

## PANAMA ROUTE IS SELECTED

### The Isthmian Canal Commission Reports to the President

#### IN FAVOR OF THE PURCHASE OF FRENCH COMPANY'S RIGHTS FOR THE BIG WATERWAY.

#### The Title to the Property Is by No Means Clear and Many Factors Have to Be Considered in the Purchase of the Property—Important Executive Order Issued by the President.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The supplemental report of the Isthmian Canal Commission on the proposition of the Panama Canal Company, to dispose of its property to the United States for \$40,000,000, was delivered to President Roosevelt this evening. The members of the Commission refuse to discuss the nature of the report, and a like reticence was maintained at the White House, but it was stated on excellent authority that the report unanimously recommends that the offer of the Panama Canal Company be accepted.

The report goes fully into the steps which must be taken in order to insure perfect title to the United States, for in addition to the present Panama Canal Company, the old organization and the Colombian Government must be reckoned with. The report finds, however, it is said, that the new company can give a clear title.

It is stated that the report says, that when the Commission made its recent report favoring the Nicaraguan route, no offer to sell to this Government had been made by the Panama company. The offer of \$40,000,000, it is said, changed the situation completely. It is further stated that the report shows that little over 1000 shares of the Panama railroad stock is owned by individuals outside the Panama Canal Company, and that these can be purchased for a comparatively small sum. Other obstacles to the sale, the report says, also have been removed.

#### Veterans Have Preference

Washington, Jan. 18.—The following executive order has been issued, directed to each executive department: "The attention of the department is hereby called to the provision of the laws, giving preference to veterans in appointment and retention. The President desires that whatever the needs of the service will justify and law will permit, preference shall be given alike, in appointment and retention, to honorably discharged veterans of the civil war, who are fit and well qualified to perform the duties of the places which they seek and are filling. THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

#### Democrats Consult.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The Democratic members of the Senate Committee on the Philippines were in consultation today over the proposed substitute proposition for the Philippine tariff bill. They are agreed on all essential features of their position. In general they will recommend that, in the end provision should be made giving the Philippines independence, but in the meantime providing for free trade between the United States and the Philippine Archipelago, such as is maintained between the United States proper and the other territories.

#### A Brief Session.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The House of Representatives was in session less than an hour today. Only routine business was transacted, the most important feature of which was the report by Cannon, chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, of the urgent deficiency bill. The bill will be called up for consideration next Monday.

#### Roosevelt's Western Tour.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Eustace Brainerd, of Seattle, today invited President Roosevelt to come to Seattle and the Puget sound next summer. The President said it was his intention to visit that portion of the Pacific coast before the expiration of his term, but he was not able to determine whether he could go there next summer.

#### A Distinguished Jurist.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 18.—Judge William H. Dewitt died this afternoon. Dewitt was a distinguished member of the Montana bar, and was Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Montana for seven years.

#### GONE TO HER REST.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 18.—Mrs. Geo. T. Myers, wife of the prominent salmon packer of that name, died tonight.

#### THE EMPEROR'S ORTHODOXY

Kaiser Wilhelm's Subjects Alarmed for Their Ruler's Theology.

BERLIN, Jan. 18.—The action of Emperor William in sitting through a long lecture by Prof. Delitzsch, Assyriologist, on the Babylonian origin of

Hebrew ideas, has alarmed the ultra-orthodox circles of the state church, who begin to think something is wrong with His Majesty's theology. They have noted that in Gotha three weeks ago the Emperor intimated that all churches were equally dear to him, saying that one of the great purposes of his life was to bring about a church unity. His allowing Prof. Delitzsch's conclusions as to the historical foundation of Hebrewism to have the imperial approval is regarded as a dangerous symptom.

#### FRANCE AND AMERICA.

### Friendship Between the Two Republics Expressed at a Banquet.

PARIS, Jan. 18.—Patriotic sentiment and warm sympathy with France were the keynotes of tonight's annual banquet and meeting of the American Chamber of Commerce in Paris. Francis Kimbel, President of the Chamber emphasized the former in his opening speech, proposing a toast to President Roosevelt and President Loubet, and saying that all Americans abroad took pride in declaring, after the ancient Romans, "Civis Americanus Sum." Alluding to the Franco-American treaty, Kimbel expressed regret that its advantages were not yet sufficiently understood in the United States, adding that he was convinced its needs would shortly become imperatively felt.

