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SENSATION OVER NICARAGUA BILL

Created in the Senate of Washington by Alleged Threat of Britain.

OREGON'S SENATOR ALL RIGHT

Turpie's Trade Has Not Frightened Him—What the Canal Means to the Pacific Coast States.

Washington, January 22.—The session of the senate today developed three distinct sensations. The most important of these was the presentation by Sherman of a letter from Minister Rodriguez, representative of the Greater Republic of Central America (including Nicaragua), in effect protesting against the execution of the Nicaragua canal project by the United States under the concession granted in 1887 to the Nicaragua Canal Company. As the bill for this purpose was about to be voted on by the senate, the presentation of the letter created consternation among its friends. Morgan, its chief supporter, at once declared the letter was in fact a threat against American control of the canal. The letter made a profound impression on the senators. Earlier in the day the senate unexpectedly found itself discussing the new Anglo-American treaty. While the treaty has been released, all discussion of it is restricted to executive session. Notwithstanding this rule, expressions were free and full from Sherman, Gray, Cullom, Lodge, Hoar, and others.

Shortly after the session began Turpie caused a preliminary flurry by criticizing the reported agreement between Secretaries Olney and Sherman, by which no action was to be taken as to Cuba before March 4. Sherman emphatically denied that any such agreement had been made, and added he had not had a word with Olney in that direction.

Washington, D. C., January 22, 1897.—H. Van Dusen, Chairman of the Citizens' Meeting, Astoria, Ore: Resolutions received. Oregon delegation in congress earnestly supporting legislation providing for construction of the Nicaragua canal.

GEO. W. McBRIDE.

The telegram quoted above, from Senator McPride, is evidence that Oregon's representative is not at all frightened by Turpie's trade and display of circus oratory against the Nicaragua canal bill. Despite that gentleman's efforts to make a showing for the constituents who have lined his pockets with gold to fight the measure, the Pacific coast states must and will have the bill passed. In repeated speeches in the United States senate, John H. Mitchell of Oregon has shown where he stands on this question. Senator McBride has lined up on the right side, and the majority of the representatives of California, Washington, Idaho and Montana have shown their hands and taken a position favorable to the bill.

Look at the situation from any standpoint, and it at once becomes apparent to an unprejudiced man that the Nicaragua canal must be built by the United States under the superintendence of American engineers, and that the completion of this work is the only means by which the commerce and development of the entire country can be accomplished. Oceans of vacant land on the Pacific slopes await occupation by the farmer. Immigration can only be induced, to any appreciable extent, when cheap means of transportation are afforded. That a country, now with a population of less than two millions, should be supporting thirty-five millions, should go begging, seems supremely ridiculous. When it is taken into consideration that the building of the Nicaragua canal not only means the bringing to the Pacific coasts the people which shall make them bloom like the Garden of Eden, but that it also means, what is of still greater importance, the placing in the hands of the United States the control of the commerce of the world; Liverpool within thirty days of Astoria; New York within three weeks of San Francisco; London within thirty days of Australia, by sea, also means an entire reorganization of ocean traffic.

How congress can hesitate longer upon the passage of the bill which means such great prosperity to all of its people seems strange to the smallest merchant or farmer in the country. Only five years will be required to finish the canal, and bring about a change in business conditions throughout the entire country which will soon vindicate the wisdom of the measure.

NOTE OF WARNING.

Astoria, Jan. 21.—(Editor Astorian)—In a few days the council and the school district will meet to estimate the costs of operating their different departments the coming year. Times have been hard for several years and is still contracting. It is

THEY ARE STILL IN A MUDDLE

The Legislature at Salem Adjourns Until Monday Morning.

MITCHELL TO PLAY HIS GAME

Takes the Position that He Can Still Be Elected and Seated if the House Is Not Recognized.

Special to the Astorian.

Salem, Or., January 22.—The muddled condition of the Oregon legislature cannot be cleared up before Monday, both the senate and the Benson house having adjourned until that date.

The Davis house, in accordance with their contention that no business can be transacted without two-thirds of the members elected to the house being present, adjourned until tomorrow, when they will doubtless meet and adjourn till Sunday and then till Monday, on which day the fight will be resumed. The feature of today's proceedings was the attempt to keep Temporary Speaker Davis out of his chair, on the part of the Benson men. They feared that Davis, whose house was to meet half an hour before theirs, would shut them out altogether or repeat yesterday's scene of a dual house. For a few moments trouble was imminent but wise counsel prevailed and Davis was allowed to take his seat on condition that he would adjourn his house before the time set for the meeting of the Benson house. The agreement was carried out to the letter.

