

PANAMA CANAL'S RIVAL WILL WAIT

Chilean Engineer Abandon's Scheme of Securing Colombia's Consent.

Owing to Probability That the United States Would Object to the Deal, South American Country Turns Down Proposition for a Second Great Waterway.

Facativita, Colombia, Nov. 18.—Arturo Undurraga, the Chilean engineer, has definitely determined to abandon his efforts to obtain from the Colombia government a concession for his canal project, owing to the fear entertained by Colombia of reprisals on the part of the United States. Undurraga's plan was to construct a rival to the Panama canal.

In furtherance of his plan for a canal, Undurraga sought to induce congressmen and members of the diplomatic corps to inspect the route at his expense, but all declined.

A Colombian official has stated that it appeared inopportune to grant a concession to the Chileans before the adoption of the treaty defining the boundary between Panama and Colombia.

When this matter had been settled, he added, the government probably would grant the concessions. Letters exhibited here indicate the willingness of German and British capitalists to build a commercial and non-political canal that could not be closed in event of war.

Unless the concession is granted it is feared discontent fomenting at Antioquia and Cauca will culminate in a revival of threats of secession.

Undurraga will sail on November 27 for England by way of New York.

The president and congress have appointed a commission to investigate the separation of Panama from Colombia. Francisco de Borda, recently appointed minister to the United States, sailed for that country today.

PLATINUM FOUND IN SAND.

Discovery Will Mean Much to Coast Miners in Small Way.

Los Angeles, Nov. 18.—Davis T. Day, United States geological director of government petroleum work on the Pacific coast, left here tonight to make a report to the government in Washington. Mr. Day also is in charge of the research work in connection with platinum mining on the coast.

For several months he has conducted an investigation of the beach sands from Cape Flattery to Lompoc. Before leaving tonight he said:

"I believe that when the facts concerning the platinum mining industry as we have found them are known, a great stimulus will be given."

"Platinum can be taken from the sands of this coast in paying quantities by a simple mechanical process at little expense. While the industry is not likely to attract the attention of the big corporations, it will prove of immense interest to the miner in a small way."

CASE CENTURY OLD ENDS.

Colorado Family Beneficiaries of Vast English Estate.

Pueblo, Colo., Nov. 18.—After being in controversy for over 100 years, an estate in England which may represent several million dollars, will revert to several Colorado persons, according to a decision of the English courts, notice of which has been received by Mrs. C. O. Dufug, of Pueblo, who recently removed to Denver.

Two children in Pueblo—William Dufug, a clerk, and Miss Vanda Dufug, a society girl—and another son, August Dufug, a clerk in Denver, will be beneficiaries through their mother, Mrs. M. S. Hayden of Walsenburg, a sister of Mrs. Dufug, is also an heir.

Mrs. Dufug before marriage was Miss Kate Withington, and the property was owned by her great grandfather. The estate includes Sydney castle in England and had been in litigation since 1800.

Dinan Cleared of Charges.

San Francisco, Nov. 18.—Cleared of the charges of conduct unbecoming an officer, preferred against him by Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney two years ago, former Chief of Police Jeremiah Dinan today resumed his old rank as corporal and was detailed as a plain clothes man under Captain of Detectives Anderson. Dinan was reinstated last night when the police commissioners unanimously decided that the charges against him were not substantiated. His back salary, amounting to \$3,009, probably will be awarded to him.

Negress Loses Race Suit.

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 18.—The Iowa supreme court today handed down a decision holding that a private business concern under the Iowa statutes could legally refuse to serve a negro. Mrs. Susie Brown, a negress, sued the J. H. Bell Coffee company for \$1,000 damages because she was refused a cup of coffee at a pure food show in this city a year ago. In the lower court the woman won, but the supreme court today reversed the decision.

Drown When Steamer Sinks.

Rome, Nov. 18.—Eighteen men were drowned when the steamer Adalgisa sank off Brindisi, according to advices received here today. The vessel is reported to have struck a reef.

DIE OF SUFFOCATION.

Death in Most Agonizing Forms Indicated at Cherry, Ill.

