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CANAL QUESTION IN THE SENATE

Morgan Secures the Adoption of Resolution to Inquire into Alleged Irregularities.

SAYS A MONOPOLY EXISTS

Declares Relations of Transcontinental Railroads and the Panama Canal Co. Cost Coast People Millions.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The first notes of content between the Nicaragua and Panama routes for the isthmian canal were heard in the senate today. Morgan offered and secured the adoption of a resolution which indicated his purpose to have the committee on inter-oceanic canals inquire into the relations alleged to exist between the transcontinental railroad companies of the United States and Canada and the Panama Canal Company. In explanation of the resolution, Morgan declared that the alleged relations were a "wicked monopoly" which had already cost the people of the Pacific coast millions of dollars.

IN THE HOUSE

Hepburn Holds Floor for Two Hours Answering a Volley of Questions.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The debate of the Nicaragua canal bill in the house was opened today by Hepburn, chairman of the interstate and foreign commerce committee. For two hours he held the floor replying to a volley of questions concerning the recent offer of the Panama Canal Company to sell its property and franchises to the United States for \$40,000,000. Interest in the debate centered almost entirely in this new phase of the subject.

Hepburn maintained that the alleged new offer of the Panama Canal Company was part of the plan of delay. All his utterances along that line were liberally applauded.

ACTION DEFERRED.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The senate committee on inter-oceanic canals has decided to defer all effort to secure action by the senate on the question of a canal across the isthmus of Panama until after the house shall have disposed of the bill now under consideration in the latter body.

TO CRUISE FOR WRECKAGE.

Revenue Cutter Grant to Leave Port Townsend This Morning.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Jan. 7.—The United States revenue cutter Grant sailed this morning for an extended cruise along the shores of the Straits of Fuca, and also along the coast south of Cape Flattery to examine the large amount of wreckage reported along the beach during the past two weeks. It is believed many vessels have met disaster during the continued gales since December 25, as the Indians daily bring reports to Neah Bay of new wreckage coming ashore south of Cape Flattery.

The steamer Alice Gertrude, arriving from Neah Bay today, reports last night's storm down the straits as being of great violence.

WAS BENT ON MURDER.

James Ross Shoots a 14-Year-Old Girl at Everest.

EVERETT, Wash., Jan. 7.—At Stanwood last night, James Ross, 45 years of age, fired both barrels of a shotgun through the panel of a door into the body of Victoria Price, the 14-year-old daughter of a farmer living near there. The girl's life is despaired of. It is said Ross insulted the girl, and, after being thwarted, he became furious with anger. He watched the house and when the girl appeared he fired through the door. Officers are searching for Ross.

One month ago Ross was arrested for assaulting a young woman and was placed under a \$300 bond to keep the peace.

JOHNSON'S STORY DISCREDITED.

Officers of the Wrecked Steamer Deny That He Warned Them.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—Nothing has been heard from the missing victims of the Walla Walla disaster, and it is feared all went down with the steamer.

The statement of Lookout Johnson, made to the coroner at Eureka, that he saw lights on the bark Max and warned the officers on the bridge of the Walla Walla, is denied by them. Other members of the crew of the Walla Walla corroborate Johnson's

assertion that the lights on the French bark were visible. The conflicting statements will be investigated by the United States marine authorities and the responsibility for the disaster fixed.

TO REPLACE FOREIGNERS.

Movement on Foot to Engage More British Sailors.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—A movement has been started in Liverpool to replace foreigners on British ships by British sailors, says a dispatch to the Herald from London.

This is the outcome of an agitation started by Lord Romney. It is pointed out that most vessels under the Union Jack are manned by seamen of other nationalities to such an extent that in the event of a European war the British navy could not protect its mercantile fleet.

PINE WEATHER PREVAILS.

PORTLAND, Jan. 7.—Reports to the O. R. & N. Co., from Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington, show that unusually warm weather for this time of the year prevailed over that territory today. At Umatilla the thermometer registered 70 degrees, which is the highest temperature on record there in January. At Walla Walla the thermometer registered 65 and at Heppner, 64.

FINANCIAL STATUS NOT SATISFACTORY

American Silver Dollar in Manila Worth \$2.10 to One Mexican Silver Dollar.

AN APPEAL TO CONGRESS

Resolutions Passed Urgently Requesting Congress to Meet the Financial Situation—Fix Their Own Ratio.

