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## HEPBURN CANAL BILL

IS REPORTED FAVORABLY BY HOUSE COMMITTEE

It is Short and to the Point—Appropriates Up to \$180,000,000 for Construction of Nicaragua Canal.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, at its first meeting today, voted to favorably report the Hepburn bill providing for the construction of the Nicaragua canal. Representative Fletcher of Minnesota was the only member voting against reporting the bill. Before the vote was taken several amendments were proposed. One by Adamson of Georgia was agreed to providing that the expenditure of \$180,000,000, as provided by the bill, shall be made on warrants signed by the President of the United States. Other amendments, fixing a minimum and maximum depth for the canal, were voted down, the desire being to retain the original form of the Hepburn bill as near as possible. Chairman Hepburn was directed to urge the measure to consideration and a vote in the House at the earliest practicable time. Hepburn said after the meeting that he would push the bill in the House as one of the first measures to be taken up after the holidays. The unanimity of the committee today was gratifying to the friends of the canal measure. Adamson, a Democrat of Georgia, moved to report the bill and the entire Democratic membership of the committee voted for the bill. Adamson is cooperating with Chairman Hepburn on the floor of the House with a view to securing united action when the measure comes up. The Hepburn bill, as finally agreed upon and ordered reported today, follows: Be it enacted, etc., That the President of the United States be and he is hereby authorized to acquire from the States of Costa Rica and Nicaragua, for and in behalf of the United States, control of such portion of territory now belonging to Costa Rica and Nicaragua as may be necessary and necessary on which to excavate, construct and protect a canal of such depth and capacity as will be sufficient for the movements of ships of the greatest tonnage and draught now in use, from a point near Greytown, on the Caribbean sea, via Lake Nicaragua, to Brito on the Pacific ocean, and such such as may be necessary to secure such control is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Section 2. That when the President has secured full control over the territory in section 1 he shall cause to be directed the Secretary of War to excavate and construct a canal and waterway from a point on the shore of the Caribbean sea, near Greytown, by way of Lake Nicaragua, to a point near Brito on the Pacific ocean. Such canal shall be of such depth and capacity as that it may be used by vessels of the largest tonnage and greatest draught now in use, and shall be supplied with all necessary locks and other appliances to meet the necessities of vessels passing from Greytown to Brito; and the Secretary of War shall also construct such safe and commodious harbors at the terminal of said canal and such provisions for defense as may be necessary for the safety and protection of said canal and harbors.

Section 3. That the President shall cause such surveys and such necessary for said canal and harbors, and in the construction of the same may employ such persons as he may deem necessary.

Section 4. That in the excavation and construction of said canal the San Juan river and Lake Nicaragua, or such parts of each as may be available, shall be used.

Section 5. That in any negotiations with the States of Costa Rica or Nicaragua the President may have, the President is authorized to guarantee to said States the use of said canal and harbors, upon such terms as may be agreed upon, for all vessels owned by said States or citizens thereof.

Section 6. That the sum of \$180,000,000 is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, toward the project hereby contemplated; and the Secretary of War is further hereby authorized to enter into a contract or contracts for materials and work that may be deemed necessary for the proper excavation, construction, defense and completion of said canal, harbors and defenses, to be paid for an appropriation may from time to time hereafter made, to be drawn on warrants signed by the President, not to exceed in the aggregate \$180,000,000.

## GOMPERS IS REELECTED

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 14.—Samuel Gompers was re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor; James Duncan of Boston was re-elected first vice president.

Other officers elected were: Second vice president, John Mitchell of Indianapolis; third vice president, Jas. O'Connell, Washington, D. C.; fourth vice president, Max Morris, Colorado, all re-elected.

Thomas I. Kidd of Chicago was re-elected fifth vice president; Dennis A. Hayes of Philadelphia, sixth vice president; John B. Lennon, Bloomington, Ill., the treasurer; and Frank Morrison of Washington, D. C., secretary.

## BREWERS' NEW OFFICERS.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 14.—The election of officers of the Brewery Workers' Union, which was taken on the referendum plan, was announced here today, as follows: Julius Zuercher, secretary; Louis Kemper, Union Hall, N. E. financial secretary; William Trautman, Cincinnati, editor National Journal.

Executive Board—Charles Pommer, New York; Gustave Richter, Milwaukee; August Priessbach, St. Louis; Frederick Zapp, Cleveland; Charles Kindle, Milwaukee; and Hugo Zeitholt, Pittsburg.

Over 21,000 votes were cast. Fifty-six unions failed to return their ballots. The headquarters of the union still remain in Cincinnati.

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## MARCONI SIGNALS BY WIRELESS TELEGRAPH ACROSS ATLANTIC.

(Continued from page 1.)

Cablegrams of Congratulation. Cablegrams from all the world continued to pour in on Marconi today. So all the world is honoring him and he is universally praising the news of this triumph as his original purpose. He had laid his plans most carefully to keep secret his success, did he succeed. He says now: "I am at liberty to inform the press what I have accomplished." It is now understood that the secret of his accomplishment was betrayed by an operator in his employ.

Marconi will hurry back to England probably Friday on the Allan line steamer Sardinia. But before he goes tomorrow, he and his assistants, Kemp and Paget, will go to Cape Spear, three miles southeast of St. John's harbor, the most easterly point of Newfoundland, and so nearest to the British Isles and Central Europe. There is a lighthouse and steam siren at Cape Spear, high above the sea level, and Marconi hopes there to find a fine location for a station. He and his assistants will also hurriedly visit Cape Race, the most southeasterly point of Newfoundland. He will there install a station, where he expects to daily report steamers as they ply between the continents. He will take Special three feet a metal mast about 150 feet tall. He seems to have had enough of unstable balloons.