Cherry, Ill., Nov. 22.—Andrew Buckles and Louis Gibbs are among the identified dead recovered today. The recovery of bodies is necessarily slow on account of the fire still burning slightly in some parts of the mine. Bodies of the victims, piled in great heaps, have been seen by firemen in both the east and west tunnels of the second level. It is estimated that 75 of the dead are huddled together in the west tunnel. The bodies of two men, believed to be Andrew Donovan and his son, were found clamped in each other's arms in the east tunnel. They have not been brought up yet. The bodies of the victims are all burned black, but it is said that in most cases the features are intact. When the rescuers descended this morning into the main shaft they brought eight badly charred bodies to the surface, making a total of nine recovered. One was recovered yesterday.

The fire, after raging furiously since last Saturday, has practically burned itself out, and it is believed the work of recovering the dead will henceforth be comparatively easy.

When the rescue party, headed by Mine Inspectors Taylor and Moses, reached the 200-foot level this morning they found a number of victims huddled together. Appearances indicated that the men whose bodies were found had climbed from lower levels to the 200-foot station.

The imprints of finger nails were seen in the palms of their hands. It was thus indicated that they had suffered the agonies of suffocation before the flames had reached them.

GIVEN NEW TRIAL.

Coal Companies Did Not Violate Sherman Anti-Trust Law.

St. Paul, Nov. 22.—Judge Walter H. Sanborn in the United States circuit court of appeals today handed down an opinion setting aside the verdict and ordering a new trial in the case of the United States against the Union Pacific Coal company, the Union Pacific Railway company, the Oregon Short Line, James M. Moore, and Everett Buckingham, in which they are charged with violating the Sherman anti-trust law by forming an unlawful combination.

While the suit was brought in the name of the United States, proceedings were started by a Salt Lake City coal dealer named Sharp, who charged the coal company and the defendant railways with refusing to sell and haul coal for him.

Sharp charged that the Union Pacific Coal company refused to sell him coal, and that the railways refused to haul the commodity because he advertised and sold coal at a lower figure than his competitors.

Judge Sanborn, in his opinion, holds that there was no substantial evidence of any combination between any two of the defendants, either to refuse to sell coal to Sharp or to refuse to transport it for him. The lower court found the defendants guilty of violating the Sherman anti-trust law and imposed a fine of \$1,000 and costs on Moore, and \$3,000 and costs on the other defendants.

CHILE WILL CONFER.

Santiago Regards Note From Washington as Ultimatum.

Santiago, Chile, Nov. 22.—The Chilean government today opened negotiations with Washington with a view to submitting the Alsop claim of the United States against Chile to a specially constituted court of arbitration at The Hague.

The notification to Chile which is looked upon here as an ultimatum, has been seized upon by the sensational press as cause for agitation.

Great anxiety was felt here because of the notification, through Chilean Minister Cruz, at Washington that the United States would close its legation at Santiago within a few days unless the Chilean government consented to an adjustment of the Alsop claims or agreed to refer the dispute to The Hague.

The members of the American colony here declared the manner in which the United States was proceeding was arbitrary and detrimental to American interests in Chile. They have communicated with a prominent attorney at Washington and asked him to use his influence in the matter.

Merchants here fear the agitation will affect American imports adversely.

Heney Will Hurry Cases.

San Francisco, Nov. 19.—Francis J. Heney, former prosecutor in the local graft cases, started last night for Portland, where he will immediately take up the Oregon land fraud cases, under his reappointment as special deputy attorney general. Heney will endeavor to bring the case of former Congressman Binger Hermann to trial first and will have it set for trial at the earliest possible date. He expects to take up all the cases at once, and said today that it would be his purpose to dispose of all cases as quickly as possible.

Color Line Causes Suicide.

New Orleans, La., Nov. 19.—Edward Von Bulow, a first cousin of Prince Von Bulow of Germany, committed suicide because he was accused of marrying an octoroon. Von Bulow was arrested a week ago charged with violating the law which prohibits the intermarriage of whites and negroes. He was released on bond and three days ago disappeared. His body was found late yesterday floating in the Mississippi river.

Enforce Safety Appliance Law.