MANILA, Jan. 7.—Numerous meetings of merchants and others have been held recently at which resolutions were passed urgently requesting congressional action to meet the financial situation here. Since the ratio was officially changed, January 1, for the first quarter of 1902, to be \$2.10 Mexican silver to one American dollar, business transactions of any sort have become difficult. The majority of business houses have

some of the Walla Walla's crew. In speaking of the wreck, he said:

"To begin at the beginning we sailed from San Francisco New Year's day and were passed that afternoon by the Walla Walla. I thought nothing more about her until 8 o'clock the morning of January 2, where we picked up a life boat containing three firemen. These men—I suppose I will have to designate them as men—told me the Walla Walla had sunk; that no one save themselves was left to tell the tale. At first I was inclined to discredit them. They stuck to their story after they were aboard, so I had to believe them. Then it dawned on me what they had done, sneaked away like cowards, three sailors in a strong boat, capable of carrying many, and left helpless women and men to drown. Within a short time we came upon another boat and another and another until we had found four boats and four life rafts, all told. We cruised and cruised, picking up people here, there and everywhere. Such hardships! Some were hauled aboard unconscious, others were practically nude, and many had borne up with remarkable strength and vitality. We had to handle them roughly getting them aboard."

KILLED IN A MINE.

BAKER CITY, Jan. 7.—John A. Murphy, a miner, working in the Flagstaff mine, was killed by the falling of a heavy slab of rock this morning.

Population of United States and Possessions

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The census bureau today issued a report announcing that the population of the entire United States, including all outlying possessions, was 84,222,069 in the census year of 1900. This is itemized as follows:

United States proper, 75,994,575; Philippines, 6,961,329; Porto Rico, 952,247; Hawaii 154,901; Alaska, 63,592; Guam, 990; American Samoa, 419; Persons in the military and naval service of the United States outside territory and the United States proper, 91,213.

There are but three countries which now have a greater population than the United States, viz., China, the British Empire and the Russian Empire.

HAD MERRY CHRISTMAS

HOW PORTO RICAN CHILDREN CELEBRATE IT.

Youngsters Treated to Christmas Free for First Time—The Day in the Schools.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Wednesday, Jan. 1.—Many of the children of Porto Rico were treated to a Christmas tree this season for the first time in their lives.

Until this season Santa Claus was unknown to the Porto Rican youth. The real Christmas comes 12 days late in Porto Rico. January 6 is Three Kings' day and the Three Kings take the place of Santa Claus here. Instead of hanging their stockings in the fire place, the youngsters here on the eve of January 6 put a box filled with grass and their shoes out on the balconies or on the window sills. The three wise men, who are traveling through the country proclaiming the birth of the infant Christ stop at each box, and, if the little boy or girl is good, the three mules which the wise men are riding on the grass and leave a toy or a bit of "dulce."

In the schools, on the last day before Christmas, the teachers told the story of Santa Claus, and in some of the schools Santa appeared in person, much to the delight and astonishment of the children, who had never before imagined such a thing. Christmas trees, imported from the United States, especially for the occasion, with tinsel and lighted candles and laden with candy and cakes were a revelation to the children.

PROMINENT NEW YORKER DEAD.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—John Chester O'Brien, a brother of ex-Sheriff O'Brien, is dead. He was formerly a member of the stock exchange and an intimate friend of the late George I. Seney, and ex-Senator Calvin S. Brice.

OLD NEWSPAPER MAN DEAD.

TACOMA, Jan. 7.—Charles W. Hohart, an old-time newspaper editor of Washington, died this morning at Stellacoom from infirmities of old age. Hohart, twelve years ago, edited a newspaper at North Yakima and was one of the founders of the Washington State Historical Society.

REPORTED FAVORABLY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—A bill granting to Mrs. McKinley the postal franking privileges for all her correspondence was favorably reported by the house committee on postoffices and post roads. Similar privileges heretofore have been granted Mrs. Tyler, Mrs. Lincoln, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Garfield and Mrs. Logan.

SOON TO BE RELEASED

LATE NEWS ARRIVES FROM MISS STONE.

Brigands Want Ransom Deposited Before Releasing Their Captive.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—A messenger who has just returned from the brigands reports that Miss Stone and Mrs. Telika were well 35 hours ago, cables the Samakov, Bulgaria, correspondent of the Journal and American.

Consul General Dickinson has returned to Sofia and an early release is expected. The present obstacle is Mr. Dickinson's refusal to pay the cash before Miss Stone's release. The brigands demand is first the ransom, then the release.

It is said, however, in explanation that they never violate the recognized brigand code of honor, always freeing the captive when the money is paid. The brigands want the ransom deposited in the ground within Bulgarian jurisdiction. They then will undertake to release Miss Stone within Turkish jurisdiction. They want to be on the Bulgarian side after the close of negotiations, but this condition is not urgent. The district governor of Samakov says the snow is forcing the brigands to come to terms. If not released by the end of the month brigands will go into permanent winter quarters, and negotiations cannot be reopened until spring.

