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POOR CHANCE FOR GRAFTERS

President Will Be the Watchdog of Big Canal Fund.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Representative Hepburn (La.) chairman of the house committee on commerce, today made the report of the committee in favor of the Nicaragua canal bill. After stating the terms of the bill, the report says in part:

"The purpose of this bill is to concentrate authority and responsibility for the construction of this great work in the hands of the president. It has been believed by your committee that this course would be a safer one to be pursued in carrying out the purposes of the bill involving the expenditure of so large a sum of money, all the work and all the expenditure to be made at a distance so far from the capital, than any other other method that could be devised. We have tried to concentrate authority and responsibility, rather than to disperse it among many persons."

The report refers to the "exhaustive report made by the Isthmian Commission, of which Admiral Walker is the head, in which every feature of this enterprise is fully and at length discussed," and adds:

"No doubt is expressed by the commission as to the practicability of the enterprise; on the contrary, they join with a score of predecessors in expressing their belief that the work can be carried to a successful termination within the limits of reasonable cost and reasonable time. All of the great political parties are committed to the policy of the construction of this canal."

The report then quotes the declarations of the various party platforms and Presidents McKinley and Roosevelt favoring the canal. In conclusion, it says:

"In view of the many thousands of pages written and spoken in advocacy of the immediate undertaking and completion of this work; in view of the pledges made by the parties that it should be undertaken and completed; in view of the recommendations made by the president of the United States, and in view of the almost universal demand of the American people that congress should at once do something effective in the inauguration and speedy completion of the Isthmian canal, your committee content themselves with this brief report, embodying their earnest recommendation that the bill pass."

Public is Indignant.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Solicitors of the Anglo-American Telegraph Company have made public the following statement:

"There seems to be some misapprehension as to the action of our clients, the Anglo-American Telegraph Company (Ltd.), with respect to the experiments in wireless telegraphy recently carried out at St. Johns, N. F., by Mr. Marconi. In a letter addressed to Mr. Marconi by the company's legal advisers in Newfoundland, after stating the company's intention to take the necessary steps to secure a recognition of their rights in the colony, the letter proceeds:

"However, they (the company) instruct us to inform you that they are not averse to giving the most careful consideration to any proposals which may be put forward by you with a view to the further continuance of your work."

"As to the statement said to have been telegraphed from St. Johns by Marconi on the 17th inst., to the effect that in consequence of the threatened legal proceedings of the company he was compelled to discontinue wireless telegraph tests between England and St. Johns, we give the following from a letter from Mr. Marconi, dated the previous day (the 16th) to the company's advisers: "I may mention that prior to the receipt of your letter I had decided to discontinue the test and remove the instruments tomorrow."

Alger is Sick.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 19.—General B. A. Alger, ex-secretary of war, is suffering from a severe attack of influenza.

TRAINS IN BLOCKADE

Passengers Compelled to Spend Hours in Snowdrifts—Traffic in Nebraska and Wyoming Is at a Standstill.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 19.—The Union Pacific, the Colorado & Southern (North), and the Burlington (East) are practically at a standstill as a result of the recent storm in Wyoming and Nebraska. All trains on the Union Pacific are compelled to spend hours in snowdrifts waiting for the rotary plows to make openings so they can pass through. To make matters worse, a Union Pacific rotary snow-plow, pushed by two big compound engines, slashed its way into the rear of a train of dead head tourist sleepers near Sherman. The wreckage caught fire and a caboose and nine tourist cars were completely destroyed. The work of clearing the track is slow, and the blockade may last for an indefinite period.

A blockade at Ramsay, forty miles east of Rawlins, has stopped the passage of trains into Laramie from the west, and the one at Sherman blocks traffic west-bound.

On the Colorado Southern, twenty-one miles north of Cheyenne, a passenger train was derailed. The accident completely tied up traffic on that branch.

No trains have come in over the Burlington branch from Holdrege for two days. A drift derailed an engine about 100 miles east of Cheyenne, and the wreckers have not yet succeeded in getting it back upon the rails. In addition, the branch is snowbound for a stretch of more than fifty miles.

A Flucky Squaw Acts.

FOKANE, Wash., Dec. 18.—Angelina Stewart, a squaw, for twenty-four hours successfully defied the power of the Great Northern Railroad Company. Angelina owns a ranch in the Colville Reservation, over which the Washington & Great Northern, Hill's republic road, desires to build its line. The ranch is in Stevens county.

Angelina's damages for giving the road the right of way were assessed by a commissioner, appointed by the secretary of the interior. Angelina, it is said, consented to the award and raised no objections to the grading on the right of way. On Friday the track-layers reached the edge of Angelina's ranch. She forbade the track-layers to proceed over her property, and enforced her demand by brandishing a double-barrelled shotgun.

The railroad appealed to the courts and Judge Richardson issued a temporary restraining order. In the meantime the railroad massed its forces. It was nearly dark, but the moment Angelina quitted the field they started laying the track. They worked all Saturday night, and finally laid the last rail over Angelina's ranch.

Saved His Life.

"I wish to say that I owe my life to Kodol Dyspepsia Care," writes H. C. Christenson of Hayfield, Minn. "For three years I was troubled with dyspepsia so that I could hold nothing on my stomach. Many times I would be unable to retain a morsel of food. Finally I was confined to my bed. Doctors said I could not live. I read one of your advertisements on Kodol Dyspepsia Care and thought it fit my case and commenced its use. I began to improve from the first bottle. Now I am cured and recommend it to all." Digest your food. Cures all stomach troubles. Clarke & Falk's P. O. Pharmacy.

Schley For President.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 19.—At French Inn Springs yesterday Richard Croker expressed a very decided opinion that Admiral Schley would make a strong presidential candidate in 1904, and that the probabilities all favor a boom for him in the East, with a strong feeling both in the South and West. He expressed the opinion that congress would not interfere in the matter in any way, and that this would be to the advantage of Schley and the democratic party, for the action would be tantamount to an endorsement of the majority verdict and thus commit the republican party to it.

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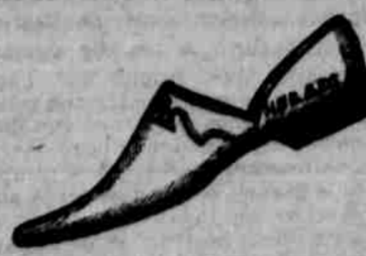
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