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PANAMA COMPANY OPPOSING BILL

Hopes to Defeat Acceptance of Nicaragua Route for the Great Canal.

LOBBYISTS IN WASHINGTON

Senate Committee on Isthmian Canal Authorized Favorable Report on Morgan's Nicaragua Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The senate committee on isthmian canal today authorized a favorable report on Senator Morgan's bill providing for the acquisition of Nicaragua and Costa Rica of the right of way via the Nicaraguan route. Senator Morgan later presented this report to the senate, accompanying the return of the bill with a report on the subject of a canal across the isthmus. Action on the bill providing for the construction of the canal was deferred.

Senator Morgan's report deals with many questions connected with the construction of the canal, including a thorough inquiry into the attitude of Great Britain upon the subject and the different canal routes. He also discussed the relationship of the Panama Canal Company to the construction by the United States of a waterway across the isthmus, and while he makes reference to a letter written by President H. W. Taft, he does not give the text of the communication. Mr. Morgan says the letter to Secretary Hay was dated November 22, and that it was written after Admiral Walker, as president of the commission, had closed his correspondence with Mr. H. W. Taft, relating to the sale of the Panama canal. He then adds:

"The letter to Mr. Hay, with the appendices thereto and the memoranda that accompany it, is an attack on the president of the commission, replete with false assumptions and pervasions of facts, and is evidently intended to create a side issue, the debate upon which, it is hoped by Mr. H. W. Taft, will delay, if it does not defeat, the final action of congress in providing for the construction of the canal."

"This proceeding and the placing of this correspondence in the hands of the president of the United States by Mr. H. W. Taft, with a request that it be communicated to congress is but a continuation of the presumptuous and offensive proposition previously made by the Panama Canal Company. This company, in a previous administration, had succeeded in obtaining the resignation of a secretary of the navy to accept a nominal position in their service at a large salary, and expended \$1,500,000 in New York chiefly in acquiring the aid of leading business houses in promoting the De Lesseps plan, without a dollar of stock being subscribed in that company."

"The desperate financial straits of the new Panama Canal Company compelled them to make overtures to the United States to unload their enterprise on the United States, and their agents became accordingly aggressive in this effort."

After quoting a letter from Sullivan and Cornwell, attorney for the Panama Canal Company, directed to the president, and dated April 30, 1900, in which they ask the president to advise congress of the attitude of the Panama Canal Company, the report says:

"The manifest purpose of this company to interfere with legislation by asking the president to inform congress of the state of facts, as alleged, of which congress is presumably without knowledge, is an insult to the intelligence of congress. It is an insolent invitation to the president to control the action of congress so that they shall not act upon bills reported by the committee."

Senator Morgan again refers to the letter to Secretary Hay, of last November, saying that M. H. W. Taft previously had made unmistakable proposals to sell the Panama property to the United States and adding, yet M. H. W. Taft in his correspondence with Admiral Walker and his letter and accompanying memorandum sent to Mr. Hay first assumes and then states and argues and finally insists that the United States offered to purchase their property and that when the company agreed to sell it the isthmian canal commission refused to enter into the scheme of arbitration to ascertain the value of it. He imputes bad faith to the commission and severely criticizes their dealing with the canal company.

Proceeding, the report says that Admiral Walker did not more than ask legitimate questions of M. H. W. Taft and there was then no intimation of the proposition to purchase. In this connection Admiral Walker's letter of October 22 last to M. H. W. Taft is published and of this Senator Morgan says that "it utterly breaks down the pretension of M. H. W. Taft that the United States through Admiral Walker was engaged in an effort to purchase the property of the Panama canal."

He adds that this letter dispels every possible criticism of Admiral Walker and that commission of which he is president. The conclusion with reference to this point of the controversy is set forth in the following language:

"The motive for this unseemly and unprecedented misconduct must be either that this canal company is desperate in its purpose to unload its property upon the United States because French stockholders have lost faith in its success, or that it is endeavoring to prevent the completion of any canal in competition with its Panama railroad, the shares of which they value at \$500 face value, being \$100 per share on account of its enormous earnings."

