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BLOCKS THE CANAL.

United States May Not Take Up Nicaragua Route Again.

Washington, Nov. 27.—The cabinet meeting yesterday was devoted almost exclusively to the consideration of the status of the reciprocity treaty with Cuba and the canal treaty with Colombia. The hitches that have occurred in the negotiations were discussed, as were also the prospects of settlement.

Secretary Hay, while presenting the subject of the canal negotiations, was not able to report that any progress had been made during the past week. In fact, it appears that the negotiations have come to a dead stop, and while no such thing as an ultimatum has passed, the precise situation may be described in the statement that the Colombian minister here, Concha, has distinctly informed the state department that he cannot, in behalf of his government, accept the last proposition of the United States as a basis for a canal treaty. The state department has already let it be known that it has come to the end of its concessions, so the chances of a renewal of the negotiations in the near future are not very bright.

This state of affairs will stimulate the negotiations with Nicaragua and Costa Rica for the alternate route, but it now appears that the diplomatic representatives of those countries are not disposed to allow themselves to be used to coerce Colombia, and therefore are desirous of remaining in the background until it shall be clearly established that no treaty can be made between Colombia and the United States.

One of the statements of fact in connection with the Panama route which has been brought to the attention of the state department is that the original canal concession will expire in 1904, and it has been suggested that the Colombian government has that fact in mind, and is disposed to refrain from making a treaty now, in expectation that the franchise will lapse, and it thus may be in a position to build the canal itself, or to sell a new concession. Such a course would raise a very serious question between the Colombian government, the Panama canal company, the French government and the government of the United States as to whether or not a supplementary decree extending the concession 10 years from 1904 was valid.

SPANISH WAR CLAIMS.

United States Took the Place of Spain in Cuba.

Washington, Nov. 27.—The Spanish claims commission has enunciated the principles by which it will be governed in passing upon the various demurrers which have been submitted to it in connection with the claims now under consideration on account of the war between Spain and Cuba. The general basis is laid down that in assuming the responsibility which would have otherwise been Spain's the United States is bound to pay all claims for which Spain could have been held. It is further held that the insurrection in Cuba had gone beyond the control of the Spanish government and that it was not responsible for damages done to foreigners by the insurgents. If, however, it be shown that the Spanish authorities might have prevented the damage done in any particular case by the exercise of due diligence the commission announces that it will hold that Spain is liable.

The commission announces further that it will take judicial notice that the Cuban insurrection passed from first beyond the control of Spain, and so continued until the intervention of the United States. It is further held that Spain was entitled to adopt such war measures for the recovery of her authority as are sanctioned by the rules and usages of international warfare. If, however, it be alleged and proved in any particular case that the acts of the Spanish authorities or soldiers were contrary to such rules and usages, Spain will be held liable in that case.

This decision does not, however, go to the extent of saying that the reconcentration orders were legitimate acts of war. There is to be a further argument on that subject.

Ex-Senator Chandler, chairman of the committee, and Commissioner Maury dissent from the rules adopted.

Called to Washington.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 27.—General Luke E. Wright, vice governor of the Philippines, left last night for Washington, where it is understood he has been summoned by the president for a conference on the proposed Philippine legislation. It is expected that general Wright will assist in the preparation of the bills which will be presented to congress at the forthcoming session, among which will be one for the establishment of a stable currency and an extension of the civil service laws in the archipelago will be recommended.

Big Coal Land Deal.

Indiana, Pa., Nov. 27.—By a deal consummated here today, 6,000 acres of untouched Pittsburg coal land in Young and Conemaugh townships, this county, changed hands for a consideration approximating $1,200,000. The transfer of the coal is but preliminary to the formation of a mining company with a capital fo $2,000,00, which will begin in the spring to develop the field and to construct a new railroad into the field.

Fatal Locomotive Boiler Explosion.

Pittsburg, Nov. 27.—A trainman was killed and seven others seriously injured by the explosion of a locomotive boiler at Thompson, on the Monongahela division of the Pennsylvania road today. Of the injured all are railroad employes and none is expected to die.

NEWS OF OREGON

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF THE STATE.

Commercial and Financial Happenings of the Past Week—Brief Review of the Growth and Development of Various Industries Throughout Our Commonwealth—Latest Market Report.

