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CANAL BILL DELAYED.

Two Men of Peace in the Senate Want to Prepare the Country for War.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—A special to the Herald from Washington, says:

Immediate ratification of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty permitting the construction of an isthmian canal by the United States need not be expected.

A careful canvass made of the senate does not indicate, however, that this opposition is sufficiently strong to either secure the adoption of an amendment providing for fortifications or to prevent the ratification of the treaty.

The principal advocates of an amendment in favor of military defenses are Senators Mason and Allen, who are rarely in sympathy with anything done by the administration.

A meeting of the committee on foreign relations has been called for tomorrow to consider the treaty.

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reference to the cession of the Danish West Indies have been officially exchanged between the United States and Denmark.

Negotiations are also in progress with Ecuador for the cession of Chatham Island, of the Galapagos group, to this government.

There is authority for the statement that Secretary Hay, before agreeing to the provision prohibiting the establishment of fortifications at the terminal of the canal, carefully considered the possessions of the United States in the immediate vicinity and that in instituting negotiations with Ecuador for Chatham Island and with Denmark for the Danish West Indies, he was actuated by a desire to secure sites for naval stations which would effectively control the approaches to the canal.

No doubt is expressed that the United States will be able to secure the consent of both Denmark and Ecuador to the acquisition of the islands it seeks, but it is understood this government is not hurrying the negotiations.

THE SUGAR TRUST.

Havemeyer Denies That It Has Been Shut Down by Lack of Orders.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—President Havemeyer, of the American Sugar Refining Company, was questioned regarding the reports that the leading refineries of the country had been closed down as a result of the loss of business, particularly because of the loss of large quantities of condensed milk concentrates.

"The reports are totally untrue," said Mr. Havemeyer. "We have lost no business and we do not intend to lose any."

"The only refineries that have been closed down are the Spreckels refinery in Philadelphia, and the Jersey City refinery. These have closed down to take account of stock and to clean up. This is usual at the end of the year, but the demand during the holidays and continuing through January was so unusual that the closing was deferred until now. The Boston refinery will resume on Saturday. The Boston refinery may also close for a day or two, but the Williamsburg refineries will not be closed."

The effect on the stock market of the reports referred to was a decline of about five points on sugar trust stock.

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STATE DEPARTMENT SURPRISED.

Opposition to Hay-Pauncefote Treaty May Defeat the Measure.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The state department officials are surprised at the amount of criticism that has been directed against the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, but feel confident that it will be consummated, providing it is not amended, especially as to the fortification clause. It is insisted by the officials that the amendment on that point would completely defeat the treaty.

FRESH INDIAN TROUBLE.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 7.—Word has been received by the department of Indian affairs and by the police authorities of fresh troubles among the Indians of Upper Liard. Seven members of a Scotch-Indian family named McLavishes are said to have been murdered. There was an epidemic of scurvy last fall and the story was started among the Indians that the McLavishes had caused it by witchcraft. A council was held, the McLavishes condemned and a night attack planned for their destruction. Setting fire to the McLavishes' home, the savages shot their victims as they attempted to escape the flames, only one of the family of eight succeeded in fleeing.

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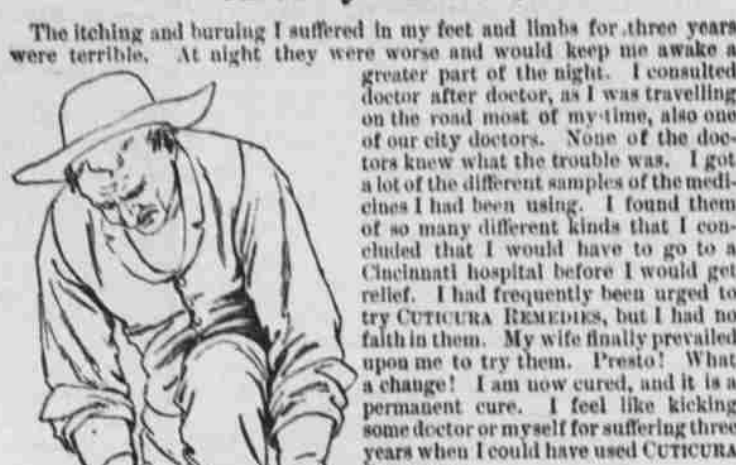
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The investigating committee went into executive session to decide the matter, finally announcing that for the present, testimony relating to the campaign of 1893 would be excluded. Powell Black, a member of the Montana legislature, was then recalled. He denied all the testimony of Whiteside and Rector connecting his name with bribery in the senatorial contest. Walter M. Bickford was then called. He was formerly a law partner of Stiff, speaker of the house, and one of the most prominent witnesses for the prosecution in the Clark case.