San Francisco, Nov. 22.—The Chicago & Northwestern railroad was fined by Judge De Haven on 11 separate counts yesterday for violations of the law regarding safety appliances. The total amount of the fines is \$41,100. The violations consisted of failure to provide proper signal devices.

HAPPENINGS GATHERED IN AND AROUND WASHINGTON, D. C.

IS LIKE GIBRALTAR.

Manila Defenses Able to Defend City Against World.

Washington, Nov. 20.—After the work of several years and concerning which little news has been heralded, the United States today is in a position to defend the city of Manila against the fleets of the world.

War is believed to be a long way off, if ever it does come, but if the unexpected happens and some foreign nation attempts to duplicate Admiral Dewey's feat, it will find that the way to the repetition of that triumph is blocked.

If the Spaniards of some years ago had been given the sense to fortify properly, the rocky island of Coregidor, at the entrance to Manila bay, Dewey might be rapping for the entrance yet. Army officers and naval officers, too, say that Coregidor is as strong as Gibraltar. The island is a huge rock, with precipitous sides, rising to a great height over the water.

Between Coregidor and the point of mainland at the mouth of Manila bay are several small islands, on which defense works will be built. With these, as an army officer has put it, "there will be a cinch put on the certainty" that no hostile ship ever will go through to confront Manila with its guns.

OREGON WHEAT HELD HIGH.

Farm Value 92 Cents Against 83 for Last Year.

Washington, Nov. 18.—According to the department of agriculture crop report, issued today, the farm value of wheat on November 1 was 92 cents in Oregon, 89 cents in Washington and 83 cents in Idaho, as against 83 cents in Oregon, 82 in Washington and 74 in Idaho November 1, 1908.

The price has advanced 5 cents in Oregon since October 1, 2 cents in Washington and 8 cents in Idaho. Oregon and Idaho wheat, both this season and last, weighed 60 pounds per bushel, two pounds above the 10-year average. Washington wheat weighed 59 pounds, the average for that state.

Forest Work Needs \$400,000.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Four hundred thousand dollars, in the judgment of Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture, will be necessary to administer properly the 25,000,000 acres of public lands added to the national forests by President Roosevelt during the last six weeks of his administration. The bulk of these lands are in Alaska. The appropriation for the current year for the administration of the national forests is \$4,624,000.

Relief Is Badly Needed.

Washington, Nov. 20.—The American National Red Cross in this city today received the following telegram from National Director Ernest P. Bicknell, at Cherry, Ill.: "Permanent representative relief committee organized, with myself as chairman. The governor issued appeal today directing that contributions be sent to Orson Smith. We have a long, hard task ahead. The situation here is most serious."

Gompers' Petition Denied.

Washington, Nov. 18.—The circuit court of appeals yesterday denied the petition of President Gompers, Vice-President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor to stay the issuance of the mandate until July 22, thereby giving the labor leaders more time to perfect their appeal to the supreme court. Unless the supreme court intervenes the mandate will be issued next Saturday.

Denies Aiding Trust.

Washington, Nov. 18.—In a statement to the United Press, James B. Reynolds, formerly assistant secretary of the treasury and now a member of the new tariff board, has entered a broad general denial to the charges made against him to the effect that he obstructed the prosecution of the sugar trust.

Well Known Writer Dead.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Raymond Albert Patterson, a widely known newspaper writer, died here today. He had been connected with the Chicago Tribune for 31 years, 15 years as its Washington correspondent. He was a schoolmate of President Taft. He was 53 years of age at the time of his death.

Taft Considers Message.

Washington, Nov. 17.—President Taft will in a few days consider the amendment to the interstate commerce and anti-trust laws which he will recommend to congress in his message. W. C. Brown, president of the New York Central, was among the president's callers today.

President Buries Scribe.

Washington, Nov. 17.—President Taft this afternoon attended the funeral of Raymond A. Patterson, late correspondent of the Chicago Tribune in this city. Mr. Patterson and the president were classmates at Yale, and Mr. Taft acted as an honorary pallbearer.

Nagel Orders De Lara Freed.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Secretary Nagel announced today that the evidence against De Lara, the Mexican held at Los Angeles on the charge of being an alien anarchist, was insufficient to hold him, and he wired to Los Angeles ordering his release.