#### MUST LEARN TO SHOOT.

### American Soldiers in the Philippines Ordered to Target Practice.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The American soldiers in the Philippines must shoot with more accuracy. This is the burden of an order recently issued by General Chaffee. The General points out that, as an unavoidable result of the lack of regular target practice, both officers and men in the Division of the Philippines have fallen far below the desirable proficiency in this most important of a soldier's qualifications. To the end indicated, General Chaffee has ordered a number of exercises, to be performed by the enlisted men of the army of the Philippines, using the carbine rifles.

## THE DEBATE TODAY

### DISCUSSION ON THE PHILIPPINE TARIFF BILL TO BEGIN.

#### Will Hold the Attention of the United States Senate—The Department of Commerce Held the Boards Yesterday—A Military Post at Manila.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The debate on the Philippine tariff bill will begin in the Senate tomorrow, on behalf of the majority of the committee on the Philippines. Chairman Lodge today reported the measure, and gave notice that he would call it up tomorrow. Rawlins (Utah), acting for the minority of the committee, offered a substitute for the bill of the majority, and announced that he would submit some remarks on it at the conclusion of Lodge's statement in support of the majority's report.

During the greater part of the day's session the measure for the establishment of the Department of Commerce was under consideration. An effort was made by Nelson (Minnesota) to secure a vote, but the opposition to many of its provisions became so strong that the effort had to be abandoned.

#### A General Debate.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The time of the House was occupied today in a general debate on the urgent deficiency appropriation bill. An item in the bill carrying \$500,000 for a military post at Manila precipitated a long debate, in which some of the ablest debaters on both sides of the House took part. Those who participated were: Clark (Dem., Missouri), Cannon (Rep., Ill.), De Armond (Dem., Mo.), Richardson (Dem., Tenn.), Grosvenor (Rep., Ohio), Alexander (N. Y.), Grew (Rep., Penna.), Williams (Ill.), and Underwood (Ala.).

#### To Reduce Revenue.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The Republican members of the Ways and Means Committee today decided to begin consideration of the bill reducing the revenue taxes. They decided to have a hearing before the full committee on Monday, the 27th, on the question respecting the duty on tea, and the war revenue tax on beer.

#### ENORMOUS LANDSLIDE

### Did Great Damage at Juneau on January 13th.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 20.—On January 13th, an enormous landslide occurred in the basin above Juneau. It is stated the slide was 1700 feet in width. Thousands of tons of rock and dirt tumbled from the mountain above the Last Chance Mining Company's flume, and completely demolished it for a long distance. Fortunately no people were injured.

#### BOERS HEARD FROM

### CRAIDDOCK, Cape Colony, Jan. 20.—

Wessels' commando of Boers, on Saturday last, cut up a patrol of fifty men belonging to the local town guard. A few stragglers have returned, but the remainder of the party are missing.

## A NAVAL BATTLE IN THE PANAMA HARBOR

### Three Colombian Warships and Three Revolutionary Vessels Engaged in Combat, and Five of the Six Are Reported Sunk.

#### General Alban, Governor of Panama, Was Killed in the Conflict.—The American Fleet Was on the Ground, and the Crew of the Philadelphia Made an Effort to Help Quench the Flames on One of the Burning Government Vessels—Many Lives Were Lost.

COLON, Colombia, Jan. 20.—The naval battle, which began at 6 o'clock this morning, is in progress in the harbor of Panama. The revolutionary fleet consists of the steamers Padilla, Darien and Gatien. They are trying to force the landing of Saocana. The Government ships are the Chilean line steamer Lautaro, the Pacific Steam Navigation Company's steamer Chicuito and the Panama Canal Company's steamer Boyaca. The first named steamer was seized by General Alban and the other two have been chartered by the Colombian Government. The guns at Las Bovedas are also firing at the rebel ships.

#### FIVE VESSELS SUNK.

New York, Jan. 20.—The Panama Railroad Company received a cablegram from Colon, saying three insurgent and two Government vessels had been sunk in the naval engagement in Panama harbor.

#### General Alban Killed.

Panama, Jan. 20.—General Carlos Alban, the military commander of this district and the Governor of Panama, was killed during the fighting this morning.

Some of the men killed on the Government ship Lautaro have been brought ashore. Fire broke out on the Lautaro, and later the crew of the Philadelphia went to her assistance and attempted to put out the fire. While they were thus engaged the Lautaro sank.

The revolutionary gunboat Padilla surprised the Lautaro at the opening of the fight this morning, and began shooting at close range. Many men on the Lautaro were killed. The revolutionary gunboat Darien, as this dispatch is written, is approaching the United States cruiser Philadelphia, probably for the purpose of a conference.

The firing has ceased. It is impossible to locate the revolutionary gunboat Gaitia.