"I have captured and killed many brigands," adds the governor, "and the delay in tracing or capturing the present band is caused by the Turkish troops staying in the villages and fearing to pursue the brigands into the mountains."

HENDRIE ESTATE SETTLED.

Noted Philanthropist Who Gave Away Two-thirds of Property in Charity.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—The estate of John W. Hendrie, the philanthropist, whose gifts to California institutions and to Yale in his life were many and in large amounts, has been settled by his two brothers, Charles and Joshua, though they have been unable to discover the whereabouts of one of the legatees, a niece, who received by the will of the deceased the sum of \$19,000, says a Greenwich, Conn., special to the Press.

The missing person is Sarah Augustus Lounsbury, daughter of Aurelia Ann Lounsbury, a sister of Mr. Hendrie. The amount due to her has been invested with the expectation that at some time she will appear and claim it. Mr. Hendrie was a millionaire, but gave two-thirds of his property away in his life to charity. His estate at his death amounted to only \$145,555.

SEATTLE, Jan. 7.—The steamer Dispatch which picked up the survivors of the Walla Walla disaster, arrived in port yesterday and Captain Victor Johnson gave a vivid account of the work of rescue. Of his own great service in saving the lives of so many, he would talk of but little. He expressed strong indignation at the actions of

PLANS COMPLETE FOR BIG BUILDING

The Chicago Olympic Games Associations Ready to Construct an Immense One.

WILL COVER ELEVEN ACRES

The Structure When Completed Will Seat More Than Seventy-five Thousand People—Unique Features.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—A stadium which will seat 75,000 people, and which in point of size, elegance and excellence of arrangement will probably excel any other building ever erected, for a similar purpose, is outlined in a set of preliminary plans just placed in the hands of Mr. Harry J. Furber, jr., president of the Olympic Games Association. The structure, it is asserted, will house the Olympic games to be held in Chicago in 1904. The building will cover approximately 11 acres, the arena alone being 500 feet long and 150 feet wide. The stadium at Athens, where the Olympic games were held in 1896, was but 670 feet long and 109 feet wide. The stadium at Athens seated between 45,000 and 50,000 persons. The plans for the Chicago stadium provide for more than 75,000 seats in case they may be necessary on the days when there will be special attractions at the games.

A striking novelty in the way of a roof is provided. The area over the seats will be roofed in the usual way, but the area will be protected by a roof, or left without one, with almost the ease with which an umbrella can be opened and closed. The roof of the arena will consist of a series of water proof curtains, arranged on rollers operated by electric motors. When the games are in progress the curtains will be rolled back. In the event of a storm all that will be necessary to put on the roof will be "to press the button." So in good weather, while the audience will be protected from the sun's rays, the contests will really take place in the open air; and with the aid of the adjustable roof, postponements will be unnecessary "on account of the weather."

An unusual feature is an arrangement for dividing the stadium into three or more buildings for special occasions when the whole space will not be required. At either end, or in the center, a hall for any sort of gathering can be made in three or four days at a nominal expense. Another feature of construction is that there will not be a pillar or post in the whole interior to shut out the view from any point. The first row of seats are five feet above the arena and the topmost row 80 feet above.

The Olympic games of 1904, it is predicted, will be greater than any ever held before at any period in history.

WOULD REQUIRE CENTURIES.

Famous Mountain Climber's Opinion in Scaling Canadian Rockies.

MONTEREAL, Que., Jan. 7.—Edward Whymper, the great mountain climber has just given a review of his experiences in scaling the Canadian Rockies last summer. He had previously climbed the highest Alps and the highest Andes. He spent the entire summer and fall in Canada, and he sums up this last expedition with the words: "If all the mountain climbers in the world today were to make a combined attempt to explore the Canadian Rockies, their task would not be completed, within a century."

Exploration in the neighborhood of Vermillion Pass, on the eastern slope of the Rockies, occupied Mr. Whymper's attention from June 15 to July 2, when he transferred his outfit to Lake Louise, the lowest of the lakes in the clouds, and after remaining in that district for sixteen days he went to Field, at the base of Mount Stephen. On July 26 he left for the Yoho valley, immediately to the north, in which he remained almost a month, returning to Field August 22.

"The Yoho resembles the Yosemite," he said. "At its northern end is an immense glacier of almost 400 feet in thickness and with a larger area than that of the Selkirk."

The last days of August and the first week of September were occupied by a preliminary examination of Ice river valley, leading northward out of Beyer valley, which had not been visited before.

APPOINTS PRIVATE SECRETARY.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 7.—Governor McBride has appointed J. Howard Watson as private secretary. Mr. Watson is one of the best known newspaper men in the state of Washington. At present he resides on his farm near Lake Chelan.