Conference Is Postponed.

Washington, Nov. 20.—B. D. Townsend's conference with Attorney General Wickersham has been postponed a week, pending which nothing will be stirring in the land grant forfeiture cases.

SETTLERS WIN DECISION.

Real Workers on Irrigation Projects to Be Paid.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Settlers on government irrigation projects who assisted in constructing these projects, and who were paid in water users' certificates, since declared invalid by the attorney general, are to be paid in cash for such services as they rendered. This will be done under the decision of the controller of the treasury, who concurs in the view of the attorney general that the issuance of certificates was illegal, but who further holds that, inasmuch as actual work was performed in the interest of the government, it must be paid for.

He directs that this indebtedness be discharged by money from the reclamation fund. As the controller's decision is interpreted, it does not authorize the redemption of outstanding certificates but merely directs the payment of those settlers who performed construction work.

This, in effect, means that the certificates held by settlers who did the work will be accepted by the government as an indication of the amount due each settler, but does not justify the interior department in redeeming certificates held by speculators who performed no services.

There are about \$300,000 worth of certificates outstanding.

Extravagance Is Nation's Sin.

Washington, Nov. 19.—James J. Hill, the railroad builder, had a talk with President Taft yesterday. Before leaving the white house Hill alleged that the country must economize in both private and government expenses.

"History shows that the high cost of living is the beginning of every national decline," he declared. Hill talked to Senator Bourne, chairman of the senate subcommittee on public expenditures. Bourne said he was preparing a report showing that the government was spending needlessly from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000 annually.

Typhoon Destroys Towns.

Washington, Nov. 16.—The destructive character of the recent typhoon that passed through Tacloban in the Philippines is indicated by a cablegram received today from the governor general of the islands, stating that it laid waste the populous towns of northern Lyte, thence passed through Capiz and out over the China sea. The army post at Dagami was destroyed. Considerable damage was done to property in Tacloban. In Capiz the provincial government building and railroad offices and houses built of light material were blown down. Growing crops were damaged.

Pinchot to Know Status.

Washington, Nov. 19.—It is rumored tonight that Gifford Pinchot, government forester, has written to President Taft, expressing a desire to have his status in the administration more clearly defined so as to set at rest the so-called controversy between Secretary of the Interior Ballinger and himself in regard to the conservation policies. The report has it that in his letter to the president Mr. Pinchot requested Mr. Taft to declare himself emphatically either for Pinchot or for Ballinger.

Captaincy for Peary.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Commander Robert E. Peary, civil engineer who holds that title rank by courtesy, will soon be promoted to a captaincy in the civil engineers corps by reason of the retirement of the man next above. Peary's rank as captain also will be by courtesy. He will get \$8,000 a year. It is said that he is to apply for retirement. In that case he would get \$4,000 a year and be free to do private work.

Jail, Then Shrivelt.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Rather than ask for clemency from the government that has fixed upon him the stigma of failure to perform his duty as sheriff, Joseph F. Shipp will probably choose to go back to the people of Hamilton county, Tenn., after his term in jail for contempt of the supreme court of the United States has been served. He plans to test the Tennesseeans' confidence in him by asking them to re-elect him to office.

No Sunday Mail for Coos.

Washington, Nov. 18.—The railroad between Marshfield and Myrtle Point demands \$100 for running a special train on Sundays to carry mail to Coos Bay towns that they may have a seven day service. The postoffice department refuses to make a contract on that basis, which seems to preclude the possibility of the Coos Bay towns getting what they desire.

Coal Case Ordered Reopened.

Washington, Nov. 19.—President Taft has reopened the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy, according to authoritative information received today. It is understood that the president has asked Attorney General Wickersham for a written opinion as to whether Secretary of the Interior Ballinger's activities in the Cunningham coal land cases were within the law.

Employers Held to Liability.

Washington, Nov. 17.—The federal supreme court today decided that the employers' liability act of 1906 is constitutional in the territories and the District of Columbia. Its constitutionality in the states was not passed upon.

