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THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 1902.

Long life to the King of England! Death threatens him but we hope to see him escape it.

King Edward is respected in the United States. The land over, there is good feeling for him and the great nation of which he is the head. There are silent prayers in many hearts that he may be spared.

A French physician has inoculated himself with the germs of consumption to prove that the disease may be contracted from afflicted cows. It is horse and horse between him and the cows. Why should he not be similarly afflicted? Genius sometimes assumes the form of idiocy.

J. Pierpont Morgan is another of those who makes his money out of the work of Americans and squanders it in Europe. Mr. Morgan is quite an admirer of royalty and an exclusive aristocracy, whose delightful company his great wealth gives him. And why not? Morgan has made himself a "big pin" in the aristocracy of money, which is no worse an aristocracy than that of the aristocracy of empty titles and, besides, Mr. Morgan has a little show of title to the membership of the aristocracy of brains, the most deserving aristocracy of all.

Governor McBride is a strong figure in the political life of that state. He appears to be a man with the force of his convictions behind him. The leaders of the republican machine do not look upon him with much favor, but surely he has the confidence of his people to support him. He is surely fighting their cause with a great deal of enthusiasm and energy and, although a republican, is strictly democratic in his political aims and aspirations. If he fails it will be an evidence that the people of that progressive state is wedded to their idols and beyond the hope of salvation incapable of helping themselves.

Roosevelt does not appear to have many of his wants supplied by a republican congress. The president wanted reciprocity with Cuba, but it has been denied; he wanted the Nicaragua canal and the senate ruled otherwise; he wants to be nominated to succeed himself, but it is doubtful if the tribe of Hanna will allow him to have it. President Roosevelt is a man of such good intentions that his party, as it is at the present controlled, suspects him and does not have confidence in him. Roosevelt is too serious in office in behalf of the people to have the undivided support of the political traffickers who are using the republican party with which to gather political chestnuts.

Famine again threatens India and the gaunt forms of starving thousands will soon be in evidence in that country. A people who have to be governed by outsiders must expect to be overrun by pestilence and famine. Those who do not know how to govern themselves—to carry on self-government—must bare their necks for the yoke. The spirit of self-government guarantees plenty and acts as a safe guard against pestilence and disease. The man who knows enough to govern himself will know enough to provide for himself and knowing this, prepares for what the future has in store for him. A self-governing man or people do not live from

hand to mouth. Give men full opportunity to do something for themselves and if they fail to do it they are deserving of being swept from the face of the earth.

THE SENATE CANAL PLAY.

The senate, house of lords for the trusts, served its masters and betrayed the country when it voted against building the Nicaraguan canal and in favor of the Panama job. There were honest votes cast for the Spooner amendment, of course, but they were few. The prevailing purpose was to prevent the building of any canal by playing Panama against Nicaragua.

Once more the supreme use of the senate to the trusts—to the organized predatory wealth of the country—has been demonstrated. It is the chamber of obstruction, the citadel of special interests.

The Spooner amendment by its terms empowers the president to purchase the rights of the French company if he can obtain a clear title, and proceed with the work; if not, then he is authorized to turn to Nicaragua.

Can the conspiracy to defeat effective canal legislation be thwarted? Can the Panama club which the railroads and their allies have raised to beat the Nicaragua project to death be turned against them? It is possible, just possible.

The house may take the senate at its word and accept the Spooner amendment.

By so doing the house would unquestionably reflect the popular desire.

The people want the Nicaragua canal, but rather than have no canal they would accept the Panama route.

Senator Morgan, ever hopeful, thinks it probable that the house will recede from its January position, when it passed the Hepburn bill by a vote of 308 to 2, and agree with the senate's action of Thursday. Mr. Morgan does not despair of Nicaragua. It is doubtless his belief that the concurrence of the house in the Spooner amendment would ultimately result in the Nicaragua canal through the failure of the president to secure a good title from the Panama company.

Probability, very strong probability, however, lies that Senator Harris's views. He believes that a canal has been placed far in the future.

"I fear that the influences which were powerful enough to bring about the result in the senate," he says, "will be powerful enough to prevent the construction of any canal."

How will these influences work? Secretly, with the implements which the house offers ready to their hands:

1. The conviction of many members that the Panama scheme is so rotten with speculative purpose, jobbery and scandal that this country rather than involve its resources and honor in the mess, should wait until a canal can be built at Nicaragua.

2. The natural reluctance of a legislative chamber which declared for Nicaragua by a majority of 306 to yield to a chamber which declared for Panama by a majority of 8.

3. The members who are willing to do whatever they are told by the railroad-trust lobby, and who will affect the worthy motives of the honest man while obeying orders.

It will be seen that the powers which triumphed in the senate are at no loss for pretexts with which to supply the house in further pursuance of the campaign of obstruction.

The Panama enterprise is soaked in fraud, and, if taken up by our government, has in it grave possibilities of legal complications with the stockholders and difficulties with the governments of Colombia and the people of Panama.

But the American knows that it speaks for a vast majority of the people of the United States when it says that any canal is better than none. Therefore the American urges upon the house of representatives, and especially upon its democratic members, the duty of recognizing accomplished facts.

Call the bluff of the senate. Defeat the railroad-trust lobby with its Panama pretense, by voting

with the senate for the Panama canal.

This is clearly the course for practical statesmanship to take.

Adopt the Spooner amendment and this situation is created:

A clear Panama title must be given the president or the Nicaraguan route will be chosen by him.

In either case the country will be assured of a canal, for the boundless resources of the United States are equal to the task of completing the Panama canal, which has been a bottomless pit for French money.

The all important thing is to unite the oceans. Remember the voyage of the Oregon.

The best route has been voted down by a sordid conspiracy of selfish interests that know nothing of patriotism.

But indefinitely better a canal by the second best route, or the third best route, or the worst possible route than no canal at all.

Give us a canal.—Hearst's American and Journal.

Frank Wilson, a strawberry picker, was arrested at Hood River, Sunday charged with selling liquor to Indians. He was given a preliminary hearing Monday before United States Commissioner George T. Prather, and this afternoon was taken to Portland by Deputy United States Marshal Proebstel.

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