It was generally expected that the question of organization would be decisively settled today, but events seemed to indicate that Senator Mitchell and his friends were not willing to hazard it until they learned definitely what action the senate would take in the matter of recognizing the Benson house. Therefore the joint resolution was not sent to the senate relative to the notification of the governor. The opposition to Senator Mitchell says that if the senate recognizes the Benson house they will come in and proceed to business, but under no other conditions.

W. C. T. U. WORK.

The good people of Astoria are certainly to be congratulated on having such a noble band of women as are to be found in the little parlor of Rescue hall every Thursday afternoon. That these women are fulfilling the Christ principles cannot be questioned for a moment. More than one needy family have found their way to the door of relief and assistance in keeping the wolf from the door during times of direst distress. When an application is made for help no questions as to religious belief are asked, the only thing required is to know if the applicant is worthy. Again it becomes necessary to call on the citizens for help, in the way of donations of cast-off clothing. No matter what you have, it can be utilized in one way or another, and will brighten and cheer some poor, forlorn mortal. Anything left at the hall will be most gratefully received, or if word is sent to the Union meeting, articles will be called for.

Every society has a harvest time, and that time will soon be at hand for the ladies of the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Clara Hoffman, a woman of marked ability as a lecturer, one of the national officers, state president of Missouri, and a decidedly brilliant woman, will be here and lecture in Fisher's Opera House on the night of February 11. This will no doubt be a treat that we seldom have an opportunity of here, and undoubtedly a packed house will greet this charming woman. Manager Selig will make arrangements so that all may be comfortable, so none should stay away thinking that they can't get a seat. But be sure and come early and get good seats, as first come, first served, of course.

COMMITTEE.

LOST SAWDUST.

A doll belonging to a little five-year-old girl named May, of Pullman, Washington, had the misfortune one day to get so crippled as to allow the sawdust with which it was stuffed to come out. A few days later a very tightly-laced young lady, Miss D., called on May's mamma. After Miss D.'s departure May said to her mamma, in all earnestness: "Mamma, has Miss D.—lost all the sawdust out of her?"

MOTHER'S BUCKWHEAT CAKES.

From the Chicago Record.
"These buckwheat cakes are not at all like those mother used to make."
"Well, I should hope not. She had to make them over night and take them to bed with her to keep them from freezing."

TOO MUCH SENSE.

From the Chicago Record.
"What makes you say that women more sense than men?"
"Well, you haven't seen any women riding around town in wheelbarrows since the election, have you?"

SURPRISING, IF TRUE.

"Judkins had a ghastly surprise this morning on an Eighth street smoking car."
"What was it?"
"Not a solitary woman tried to force herself into it."

SNOW BLOCKADE.

Huron, S. D., January 22.—As a result of last night's blizzard no trains were sent east or south today over the Chicago and Northwestern. The Milwaukee line is blockaded and the Great Northern has been under three to ten feet of snow for two weeks. An engine and a snow plow were thrown from

SETTLEMENT WITH UNION PACIFIC

The Government Will at Once Foreclose the Entire Property.

ITS DEBT IS WELL SECURED

Principal and Interest of the Claim of Uncle Sam Provided for in Cash at the Sale.

Washington, January 22.—Attorney-General Harmon today gave out the following statement of the agreement with the reorganization committee of the Union Pacific Railway. Upon the defeat of the funding bill in the house the president directed the attorney-general to commence foreclosure proceedings against the Union Pacific Railway Company, first-making the best arrangements obtainable for the protection of the government interest, following the lines indicated in his last report. The attorney general began negotiations with the reorganization committee. Thursday an agreement was made which will result in immediate steps to foreclosure. The chief subject of the negotiations was the protection of the government against risk of sacrifice of its claim by sale at a price which would leave nothing substantial after paying the prior liens. This protection is now assured by a guarantee that the government shall receive for its lien on added portions of the Union Pacific and Kansas Pacific lines, including the sinking fund, not less than \$45,754,000. The sale will be public so the government will receive the benefit of any higher bids up to the full amount of its claim, principal and interest. The sum of four-and-a-half million dollars cash was Thursday deposited with the United States Trust Company, New York, by General Lewis Fitzgerald, chairman of the committee, as security according to the terms of the agreement. It is believed that there will be higher bids, but if not the estimate shows that with the amounts already received from the company, the government will at least realize a sum equivalent to the principal of the subsidy bonds, with interest at about 3 1/2 per cent from their issue to the average date of their maturity, or about 3 1/2 per cent from the date of issue to January 1, 1897.