Heney Ordered to Oregon.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Formal announcement was made at the department of justice today of the reappointment of Francis J. Heney as assistant attorney general to represent the government in the Oregon land cases.

RUSH TROOPS TO FINLAND.

Hordes of Cossacks Massed Near Frontier Towns.

Helsingfors, Nov. 19.—Following the dissolution of the diet it is feared here that Russia will proceed with the annexation of the province of Viborg, and it is expected that this little oasis of civilization and constitutionalism of the north of Europe will be overrun by hordes of Russian Cossacks sent here for the purpose of "occupation." The coming of the Cossacks, who are bloodthirsty eighteenth century savages, is sure to be followed by the usual accompaniment of massacre and cruelty.

Nominally, Russia means only to annex Viborg, but the Finns know that once the Russians come into the country they will never leave. They are asking why 50,000 Russian troops have already been massed at nearby strategic points.

For years the Russian reactionists have been urging the incorporation of Viborg with Russia, on the ground that it would be supremely useful in case of war. Not much urging was needed to obtain the consent of the Russian government. Some weeks ago the incorporation was decided upon and it was arranged that it should take place before Christmas.

In preparation the Russians have set up new batteries directed against Helsingfors, in the forts of Sveaborg. Russian garrisons everywhere in this vicinity have been redoubled. Five regiments of Cossacks already have been let loose over four towns—Tavastolus, Helsingfors, Viborg and Fredrickshamn.

FIRE IN HOSPITAL.

Heroic Work Prevents Holocaust in San Francisco Institution.

San Francisco, Nov. 19.—Only the heroic work of the nurses at St. Luke's hospital prevented a holocaust early today, when a fire which gutted the California Ladies' Maternity home in the Mills annex of the institution was discovered. Thomas Saunders, a porter recently discharged from the home, was arrested today and taken in charge by Captain of Detectives Anderson.

Dr. Shields, a member of the hospital staff of physicians, told the police that he saw Saunders at the hospital late yesterday, and that the former porter said:

"I'm sorry I've got to do this, but you will read about it in the morning papers."

Dr. Shields did not pay much attention to the man, as he supposed he had been drinking and did not know what he was saying.

Saunders was captured in a saloon, in the act of washing his hands. He made an effort to escape, but the place had been surrounded. When questioned by Captain Anderson he refused to make any statement. Saunders' wife is dead. He has a 14-year-old son, who is in Denver.

There were 16 patients in the Maternity home when the fire started. None was injured.

DIET IS DISSOLVED.

Russian Czar to Take Possession of Finland by Force.

London, Nov. 19.—The Finnish diet has been dissolved and the prospect of military occupation and subjection of the little nation by Russia has produced a shock throughout Europe, though it had been expected.

Finland is one of the bright spots of Northern Europe and a place of special attractiveness to the traveler. For many years it has been one of the most pleasant holiday resorts of Europe. Visitors have found themselves welcomed by the kindly inhabitants. They have wandered happily among its wide, quiet lakes and islands, and they have amused themselves in its gay Parisian little capital.

So the crushing of Finnish independence is felt keenly and personally by thousands, as well as being looked upon as a significant political event.

Ask Uncle Sam to Smite Zelaya.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Nov. 17.—A petition is being circulated by those in sympathy with the revolution against President Zelaya demanding that the United States interfere in favor of the revolution, which, the petition alleges, is a result of the misrule of Zelaya. One paragraph of the petition recites: "Right after the election of President Taft, Zelaya's chief of police in Granada offered an insult to the American flag by taking it from the hands of a man who was waving it, and casting it down as 'a miserable piece of trash' on the streets."

New Map of World.

London, Nov. 17.—An international conference of topographers met in London today for the purpose of designing a world map intended to be accepted as official by all of the countries represented. The conference is the direct outgrowth of the recent international geographical congress at Geneva. The United States is represented at the conference by Stephen J. Kubel and Bailey Willis, topographers of the United States geological survey.

Good View of Comet.

Flagstaff, Ariz., Nov. 19.—A good view of Halley's comet, which is now approaching the earth, was had by Professor Lowell at the observatory here last night. He reported that "an observation of Halley's comet shows a star-like head and a semblance of a hood."