The Government gunboat Boyaca has just moored to the dock here. She brings troops from Chiriqui. She reports that the revolutionary steamers Padilla, Darien and Gatien, drew off when they became aware of her presence. The Darien is reported to be in a sinking condition.

#### The Insurgents Failed.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Jan. 20.—The insurgents who attempted to capture Maracaibo Sunday, were adherents of General Hernandez, who is still kept in prison by President Castro. The fight ended in the defeat of the revolutionists.

#### No Word Received.

Washington, Jan. 20.—No word has yet been received at the Colombian Legation touching the reported naval battle between the Government ships and the revolutionary fleet off Panama. It is feared the death of General Alban will have a demoralizing effect upon his army.

Dr. Silve, the Colombian Minister here, has been assured by the State Department that anything in the nature of a bombardment of either of the Isthmian towns would be prevented by the American naval representatives.

Captain Mead, of the Philadelphia, has the same general instructions from Secretary Long which governed the actions of Captain Perry, of the battleship Iowa, when the Liberals captured Colon, and he will intervene only when American interests or treaty rights are threatened.

## HE WAS A DEFAULTER

### MONTANA BANK CASHIER ARRESTED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT

Speculation, with the Bank's Funds. Caused His Downfall—The Shortage Is Made Up So the Institution Will Not Suffer.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 20.—Herbert H. Matteson, cashier of the First National Bank of Great Falls, was arrested in Helena today for embezzlement. Matteson's downfall is said to be due to speculation. He had been cashier of the First National Bank of

Umatilla Junction, to Utah points, will be 40 cents, same as wheat.

A considerable difference of opinion exists as to the effect the new schedule will have on the milling industry of Utah. Local millers take a gloomy view of the situation and have begun preparations to discontinue the manufacture of flour, claiming it will be impossible for them to make a profit under the new schedule.

#### BIG SUIT FILED.

### Against a Railroad Company to Recover Unjust Charges on Freight.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, Pa., Jan. 18.—Ephraim W. Mentzer's executor today entered suit in the Blair county court, against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to recover \$709,358. Mentzer was a coal operator and speculator. It is alleged that during the years 1880 to 1889, when the railroad company granted many secret rebates and drawbacks to Mentzer's competitors in the coal business, to his financial detriment. The plaintiffs now sue to recover treble damages under the act of the assembly of June 1883.

#### BIG LIFE POLICY.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 18.—A check for \$1,000,000 has been received here, for the payment of the policy on the life of Frank H. Peavy, the late Minneapolis millionaire. It is said to be the largest check ever drawn in payment of a life insurance risk.

#### The Excitement Not Over.

The rush at the drug store still continues and daily scores of people call for a bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs for the cure of Coughs, Cold, Asthma, Bronchitis and consumption. Kemp's Balsam, the standard family remedy, is sold on a guarantee and never fails to give entire satisfaction. Price 25c. and 50c.

#### CORRESPONDENTS INVITED

### To Attend the Reception Given to Admiral Schley.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—The newspaper correspondents who were at the front during the late Spanish war have been invited, by the Chicago Press Club, to attend its reception to Admiral Schley next Saturday afternoon. The rooms of the Press Club will be tastefully decorated with the flags of the dispatch boats which were engaged in the newspaper service around Santiago during the exciting times of 1898.

#### GAME DISAPPEARING.

### Buffalo in Yellowstone Park Are Dying Off—Many Elk Within the Reserve

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 17.—According to reports received from the Yellowstone National Park, the buffalo within its confines are rapidly disappearing, and unless Congress makes further provision threaten to become extinct. New blood must be introduced into the little herd of bison frequenting Geysers land. Last winter but eighteen buffalo remained in the Hayden Valley of the former herd of thirty. The specimens that now exist, lack the strength of their former hardy predecessors and are barely able to withstand the rigors of the winter.

Elk are reported more numerous than any other animal in the park. There are at least 50,000 of them within the park limits. Antelope, too, are numerous, especially in the valley of the Gardiner river, where a band of 1000 is sometimes seen. It is urged that a fence be built across the Gardiner Canyon, as the animals, having lost the greater part of their fear for man, wander across the park limits and become the prey of pot hunters.

#### SCHLEY WILL TALK.

### His First Public Utterance Since the Court of Inquiry, Will Be Made Next Saturday.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—Rear Admiral Schley has reserved his first public utterance, since the recent Sampson-Schley controversy and Court of Inquiry, for a Chicago audience. When the hero of Santiago stands before the banquet board as the guest of honor of the Hamilton Club at the Auditorium, a week from tomorrow night, it is expected he will say something of national interest. An official announcement to this effect was made tonight.