Eugene has secured an additional mail carrier for city delivery.

The new electric car line from Gresham into Portland will be ready for operation in about two weeks.

Burglars entered a Salem residence and ransacked the place, securing a small amount of cash and some jewelry.

Baker City will be compelled to remain in darkness for a while longer owing to the non-arrival of the transformers and street lights.

A six-stamp mill with a capacity of 50 tons a day has been purchased for the Red, White and Blue mine in the Malheur district. The mine is owned by a Boston syndicate.

A number of cities throughout the state will hold municipal elections December 1. Considerable local interest is being taken on account of factional fights, prohibition measures, etc.

The Baker City lodge of Elks has purchased a site and will erect a two story stone and brick building 50x100 feet. When complete the structure will cost about $25,000.

Three prisoners under detention at the county jail at Union, made their escape by sawing through the bars of their cells. The prisoners were awaiting a hearing before the grand jury, two charged with assault and one with mayhem.

The Oregon dairymen's association will meet in Corvallis December 16 and 17. Cream separator and other dairy supply firms are invited to make exhibits of their goods. Addresses of interest will be delivered by well known dairymen. Special rates will be given by the transportation companies.

The noted Bowden mine and Braden mill, situated near Gold Hill, with its water power, has been transferred to a corporation capitalized at $500,000. The purchase price was in the neighborhood of $100,000. Southern Oregon is coming to the front as a mining country and the purchasers of this mine are going to put in new and heavy machinery and do considerable development work.

Albany will hold its regular city election Monday, December 1. Considerable local interest is manifested.

The Methodist church in Oregon City is being raised high enough to permit of a store room being built on the ground floor. This arrangement will bring the church people about $150 per month.

The heavy rains have washed out a large portion of the dam of the Condor water and power company, at Yolo. Eighty men of the crew have been laid off and work is practically abandoned for the winter.

The farmers of Linn county will hold a farmers' institute November 28 and 29, under the auspices of the experiment department of the Oregon agricultural college. The meeting will be held at Grange Hall No. 10, near Albany.

The tides of the past few days have done many thousand dollars' worth of damage to the diked lands on Young's river and the Lewis and Clark. How much cannot yet be estimated, but it is believed that it will reach at least $10,000.

Three weeks ago J. J. Jackson, a Negro charged with breaking open a freight car at Huntington in August, sawed through the bars in the county jail and escaped. The fact was only made public a few days ago. Jackson's trial was scheduled for next week.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 71@72c; bluestem 77@79c; valley, 74½@75c.

Barley—Feed, $23 50 per ton; brewing, $24.00.

Flour—Best grade, 3.60@3.75 graham, $3.20@3.60.

Millstuffs—Bran, $19.00 per ton; middlings, $23.50; shorts, $19.50; chop, $18.

Oats—No. 1 white, $1.15@1.17½; gray, $1.12½@1.15 per cental.

Hay — Timothy, $10@11; clover, $9.00; cheat, $8@9 per ton.

Potatoes—Best Burbanks, 60@80 per sack; ordinary, 50@55c per cental, growers' prices; Merced sweets, $1.75@$2 per cental.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $3.50@4.25; per pound, 10c; hens, $4@4.50 per dozen; per pound, 11c; springs, $3.00@3.50 per dozen; fryers, $2.50@3.00; broilers, $2.00@2.50; ducks, $4.50@6.00 per dozen; turkeys, young, 12½@15c; geese, $6.00@6.50 per dozen.

Cheese — Full cream, twins, 15½@16½c; Young America, 16½@17½; factory prices, 1@1½c less.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 30@32½c per pound; extras, 30c; dairy, 20@22½c; store, 15@18.

Eggs—25@30c per dozen.

Hops—New crop, 23@26c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 12½@15c; Eastern Oregon, 8@14½c; mohair, 26@28c.

Beef—Gross, cows, 3@3½c per pound; steers, 4c; dressed, 6@7c.

Veal—7½@8½c.

Mutton — Gross, 3c per pound; dressed, 6c.

Lambs — Gross, 3½c per pound; dressed, 6½c.

Hogs—Gross, 6¼@6½c per pound; dressed, 7@7½c.

