

TO REVIVE CANAL TREATY.

COLOMBIA GIVES ITS PRESIDENT A FREE HAND.

A Law Passed Authorizing Him to Conclude a Canal Treaty With Us on a Certain Basis Without the Approval of Congress—To Be No Exorbitant Demands.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. COLON, Sept. 28.—Advices have been received from Bogota to the effect that Congress has passed a law authorizing the President to conclude a Canal treaty with the United States on a certain basis without the approval of Congress.

Dr. Herran, Colombian Chargé d'Affaires, who showed the Colon despatch in Washington last night, said: "I have not been informed of the passage of such an act, but I believe the news to be correct, and I am greatly encouraged by it. I have clung to the hope that my Government would clear the tangled path of canal negotiations."

"The words 'on a certain basis' are extremely vague and leave the door open to all sorts of conjectures. Of one thing, however, I am sure: The basis of the new treaty is not that laid down by the Senate Committee in its report, which included demands of \$20,000,000 from the United States, \$10,000,000 from the New Panama Canal Company, and so on.

"From the information I have received, I am positive that the new conditions imposed by Congress will not include these items."

TREATY LIKE ONE RATIFIED BY CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—The State Department has received a despatch from Minister Beauré in which he said that there has been no change in the situation in regard to the canal matter. This despatch was dated Bogota, Sept. 27, 8 P. M., and while it made no reference to the defunct treaty it did discuss the new bill which the Colombian Government is now preparing to submit to Congress.

A second debate on the bill reported by the committee is expected within a few days, and it is thought it may be decided the present outlook is for some amendment of the reported bill.

It is also thought that the treaty contemplates an effort to have the bill amended so as to authorize President Marroquin to negotiate a treaty with the United States on the most favorable terms obtainable. Should the amendment prevail, President Marroquin would immediately reopen negotiations with this country, and he would then be in a position to approve of a treaty identical with that already ratified by the United States Senate.

COLOMBIA FIGHTING CABLE CO.

Refuses to Extend Concession and Give Company More Favorable Terms.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—The State Department is being great interest in the fight now going on between Colombia and the cable company which lands at Panama. Advice received from Minister Beauré this afternoon indicates that serious trouble is expected unless the cable company will desist from its intended action of refusing to transmit messages from Buena Ventura to Panama. Acting under instructions from the State Department, Beauré is endeavoring to arrange some amicable adjustment of the difficulty.

It was officially explained at the State Department today that the trouble in Colombia arises from the refusal of the Colombian Government to extend the concession to the cable company and to give the company more favorable terms than the present concession, which expires in 1904, the cable company operates a line from Panama to Buena Ventura. From Buena Ventura a land line belonging to the Colombian Government extends to Bogota.

The cable company has announced that unless the new concession is granted as for it will refuse to extend its action to Panama after Oct. 1. Beauré is that the Colombian Government should retaliate by closing the cable company's office at Panama, thereby shutting off the receipt and transmission of any cables landing at Panama. This would be a serious blow to the cable company, and trouble is expected at Panama in case the Government attempts such action. That there is no hope of bringing about a settlement of the cable company difficulty is acknowledged by the State Department.

Announcement was made this afternoon of the receipt of a cable message from Minister Beauré, dated yesterday afternoon, in which he said that he would endeavor to arrange with the Minister for Foreign Affairs for some amicable adjustment of the difficulty. He added that the lack of time would be an obstacle, and that he was not sanguine of a satisfactory outcome unless the cable company should agree for a few days to extend its action at Buena Ventura. Mr. Scribner, president of the cable company, called today on Acting Secretary of State Odell and, in discussing the situation indicated, explained that the cable company did not intend to recede from its position.

REV. R. N. LUTHER FALLS DEAD.

Clergyman Succumbed to Heart Disease in Hoboken Ferryboat.

The Rev. Robert N. Luther, D. D., professor of church history at the Amity Theological School, at 312 West Fifty-fourth street, and a well known Baptist minister, dropped dead from heart disease yesterday afternoon in the woman's cabin of the ferryboat Scenicus on the trip from Hoboken to Christopher street.

Dr. Luther and his wife, Calista Z. Luther, who is a physician, lived at 151 Scotland road, South Orange. They had been staying this summer at Saybrook, Conn. Dr. Luther returned from there yesterday to visit his home, and was on his way back when he was stricken. He was reading a newspaper in the cabin when he turned pale, rose to his feet and a moment later dropped to the floor.

