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## VERGES PROMPT ACTION.

### Panama Minister Says Any Delay Will Cause Undue Excitement.

Washington, Dec. 11.—M. Bana-Va willa, the minister from Panama, today had a long conference with Acting Secretary of State Loomis, the nature of which he would not disclose. When asked regarding the reported attempt to create a division among the members of the Panama Canal company and its probable effect on the ratification of the canal treaty by the United States senate M. Bana-Va willa said while the matter has completed so far as Panama is concerned, it is advisable to move quickly, because delays tend to affect the imagination, and so long as a thing is unsettled, complications are likely to arise. He declined to enter into a discussion regarding any action which the Panama Canal company may take.

Some of the members of the Colombian contingent in Washington are of the opinion that the agitation in Paris of this question is simply an opening of the bitter controversy that raged for some time between the conflicting interests in the original Panama Canal company, and the reorganized company.

General Reyes, Dr. Herran and Wayne McVeagh were in conference today for some time at the Colombian Legation, preparing a statement setting out the Colombian position. Rumors are afloat that failing in other means of settlement the Colombians will try to secure a submission to The Hague tribunal of the questions growing out of the separation of Panama, and that this will appear in the statement.

It is the intention of the navy department to increase its force in Isthmian waters by the addition of a torpedo-boat destroyer, which will act as a dispatch boat.

### Irrigation Law Good Enough.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Secretary Hitchcock transmitted to the house today a report of the reclamation service, showing the work done and in progress towards reclaiming arid lands during "the season of 1903." The secretary says:

"The director has stated that a practical application of the provisions of the law during the one and one-half years of its existence has proven most effective and so far as can be foreseen at the present time no further legislation is required, the present law having been found to be of such scope as to accomplish its purpose of reclamation."

The report shows that while examinations and surveys have been made in all sections of the arid regions, Nevada is the only state where actual construction has begun, and Arizona the only territory. In other states and territories,

plans and specifications are in various stages of progress, and the work is being pushed.

Criticism has arisen in some quarters because the law is not sufficiently elastic to authorize various small projects of individual interests, and to permit a more general distribution of funds throughout certain states. What appears to be the slow progress of the work is also stated to be a matter of criticism.

The irrigation fund, accumulated from the sale of public lands in the 13 states and three territories to which the irrigation act applies, now amounts to a total of \$16,191,836. This fund has been accumulating in the treasury since 1901.

In many states, radical changes in the water right laws will have to be made before irrigation projects can be undertaken under the act. Nevada has already changed her laws in conformity with the act. It has developed, continues the report, that the states having the largest fund are those in which irrigation is least important.

### Millions for New Rails.

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—E. H. Harriman has arranged to spend next year \$2,800,000 for steel rails for his two principal western roads. On recommendations submitted to him by President H. G. Burt, of the Union Pacific, and General Manager Julius Kruttschnitt, of the Southern Pacific, he has ordered for delivery in 1904 80 and 90 pound steel rails to the extent of 100,000 tons.

A contract to that effect has been closed with the United States Steel Corporation, the price per ton being \$28. About two-thirds of the rails will be used on the lines of the Southern Pacific in this state, Oregon and Texas.

Nearly all of the 100-pound steel rails for the line over the Shasta and Siskiyou mountains between Redding, this state, and Albany, Or., have been received and laid.

### Asked to Help Senator Smoot.

Washington, Dec. 11.—A memorial remonstrating against the anti-Mormon agitation directed against Senator Smoot was presented in the senate today by Arbuttle brothers, of New York, with a suggestion that "a word from you to senators from your state would strengthen them in resisting the force of religious prejudice would certainly receive due consideration." It is written on paper bearing the headlines of "Zion's Co-operative Mercantile Institute," of Salt Lake City, of which Senator Smoot is a director, and is signed by Joseph F. Smith, the president, and most of the other officers.

### To Learn of Irrigation Work.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The house and senate irrigation committees, at a meeting today, decided to give a series of joint hearings to F. H. Newell, chief of the Reclamation Service, at which a full explanation will be made of all work that has been accomplished under the national irrigation act. Mr. Newell's statements showing what withdrawals have been made, the progress with examinations, and the recommendations that have been submitted to the secretary will be reported, and the whole will be printed as a document.

### Protest Against Idaho Reserve.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Representative French today filed with the land office a protest against the creation of a forest reserve to embrace a large body of lands that have been withdrawn temporarily in Fremont county, Idaho. These lands were examined by the forestry bureau last summer, and the greater portion were found to be unsuited for forest reserve purposes, and will ultimately be restored to entry. The reserve that is actually created will be comparatively small.

### Christmas Rush of Foreigners Home.

New York, Dec. 11.—Twelve hundred steerage passengers sailed from this port today on the steamer La Chan pagne and 850 on the Lahn, making the total number returned to Europe during the Christmas rush nearly 50,000.

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### Bold Cattle Stealing.

Long Creek, Dec. 9.—One of the boldest cattle stealing adventures and apparently successful one that has been reported from this section for a long time, took place within three miles of town yesterday.

The cattle are about a dozen in number and were in C. C. Blackwell's pasture, three miles east of town. They disappeared one night and have not been heard of since.

The cattle were all fat and in good condition for beef. They belong to S. F. Bradon, Dan Slaven, J. D. Wilmoth, W. B. Mynatt and Frank McGirr. Steve Harer saw two men driving a small bunch of cattle toward Pass creek one evening after dark, which is supposed to have been these cattle. No further trace has yet been found.

### Thomson Expects Reinstatement.

La Grande, Or., Dec. 11.—Asa B. Thomson is in the city, and it is understood that he is waiting instructions from Washington again to take up the duties of receiver of the La Grande office having received word from Senator Mitchell that such would be the case Mr. Thomson has nothing to say in regard to the matter, however.

### SHEEP SELL IN CALIFORNIA.

#### Oregon Animals in Good Demand in the South.

Pendleton, Dec. 14.—L. E. Thomas and H. Haile, two heavy sheepholders of Stockton, Cal., will ship from Pendleton 10,000 sheep, which they have just purchased from some of the ranchers of this district. Seven thousand of the sheep were purchased near Pendleton and 3,000 were purchased from ranchers living near Walla Walla, Wash.

As to the southern sheep market, Mr. Thomas said this morning: "The Oregon sheep find a ready sale on the California market, and in some cases are preferred to the sheep of our state. It does not do, however, to ship the sheep direct to the market, for there is considerable shrinkage in their weight, caused by the hard trip. They will command a much better price if they are fed on hard feed for a week or two after they are landed. Nearly all the sheep of California are fed in the yards before sold. In fact, they can hardly be sold right from the pasture."

"The sheep market in California is better this year than it was last. We are paying the Oregon owners about \$2.50 per head. In about three weeks we will return for another large consignment."

"The cattle market is bad compared with last fall. The prices are much lower. The depression of the eastern market is the cause. Cattle which sold there last fall at \$50 per head will not bring \$35 per head this season, or a decline of \$15. Many of the cattlemen are not selling this season but will winter their holdings."

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