PHILIPPINES WANT GOLD.

Fluctuations of Silver Seriously Interfere in Transaction of Business.

Manila, Nov. 26.—Silver has suffered another decline in value. The government has issued a proclamation making the official rate $2.60 for $1 gold. The former rate was $2.50.

The possibility of the adoption by the Straits settlements of a gold standard, and the reports current that Mexico is about to abandon the silver standard, have greatly weakened the Indian and Asiatic silver market. Large quantities of Mexican silver are coming here from China, as it is believed that much gold is being circulated here on account of government expenditures. The fact is that American trade is going to China, and the losses in silver are seriously affecting the insular treasury and business interests generally. The rapidly changing rates embarrass the business houses, making it almost impossible to fix prices. The native officials are beginning to petition for the payment of salaries in gold, and the demand for stable curency is universal. The secretary of finance says:

"There is nothing to indicate a more hopeful future for the currency question. It will probably be as bad as now, if not worse, until congress acts and gives us a stable currency."

CLEARED THE FREIGHT YARDS.

Pittsburg Switchmen Sent Out 95 Trains Inside of Five Hours.

Pittsburg, Nov. 26.—After 36 hours of the most strenuous activity on the part of the greatly augmented forces of men and locomotives, the Pennsylvania railroad system has made a comparative cleaning up of its congested terminals. The car movement breaks all records of a similar kind. It is estimated that 50,000 cars were moved in and out of Pittsburg. In five hours 95 trains were started for Altoona by the Pennsylvania, 20 per cent heavier than the record.

Tonight the Pennsylvania railroad yards are freer from obstructions than at any time within five months, but the receipts of cras destined for Pittsburg shippers will fill them up before tomorrow is passed. The cars will be moved in from the outlying sidetracks which, for 30 miles along every approach to the city, have been stagnated with cars laden with all manner of crude products.

In the yards of the Pittsburg & Lake Erie and Baltimore & Ohio also good work was accomplished, and tonight their terminals are comparatively close to normal conditions. Before 6 o'clock eight trainmen had been taken to the hospital injured at various points.

GATHERING IN AT WASHINGTON.

Members of Congress Arriving and Preparing for the Coming Session.

Washington, Nov. 26.—Senators and members of the house of representatives are beginning to arrive in Washington preparatory to the meeting of congress next Monday. Most of the leaders will be here during the early part of the week, as the president desires to confer with them before putting the finishing touches on his message. Today's arrivals included Senators Spooner, Allison, Fairbanks and Bailey, and Speaker Henderson. Senator Spooner spent some time at the white house tonight in conference with the president.

Speaker Henderson expressed the opinion in an interview tonight that there would be little legislation at the coming short session aside from the passage of the appropriation bills. He added, however, that the president would have the first inning. The speaker expressed his belief to some of his callers that a constitutional amendment would be the only means of dealing with the trust question.

MORE MONEY NECESSARY.

Increase in Prices of Building Materials Delaying Government Work.

Washington, Nov. 26.—The attention of Secretary Moody was directed today to the fact that it would be impossible to complete the buildings at the naval academy within the limit of cost fixed by congress, owing to the very large increase in the price of material. When the new academy buildings were planned congress fixed the limit of cost at $300,000, and Secretary Long apportioned this sum among the various buildings and improvements. Since then it has been decided to erect a hospital and also to do certain dredge work in the Severn. Captain Brownson, superintendent of the academy, who was at the academy today, called the secretary's attention to the fact that since 1900 the price of building material had increased on an average of over 30 per cent. This, he told the secretary, would make it impossible to complete the buildings within the limits fixed by congress. It is probable that the secretary will call the attention of congress to the matter in his annual report.

Major Reed Dead.

Washington, Nov. 26.— Major Walter Reed, an officer of the surgeon general's department of the army, died here last night. Major Reed was sent to Havana to investigate the yellow fever question, and it was largely through his researches that the determination was reached that the disease was communicable through the mosquito. His death was due to appendicitis, for which an operation was performed last Monday.

Ex-Queen Lil in Washington.

Washington, Nov. 26.—Ex-Queen Liliuokalani, of Hawaii, arrived in Washington last night, to remain for some time. She was accompanied by her maid and by John D. Aimoku. She is seeking favorable action by congress on measures for her relief.

