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**British Attitude Is Surprise to
Officials--Treaty Implies
Prerogative.**

WASHINGTON.—Officials of both the state department and the army express surprise that any question should be raised as to the right of the United States to erect fortifications along the Panama Canal. They regard the unfavorable comment in the English press on Colonel Roosevelt's remarks about the necessity for fortifying the canal as lack of appreciation both of the action of the American government and of the attitude of the British foreign office itself.

By implication, it is declared by American officials, the American and British agreement of 1901, known as the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, gave the United States the right to fortify the canal.

Treaty Contains Rules.

The implication is drawn from several clauses. This treaty sets forth that the United States adopted as the basis of the neutralization of the canal the rules governing the Suez Canal with certain modifications. In contrast with the Suez rules, the Panama Canal rules, it is contended, contain no specific authorization for an enemy of the United States to use the canal to the detriment of the latter's interest. It is, therefore, the claim of the United States that her guarantee to neutralize the canal only refers to belligerents, not to enemies of the United States.

Furthermore, it is added, no express provision was incorporated in the rules forbidding the United States to fortify the canal as was done with Turkey in the case of the Suez Canal.

STOCK AND BOND COMMISSION NAMED

BEVERLY, Mass.—The personnel of the stock and bond commission created by the new railroad law of the last session of congress to examine into the question of proper legislation for the supervision of issuing stocks and bonds by interstate steam railways, has been announced. President Taft has received acceptances from the following:

Chairman, President Arthur T. Hadley of Yale University; Frederick N. Judson, St. Louis, author of several books on law; Frederick Strauss, New York, economist and broker; Walter L. Fisher, Chicago attorney for the city of Chicago in the settlement of the Chicago traction dispute, and Prof. B. F. Meyer, Madison, Wis., professor of political economy of the University of Wisconsin.

May Raise Lumber Rate.

WASHINGTON.—According to private advices received by the interstate commerce commission, the Hill and Harriman Railroads contemplate again advancing the rate on lumber shipped East from Pacific Coast points when the existing rates fixed by the commission expires automatically on October 15.

MINE DIRECTOR IS NAMED

Taft Names as Bureau Director Man Friendly to Pinchot Interest.

BEVERLY, Mass.—Dr. Joseph A. Holmes, said to be a foe of Secretary Ballinger and a known friend of Gifford Pinchot and James R. Garfield, has been appointed director of the new bureau of mines by President Taft.

Secretary Ballinger, under whose department the new bureau falls, has been opposed to Holmes' appointment and his selection by Taft has caused much surprise.

Large Apple Crop Expected.

SPOKANE.—Statistics compiled from reports by growers and handlers indicate that the production of commercial apples in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana will be between 6,500,000 and 6,700,000 boxes this season.

Ballinger Report Slow.

MINNEAPOLIS.—The Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee gathered in this city Monday. It is impossible to tell how long it will take the committee to complete the report.

Masked men sprang out of the bushes along a lonely lane near Hudson, N. Y., and held up Dent Fowler, paymaster of the Atlas Brick Company and his negro driver, shot the driver dead, mortally wounded Fowler, who died soon afterward, and made off with a chest of pay envelopes containing \$5000.

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One of Prominent Speakers
at Conservation Congress.



BRIEF NEWS OF THE WEEK

According to the United States geological survey, 22,840 men have been killed in our coal mines in the last 17 years, and nearly 56,000 have been seriously injured.

Greater New York has a population of 4,766,883 under the thirteenth decennial census, according to figures issued by the director of the census.

A new world's record for aeroplane height flying was established by Leon Morane, a Frenchman, who reached an altitude of 8151 feet.

After a conference with the forestry service officials the officers of the American National Red Cross announced that it would pay the hospital expenses of the government employees injured in fighting the forest fires in the Northwest.

That the remarkable increase in the population of the big cities of the country shown by the thirteenth census, is one of the leading causes of the prevailing high cost of living, is the declaration of Professor Benjamin Clark Marsh, secretary of the committee on congestion of population in New York.

Charles W. Post has filed suit in the federal court at St. Louis to enjoin the Federation of Labor and Buck Stove & Range Company from entering into an agreement establishing the so-called "closed shop" in the plants of the stove concern. Post avers that he is a stockholder in the Buck Company and that the agreement damaged his interests.

The cloakmakers' strike, one of the greatest industrial disturbances in the history of American labor, has been settled. Seventy thousand garment-makers, who have been idle for nine months, will return to work.

POLITICAL NEWS

Governor Shaffroth signed the initiative and referendum bill recently passed by both branches of the Colorado legislature, which is sitting in special session.

