

RENEWALS BACK ON CANAL BOARD

Gorman Insists Salaries Are Too High and Power Is Too Great.

CONGRESS MAY EXAMINE

Senate Debates Message on Canal. Rayner Accuses Roosevelt of Substituting New Doctrine for Monroe Doctrine.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The Senate today gave attention to the Panama Canal, the situation in Santo Domingo and the merchant marine shipping bill.

The canal question came up in connection with a message from the President, in which, among other things, he invited the closest scrutiny into all that had been done by the Government in the isthmus of Panama.

Rayner's Maiden Speech.

The Dominican discussion arose upon Tillman's resolution making inquiry of the President concerning the status of affairs in the island republic.

Gallinger opened the debate on the merchant marine shipping bill, presenting an extensive array of figures in support of that measure.

Gorman's Biting Sarcasm.

After the reading of the President's message on the Panama Canal, Gorman said in part: "I think the country should be highly gratified by the extraordinary statement the President makes in regard to this great work."

Gorman condemned the manner of making appropriations for the various departments, and said that Congress should review all these.

Hale agreed that Congress has fallen into a bad habit of appropriating large sums without closely regulating the manner of expenditure.

The letter and reports were referred to the committee on interoceanic canals.

Rayner on Monroe Doctrine.

Rayner was given the floor. Although a frequent speaker when he was in the House, today's speech was his maiden effort as a Senator.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of the Senate, the United States ought not to assume any liability for the payment of any indebtedness of Central or South America to European or other powers and ought not to interfere with foreign governments asserting against those republics civil rights in regard to the judgment and procedure of international law.

Resolved further, That the United States ought not, by war or the threat of menace of war, to enforce the performance of contractual obligations entered into between its own citizens and any of those republics, but in such cases should limit its jurisdiction toward obtaining relief for the claimants to the friendly offices of the ministers or diplomatic agents of the United States.

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cial over the islands of the Caribbean or the Latin-American republics.

He asked whether the President contemplated the bombardment of a Caribbean port to enforce payment of a debt. He called the present policy the Roosevelt doctrine, and defined it as follows: First, the only way except by actual war that one nation can forcibly assert a major claim against another is by blockade, bombardment or the seizure of its custom-houses, and under the accepted laws of nations foreign governments are within their rights if they choose to exercise their prerogatives when they actively intervene in support of the contractual claims of their subjects.

Only Debt-Collecting Business.

He proceeded to deny the right of any government to enforce the contractual claims of its citizens by active intervention in another country, saying nearly every Secretary of State had denied such a right. He denied the correctness of the President's assumption that the seizure of a custom-house or a blockade was equivalent to a seizure of territory.

Rayner referred to the seizure of Corinto, Nicaragua, by Great Britain, to compel payment of the debt which did not summon the specter of Monroe. "The new Monroe doctrine," he said, "is stated by a financial doctrine. The theme is money, the legend is cash, and the foreign hordes who are advancing into the State Department are a syndicate of relentless rascals who are money-lenders who traffic in calamity, look upon National misfortunes as so much merchandise, and who for a venal profit would call a vendue and auction to the highest bidder for the liberties of mankind."

Quoting from a speech of Secretary Taft, in which he said this Government is to take temporary possession of Santo Domingo as a receiver, Mr. Rayner declared he found no clause in the Constitution empowering the Government to act as a receiver, and continued: "As Secretary of War, upon frequent occasions I have been asked to question the Governor-General of the Philippines, and in the absence of the President, acting President of the United States, I am quite sure that Mr. Taft has not the time to act as receiver for all the impetuous people on this earth. We will therefore evidently have to provide a new portfolio, to be known as the Department of Foreign Receiverships, and its chief officer to be known as the Secretary of Foreign Bankruptcy."

He urged that the President had made a grave error in supposing he had a right to put in effect a treaty before it had been ratified. He concluded by saying: "I would rather see the flag lowered and trampled upon than see a pirate's ensign raised as an emblem of honor, but as an instrument of terror and oppression to the helpless and enslaved races of mankind."

Rayner, during his speech, branched off from the Santo Domingo question and denounced in emphatic terms the Jewish persecutions in Russia. He said the Jews would submit to every indignity rather than abandon their creed. He advocated a demand upon "this barbarous Prince" to grant the Jewish people their rights, or no longer be permitted to have intercourse with foreign nations.

Gallinger on Ship Subsidies.

The Senate took up the merchant marine shipping bill and Gallinger spoke in support of that measure. Quoting the utterances of Presidents McKinley and Roosevelt on the importance of building up the merchant marine, he urged Congress to heed these admonitions by passing a law that would relieve the situation. He said: "Today, alone of all the nations ambitious for mercantile expansion, the United States neglects its ocean shipping. Our coast and our flag are the most prosperous and the greatest in the world. Taking the coast, lake and river ships together, we have a merchant navy of 3,200,000 tons, and our fleet of 10,000 steamships, 300,000 tons, and 100,000 sailing ships, 1,000,000 tons registered for foreign commerce. The gradual disappearance of our shipyards, the bankruptcy of our shipbuilders, the loss of our skilled mechanics and seamen, though a calamity and a great one, is far less serious than the crippling and withering effect of our lack of American ships in the export trade of the United States."

William McKinley's prophetic vision in that final address of his to his countrymen saw that without ships of our own, our goods to our customers, we should be more and more hopelessly handicapped against our maritime competitors in the neutral markets of the world. He said: "The United States alone leaves its merchants, manufacturers, farmers, at the edge of the ocean to get their goods over seas as best they may—by some act of trade or the grace of the foreign merchant, if we lag in the world's markets, if we fall behind even in the Philippines, our own possessions, if we see Germany striding ahead of us in the Orient, and all Europe grasping South America by commercial bonds stronger than the Monroe doctrine, the fault is our own, and in our own hands lies the remedy. Regarding the construction of our ships, foreign engineers will do this work more cheaply than we can do it ourselves, why not let them? Mr. Gallinger said that "this plea is nothing but the fundamental free trade argument in the most extreme form in which it is possible to state it."

What Other Nations Do.

Gallinger outlined the various measures adopted by Great Britain, Germany and France for the strengthening of their shipping interests, he quoted figures to show that France and England each pay more in the way of subvention to a single line of steamers, than this Government pays to our entire merchant marine, and adds: "Britain, France, Germany, all make generous provision by national subvention for competitive sea routes, their ships, their merchandise under their national flags in the neutral distant markets. Even the smaller powers—Spain, Italy, Austria, Portugal and last, but not least, Japan—do the same thing. The United States alone leaves its merchants, manufacturers, farmers, at the edge of the ocean to get their goods over seas as best they may—by some act of trade or the grace of the foreign merchant, if we lag in the world's markets, if we fall behind even in the Philippines, our own possessions, if we see Germany striding ahead of us in the Orient, and all Europe grasping South America by commercial bonds stronger than the Monroe doctrine, the fault is our own, and in our own hands lies the remedy."

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