NEGOTIATIONS OFF

COAL TROUBLE BACK TO COMMISSION FOR SETTLEMENT.

Will Be No Private Conference to End the Affair, On Account of the Independent Operators—They Demand a Full Hearing, and Assert Moreover, That They Have a Good Defense.

Washington, Nov. 26.—All prospects for an understanding between the United Mineworkers and the coal operators outside the anthracite coal strike commission came to a sudden termination late yesterday afternoon through the receipt of a dispatch to Wayne MacVeagh, representing the Pennsylvania coal company and the Hillside coal and iron company, notifying him that at a meeting of the anthracite coal road men in New York it had been decided not to grant any interview to Mr. Mitchell and his associates, which had been suggested for Friday next.

The announcement, coming as it did after an all day conference in this city between Mr. MacVeagh and Mr. Mitchell and his associates, attended part of the time by Carroll D. Wright, in an endeavor to adjust some details of the proposed agreement between the operators and the miners, completely surprised everyone here.

From a reliable source it is learned that the proposition that the operators meet Mr. Mitchell on Friday next was made at the instance of Mr. MacVeagh, who was no less surprised than Mr. Mitchell himself at the turn affairs took today. From statements made by Mr. Darrow early in the day, the impression had spread that a complete agreement would be effected at today's conference, but when the meeting broke up Mr. Darrow read to the newspaper men in the corridor outside his room in Willard's hotel a statement which made it clear that no agreement was likely. The statement was as follows:

"The conference today was simply a continuation of the conferences held at Scranton, and with precisely the same object—that of trying to reach a basis of hopeful discussion for an amicable settlement. Mr. MacVeagh has not been in Scranton since Thursday, and some matters have since developed as to whether a further conference might be useful before either the operators or the representatives of the miners approached the serious task of formulating a different agreement for their signatures."

Mr. Mitchell, when shown the dispatch from New York telling of the action of the operators, simply smiled and said that he had not asked for the conference, but that when he was asked if it would be agreeable to meet the operators he said it would. Mr. Darrow and Mr. Lloyd, however, were outspoken regarding the action of the operators. Mr. Darrow said it was "now up to the operators," and that he would return at once to Scranton and on Tuesday next would appear before the commission ready to go on with the hearing. Mr. Lloyd, holding in his hand the Associated Press dispatch, referred to the fact that Friday's conference had been suggested in order to adjust some matters on which there was still some disagreement.

"Yet," said Mr. Lloyd, "the same men who only last week wired the commission their assent to the general provisions of the tentative agreement, and upon the strength of which the commission adjourned for a week in order to give the parties time to get together, now go completely back on their former action and call it all off. We are satisfied to go before the commission and continue the hearing."

MILES IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Found the Army in a Fair Condition—The People Very Poor.

Manila, Nov. 27.—General Miles will leave here for China, Japan and Russia at the end of the week. Discussing the Philippines with the correspondent of the Associated Press, General Miles said:

"I have seen 13,000 of our troops, and will inspect more of them before leaving. I found them to be in fair condition. This is a hard country for campaigning. I inspected the principal defenses of the islands and some of the harbors which the government may fortify. I found the people generally impoverished from the effects of the war and the pestilence which followed it, and I fear some may suffer from famine. The death of farm animals leaves the people no means of recovering."

Bread Riots in Russia.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 27.—Bread riots are reported from the Ural districts, where thousands of persons are idle because of the closing of the iron works. The students exiled to Siberia have been granted amnesty, some unconditionally and some are allowed to return immediately, but are subjected to police supervision. The secret police have been increased by one third the number of men heretofore employed in that department.

Mexico Getting Tired of Silver.

Mexico City, Nov. 27. — The heavy advance in the gold premium has caused great excitement in financial and business circles. The premium has been rising all week, and has reached 171. It is generally conceded that a gold standard cannot be long delayed, as silver fluctuates in value so rapidly that it cannot be relied on as a basis of currency.

FATAL WISCONSIN FIRE.

Several Persons Dead and Property Loss Amounting to $525,000.