KNOX SAYS JAPAN LEFT DOOR OPEN

Secretary of State Declares Treaty With China No Menace.

Japan's Working of Manchuria Mines Not a Monopoly and America Has Equal Chance With Other Nations —Territory Open to Anyone Who Finds Minerals.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Recent treaties entered into by China and Japan as to the operation of coal mines along the South Manchurian railway and the Antung-Mukden railway do not create monopolies, and hence are not violations of the "open door" or the "equal opportunities" principles, to the observance of which all leading powers are pledged.

This is the conclusion reached by the state department after a long and careful investigation of the question involved.

The department today issued the following statement:

"In view of the widespread publicity of the statement that the recent Chinese-Japanese agreement relating to Manchuria created for Chinese and Japanese subjects a monopoly to carry on mining operations along the South Manchurian railway and the Antung-Mukden railway, which would exclude Americans from an extensive field of industrial enterprise, inquiry has been made of the two signatory powers and official assurance has been received from each to the effect that no such exclusive claim to mining rights was intended by the agreement, and that if minerals are found by Americans and others within the designated territories, no objection will be made to their working mines under concessions granted by China—the whole scope and purpose of the agreement being that any operation by Chinese and Japanese subjects of the mines within the territory mentioned should be joint as between themselves."

LOEB CREDITS ROOSEVELT.

Collector Says Ex-President Influenced Present Action.

New York, Nov. 16.—While the legal machinery of the government moves slowly, the air of uncertainty surrounding the so-called sugar fraud cases is interpreted to foreshadow an inquiry which may rank with the insurance upheaval of 1905.

Boston and Philadelphia were brought within the scope of the investigation today with the report that the government would attempt to obtain back duties on sugar in those cities, while investigation went on in New York with repeated rumors of reaching "men higher up."

Henry L. Stimson, special attorney for the government in the cases, declined to discuss this phase of the matter.

William Loeb, Jr., collector of the port, also was inclined to be reticent, but he repeated that it was through the influence of Theodore Roosevelt that the indictment and prosecution of sugar frauds was undertaken. According to Mr. Loeb, he had talked over the matter with Mr. Roosevelt before he took charge of the customs house here.

HOPE IS ABANDONED.

Rescuers Forced to Give Up Work in Illinois Mine.

Cherry, Ill., Nov. 16.—The 300 or more miners entombed in the St. Paul mine by last Saturday's catastrophe are dead. Some of the bodies lie buried beneath thousands of tons of earth which caved in upon them. These will never be recovered.

Rescue work is temporarily abandoned. Renewed fires in the mine made further descents impossible. Fans employed in an effort to carry fresh air to the imprisoned men enlivened the flames. Soon the heat and smoke became so dense it was necessary again to seal up the mouth of the hoisting shaft, and tonight the entombed men are locked in a death dungeon. Steam and chemicals producing carbonic acid gas will be forced through pipes to the bottom of the mine tomorrow. These will have a tendency to choke out the flames.

Three hundred coffins have been ordered—half of them to arrive Tuesday and half on Wednesday.

Haskell Must Face Jury.

Chickasaw, Okla., Nov. 16.—Federal Judge John A. Marshall, of Utah, overruled today the demurrer to indictments filed by Governor Charles N. Haskell and five other prominent Oklahomans, charging them with fraudulently obtaining from the government title to a number of town lots in Muskogee, Okla. The defendants' trial is set for Saturday next, at Chickasaw. The five co-defendants of Governor Haskell are U. W. Turner, A. Z. English, W. R. Eaton, W. T. Hutchins and F. B. Severs.

King May Step Down.

London, Nov. 16.—The abdication of King Leopold of Belgium is momentarily expected, according to a correspondent of Reynolds' Newspaper at Brussels. His dispatches declare that the king has been warned that serious consequences will follow if he refuses to renounce the throne. It is understood that the anti-Leopold party is negotiating with Prince Albert, heir to the throne, to persuade him to succeed his father.

Moors Send Submission.

Madrid, Nov. 16.—An official dispatch from Nador, Morocco, says Moorish tribesmen have sent their submission to General Marina, commander of the Spanish forces.