Dr. Luther was 61 years old and was born in Philadelphia. He was a graduate of Princeton and in 1857 was ordained as a minister. He married soon after that when his wife went to British Burma, where they lived until 1879. Dr. Luther was head of a normal school there for several years. His return was caused by poor health. He became pastor of a church at Bennington, Vt., and later district secretary of the Baptist Missionary Union. Of late years he had been principal of the school in West Fifty-fourth street.

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15,000 PARADE IN SOFIA.

Macedonians Demand to Know if Bulgaria is Going to Act.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. SOFIA, Sept. 28.—Some 15,000 Macedonians made a demonstration here yesterday. After a requiem service at the Cathedral a procession was formed, and, with black flags flying, paraded to the Government offices, where a deputation called on the Premier and demanded a plain statement as to whether Bulgaria would take any action for the relief of the Macedonians. The reply made by M. Petroff is not reported.

A pathetic dignity and the utmost peacefulness characterized the great demonstration. M. Michalovski, one of the Bulgarian leaders, addressed the crowd before the procession started.

He argued that Turkey had already declared war not upon the Bulgarian principality, but upon the Bulgarian nation, and demanded that the Government should take up the challenge.

Prince Ferdinand made one of his customary sudden departures from Sofia on Sunday.

LONDON, Sept. 28.—An easier feeling as to the Balkan situation is apparent today, partly attributable to an assurance the Porte has given Bulgaria that the thirty-two battalions of troops recently ordered from Monastir to Adrianople will not now be moved.

Moreover, the appointment of a Bulgarian diplomatic agent at Constantinople, M. Matchevitch, is regarded as showing more satisfactory relations.

Reports from Sofia give further figures showing the devastation in the Vilayet of Monastir. Of 10,392 houses in 111 villages, 9,888 have been burned and their occupants are destitute wanderers.

CAPTURED BULGARIANS TO BE SHOT. LONDON, Sept. 29.—The Times alleges it has trustworthy information that the palace committee at the Yildiz Kiosk at Constantinople, which has charge of Macedonian affairs, has recommended that all Bulgarians captured with or without arms shall in the future be shot.

The Sultan has agreed with the recommendation, and the necessary orders have been sent to the front.

TAKEN SICK AT TRIBUNAL.

Mr. Robinson of Canadian Counsel, Over 70 Years Old, swoons.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Sept. 28.—During the luncheon hour of the Alaska Boundary Tribunal today Mr. Charles Robertson, F. C., of the Canadian counsel, over 70 years old, who had been speaking since noon, was seen to grow pale and white, and a moment later he swooned. Restoratives were applied and he insisted on resuming his speech after luncheon. He was evidently weak, but pluckily continued his argument and made his points clearly. At 3:30 o'clock his weakness increased and Lord Alverstone suggested that he should retire. Finally Lord Alverstone closed the meeting.

An effort will be made to induce Mr. Robinson, who is really ill, not to reappear further.

This was the eleventh day of the meeting of the tribunal. Mr. D. T. Watson, of the United States, concluded his argument, and Mr. Robinson opened in rebuttal for Canada. Mr. Watson, who had spoken every day except Sunday since Wednesday last week, was complimented by Lord Alverstone when he closed his argument.

Mr. Watson devoted his argument during the morning to emphasizing the contention of the United States that the ten marine leagues boundary of the lisère applies even where there is no range of mountains within that limit. He pointed out that Great Britain admits this contention in her printed argument, but now denies it orally.

Mr. Watson was asked by Lord Alverstone to define the position of the United States on question seven. Mr. Watson replied that the American commissioners contend that there are no mountains at any part of the boundary corresponding to the requirements of the treaty.

Mr. Robinson, who was in poor voice, spoke with the greatest effort. Just before luncheon Lord Alverstone interposed. He said a question on which he had some doubts was in regard to Article 7 of the treaty, which gives the right of reciprocal access for fishing and hunting to Great Britain and Russia. The United States contends that this right was to apply only to the parallel of 59 degrees 40 minutes. Lord Alverstone said that if Mr. Robinson could show that the article was applicable exclusively to the lisère it would strengthen the Canadian case greatly.

Mr. Robinson promised to deal with this matter later on.

RUSSIA BUILDING FORTS.

Her Armed Forces in the Far East Now Number 250,000 Men.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Sept. 28.—According to a telegram from Tientsin, Russia's armed forces in the Far East now number 250,000 men, distributed thus: Fifty thousand, with eighteen batteries of artillery in Manchuria proper; 100,000 on the lines of communication between Port Arthur and the Amur River, and 90,000 in garrison at Port Arthur and Talienwan.

