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# CANAL PLAN REJECTED

## Colombian Senate Is Opposed to the Whole Thing.

### MATTER OF SOVEREIGNTY

#### Money Cuts No Figure with the Senators.

#### PANAMA IS DISAPPOINTED

#### Possible That Uncle Sam May Help Himself.

Bogota, Colombia, Aug. 17.—The Panama canal treaty has been rejected unanimously by the Colombian congress.

Panama, Colombia, Aug. 17.—The unanimous rejection of the Panama canal treaty by the senate has caused a profound impression here in all circles. The question on all lips is what will become of Panama. The only consolation the isthmians have is that the rest of the republic, with the exception of a very high figure and with an upward tendency, will suffer a great deal more. It seems that the government never expected the treaty to be ratified, and it was not supported at all in the senate.

General Valazco, an old veteran and a distinguished army officer, has been appointed military commander of the department of Panama. It is thought that the fears caused by the rumors of a secession movement on the isthmus may have influenced the appointment.

Colon, Colombia, Aug. 17.—The rejection of the canal treaty by the Colombian senate has produced a tremendous sensation on the isthmus. It was generally believed that the treaty would pass with some modifications.

There is good reason to suppose that the majority of the members of the senate regard the Spooner amendment, to build a canal by the Nicaragua route if the Panama route was rejected by Colombia, as a mere threat on the part of the United States. They are convinced that the Nicaragua project is impossible, and that the United States will again deal with Colombia.

The reason for the rejection of the treaty by the Colombian senate, it is said here, was the alleged encroachment on Colombian sovereignty which its opponents contended would result from the treaty. The information was contained in a dispatch received tonight by Dr. Herran, the Colombian charge, from foreign minister Riosco, at Bogota. His dispatch showed that in its present form the treaty was absolutely unacceptable to the senate for the reason stated, and that it had been rejected unanimously.

The view taken by the senate was at variance to that held by the government of Colombia, which felt satisfied with its submitted treaty to congress that there would be no impairment to Colombian sovereignty if the treaty should be ratified. Incidental to the general question of sovereignty necessarily was that of the lease of the strip of land through which the canal was to be constructed, and the debate in the Colombian senate indicated that that body regarded this as amounting to a sale of the land, therefore objectionable. When the treaty was submitted to the senate by the committee to which it had been referred, seven of the senators favored it, with certain amendments which they proposed, and the remaining two opposed it absolutely.

The amendments proposed, but not adopted, are not stated here, but they evidently referred to the question of sovereignty as is indicated by the subsequent rejection of the treaty in its present form.

An interesting feature of the whole debate in the Colombian senate and the committee's report favoring the treaty is said to be the entire absence of reference to the question of indemnity offered by the United States for the right of way. It was generally supposed that this would cut a considerable figure in the discussion of the subject in Colombia, but the question of money consideration failed and was replaced by the sovereignty issue.

It is reported today that President Marroquin has been authorized by congress to make a new treaty which will not require further ratification, but that the basis given for the treaty will probably prove unacceptable to the United States.

It is considered, however, in official circles, according to reliable information, that the authorization given by congress to make a new treaty will furnish a basis for reopening negotiations with the United States.

It appears that one of the objections to the ratification which carried weight in the senate was that the Panama canal company did not come to a previous arrangement with the Colombian government for the transfer of the concession.

tions of money and the sovereignty and jurisdiction over the property involved, etc., are questions for subsequent settlement and possible arbitration at the age.

Other people think that Colombia will soon recognize the seriousness of her mistake in rejecting the treaty, as the United States and the European nations will surely lose no time in forcing a settlement of their claims on Colombia.

Oscar Teran, one of the congressmen for the isthmus, writing to a friend here about a week ago, said: "The opinion of the senate as far as it is possible to judge, is opposed to a ratification and probably the treaty will be rejected on the ground that it is an open violation of the constitution of the republic, which does not provide for a cession of territory or sovereignty. If the treaty is rejected by the senate, that will be the end of it. If it is passed by the senate, it must go to the house of representatives, as ratification, according to our laws, must be accorded by both houses."