NO PLACE FOR THEM.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The Democratic leaders of the senate have notified the Republicans that the minority does not feel called upon to provide committee places for either Senator McLaurin or Senator Wellington. It is understood that the Republicans will assign those members to committees.

WILL VOTE MONDAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The senate agreed today to take a vote before adjournment Monday on the new Hay-Pauncefote treaty for the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and opening the way for the construction of the canal across the isthmus of Panama by the United States.

NEW RATE ANNOUNCED.

O. R. & N. Reduces Fares to Omaha and Kansas City.

PORTLAND, Dec. 12.—Today the O. R. & N. Co. announced that a rate of \$25 for second-class passage would be made between Omaha and Kansas City and Portland and Puget Sound points next March and April. The new rate will take the place of the settlers' rates, that were withdrawn several months ago. It is thought here there is no connection between it and the old condition of affairs.

MEET AT WASHINGTON.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—The executive committee of the national council, G. A. R., tonight decided to hold the next annual encampment at Washington, D. C. It has been directed that the encampment will be held in the fall, although the exact date will not be selected until tomorrow.

JACK WADE MUST HANG

IS CONVICTED OF MURDERING YOUNG MORROW.

Says He Is Ready to Atone for His Crime with His Own Life—Wonderfully Cool.

PORTLAND, Dec. 12.—With the gallows staring him in the face as Judge Frazer gave the finding of the court this morning that Jack Wade was guilty of murder in the first degree, the prisoner arose from his seat to beg the officials not to feel badly over sentencing him to death, as he was ready to meet it. Such a display of nerve or coolness at such a time and under such conditions has probably never been equaled and may never be repeated.

Of all men in the courtroom Wade was the least affected by the decision of Judge Frazer. If he appreciated the seriousness of the matter, life is worth but little to him, and as he said, "They say life is sweet, but I have traveled over bitter roads, and I only hope that what's to come will not be so hard to bear." His only request at the hands of the court was that he be not sentenced until his partner in the crime is sentenced, and his only fear seems to be that he may have to hang before Dalton does.

In announcing the finding of the court, Judge Frazer said:

"You have pleaded guilty as charged," said Judge Frazer, addressing himself to Wade, "and the law makes it the duty of the court to determine the degree of murder. According to your statement you were a party to the robbery in the course of which life was taken, and under the law it makes no difference who fired that shot. The court sees but one finding, and that is that you are guilty of murder in the first degree."

"I don't want any one to feel disappointed," broke in Wade. "I don't want any one to feel badly, for I tell you, men, I don't feel badly. I don't know why, but maybe it's because here is something that holds me up, don't feel badly about sentencing me, I am hung. I was equally guilty with Dalton."

CHILE-ARGENTINE DISPUTE SERIOUS

The Former Seeking Pretext to Escape Giving Definite Answer to Argentine.

WILL NOT ACCEPT MEDIATION

Military and Naval Preparations Are Being Made by Both Governments to Meet Emergencies.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—In official circles there is a growing conviction that Chile is seeking a pretext to escape from giving a definite reply to the Argentine proposals for the settlement of the dispute in regard to the roads opened in the disputed territory, says the Buenos Ayres correspondent of the Herald.

This belief is based upon the request by Chile for the postponement of the next conference between Senor Yanez, the Chilean secretary of foreign affairs and Senor Portela, Argentine minister to Chile until next Friday.

It is generally believed that the dispute will not be settled on that day, that Argentina will be forced to recall Minister Portela, that the government will send troops to occupy the roads in the disputed territory and that a statement will be made to King Edward of Great Britain, the arbitrator of the boundary question.

Another Buenos Ayres newspaper announces that a private dispatch from Santiago says that the United States minister in Chile has tendered the good offices of the government to prevent hostilities between Argentina and Chile.

The Tribune, President Roosevelt's organ, in commenting on this dispatch, says: "We know that the United States minister (Henry L. Wilson) is not a friend of the Argentine republic. Our government will not accept any foreign mediation. It has decided upon that policy."

Military and naval preparations are being made to meet emergencies. Negotiations are taking place for the purchase of two iron merchantmen to be converted into auxiliary cruisers.

WILL REPLY TODAY.