Ashland, Wis., Nov. 25.—The Wisconsin Central ore dock was destroyed by fire this afternoon, the loss involved being about $525,000. In falling the dock carried with it a number of firemen and dockmen and a number of lives were lost, just how many will probably not be known for several days.

A number of badly injured firemen were rescued from the burning ruins.

The fire caught about 5 o'clock, presumably from a boat unloading lumber across the slip, and before the firemen arrived the entire ore dock, half a mile long, was in flames. An engine was run on the tramway as near to the fire as possible, and half a hundred men began tearing apart the timbers connecting the tramway and dock to keep it from falling with the dock. Suddenly the dock gave way, falling with a crash and carrying with it 200 feet of the tramway, the engine just barely escaping the fall into the bay. Several hundred people were under the tramway, but most of them escaped with slight injuries. As the broken tramway and the burning dock fell, fully a dozen men were seen to go down in the ruins. The wreck fell into 20 feet of water. The fire is still raging and Murray's sawmill is in danger. The dock was valued at $500,000 and the ore at $25,000.

POSTOFFICE ROBBED.

Probably $10,000 Taken and Daring Thief Got Safely Away.

Chicago, Nov. 25.—The Chicago postoffice was robbed of probably $10,000 today in a most daring manner. The robber made his escape without leaving any clew to his identity. Two registered mail sacks containing the money, which had just been picked up from two of the down town substations, were left in an unprotected wagon in front of the Masonic Temple, while the mail carrier went into the building to gather mail that had accumulated there. The carrier was gone only a moment, but when he returned his horse and wagon had disappeared. While the carrier had been in the building the robber, who had evidently been waiting his opportunity, jumped into the rig and drove away. The rifled sacks and the horse and rig were afterward found where the thief had abandoned them. The street was full of people at the time of the robbery, but not one seems to have noticed the thief.

STRIKES IN HAVANA

General Suspension of Business Threatened by the Labor Unions.

Havana, Nov. 25.—The coachmen of the city struck today, and the street car men say they will go out this afternoon, thus tying up traffic generally. Typesetters have struck also.

The street car conductors and motormen refused to go out this afternoon, in spite of the notice previously given of their intention to strike, and several clashes occurred between them and the strikers. Traffic was not suspended. The manager of the street railway notified the mayor that the company's employes were willing to work, and demanded that they be protected by the police. The company being an American organization, the manager intends to appeal to Minister Squiers, if the city authorities fail to grant protection to the men.

No newspapers were published today, and it is announced that the cooks and waiters will strike tomorrow.

TWO DEAD IN MINE FIRE.

Were Overcome by Gas While Battling with the Flames.

Trinidad, Colo., Nov. 24.—Two miners have lost their lives in a fire which started in the Colorado fuel and iron company's mine at Engleville. Last night a severe explosion of gas occurred, which spread the fire over a considerable area. No one was in the workings at the time. This morning a gang of 15 or 20 men were put to work some distance from the fire, but the foul gas drove them out. Four men were overcome, one being brought out dead, and one being carried 200 feet and left behind dead. Two who were taken out unconscious have since recovered. Every available man is fighting the fire, but it is probable the mine will have to be closed indefinitely until the flames are smothered.

After Train Robbers.

Trinidad, Colo., Nov. 25.—Word reached this city tonight that Guy Lacroix, the man who the officers believe led the gang that attempted to hold up the Colorado & Southern train near here, had been seen in the vicinity of Clayton, N. M., and at 8:30 this evening a posse left on the Colorado & Southern train for the same locality. Special Agent Reno and Division Superintendent Rainey were in charge of the posse. Efforts were made to keep the departure of the officers a secret.

United States Transport Aground.

Manila, Nov. 25.—The United States transport Ingalls, with General Miles on board, struck on a reef while entering the harbor of Legaspi, Albay, Southeast Luzon, today, and is still aground. She is not in any danger, however. The weather is calm and it is expected the steamer will float at the next high tide. Communication with the shore is maintained. If the Ingalls does not float at high tide, relief will be dispatched to her from this city.

French Banks Losing Deposits.

New York, Nov. 25.—The quiet run on French ordinary savings banks continues, says a Paris dispatch to the Times by way of London. Withdrawals since the beginning of the year amount to $21,000,000.