Thirty forts have been erected at Port Arthur and fifty more are being built. Eighty warships are at Talienwan, forty of which are kept constantly under steam.

PORTO RICO SCHOOLS OPEN.

10,000 Children Attend Now Compared With 23,000 in 1901.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. SAN JUAN, P. R., Sept. 28.—The school year began to-day, and the University of Porto Rico was opened.

There are now 1,125 schools, which are attended by 70,000 pupils, being 19 per cent of the school population. There are 1,200 teachers.

In December, 1901, there were only 22,000 children attending school.

PONCE'S STREETS FLOODED.

Electric Plants Damaged and the City In Darkness.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. SAN JUAN, P. R., Sept. 28.—An electric storm, accompanied by a gale and a heavy rain, prevailed at Ponce yesterday afternoon. The circuits of the city's two electric plants were burned out and Ponce was in darkness last night. The rivers overflowed their banks and flooded the streets.

Latest Marine Intelligence.

Arrived: St. Elizabeth Glasgow, Sept. 27, at La Croye; Havre, Sept. 27, at Lisianski City; Valencia, Sept. 27, at Lisianski City.

TO KEEP PROTESTANTS OUT.

PRESIDENT PALMA SAYS THAT IS CUBA'S DUTY.

At the Same Time He Says That Religious Marriage Has Been Almost Entirely Abolished in Places, Owing to the Lack of Catholic Priests and Churches.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. HAVANA, Sept. 28.—President Palma, in an interview at Jiguani, Province of Santiago, said that the State was doing its duty in supplying schools, but the ecclesiastical authorities apparently did not trouble themselves to see to it that religious influence reached to out of the way places.

Neither in Baire nor Jiguani, nor in all the municipal district, is there a church. Religious marriage has been almost entirely abolished, owing to the lack of priests and churches. It was not to be wondered at that religious influence prevailed in these places.

The Catholic Church in Cuba, which has considerable resources, should not neglect this matter. Señor Palma added that he had his own religion, but Cuba is a Catholic country and should take steps to avoid the advent of Protestants.

Señor Yoro, Secretary of Justice, has returned to Havana. He will leave for New York on Saturday. He says the Government cannot recognize the plea for the forty-four outlaws recently captured that they only meant to make a peaceful demonstration. The fact that they were armed disposes of this plea.

President Palma has promised to pay the army with Government bonds, negotiable certificates, or other means if the attempt to float the \$35,000,000 loan fails. There is considerable opposition to the special taxes to meet the expense of the loan.

FOR PRESIDENT OF COLOMBIA.

Gen. Reyes the Official Candidate, Marroquin Vice-President.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. COLON, Sept. 28.—There was an uproar in the Chamber of Deputies upon the disclosure of the names of the official candidates for President and Vice-President, Gen. Reyes and Señor Marroquin, respectively.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Dr. Herran, the Colombian Chargé d'Affaires, said to-night: "The report from Colon that Gen. Reyes and Señor Marroquin have been named as official candidates for President and Vice-President, respectively, is news to me. The combination is one that I should have regarded as very improbable, but it is not an impossible one. Both men are firm friends of the canal project and may be depended upon to meet the United States half way in canal negotiations. The Señor Marroquin mentioned is not the President of Colombia, but his son."

M. A. Saclemele was elected President of Colombia for a term of six years beginning Aug. 7, 1898, but held the office only till July 31, 1901, when he died. His son, Gen. Reyes, was engaged, and J. M. Marroquin, Vice-President, has acted as President since that time.

Gen. Reyes is the one man on whom all factions in Colombia appear to be united, and efforts have been made for two years or more to secure him the Presidency. Gen. Reyes was a delegate to the Pan-American Congress held in the City of Mexico in 1901.

BACKWARD STEP IN CHINA.

Official Who Persecuted Reformers Heads Board of Commerce.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. PEKING, Sept. 28.—The new Board of Commerce, under Chen Pi, who completely failed to establish reforms while he was Governor of Peking and who persecuted reformers, will absorb the Bureau of Mines and Railways. This will retire the only experienced mining officials in China, whose regulations attracted foreign capital.

An edict has been issued, ordering the Governors and Viceroy of all provinces to aid the Board of Commerce in the establishment and development of companies, which is considered by some to be a patent to enable the board to squeeze such companies. In addition, authority is given the board to entice Chinese merchants from abroad who will bring with them their accumulated wealth and experience. Merchants here say that this is a preliminary step to fleecing the men who return.