#### A BANK CLOSED.

### The Cashier Skipped with the Gold and Currency a Week Ago.

FULTON, Mo., Jan. 17.—The Commercial Bank of Fulton was closed this morning by the State Banking Department. Philip S. Adams, cashier of the bank, left Fulton Monday, ostensibly for St. Louis, with \$4500 in gold and currency to be deposited in the Franklin Bank. His whereabouts are unknown. The closed bank is a small concern.

#### TO SAVE A FRIEND.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—Albert Gilmore, until recently a prominent postmaster in Southern Indiana, and a member of a leading family, will be received at the Michigan City Prison in a few days to serve an indeterminate sentence for horse-stealing, says a Laporte, Ind., special to the Record-Herald. Gilmore made no defense. He feigned guilty in order to save the real criminal who was his friend. Influence brought to bear on Gilmore could not shake him in his decision to go to prison to save a man who had once befriended him. The court, in view of the plea of guilty, passed sentence, but with the development of the facts which will clearly prove Gilmore's innocence, Governor Durbin will be asked to pardon him.

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### Report of the Isthmian Canal Commission So Recommends.

#### IT IS SENT TO CONGRESS BY THE PRESIDENT WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION ON HIS PART.

#### The Cost of Constructing This Waterway Held to Be Less Than the Nicaragua Canal—The Company Owning It Wants Forty Million Dollars for Its Property and Franchise—The Difference in Time

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The President today sent to Congress, with a message simply of transmittal, the supplemental report of the Isthmian Canal Commission, in which it is unanimously recommended that the offer of the new Panama Canal Company, to sell all the rights, property and unfinished work to the United States for \$40,000,000, be accepted. The report gives detailed figures on the assets and liabilities of the Panama Company.

Summing up these items, the total value of property is found to be: Excavation done, \$27,474,033; Panama Railroad stock at par, \$6,886,200; maps, drawings and records \$2,000,000; total, \$36,360,233. To which add 10 per cent to cover the commissions, \$3,636,023, or a total of \$40,000,000.

The last item is intended to cover any buildings, machinery, railroad stations, additional excavation to date of purchase, and other assets which may be of value to the United States and not included in the other items.

The estimates of the construction of the Nicaragua Canal is \$45,630,764 more than the cost of completing the Panama Canal. The estimated cost of maintaining and operation is \$1,200,000 greater at Nicaragua than at Panama. The Panama route would be 134.6 miles shorter than the Nicaragua route from sea to sea, with fewer locks and less curvature. The estimated time for a deep draft vessel to pass through the Nicaragua Canal was placed at 33 hours, as against 12 hours for Panama. If the passage were made without interruption, about a day could be saved by the Nicaragua over the Panama route by ordinary steamers between our Pacific ports and Atlantic ports, and about two days by steamers of the same class, trading between our Gulf ports and North Pacific ports. Between Atlantic ports and the west coast of South America, the Panama route has an advantage of about two days, and between the Gulf ports and west coast of South America, the Panama route has an advantage of about one day. The estimated cost of the two canals is as follows:

Nicaragua, \$189,864,062; Panama, \$184,233,358.

The question whether the new Panama Canal Company can make to the purchaser a valid title to the property formerly belonging to the old company, its predecessor, is considered at length. The report concludes as follows: "After considering the changed conditions that now exist, and that all the facts and circumstances upon which its present judgment must be based, the Commission is of the opinion that the most practical and feasible route for the Isthmian Canal to be under the control, management and ownership of the United States is that known as the Panama route."

The report is signed by the entire commission.

The State Department will now proceed to arrange a protocol with Dr. Silva, engaging Colombia to approve the transfer of the franchise of the Panama Canal Company, and to make any desirable extensions of time allowance for the completion of the canal and in the life of the lease.

#### Try Grain-O Try Grain-O.

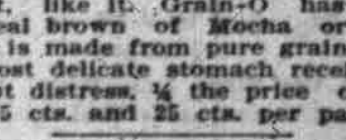
Ask your grocer today to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. Grain-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. 1/4 the price of coffee. 15 cts. and 25 cts. per package.

#### NO NEW FACTS.

HAVANA, Jan. 17.—The cross-examination of Estes G. Rathbone, ex-Director of Posts of Cuba, at today's session of the court which is trying the charges growing out of the Cuban postoffice frauds, brought out no new facts.

#### ASTORIA.

The Kind You Want Always Bought



"I ain't done took de gripe myself yit, brudder Gooseberry. My ole woman been pretty poorly wid it, but she got ober it sho'tly."

"Ise glad to heah dat, brudder Or Chad."

"Yes, she died wid it."—Christmas Lippincot's Magazine.

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