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CANAL TREATY RATIFIED BY SENATE

Result Foregone Conclusion, Only Interest Being in the Dividing of the Vote of the Democrats.

Final Action Taken Without Amendment—Vote Stands Sixty-six to Fourteen.

NOW TIME TO SCRATCH DIRT

Arrangements for Actual Work Already Under Way—State Department Prepares to Exchange Ratifications.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The senate today ratified without amendment the treaty with Panama for a canal across the isthmus by a vote of 66 to 14. The result was a foregone conclusion, interest in the matter being only in the division of the vote on the democratic side, which was not known definitely until the roll was called, all republicans being for ratification. Fourteen democrats, including Clark, of Montana, and Stone, of Missouri, were paired in favor of the treaty, and three democrats, Overman, McClurin, and Martin, were paired against it, so in the total vote 16 democrats were for the treaty and 17 were against it. The democrats who were present and voted for the treaty were:

Bacon, Berry, Clark, of Ark., Clay, Cockrell, Foster, of Alabama, Gibson, Latimer, McCreary, McEnerney, Malloy, Simpson and Tallaferra.

Every thing is ready for the speedy consummation of the Panama canal treaty and both the war and state departments have made preparations for the next step, the former by the dispatch of troops to the isthmus and the latter by the completion of arrangements for the ratification of the treaty which must take place in Washington. There is reason why the ceremony should not occur within 48 hours.

The administration intends to press the canal project by all proper methods. As a cabinet official expressed it the next step after the appointment of a commission will be to "scratch dirt" and already such members of the commission as are assured of their places, like Admiral Walker and Major

General Davis, have been giving some attention to the provision of a clerical force and the engagement of engineering talent to conduct the actual work of canal digging.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Routine business of the senate today was broken into by executive session on the canal treaty. After a vote on the treaty, consideration was begun on the agricultural appropriation bill.

More than two hours was consumed in the discussion of the amendment making an appropriation for experiment in stock feeding, against which a point of order was made by Lodge. The point was finally withdrawn and the amendment was adopted, but not until rule 14 had made its annual bill remain an unfinished business.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Although the house devoted the entire day to consideration of the naval appropriation bill under the five-minute rule, small progress was made. Amendments were offered in profusion for the perfection of the measure, from a democratic standpoint, but all save the appropriation for the Charleston navy yard were rejected.

The fight over the proposed great lakes naval training station was begun during the last half hour of the session and promises a lively debate tomorrow.

Just before adjourning the house authorized the printing of 10,000 copies of "Few Directions For Destroying Mosquitoes."

Insanity the Plea.

San Francisco, Feb. 23.—It was apparent from a remark made by W. D. Grady in Judge Lawlor's court yesterday that when the trial of Alexander B. Garnett, charged with the murder of Major J. M. McClung, takes place an attempt will be made to show that the defendant was temporarily insane at the time of the shooting and that insanity has existed in his family. This is the inference from the class of depositions filed by the defense.

The defendant was in court yesterday to plead, but Grady filed a demurrer to the information on the same grounds as on his motion to dismiss, which was denied on Thursday. The judge overruled the demurrer and the defendant pleaded not guilty.

Grady asked that the trial be postponed for 60 days to enable him to get the deposition of Mrs. Elizabeth Hitchcock-Coit, who is said to be in Paris.

To Succeed Conversé.

Washington, Feb. 23.—It has been tentatively decided that Rear-Admiral Conversé, chief of the bureau of equipment, shall succeed Rear-Admiral C. O'Neill as chief of the bureau of ordinance when that officer retires next month.

APPROACHING ARMIES CAUSE GREAT PANIC AMONG THE COREAN NATIVES

Opposing Forces Drawing Together, as Indicated By Restlessness of Alarmed Residents of the District.

Japanese Force at Chemulpo Reinforced by Forty Thousand More Troops—Some Land at Pigeon Bay—Intermittent Attacks Made on Port Arthur, But Little Damage Is Done the Enemy In Control.

London, Feb. 24.—Calding from Chefoo, February 23, the correspondent of the Morning Post says that 40,000 more Japanese troops have landed at Chemulpo, and he says he has received confirmation that some Japanese have landed at Pigeon bay, others at Tjendwan and that an engagement occurred there the night of February 12.

The correspondent at Seoul of the Daily Mail reports a panic at Pingyang, Corea, which is regarded as heralding the approach of the opposing armies.

According to the Standard's correspondent at Seoul the Japanese bombarded Port Arthur at intervals between the 8th and 14th of February, causing slight damage. The report is confirmed, this correspondent continues, that 70 miles of railroad have been destroyed between Harbin and Vladivostok.

MAY PASS DARDANELLS.

Russia Determined To Relieve Her Black Sea Fleet.

New York, Feb. 23.—Negotiations are progressing, asserts the Herald's St. Petersburg correspondent, for the passage of the Dardanelles by the Russian Black sea fleet. Russia is determined to get her ships through, the correspondent avers, even if it is necessary to adopt the subterfuge of altering their appearance, disguising them as merchantmen. The ports is almost willing and if England makes an objection, the dispatch continues, "it will be a signal for an immediate advance toward India."