The board has entrusted to it the suppression of the newspapers printed in the vernacular, both those owned by natives and foreigners.

LORD MILNER IN LONDON.

Mr. Balfour Comes From Scotland to Meet Him There To-day.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Sept. 28.—Lord Milner arrived in London from Cardabia this afternoon. He was welcomed solely by his old friend, Sir Clinton Dawkins, who drove with him to the Prime Minister's official residence in Downing street, whence, after a short talk with Prime Minister Balfour's secretary, Lord Milner was driven to Sir Clinton's London residence.

Mr. Balfour left Scotland this evening for London, where he will have an interview with Lord Milner to-morrow.

POPE PROVIDES FOR BROTHER.

Makes Him Accountant of Vatican—Places for Venetian Friends.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. ROME, Sept. 28.—The Pope is gradually bringing all his family to Rome. Besides his three maiden sisters, who have already arrived, his brother Angelo is to retire from the postmastership of Mantua and will be appointed accountant of the Vatican.

Other Venetian ecclesiastical friends of his Holiness have been appointed to lucrative posts at the Vatican, much to the disgust of the local clergy.

NUNCIO WONT SEE KING.

Lorenzelli to Leave Paris to Avoid Meeting Victor Emmanuel.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. ROME, Sept. 28.—Mgr. Lorenzelli, the Papal Nuncio at Paris, has been instructed to leave there in order to avoid meeting King Victor Emmanuel during his coming visit.

CANTON MANNING TROOPS.

Near Colombian Boundary, and Alarm is Felt There.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. COLON, Sept. 28.—President Castro of Venezuela is still massing troops and ammunition along the Colombian boundary near Maracaibo, which causes alarm in Colombia.

CARNEGIE'S GIFTS AND STEEL.

He Explains That He Held the First Mortgage Bonds.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Sept. 28.—It being widely reported that the fall in the value of the shares of the United States Steel Corporation would lessen the value of the gifts made by Carnegie to the British Empire, he has announced that he never owned any of the corporation's second mortgage bonds, his being all first mortgage bonds.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 28.—Cablegrams announcing that Mr. Carnegie's gifts to several Scotch cities had been made in Steel Trust bonds created some apprehension here. Mr. Carnegie has given to St. Louis \$1,000,000 for a public library building.

Inquiry elicited the information that a letter had been received from Mr. Carnegie which stated that his treasurer would pay over to the Library Board \$1,000,000 in cash when the conditions under which the gift was made were complied with.

SECOND ARREST IN VERDUE CASE.

Detective Was Shadowing an Actress When He Was Killed.

What mystery there was concerning the case of F. Adrian Verdue, the private detective who was beaten on Friday night in West Fifty-fifth street and died from his injuries later in Roosevelt Hospital, was cleared up yesterday. Joseph Martin, the first young man arrested in connection with the case, explained the affair to Detective Sergeants Carey and Valley and to the police of the West Fifty-seventh street station.

Thomas E. Moran, a young man living at 300 West Fifty-fifth street, was surrendered to the police by his father yesterday, and two others will give themselves up to-day in time for the inquest to be held by Coroner Scholer.

The police also learned that Verdue and Hansen, the other detective who was assaulted, were engaged in shadowing an actress who up to Sunday night lived in a lodging house on West Fifty-third street. She is now living in West Forty-third street. Her landlady said last night that the actress was to bring a suit for breach of promise against a young man of some prominent family in this city.

The woman saw Capt. Handy of the West Forty-seventh street station on Sunday morning and told him that she knew of whatever of the assault. The two young men under arrest were not acquainted with her. They merely suspected that Becker took his daughter to the hotel with the street to bother little girls.

Moran, who was arrested yesterday, was held in \$5,000 bail by Coroner Scholer. Becker took his daughter to the hotel at 428 West Fifty-sixth street. Joyner was passing through Fifty-sixth street when the daughter took her. He picked Moran out of twelve men lined up in the station last night.

TRAIL LED TO HIS WIFE.

New Yorker's Successful Hunt for His Daughter in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 28.—To regain possession of his thirteen-year-old daughter Florence, William H. Becker, of 231 West Thirtieth street, New York, caused the arrest of his wife to-day. Becker alleges that the woman eloped from New York a year ago while he was on a vacation trip.

Leaving records of the possession of the child by Becker, accompanied by Milton G. Butlerfield, his attorney, came on Sunday to search for the child. Following information that they had received, the two men walked along Vine street and as they passed Thirtieth street Becker saw his daughter standing on the sidewalk with two other children.

