No matter what other political leaders may do, and no matter how determined are the efforts of the financial interests, unless the New York and Pennsylvania delegations can be controlled against Roosevelt, little headway can be made against his nomination.

Rights Superior to Treaty.

Platt said that our rights on the isthmus were superior to those of any treaty. He said President Roosevelt had the right to send troops to Panama to protect American interests and American lives and property as President McKinley had done in 1898. He said he would take the word of the President against that of any newspaper article, signed or unsigned.

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AS FIRM AS EVER

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STILL PREPARING FOR WAR.

TOKIO, Jan. 21.—The Japanese Government is still preparing for war, and the Pacific reports that are emanating from Paris, London, St. Petersburg and Washington find no response here, either in sentiment or in governmental action. This fact was doubly emphasized tonight, when the news became public that the government was getting ready to negotiate an internal loan amounting to 100,000,000 yen. There will be no trouble meeting the loan, as the prominent Japanese merchants have announced their willingness to take care of all of the war bonds that it may be found necessary to issue.

Lieutenant Mitchell Goes to Hospital.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash., Jan. 21.—Lieutenant Shram E. Mitchell, son of Senator Mitchell, who has been here for the past three weeks, was today, after examination by the Chief Surgeon, ordered to the General Hospital, Washington Barracks, for treatment on account of an injury to his leg received on his recent trip to Alaska with a squad of soldiers. He had been confined to his room some two or three weeks before leaving Vancouver Barracks, but the trouble returned, necessitating immediate and careful treatment.

Baker City Man Gets Appointment.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash., Jan. 21.—The Oregon delegation has recommended Walter Moore, of Baker City, for appointment as Deputy United States Marshal to succeed Albert A. Roberts, who was recently appointed Receiver of the La Grande Land Office.

Inventor of Needle-Threader.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Simon S. Goldman, said to have been the inventor of the Tucker needle-threader, in general use on sewing machines, is dead of heart disease at his home here.

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TAKE UP '05 BILL MONDAY.

Members of the House Committee Will Be Well Informed.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash., Jan. 21.—It is not probable that the House committee will consider the Lewis and Clark bill before Monday. The statements of the Oregon men will not be printed before Saturday, and Chairman Tammey desires members of the committee to have an opportunity to read what was said before the meeting to consider the bill.

Private Bills by Herrmann.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash., Jan. 21.—Representative Herrmann has introduced a number of private bills, as follows:

For the relief of George MacGhee, of Douglas County, on account of losses he sustained as a mail contractor; to amend N. E. Mead and James W. Weaver, of Josephine County; to reimburse James H. Aikin for losses sustained in connection with the deprecation at the Cascades of the Columbia in 1886.

Mr. Herrmann has also presented to the House a memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of Coos Bay for the extension of the improvement of the entrance to that waterway.

Demands as to Integrity of Corea Will Be Met.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—A statement is published in London this morning with an air of authority to the effect that the question of a neutral zone has disappeared from the Russo-Japanese negotiations. Although it is impossible to confirm this statement it agrees with other inspired statements that Russia has acquiesced to Japan's views regarding the integrity of Corea, and the only trouble now remaining relates to Manchuria.

With reference to the ordinances adopted by the Japanese Privy Council at the meeting of January 20 this statement explains that Russian men-of-war have had free access all along, even to the Japanese ports of Nagasaki and Hakodadi, for coaling and other purposes. Japan, therefore, has taken precautionary measures looking to the possible necessity of putting a stop to such visits.

It is said that Japan's domestic loans will amount to \$50,000,000, and that her ordinary disbursements already amount to \$15,000,000.

Special dispatches from St. Petersburg to the Daily Telegraph and the Daily Mail assert that Russia's reply to the latest Japanese note was drawn up yesterday at a Ministerial Council, at which the Czar presided. The tenor of this reply is courteous, but firm, according to M. Witte, president of the Council of Ministers.

Nothing has been given out officially concerning this reply, but it is understood, according to messages from St. Petersburg, that Russia maintains that Manchuria must remain amenable, politically and strategically, to Russian influence.

RUSSIA MUST PRESERVE PRIDE

Strong Men Who Are Urging Peace Meet With Opposition.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 21.—The Foreign office does not offer any indication of when the Russian reply to Japan will be ready.

Some of the strongest men in the empire are working to secure a successful termination of the difficulty, the main feature being a breakdown of the negotiations, but they are meeting with opposition on the ground that the propositions which are acceptable to Japan do not preserve Russian pride.

The Litsko says it expects the crisis to end in an understanding in the form of a treaty supplementary to the Russo-Japanese convention regarding Corea.

M. Kurino, Japan's Minister, believes that the unfortunate tone of the foreign dispatches, including some from New York to London, tend to create irritation.

He deprecates the attempt of the Russian press to "fly the flag of yellow peril," and says:

"The whole history of Japan since the restoration shows her aim and purpose to take her place on the plane of European civilization and become a world power, politically and commercially. Japan is not so narrow as to advocate 'Asia for the Asiatiks.'"

The War Minister's order to convert 27 reserve battalions into regular troops is robbed of significance so far as the present situation is concerned, the order having issued last February.

RUSSIA WOULD BE BOLD AND GO

Permission of Turkey Not Necessary to Get Through Dardanelles.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at the Ploce cables he is able to confirm the reports that Viceroy Alexieff has dismissed many officers at Port Arthur on discovering that instead of having on hand provisions for an army of 200,000 men for two years, as had been supposed, there were sufficient stores of an inferior quality for only six months.