On Tuesday next the inventor proposes to have Governor Boye, Premier Bonds and other Colonial dignitaries examine his tests, so they may satisfy themselves of the genuineness of proceedings. Marconi today made a further explanation of his trans-oceanic signals. He is sure he would receive them. He attributes their former faintness to mid-ocean wind currents and imperfection in his kite apparatus.

## Expects Better Results Today.

He expects better tests tomorrow if the weather enables his balloon to ascend. There is some fog on the coast today. Foggy conditions will give better signals than will clear atmosphere. There is much speculation here as to the practical possibilities of this system of wireless telegraphy. Local telegraphers, while admitting the theoretical value of the experiment, think a number of years must elapse before it can be put into practical use.

Marconi, however, now optimistic, is satisfied from his previous experiments that great surprises are in store for the world in this matter. He has the warmest support in this colony, where he is generally admired, owing to his youth and his achievements. Steps are being projected to give him some substantial recognition of the colony's appreciation of his work. The belief that Marconi's secret was betrayed is strengthened by the details of his preparations for the experiments.

Above all things, he wished to keep the knowledge of his success from the cable companies. When he left England Marconi was far from hopeful. On the one hand was that the electric engine at the Lisara was more powerful than any he had used and the unbroken expanse of water to New Foundland offered the best chance to learn the very most his system could do. On the other hand the distance, 1800 miles, was six times greater than any he had attempted to traverse. It is known now that before he left England, Marconi arranged, but only with his most intimate friends, men he could trust, the signals that should be sent from the Lizard to Signal Hill.

## How the Message Was Received.

So intense was his desire to keep from the cable companies all information about his experiments that he even arranged a cipher code with his friends. In spite of the difficulties he experienced, including the loss of his balloon, all Marconi's preparations in his station on Signal Hill were complete at 12:30 p. m. last Wednesday. The weather was favorable and his kite, carrying the aerial vertical wire which he had attempted to traverse, was flying favorably at the Lizard. Marconi cabled in cipher to his friends at the Lizard to send the pre-arranged signal, the Morse letter "S" three dots, repeated twenty times. Very soon, perfectly, but faintly, he received the letter "S" twenty times. He heard them distinctly through his sensitive telephone attached to his apparatus, which can catch signals so faint that the instrument cannot record them. The test was conclusive, though not practically effective. The time of sending the signal was quickly established and verified by a cablegram in cipher from the Lizard. Again on Thursday Marconi cabled to send the "S" at 12:30 p. m., 1:10 p. m. and 2:30 p. m., and at those precise moments he got the signals.

Every precaution had been taken to keep secret the result of the experiment, yet the news quickly became known. It is said here that Marconi has received a telegram from a man deeply interested financially in his system, brusquely asking him why he made public his results and that Marconi had written in reply telling him the important information leaked out as he understands it.

Signor Marconi will go soon to begin experiments at his Poldhouse station at the Lizard, whence the ocean crossing signal was sent to Signal Hill, St. John's.

Marconi announces that he will remain in England until after the coronation of King Edward next summer and that he hopes to send the news of that event across the Atlantic by the wireless method so as to prove the capability of the system for such purposes.

He will probably, in the meantime, equip all vessels of the leading lines of steamers with his apparatus.

New York, Dec. 15.—Thomas A. Edison, the great inventor, still is skeptical about Marconi receiving a wireless message from England.

"I don't believe it," said Mr. Edison at Orange tonight. "Marconi is a practical business man, and he is working in the interests of his plan for a maritime wireless telegraphy. I do not doubt Mr. Marconi, nor do I question him."

That letter "S" with three dots is a very simple signal, but I've been fooled myself and until there is more verification than we have now I shall doubt the truth of the report."

## HIND WILL IS FILED

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Leaves His Wife Annuity—John Hind to Manage the Plantation—Substantial Recognition for His Sons.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Robert Ross Hind's will was filed yesterday for probate. He died at Kona, Hawaii, November 27th, leaving an estate of \$500,000 or more in California. His family resides at Kohala, Hawaii, but his legal residence was in San Francisco. He owned a sugar plantation and other property in Hawaii and in British Columbia.

To his wife, Mary Hind, he bequeathed his residence at 2338 Howard street, in this city, the contents of their residence at Kohala, \$3000 to be paid to her immediately and \$500 a month during her life for the maintenance of herself and their two daughters, Eleanor M. Hind, now living here, and Mrs. Mary McBryde.

The testator said that all of his estate was community property, and that his wife had expressed her satisfaction with the will.

To his son, John Hind, he gave \$20,000 in recognition of his devotion to the interests of the family. For his granddaughter, Katie Renton, he left \$18,000 in trust. The rest of the estate goes to his four sons, John, Robert, George and James, and his two daughters in equal shares, he recommending that the division be deferred until after the death of their mother. John Hind is to manage the plantation and other interests in Hawaii, and George U. Hind the other properties of the estate.

## Walluku Boy Travels.

Walluku, Dec. 20.—News has been received that Thos. Wilson, son of Mrs. W. E. Bal of this town, and a Kamehameha student, was to leave Sydney the early part of this month as officer on board one of the large steamers plying between Sydney and New York.

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