**PRESIDENT HEARS IT.**  
Oyster Bay, Aug. 17.—Upon the return of the president to Sagamore Hill from reviewing the fleet he found awaiting him there information of the rejection by the Colombian senate of the Panama canal treaty.

While he is disappointed at the action of the congress, he does not desire at this time to make any comments upon it. When it was learned recently that the Colombian congress intended to amend the treaty it was understood that an indication was conveyed to the Colombian government that such amendments as were proposed would be unsatisfactory. The absolute rejection of the treaty followed. It is quite certain that the action of Colombia will induce some consultations of importance in the near future, and possibly some action by congress at the extraordinary session.

# MASSACRE

## RIVER IS FULL OF MUTILATED BODIES OF WOMEN.

### Bashi-Bazouks Under Albanian Chief Perpetrate Cruel Outrages.

Berlin, Aug. 17.—According to a dispatch received by the Frankfort Zlotung the river near Monastir, Macedonia, is full of the mutilated bodies of women and children who have been massacred by Bashi-Bazouks.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Aug. 17.—A dispatch received here from Ustak says that six hundred Bashi-Bazouks under the command of Albanian chiefs who are notoriously cruel have pillaged and destroyed a number of Christian villages in the districts of Debre and Okrida. The Turkish authorities, it is added, conveyed at the outrages and furnished the Bashi-Bazouks with old uniforms in order that they might appear to be regular soldiers.

Rome, Aug. 17.—The memorandum of the Bulgarian government to the powers regarding the situation in Macedonia has produced a great effect here. The general impression is that the Bulgarian government is no longer able to hold back popular feeling, which unless it is repressed in time will lead to a war with Turkey.

The fate of Bulgaria in that event is thought would probably be the same as that of Greece in the last war with Turkey. The Italian government is exchanging views on the subject with Vienna and London.

# SCARCITY OF COTTON.

## New England Mills Close Because of Raw Material Conditions.

New York, Aug. 17.—McB. Borden, in commenting today on the closing down of the cotton mills in New England, said that the action of the cotton mill owners was undoubtedly due to the scarcity of cotton supplies and their determination not to buy cotton at the present prices.

"Mill owners," said he, "cannot buy the raw supply at 12 cents a pound and sell the print cloths at 3 1/4 cents a pound. By so doing they would be losing money and of course such a condition of affairs is not tenable. The only one course, that is to close the mills."

"I think it would be more profitable to sell the raw cotton at the going price than to manufacture it into the commercial article and sell it at the present price. Should the present condition in the raw cotton market continue there is no doubt that it would cause a serious condition in the print cloth and textile industries."

# ATTEMPT TO EXTORT.

## Kidnaped the Wife and Demanded Cash for Her Ransom.

Davenport, Ia., Aug. 17.—Reports come from Danbury, Conn., of the kidnaping late last night of Mrs. John Hillow, wife of a wealthy farmer, and an attempt to extort \$50,000 ransom from her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Hillow were decoyed from their home by a man who stated that a brother was ill in a near-by town. While they were driving along a lonely road with the strange man, it is said, Hillow, who is aged and feeble, was thrown from the buggy and told that his wife would be held until she brought the money to a certain secluded spot. Mrs. Hillow was imprisoned in the cellar of a deserted farm house. During last night her captor was away from the house and she made her escape, running to a farm house in the neighborhood.

# MRS. NATION LOCKED UP.

## She Knocked Cigars, Pipes and Cigarettes in All Directions.

Bayonne, N. J., Aug. 17.—Mrs. Carrie Nation was locked up here tonight charged with disorderly conduct. She collected a crowd by haranguing on a street corner and then ran around among the men striking cigars, pipes and cigarettes from their mouths until a policeman arrested her.

# FORTY PEOPLE DROWNED.

## Terrible Accident Is Reported From a Finland Lake.

Helsingfors, Finland, Aug. 17.—A terrible accident occurred on Lake Tykylax yesterday. The upper deck of a vessel conveying people from church collapsed and forty persons were drowned or killed and many others were injured.