The minimum of \$45,754,000 guaranteed to the government is in cash, so that all relations with the property will terminate upon the confirmation of the foreclosure sale. The course to be pursued with respect to the Central Pacific has not yet been determined.

REVENUE CUTTER LAUNCHED.
Boston, January 22.—The new revenue cutter Daniel Manning was launched at East Boston this afternoon. The launching was a complete success. The Manning is the largest revenue cutter ever built for the government, surpassing in speed and power many naval vessels of this and foreign countries, and in time of war is expected to prove most valuable to the navy.

BIG JUDGMENT.

Chicago, January 22.—A judgment for \$84,000 in favor of the World's Columbian Exposition Company was entered today in Judge Burke's court against the Ferris Wheel Company. The judgment is for the World's Fair Company's share of the gate receipts during the exposition.

SITUATION AT BOISE.

Boise, Idaho, January 22.—The senatorial ballot today resulted as follows: Claggett, 27; Dubois, 28; Nelson, 15; Lewis, 1; Parkinson, 1.

BUSINESS BETTER.

But Prices Are a Trifle Lower According to Dun.

New York, January 22.—R. G. Dun & Company's Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say:

There is more business, though not at better prices. It is interesting that almost all prices which change at all are lower than a week ago, and yet business is unquestionably larger. There is a larger production, but as yet not as much increase in consumption, and there is larger buying of materials, but at present only because better prices are expected in future. The number of hands employed, all industries considered, is slightly larger than a week ago, with adverse changes in the rate of wages. All apprehension of foreign disturbance of the money markets has passed away, but there is still great caution in making loans. It is a mistake to reckon this as a symptom of depression. On the contrary, in spite of the lower range of prices in important industries, the conditions all indicate larger production, and consumption increasing, not as yet largely but steadily.

The failures for the week have been 466 in the United States against 32 last year, and 45 in Canada against 61 last year. The aggregate of gross earnings of all railroads in the United States reporting for the first half of January is \$2,137,724, a decrease of 4 per cent compared with last year, and of 1.1 per cent compared with the corresponding period in 1895.

MUST PAY UP.

Tacoma, January 22.—United States Circuit Judge Gilbert rendered a decision here today that the Northern Pacific Railroad must pay a draft for \$4,500 cashed by the late Paul Schulze, land agent of the Northern Pacific, at the London and San Francisco bank just before his suicide two years ago. The draft was on New York and payment was stopped because Schulze used the proceeds for his personal account.

THE MARKETS.

San Francisco, January 22.—Hops, 8 1/2c; fair to choice, and 11 1/2c for fancy.
Liverpool, January 22.—Wheat—spot, quiet; demand, poor; No. 2 red spring, 6s 10d; No. 1 California, 7s 1d.
Futures—July, 6s 9/4d.

DIXON THE WINNER.

New York, January 22.—Dixon knocks Murphy out in the sixth round.

NEW STEAMER.

The new steel steamer Helene, built by the Union Iron Works for the Wilder Steamship Company of Honolulu, was launched successfully at the Union Iron Works yesterday forenoon. Miss Laura Dickson of Honolulu had the pleasant duty of breaking the bottle of wine over the bow of the craft, and she did it very gracefully, while an admiring crowd of invited guests and workmen looked on and applauded.

STILL BATTLING.

No Change in the Senatorial Contest at Olympia.
Olympia, June 22.—Three more ballots were taken today in joint assembly of the legislature in an effort to choose a United States senator and no candidate seems nearer election at the conclusion of the ninth ballot than when the first ballot was taken Wednesday. It seems to be an understanding among the majority, which includes the Republicans, that three ballots shall be taken each session unless some candidate shall develop a surprising vote. Judge Turner gained another vote today, although he received but 24, the same as yesterday. One of his supporters, however, was absent. Squire gained three votes, which gave him on the second ballot of the day six votes. On the next ballot he dropped back to five. Speaker Cline and Lieutenant-Governor Daniels lead the Populist candidates, and the race between them was neck and neck the last two ballots. Rev. Clark Davis, after the first ballot today, withdrew from the contest.

Hodgdon, Populist member from King, created warm applause from the Republicans by casting his vote for the Republican candidate on the second ballot.

"I desire to express my admiration for and confidence in, my old pioneer friend," he said. "I will therefore cast a complimentary vote this ballot for one of nature's noblemen, Arthur A. Denny."
Warner, Democrat, voted for Judge Turner. The vote was received with hisses by the middle-of-the-roads.

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