Vermont set the pace on Tuesday for the fall elections by voting for governor and five other state officers, representatives in congress and members of the legislature. As usual the republican ticket was elected.

Representative Campbell, one of the two "standpat" representatives renominated at the recent Kansas primary, has announced that he will vote against Joseph G. Cannon for the speakership.

Friends of Thomas E. Watson are urging him to become an independent candidate for governor of Georgia against Hoke Smith, following Watson's humiliation at the hands of a pro-Smith audience. Watson spoke against Smith to an unruly crowd of 5000 persons, who hooted and jeered so vigorously that Watson lost his nerve and fainted.

Ex-President Roosevelt began the week with a Labor Day address in Fargo and Tuesday spoke at the conservation congress in St. Paul. During the remainder of the week he filed speaking engagements in Milwaukee, Freeport, Chicago, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh. His address in the last-named city will conclude his present tour.

FOREIGN NEWS BITS

The Austrian government has begun an investigation as to the causes of the great emigration especially from Hungary and the eastern provinces to the United States.

More than 1400 lives were lost in the recent Japanese floods according to official reports. In addition several hundred are missing.

Since the outbreak of the epidemic this year 133,601 cases of cholera, with 64,405 deaths in Russia, have been officially reported. The scourge, however, is lessening.

Following the promulgation of an ordinance prohibiting the eating of figs because of the cholera scare at Bari, Italy, a mob of 2000 persons attacked and wrecked the local sanitary office and beat the employees.

CONSERVATIONISTS MEET IN ST. PAUL

**Many Notable Men, Including
Taft and Roosevelt, Ad-
dress Congress.**

ST. PAUL.—The prominence of the speakers and the importance of the subjects to be considered, combined to attract the greatest amount of public attention to the national conservation congress, which assembled here Monday.

Addresses were made dealing with everything from water-power sites to conservation of bird life—plenty of them—but the real interest of the convention centered in the fight of the public land states for control of their own natural resources by themselves, rather than by the Federal Government.

2000 Delegates Attend.

The public-land states were represented by full delegations. Less interest is shown in the older states, where public lands are not a local issue.

Governor Hay, of Washington, was prominently identified with the "state rights" forces. The congress was opened by Bernard N. Baker, of Baltimore, its president. Archbishop Ireland delivered the invocation.

Two thousand delegates is the estimated number in attendance. The fact that the President and Colonel Roosevelt are among the speakers, and that the State Fair opened Monday added other thousands to the crowd. The congress meets in the auditorium, which can seat 10,000 persons.

Prominent Men on Program.

President Taft and ex-President Roosevelt headed the list of speakers, which also included Jas. J. Hill, Gifford Pinchot, James R. Garfield, Senator Beveridge and other men of note. In his conservation address the President made an appeal for practical common sense in dealing with conservation problems.

In the opinion of many who heard him he also made answer to the recent agitation of a "New Nationalism," or a Federal centralization of power, by declaring that the only safe course to pursue was to hold fast to the limitations of the constitution and to regard as sacred the power of the states.

Roosevelt, in his address, strongly opposed turning conservation matters over to the states, because most of the predatory corporations are interstate affiliations; therefore they are largely out of reach of effective state control and fall of necessity within the Federal jurisdiction, and that in the great fight of the people to drive the special interests from the domination of our government the nation is stronger and its jurisdiction is more effective than that of any state.

STEEL PLANT BLOWN UP BY DYNAMITERS

PEORIA, Ill.—The Lucas Bridge & Iron Company's large plant in this city was completely wrecked by dynamiters Sunday night. Three terrific explosions reduced the plant to ruins and six adjacent buildings, including three saloons were wrecked. Dynamiters appeared again at midnight, when two carloads of steel girders lying in the switch yards of East Peoria were demolished by the explosion. The cars had just arrived from the Pittsburgh Steel Works and were to be used on the Peoria and Pekin Union bridge.

COAST CITIES SHOW GAINS

WASHINGTON.—When the tabulation of the returns of the 13th census is completed no section of the country promises to show in more favorable light than the Pacific coast. Other states will show heavier gains in population and cities elsewhere will show greater actual growth during the past ten years, but considering the population as it stood in 1900, no states are expected to show larger percentage gains than those of the Pacific Coast.

It is also believed, judging from returns thus far available, that the leading cities of the Pacific Coast will distance all others in their proportionate gain since the 13th census was taken.

China Ships Coal.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Five thousand tons of Chinese coal, the first of a consignment to be used in an invasion of the local market, has been received here on board the Norwegian steamer Sark. According to report, a Chinese concern has laid plans to furnish coal to San Francisco and the Pacific Coast and a coal fleet will ply regularly between here and China.

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