# MISHAP AT VERY LAST

## President Was Receiving Congratulations on Success.

### BARRY RAMS DECATUR

#### Little Damage Done but Incident Exciting.

#### SCRATCHING OFF PAINT

#### President Takes Philosophical View of Accident.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 17.—For the first time in the history of the country the president of the United States today reviewed and inspected in time of peace a great fleet of United States war ships. The ceremony was a magnificent and impressive naval spectacle. It was unmarred by the slightest mishap until just at its conclusion, when the torpedo boat destroyer, Barry, ramed the destroyer Decatur, fortunately, however, doing little damage. The incident was exciting. It occurred just at the moment when the president was receiving congratulations upon the success of the maneuvers. The first squadron of destroyers, consisting of the Decatur, Bainbridge, Barry, Dale and Chauncey, all under command of Lieutenant L. H. Chandler, was approaching the Mayflower at full speed. The vessels were in close formation. Orders were signaled from the Decatur to the other vessels to form a wedge. In executing their orders the Decatur swung across the bow of the third Barry. An instant later the Barry ramed her on the starboard side. As the ships were running at a speed of 20 knots, the blow was tremendous. The Decatur listed sharply to port and seemed to be in serious distress. From the Mayflower she appeared to be sinking. The Mayflower's boats were manned instantly, but were not lowered, as the Decatur was seen to right herself. In a few minutes she hoisted a signal of "No serious damage." Later she signaled alongside the Mayflower and Lieutenant Chandler reported that while his ship had received a bad bump on the starboard quarter she was not materially damaged. The injury was plainly evident from the deck about half way between her stern and midship, and a large dent had been made in her plates. The starboard rail was damaged, but otherwise the vessel was intact.

The Barry, which had struck the Decatur a glancing blow, had her bow crumpled by the collision but she was not injured otherwise. The accident put a sudden stop to the maneuvers of the destroyer squadron. The vessels came to an immediate stop, the Bainbridge, Dale and Chauncey standing by the Decatur. Boats were lowered from two collision. After the damage had been repaired, the squadron will rejoin the fleet and continue the summer maneuvers.

President Roosevelt, who was intently watching the squadron of destroyers when the accident occurred, remarked that such accidents, especially to destroyers, were likely to occur at any time. In the execution of war maneuvers some chances he said, must be taken and if the time ever should come when the navy was afraid of scratching off the paint of a vessel, its efficiency would deteriorate materially.

Both the president and Mrs. Roosevelt noted the accident with great calmness, notwithstanding the fact that their son, Kermit, was on board the Decatur at the time of the collision. He was standing alongside Lieutenant Chandler when the vessel ran alongside the Mayflower to report. In commenting on the accident Admiral Dewey said that it really amounted to little and would delay the vessels in their movements only a few days. He said that such an accident was a part of the war game and must at times be expected.

At the conclusion of the review President Roosevelt received on board the Mayflower Rear Admiral Albert S. Barker, commander-in-chief of the North Atlantic fleet; Rear Admiral James A. Sanis, commander of the Caribbean squadron, and Rear Admiral Wm. C. Wise, commanding the training squadron. He also received the captains and commanding officers of the 22 vessels in the fleet. He received also the naval attaches to the legation of four of the great powers, Captain Dechar of the British embassy; Captain Edwin Schaefer, of the German embassy; Commander W. C. Bouakoff, of the Russian embassy, and Lieutenant Commander Isam Takehika, of the Japanese legation.

Among the other guests of the president on the Mayflower, was Sir Thomas Lipton. President Roosevelt entertained his guests and all the commanding officers of the great fleet at a delightful luncheon on board the Mayflower. "During the luncheon the president rose and said: 'We have with us today representatives of the great powers, Great Britain, Germany, Russia and Japan. I ask you to drink to these great powers and to their sovereignty.'"

The toast was drunk standing. Then the president continued: "We also have with us representatives of an international incident as to that may be the best win." With laughter and applause that toast likewise was drunk by the guests standing. Captain Dechar of the British embassy, proposed the health of the president.