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 12.—Relations between Chile and Argentine Republic are strained. Chile has not yet replied to the demand for construction of strategic roads in disputed territory. Answer to this demand will be given tomorrow. The Argentine government believes that the Chilean answer will be satisfactory but part of the press doubts this. In the meantime both countries are taking protective measures, although Argentina has not yet mobilized her militia. Chile is busily engaged in buying warships, aiming to surpass the power of Argentine's fleet.

Commercial circles here hope that influence of the Pope will prevent conflict of arms between the two countries.

LAVIGNE-HEGERTY FIGHT.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 12.—George Kid Lavigne knocked out Tim Hegerty, of Australia, in the fourth round tonight.

BLIZZARD IN WYOMING

THE WORST STORM IN RECENT YEARS RAGING THERE.

Railroad Traffic Is Delayed but Trains Are Still Moving—Heavy Loss of Sheep.

LARAMIE, Wyo., Dec. 12.—One of the worst storms in recent years has been raging in Southern Wyoming for the past 24 hours. Snow is falling, accompanied by high winds and falling temperature. Railroad traffic has been delayed, but no blockades have occurred. Reports have been received of heavy losses of sheep.

IN COLORADO.

DENVER, Dec. 12.—Dispatches to the Republican from various parts of the state indicate that the blizzard which has been raging around Denver for the past three days is general, so far as Colorado is concerned.

TO NAME CARDINALS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—A dispatch from Rome to the Tribune says: To maintain the decision of the Pope

not to create any new cardinals in America while Cardinal Gibbons lives and satisfying at the same time the urgent solicitations which some have even attributed to President Roosevelt, it has been suggested to create Archbishop Ireland a cardinal, to reside in Rome, and to make Archbishop Corrigan a cardinal, reserved "in pectore," for announcement after the death of Cardinal Gibbons. It is reported that Dr. Earey auxiliary bishop of New York is now here pushing this plan.

HE PRESSED THE BUTTON.

President Roosevelt Opens Convention of Woodmen of the World.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—President Roosevelt today pushed the button that opened the convention of the Woodmen of the World at Spokane, Washington. The following telegrams were exchanged:

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 12.—To His Excellency, President, Washington, D. C.—On behalf of the Woodmen of the World, comprising a quarter of a million of your fellow citizens, I offer officially our deep appreciation of your kindness in thus recognizing one of the largest humanitarian institutions of the republic with profound respect.

F. A. FALKENBERG, Head Consul.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—P. A. Falkenberg, Head Consul, Spokane.—In opening the grand encampment of Woodmen of the World, it is a pleasure to me to send hearty congratulations and good wishes.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

MURDERED AND ROBBED.

Farmer Clubbed to Death by Unknown Robbers.

DUQUESNE, Ill., Dec. 12.—Bound, gagged and blindfolded the dead body of Ewald Eichhorn, a German farmer, was found in his home last night three miles east of this city by John Thomas, his nephew. Eichhorn was a bachelor and lived alone. He was last seen alive on Saturday and was supposed to have gone to visit relatives at Belleville. The murder was committed with a stick of stove wood, with which Eichhorn's head was beaten to a jelly. Robbery is supposed to have been the motive as Eichhorn had drawn a considerable sum from the bank Friday.

TRAIN ROBBER SENTENCED.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—In the United States district court today Ben Kilpatrick, the Montana train robber suspect, was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment in the state penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri.

STRAIN IS EXCESSIVE

ON THE BRITISH OFFICERS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Lord Kitchener Alone Seems Absolutely Impervious to Wear and Tear.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—A military correspondent of the London Times and New York Times in a message sent from Pretoria declares that the statements that the British troops in South Africa are "stale" are untrue. He says that the men are in splendid condition. This refers both to the regulars and volunteers attached to the various battalions. Some colonials recently recruited at South Africa seaports are less satisfactory.

The correspondent says it is undeniable that the strain on the generals and their staff is excessive. Many of these officers have worked for 12 hours daily for two years. Lord Kitchener alone seems absolutely impervious to wear and tear.