Bickford denied having suggested to Stiff that in return for his support, Clark would appoint him one of his attorneys. The McLaughlin transaction was explained at length, the witness stating that Clark wanted McLaughlin's timber land in order to protect himself against monopoly. Recess was then taken until 2 p. m.

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each of the entrances and thus be able to physically force neutrality if for any reason it was feared it could not be morally enforced.

To those who point out that Great Britain is physically able to control the Suez canal by her strong defenses at Gibraltar, the answer is made that with a naval base at San Juan, Puerto Rico and the probable acquisition of the Danish and Galapagos islands, the United States will be in as good position to offer military resistance to any attempted violation of the neutrality of the Nicaraguan canal as Great Britain is connected with the Suez canal.

Discussion over the Hay-Pauncefote treaty may delay somewhat final action on the Nicaraguan canal bill, but it is the opinion of Messrs. Morgan, Aldrich and other leaders in the senate and Mr. Hepburn and other leaders in the house that it will not prevent the final passage of the bill this session.

If the treaty is ratified in its present shape an amendment will have to be made to the pending bill eliminating the provision contemplating the erection of fortifications at the termini of the canal. If any delay occurs, it will be over these amendments.

Senator Morgan, the author of the pending bill in the senate, says there is no necessity for a radical amendment of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. "There are some men in the senate," he said, "who would propose an amendment to the ten commandments if they were sent in here by God Almighty himself. I do not believe any material amendment to the pending treaty is required to protect our rights in the canal. All this talk about the fortifying of the canal for protection of our interests in case of war is, to say the least, without reason, and should not receive consideration."

Senator Platt, of New York, said: "What is the necessity for fortifications, if you are going to have an international agreement for absolute neutrality. I can see no reason for an amendment and do not believe there will be any."

Representative Hepburn, chairman of the house caucus, in charge of the Nicaraguan canal bill, said tonight he did not care to discuss the treaty and its bearings on the canal until he had an opportunity to study it and determine just what its different provisions meant.

There will be no change in the present plans of the committee. Mr. Hepburn is at work on the report on the bill, and expects to submit it to the house before the end of the week. He will then take the first opportunity to get the measure before the house.

AFFAIRS IN VENEZUELA.

Gunboat Machias Has Been Dispatched to Puerto Cabello in American Interests.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—A special to the Herald from Washington says. Disturbing events in Venezuela, reported to the state department by Minister Loomis, are responsible for the dispatch of the gunboat Machias by Rear-Admiral Farquhar to the Venezuelan port of Puerto Cabello.

According to the department's information, General Hernandez has not given up his struggle to gain the presidency of Venezuela. With a considerable following he is making preparations to renew the war with General Castro and it is expected that a conflict will soon occur. The Machias will remain in Venezuelan waters until foreign interests can be protected by the local government.

The authorities have been informed that a disturbing condition of affairs also exists in Santo Domingo. As soon as the Machias can be relieved from duty in Venezuelan waters, she will be ordered to proceed to Santo Domingo.

EDISON GROWING BETTER.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—A special to the Record from Akron, O., says: The condition of Thomas A. Edison, who has been ill in this city since Sunday, suffering from an attack of acute influenza, is reported by his physicians to be better. The physicians think he should be able to leave for the east by Saturday.

DANISH WEST INDIES.

Probability That McKinley Will Extend American Control to Other Valuable Territories.

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The Giant Despair.

One of the most terrible things about the nervous diseases to which women are peculiarly subject is the sense of overwhelming despair which they bring upon the mind. A woman's mental condition is directly and powerfully affected by any ailment of the delicate, special organs of her sex. Such a difficulty not only racks her body with pain and suffering but burdens her with mental anguish which words can hardly describe.

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