# TRAINS ARE LOADED.

## Large Number of Delegates Attending the Transmississippi Congress.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 17.—Every train in all the east and south today brings a quota of delegates to the Transmississippi Commercial congress, which convenes in this city tomorrow. President John H. Kirby, of the congress; Secretary Arthur H. Francis and John Barrett, United States minister to Argentina, are expected to arrive this evening.

The congress will be called to order at Leachpark station, on Lake Washington, at 9 o'clock tomorrow, by Judge C. G. Gavin, of Raton, N. M., president of the executive committee, who will introduce President Kirby. Addresses of welcome will be delivered by Governor Henry McBride, on behalf of the state of Washington; Mayor Thomas J. Humes, on behalf of the city of Seattle, and Judge Thomas Burke, on behalf of the commercial organizations of the northwest. Responses will be delivered by President Kirby on behalf of the congress and by the governors and former governors of states present in behalf of the various states.

The speakers of the morning will include an annual address by President Kirby. Sessions will be held daily from 9 to 12 a. m., and from 1 to 4:30 p. m. The evenings will be devoted to the special features of the congress, including a steamer ride on Lake Washington Tuesday, a reception at the Washington hotel Wednesday, a trip to the Puget Sound navy yard Thursday, and a visit to Moran Brothers' company's ship yards Friday.

# RUSSIAN WAR PARTY.

## Selection of Alexieff for Viceroy Considered a Victory.

Pekin, Aug. 17.—The promotion of Vice-Admiral Alexieff to the viceroyship of the Amur territory and Kwang Tung province is regarded here as a success for the so-called Russian war party. He is the leader of the faction, which advocates the holding of all Russia has gained in the far east at any cost and making heavy expenditures at Port Arthur.

During the recent conferences of high Russian officials at Port Arthur there was much talk of investing him with the title of "Governor of Manchuria," but the conservative officials were opposed to this step as being likely to inflame public feeling in Japan.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 17.—The squadron of the Russian Black Sea fleet under orders to sail for Turkish waters consists of the battleships Catherine II, Tri Sviatitsa, Rostislav, and Dvornik Apostol, four torpedo boat destroyers and six mine and torpedo transports. The squadron arrived at Sebastopol yesterday preparatory to sailing last night for the Turkish coast.

# CANCELLED ALL BIDS.

## New Advertisement Will Call for Bids for Money Order Forms.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 17.—The postmaster general has cancelled all the bids for printing in connection with the money order system, except that on which the award to Paul Herman for money order forms was made. The new advertisement will call for bids for printing of a special watermark. The last specifications required a special watermark, thus confining the bidding to a few firms able to obtain this special paper. The new money order forms will be on paper of the best quality but will not have the distinctive mark. The bids will be opened on September 5 and it is expected that the awards will be made by the fifteenth of that month. It is the expectation that there will be less delay in filling requisitions for blanks under the new system. Heretofore Wynkoop Hollenbeck and company have had most of the contracts for supplying blanks.

# BLACK SEA FLEET.

## Russian Squadron Consists of Battleships and Torpedo Boats.

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# BURST INTO FULL GLORY

## San Francisco Gives the Veterans Keenest Delight.

### ELECTRICITY THE AGENT

#### By Magician's Wand All Is Transformed.

#### FOR NEXT ENCAMPMENT

#### St. Louis, Salt Lake and Denver Are Competitors.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 17.—The members of the Grand Army of the Republic who have been arriving by every train for the past week to attend their 57th annual encampment were treated to a genuine surprise tonight, as they came from the east and south they had noted that the city was in gala attire. They had seen business buildings decorated in the national colors and had casually observed the wires strung across the principal streets. The twin gothic arches erected in the center of the business section of the city also came in for a share of appreciation tonight. As they came from the east and south they had noted that the city was in gala attire. They had seen business buildings decorated in the national colors and had casually observed the wires strung across the principal streets. The twin gothic arches erected in the center of the business section of the city also came in for a share of appreciation tonight. 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