Reinforcements to the number of 25,000 would be immensely valuable, says the correspondent and would render the last stage of the war rapid and complete. The Boers are keeping in the field from 8000 to 10,000 and they are in as good condition as the British. The Boers still believe that European intervention is imminent, that Great Britain is tired of the war and that they have only to hold out long enough in order to make the British so weary that they will surrender.

The correspondent dwells on the difficulty of Lord Kitchener's position. He has 5000 miles of communications to protect, several governments are being re-established; the English population are being brought back and the enemy's families are being looked after. All is being done with a much smaller number of effective troops than has been imagined. The removal of Lord Kitchener would be fatal says the correspondent and would be constructed by the Boers as a great triumph for themselves.

PRICE OF SILVER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Silver 14 1/2.

LABOR ORGANIZER GOES TO PRISON

His Offense Was that of Forming an Association to Raise Price of Labor.

ORGANIZATION IS DISSOLVED

Federation of Workmen of Porto Rico Adjudged Illegal, Because of Alleged Conspiracy.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Dec. 12.—Santiago Iglesias, president of the Federation of Workmen of Porto Rico, with nine companions, was tried in the district court at San Juan yesterday on the charge of conspiracy. Today Iglesias was sentenced to two years, three months and eight days' imprisonment. Several of his companions were sentenced to four months' imprisonment while two were acquitted of the charge of being the founders of an illegal association and conspiracy in August, 1900, to raise the price of labor in Porto Rico. Iglesias, as founder of the conspiracy, gets the heaviest sentence.

Under the Spanish law which is still in force here persons convicted of crime have to pay the costs. The local Federation of Workmen of Porto Rico, which is now a part of the American Federation of Labor, under the presidency of Samuel Gompers, has been ordered to disolve as it has been adjudged illegal because of this conspiracy.

MAY RECOVER DIAMONDS.

Omaha Police Hope to Recover All Jewels Stolen From Portland.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 12.—Chief of Police Donahue said tonight that he expected to recover the \$10,000 worth of diamonds stolen in Portland a month ago. True Johnson and her companion, who were arrested yesterday with a part of the gems in their possession, were put in the sweat box today and the police say it was with very favorable results.

PART ARE RECOVERED.

Kansas City, Kansas, Chief of Police Thinks He Has Part of Jewels.

KANSAS CITY, Kas., Dec. 12.—Diamonds and other jewelry valued at \$500 are in the possession of Chief Siemer, of the Kansas City (Kansas) police department, and that officer believes that he has recovered a portion of the \$10,000 worth of diamonds stolen from Alfred E. Lowenthal at Portland, Oregon, last month. The jewelry was found at the residence of Mrs. Millie Allen, a sister of True Johnson, who with W. H. Woods was arrested in Omaha yesterday, charged with the robbery. Mrs. Allen asserts that the jewelry was left with her by True Johnson.

CATTLE RUSTLER CONVICTED.

Was Member of Noted Gang of Eastern Oregon Cattle Thieves.

BAKER CITY, Dec. 12.—Alexander Meldrum, who was indicted jointly with Manny Howard, the noted cattle rustler, convicted at the last term of court, was today convicted of horse stealing in the circuit court.

Stock interests of Eastern Oregon have suffered fearfully from the stock rustlers during the past few years. Thousands of head of cattle and horses have been taken. The conviction of Howard and Meldrum, it is said, will break up the most noted gang of stock rustlers in the West.

SHIPPING COMBINE.

Puget Sound Transportation Companies Form Alliance.

SEATTLE, Dec. 12.—Eight transportation companies of Seattle and Puget Sound will make permanent the tentative organization which has been in existence for the past six weeks. The organization is for the benefit and protection of the companies and will also assist in settling any differences that may arise between the members. The companies entering the association are as follows: Pacific Coast Steamship Company, Alaska Steamship Company, Frank Waterhouse & Co., Pacific Clipper Line, Pacific Packing & Navigation Company, North American Transportation & Trading Company, Thompson Steamboat Company and LaCrosse Trading & Transportation Company. Other well-known concerns have it is said, signified their intention to affiliate with the association.

SALES OF AMERICAN COTTON.

McKINLEY, Tex., Dec. 12.—Three thousand bales of cotton have been sold here for shipment to Russia and Holland.