He started toward her, and when she saw him she ran to 1316 Vine street, where Becker pleaded for possession of the child by Becker, but she refused. He watched the place the remainder of the day and through the night, fearing she would be taken away. He got a warrant for his wife's arrest to-day and she was taken from a Market street department store where she had been employed. Later she was held in bail pending another hearing.

Becker took his daughter back to New York this evening, promising to return to-morrow and arrest the man who, he says, enticed his wife away.

William H. Becker is employed as clerk and window dresser in a downtown clothing store. He and his thirteen-year-old daughter lived in the house about two months ago, while her husband, her father and herself were away, and took the girl from there.

GRATITUDE OF A MONGREL DOG.

Whined for Joy When Master Was Saved and Licked the Face of the Rescuer.

James Hagens, dock engineer of the Savannah Steamship Company in Hoboken, saw two men clinging to an overturned row-boat in the North River yesterday. The men shouted that they could not swim, so Hagens jumped, secured a life line and went to their rescue.

When Hagens reached the boat he saw a mongrel dog trying to assist one of the men to keep afloat. The man was just sinking when Hagens reached him.

Hagens caught him with one arm and helped the other man to right the boat. When the first man was lifted into the boat by Hagens the dog whined for joy. The life line was fastened around the second man, and a number of longhairs pulled him to the pier. The man in the boat was then rescued by the same means.

When the dog saw his master safely landed on the pier he swam to Hagens and licked his face. Hagens and the dog swam to the pier together, the animal continuing to lick the engineer's face until he was lifted from the water.

The rescued men were Henry Osmers and Angelo Ripetta, but neither passenger said that they had completed their work and that the German, English and American arbitrators would be through with their before December.

VENEZUELA ARBITRATORS HERE.

French and Belgian Representatives—Their Work Done.

Dr. Filz, representing Belgium as an arbitrator of the claims against Venezuela, and Count Peretti, the French representative, arrived yesterday by the Red Diner Philadelphia from Caracas. They refused to talk to reporters, but a passenger said that they had completed their work and that the German, English and American arbitrators would be through with their before December.

The Venezuelan Government is paying to bank 30 per cent of all customs duties received at La Guayana and La Guayana to meet the demands of claimants.

GROUT WON'T BE DISSUADED.

MAYOR TRIES DISSUASION, AFTER ONCE ASSENTING.

'You Didn't See Any Harm Last Week in My Taking Tammany's Indorsement,' Says Comptroller—Republican Critic Makes Him Pretty Near Ball Over.

Comptroller Grout told Mayor Low yesterday that the Tammany nomination for Comptroller had been offered to him by a responsible person, and he purposed to accept it. The Mayor, ex-Lieut.-Gov. Woodruff and City Chamberlain Gould labored with Mr. Grout to get him to reject the Tammany indorsement, but failed.

Mr. Grout took refuge behind the fact that on Thursday last he told the Mayor that he had received an intimation that he might have the Tammany nomination if he would take it. At that time the Mayor told him that he saw no reason why he should not accept it. Now the Mayor apparently views the situation in a different light.

Mr. Grout was aroused by the criticism of the Republican leaders and was in a mood for trouble. When he read Senator Platt's interview saying that Grout and Fornes could not take the Tammany nomination without sacrificing their respectability, he was angry. The President Bruce of the Republican County Committee spoke on the same lines, and Mr. Woodruff told Mr. Grout that such a course reminded him of part of an army on the eve of battle volunteering to fight on both sides.

With these things ranking in his bosom Mr. Grout needed only a little more aggravation to throw up the fusion nomination and stand as the Tammany candidate. He rather expected a precipitation of issues when he went to the Mayor's office at 5 o'clock to stand with Low and Fornes and receive the notification committees of the Republicans and the Citizens' Union.

Mr. Woodruff had been so outspoken earlier in the afternoon that Mr. Grout thought he might touch on the subject at the Mayor's house. But Mr. Woodruff stuck to the formalities and Mr. Grout kept his wrath within himself. His friends said last night that he might break out to-day when he read Senator Platt and other Republicans intimating that if Grout and Fornes took the Tammany nominations they ought to be forced off the fusion ticket.

Mr. Grout had a meeting with the Mayor yesterday in a room of the City Clerk's office on the second floor of the City Hall. They thrashed out the subject of the indorsement. Mr. Grout said that he had read the newspapers intimating that if he and Fornes took the Tammany nominations they ought to be forced off the fusion ticket.

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STORM SWEEPS BERMUDA.

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