Under date of Constantinople a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph cables that although there is no present intention of moving the Russian Black Sea fleet, there is little doubt that if the necessity arose Russia would not wait to ask Turkey's permission to make this move, but suddenly would appear at the mouth of the Bosphorus and be out of the Dardanelles within 18 hours, knowing well the Turks would be unable to resist unless backed by a strong European fleet.

The Tokio correspondent of the Times cables it will probably be necessary to remove the entire Japanese population from Vladivostok, as they are suffering greatly at the hands of the Russians.

Cabling from Moscow, a correspondent of the Times says that Grand Duke Vladimir, commander-in-chief of the St. Petersburg military division, and Grand Duke Serge, military commander at Moscow, are strongly supporting Viceroy Alexieff and that the Czar, although anxious to avoid war, is not wavering. The volunteer cruiser Lamboff is under orders to leave Sebastopol shortly with a full complement of men and a cargo of military stores.

The Pekin correspondent of the Times

EMPEROR OF COREA IGNORANT AND SUPERSTITIOUS

HEU-YI, RULER OF THE LAND OF MORNING CALM.

HEU-YI, the Korean ruler, has but recently assumed the title of Emperor. He was satisfied to be a plain King when he ascended the throne in 1894, but the attention paid him by foreign powers caused him to assume the higher title in 1897. He claims to be the descendant of a dynasty that came into power in 1392, but however this may be, it has brought him little enlightenment, for the man himself is ignorant and superstitious. He makes no important movement without consulting soothsayers and fortune-tellers, and is described as being effeminate and devoid of courage. His wife, who is known as Empress Om, is said to be the daughter of a missionary who preached the Christian gospel some years ago at Seoul. The native name for Corea is Ch'ao-hsen, meaning chosen. It is also called the Land of Morning Calm.

ROB EXPRESS CAR

Unseen Thieves Escape With Treasure-Box.

TRAIN WAS ON STEEP GRADE

Limited Was Between San Luis Obispo and San Ardo.

MESSENGER HAD LEFT CAR

Rumor Has It That \$80,000 Was Taken, but the Express Company Officials Put the Loss in the Hundreds.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—While the Southern Pacific Company's Sunset Limited train was climbing the rough mountains between San Luis Obispo and San Ardo last night a Wells-Fargo & Co. treasure-box was mysteriously stolen out of the express car by some unknown person or persons.

Timothy Sullivan, the messenger, was in another car and when he returned, he found the side door of the express car open and the safe missing. The robber or robbers gained entrance to the car through the end door, the lock of which had been forced.

Sullivan at once notified the railway officials of the robbery and a search for the missing safe resulted in finding it near tunnel No. 2. It had been broken into and its contents had been taken with the exception of a valuable diamond, some checks and other valuable papers.

Loss Is Not Determined.

The amount of treasure that was being carried in the safe has not been determined. The express officials state that it was only a few hundred dollars, but that there were some valuable papers. Estimates from the scene of the robbery place the amount as high as \$80,000, but it is thought this estimate is a greatly exaggerated one.

The express car carried two safes, one a through safe, which is locked at New Orleans, and the other a local safe. It was the local one that was taken. One man is under arrest at San Luis Obispo on suspicion of being one of the robbers, but the evidence against him is only circumstantial.

Easy to Escape From Train.

The slow progress of the train would have permitted the robbers entering the express car, throwing out the safe and jumping out after it without danger.

At the office of Wells, Fargo & Co. in this city little information regarding the robbery was obtainable. It was admitted that the safe of Messenger T. Sullivan had been taken during his temporary absence from the car, but regarding the details of the affair the officials of the company were reticent. The report that the amount taken aggregated about \$80,000 was denied, and the statement made that the contents of the purloined safe were of little value. No definite figures, however, were given.

Searching for a Clue.

The officers seeking a clue to the mysterious crime are headed by Special Detective Thacker, of Wells, Fargo & Co., who is thoroughly familiar with a section of the state where it occurred. They have already learned that the missing safe has been found in the rough lands alongside the track. It has been rifled of its contents, but the robber or robbers had overlooked a good-sized diamond and some papers which may be of value.

Andrew Christensen, manager of the Pacific department of Wells, Fargo & Co., says that there was very little in the box, but there is a report that one package sent from Santa Barbara was worth about \$1000. He added that Timothy Sullivan, the messenger in charge of the car, was an old employe and thoroughly reliable.

No One Saw the Highwaymen.

On the arrival of the train in this city Messenger Sullivan told of the robbery to Yardmaster Perdell. He said that shortly after the train left San Luis Obispo on its way north, he left the express car, and in the discharge of his duties went into the baggage car, immediately behind his helper was in a compartment of one of the cars. While the express car was thus temporarily vacant, the thieves, possibly hoboos, who had been stealing a ride, cut a hole in the front door and entered. They then forced open the side door, threw out the safe and presumably jumped after it. This was an easy matter, as the train was moving very slowly on an up grade.

None of the passengers or trainmen saw the crime committed, nor did the express messenger know of the robbery until when upon returning to the express car he missed the safe. At first it was reported that the train had been held up and considerable anxiety was manifested regarding the safety of those on board, but this rumor was soon proved to be unfounded.

There were two safes on the train, one of which is locked at New Orleans, the other being a depository for local valuables, which seldom contains more than \$1500. It was the latter safe that was stolen.

CONVENTION DATE CHANGED.

Educators Will Now Meet June 28 Instead of July 5.

WINONA, Minn., Jan. 21.—Announcement was made tonight by Irwin Shepard, secretary of the National Educational Association, that the date of the opening of the annual convention in St. Louis from July 5 to June 28.

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