Admiral Alexieff's retirement to Harbin with his staff is interpreted to mean that he is convinced the Japanese will besiege Port Arthur. The fleet has received instructions not to engage in any fight at present, but to remain on the defensive until the beginning of July, when a half of the whole Baltic fleet will be dispatched to the far east. It is hoped also by that time that part of the Black sea fleet will be also on the way.

Work on all the ships under construction is being specially pushed forward.

NOT CROSSED YOLU.

Force of Russians Still Massed on the River's North Bank.

Tokio, Feb. 23.—Reliable reports from Northern Korea indicate that Russians have not yet crossed the Yalu river. Their scouts have, it is rumored, penetrated into the country south of Wiju, but the main force still remains on the north of the river. The Japanese seem to be convinced that the Russians are unable to assemble a sufficient force to attempt a movement into Corea. The Russian strength north of the Yalu is variously estimated from 20,000 to 40,000. If the latter report is true, it would be a great advantage for the Japanese, as Vladivostok is known to be very badly supplied, and it therefore could not long resist a Japanese attack. There is still, however, no means of actual operations of any kind.

Natives Are Panic Stricken.

Seoul, Feb. 23.—A telegram received here from a foreigner at Ping Yang, says that the report that Russian scouts are at Anju is authentic. The telegram also says that the natives in Ping Yang are panic stricken, but foreigners are not threatened.

JAP OFFICERS HANGED.

Disguised as Coolies They Tried to Blow Up Bridge.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23.—The Japanese who were hanged by Russians

in Manchuria for attempting to blow up the railroad bridge over the Sangari river were disguised as coolies.

Inquiry revealed that they were Japanese officers of the general staff, namely, Colonel Assael, Lieutenants Seonololascha and Kachurta. They were at once hanged from the girders of the bridge.

Minister of War.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23.—General Sakharoff, chief of staff of the military district of Turkestan, has been appointed to act as minister of war during the absence of General Kuropatkin, whose appointment to command the Russian military forces in the far east was gazetted yesterday.

Under Sealed Orders.

Genoa, Feb. 23.—The cruiser Brooklyn, with Admiral Cotton on board, left here today going in an easterly direction, under sealed orders to be opened at sea.

WOMAN'S NERVOUS ESCAPE.

Keeps Burglars At Back Door While Makes Get-Away.

Berkeley, Feb. 23.—Mrs. Mamie Murphy, of Third and Gilman streets, answered a knock at her kitchen door at 8 o'clock last night, and opened it upon two rough-looking characters. They assumed a threatening attitude and demanded something of her, whether money or bread she was too frightened to find out. She retained enough of her self-possession, however, to outwit the would-be robbers.

"My purse is in the next room," she said, summoning all her courage, "wait a minute and I'll get it for you."

She got her purse, but she didn't go back to hand it to the men. Instead she ran out the front door and across lots to the California Ink Works, a block away, to get her husband, James J. Murphy, who is an engineer in the manufactory.

Mr. Murphy heard the breathless story and hurried to the house, in company with his wife and Oliver Parquet, a fellow workman. The men had pistols, and when they reached the back door leveled them at the two men, who were still standing there, waiting for Mrs. Murphy to come out.

The men threw up their hands at the command of the irate husband and made no attempt to resist. They disclaimed any intention to rob Mrs. Murphy, saying that they had simply asked her for something to eat. It is supposed that the men are the same who have been loitering in the neighborhood for several days.

WANTS HIS MONEY BACK.

Man Invests His Cash at Instigation Of Broker-Medium.

San Francisco, Feb. 23.—Spiritualism, oil stock and patent medicine figure in a suit for damages filed yesterday by Fritz Salmon against Edward Earl, in his capacity as stock broker, medium and dispenser of patent medicine at \$10 a bottle, induced the plaintiff to invest part of his bank account. Salmon says Earl got \$250 out of him, and he asks the court to give him judgment for that amount.

The plaintiff says that in February 1901, Earl told him that the stock of the Hecla Oil Company was a valuable asset and advised him to purchase a block of it. Earl, Salmon claims, verified his statements a few evenings later, when in his capacity as medium, he produced a slate message from the plaintiff's sister Lizzie, telling him to buy the stock. Salmon followed the advice, purchasing \$250 worth of the stock. A week or so

later he again purchased \$250 worth of the stock on the strength of a message received from Lizzie and transmitted to him on a slate by Earl.

Some time later, after he had received various letters from Earl telling him that the Hecla Oil Company was booming, the plaintiff alleges he consulted Earl about his health. The latter, he says, informed him that he knew of a medicine that would work wonders with a sick man. He bought a bottle, paying Earl \$10 for it, for the latter told him that he alone knew where to get it. A few days later he bought another bottle, for, he says, one night Earl gave him a message from one, Dr. Oscar Schmidt, a deceased friend, telling him not to be without the medicine. The message also told him that "no drug store had it in stock," so, as in the first instance, he turned over the \$10 to Earl.