RIOTING IN HAVANA

LABOR TROUBLES RESULT IN DEATH OF TWO AND 32 INJURED.

No Bread or Meat on Sale — Carmen Did Not Quit and They Were Assaulted by the Other Laborers, the Strike Having Become General—Order Has Been Restored by Police.

Havana, Nov. 26.—As a result of conflicts of a serious nature today between the police and men on strike here, two strikers are dead and 32 other persons are wounded. Five of the wounded, one a lieutenant of police whose throat was cut by a striker, have very severe injuries. Eight other policemen are wounded. The police have the rioters well under control tonight, and every precaution is being taken to prevent a further outbreak of disorder, and all the police and rural guards in the suburbs have been summoned to concentrate in Havana.

The strike, which at first concerned only the cigar workers, became general this morning by the calling out of all trades in sympathy with the cigarmakers. All the tradespeople closed their doors this morning, clerks, cooks and every class of workmen having obeyed the command of the union, except the motormen and conductors of the electric cars, who refused to join in the general strike.

Trouble began early by the holding up of the electric cars by the strikers, whose wrath naturally was directed against the street railway employes. Several cars were held up and stoned in the outskirts of the city, and the passengers were compelled to walk into Havana, among these being the British and German ministers. Several cars were wrecked and some motormen and conductors were injured during the rioting. The carmen, however, continued running their cars until 12 o'clock, when Superintendent Greenwood ordered a suspension of traffic. The employes were willing to remain at work, but the officers of the company, in order to protect the property of the company, deemed it wise to suspend the service.

Mr. Greenwood asked for protection from the civil government, but the authorities were unable to protect the public vehicles. The mayor of Havana and the secretary of government, Deigo Tamayo, had during the past week openly sympathized with the strikers and had given orders to the police not to use force in dispersing crowds, and under these conditions the police were unable to cope with the strikers.

The situation was approaching a critical point at noon, serious disorders having taken place in front of the palace itself, when President Palma sent word to the mayor that unless the city authorities could preserve order and protect the railroad company the state would interfere. The mayor then took drastic measures and issued an edict prohibiting crowds from gathering in the streets, and authorizing the chief of police to kill, if such action should be necessary, to preserve order.

A similar show of force early in the morning undoubtedly would have prevented trouble, but now the strikers had become emboldened and frequent clashes between them and the police occurred in all parts of the city.

No bread or meat were on sale today, and a continuance of the strike will cause much suffering to the poor. The police fear that trouble may occur in the city tonight and a detachment of rural guards is expected to reach Havana at 2:30 tomorrow morning.

Senor Tamayo has resigned the office of secretary of the government, but President Palma will not accept his resignation until the strike has been settled. The public blames Tamayo for his active participation in the strike, and say he and the mayor are responsible for today's riots, as he had openly expressed sympathy with the strikers. At a political meeting at which Senor Tamayo was the chairman, he indorsed the action of the strikers.

NOW WORSE THAN EVER.

Heavy Rains in Texas Delay Trains and Damage Cotton Crop.

Dallas, Tex., Nov. 26.—Heavy rains fell throughout North and Northeast Texas again today, and as a result the situation is more serious than ever. Rivers are overflowing their banks in many places and nearly all railroads are heavy sufferers. The Trinity river at Dallas is rising at the rate of one foot per hour.

The Texas & Pacific tracks are washed out both east and west of Dallas, and the Shreveport branch of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas is tied up. The 'Frisco is washed out between 'Frisco and Prosper. The rain has been heavier in that district than for years. Trains on the Cotton Belt are seriously delayed, and the Red river near Texarkana is on a rampage. Reports from Tyler say the strawberry growing district has been seriously damaged. In some districts entire fields have been totally ruined. County roads have been damaged to the extent of many thousands of dollars. From Mallakoff reports come that cotton will not be worth picking.

New Trans-Pacific Steamer.

New York, Nov. 26. — The new steamship Siberia, one of the largest vessels that has been built in America, reached this port today, direct from the yards of the builders at Newport News. The vessel, which is intended for the trans-Pacific passenger trade between San Francisco and Hong Kong, by way of Yokohama, Nagasaki and Shanghai, was built by the Newport News shipbuilding company for the Pacific Mail steamship company.