Now he says that the medicine was never worth \$10 or no portion of it and that the stock of the Hecla Oil Company is not worth the paper it is printed on.

CALLS OUT RESERVES.

Officer Unable to Cope With Unreasonable Crowd of Passengers.

New York, Feb. 23.—The lone policeman on duty at the Long Island railroad ferry, at the foot of Borden avenue, Long Island City, sent in a hurry call for the reserves of the Fourth street station about 7 o'clock this morning because he found himself unable to cope with the tremendous crowd of passengers that were jammed in the ferry house awaiting the arrival of a boat. The slip was full of ice and the boat had great difficulty in making a landing. About 7 o'clock there was a longer delay than usual, one of the boats having made several unsuccessful attempts to smash through the ice floes and the crowd became very impatient. There were hundreds who were on their way to business and who were eager to cross the river, and finally a rush was made through the big gates through which the teams pass, as every one wanted to be among the first to board the boat. The policeman stationed at these gates tried to keep back the crowd, but his authority was defied. He feared that if the mob succeeded in forcing itself through the gates there might be serious results, and decided to call on the reserves at the Fourth street station. In response to his telephone message explaining the situation the reserves were hurried around to the ferry house and order was promptly restored upon their arrival there. The reserves remained on duty for about two hours.

DEED OF JEALOUS MAN.

Section Hand Cuts Throat of Mother and Children.

Terre Haute, Ind., Feb. 23.—Jerry Dugan, a section hand, killed Mrs. Benjamin Ramsey, her daughter Myrtle, aged four, and her son Albert, aged two, early today. Dugan then sought a policeman and confessed the crime and gave up the razor which he had used in cutting the throats of his victims. He had been staying at the home of Mrs. Ramsey for some time and he admitted that he committed the crime during a jealous rage.

Bourke Cochran Elected.

New York, Feb. 23.—W. Bourke Cochran was elected a member of congress today at a special election held in the Twelfth congressional district to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of George B. McClellan. Mr. Cochran had practically no opposition, the republicans having no nominee.

LATEST HITS

Everybody is playing them

Rags! Bidelia! Moon Moths!

IN OUR SHOW WINDOW

J. N. GRIFFIN

Groceries, Hardware, Ship Chandlery, Paints, Oil and Glass--Hardwood Lumber Boat Supplies etc.

AT FISHER BROTHERS Cor. Bond and 12th Sts. Astoria, Oregon

WHEAT TAKES A SUDDEN TUMBLE

After Floundering About for Hours, May Option Falls 51-4 Cents, Leaving the Market at \$1.031-4.

Jump at Opening Causes Excitement--High Bidders and Low Sellers Side By Side.

THOUSANDS GO ON ADVANCE

Fear of European Complications in Far East War Causes Advance That Is Reduced By Heavy Liquidation.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—With the suddenness of a culprit being jerked from the scaffold, May option in wheat today fell 5 1-4 cents, kicking up and down for hours in spasmodic jerks. The trading was on an enormous scale. Fears of European complications in the Russo-Japanese war forced the price up to the new high record mark, \$1.08 1-2, but the tremendous liquidation caused a headlong dive to \$1.03 1/4.

The market opened at \$1.06 1-3 to \$1.08 1-8, and this showed more plainly than any thing else the excitement under which the market opened. Some of the brokers were bidding \$11.05 1/2 while others almost at their sides were selling for two cents less. The volume of trading for the first few minutes was enormous. Hundreds of thousands of bushels were sold on advance, and under this heavy profit taking prices for May fell 4 cents from the high point to \$1.02 1-2. Many stop-loss orders were reached on the way down, which added to the weakness. The shorts took advantage of the break to cover, and, buying from this source, caused a recovery to \$1.06 1-2. Within the last 15 minutes another flood of selling orders appeared in the pit. The result of this renewed attack was a break in May to \$1.03 1-4.

Business Men Like Peabody.

Denver, Feb. 23.—The administration of Governor James Peabody, of Colorado, and particularly his action in sending troops to the strike infested districts of the state, received a marked testimonial by the business men of Colorado tonight in the shape of an elaborate banquet, tendered him at the Brown Palace hotel. The gathering was non-partisan. Eight hundred covers were laid.

Panama Will Celebrate.

Colon, Feb. 23.—Fervent excitement prevails over the whole of the isthmus today while awaiting the receipt of the news from Washington that the canal treaty has been ratified by the United States senate. Preparations are under foot to illuminate the railroad building tonight.

Peoples' Convention.

St. Louis, Feb. 23.—The national committee, representing the fusion and middle road wings of the populist party's two factions, late tonight agreed to hold in joint convention the people's party national convention in Springfield, Ill., July 4.

Our 20 per cent reduction sale on clothing is STILL ON



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