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# A CANAL VOTE ON TUESDAY

## Senate Finally Pacifies Morgan and Colombian Treaty Will Be Ratified.

### The Amendments to the Treaty Are to Be Considered Monday—Mr. Platt Gives Notice of a Resolution for a Modification of the Rules of the Senate by Which Cloture Is Brought About at Any Time by a Three-fifths Vote of the Senate—The Cuban Reciprocity Treaty Is Given a Favorable Report by the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Washington, March 12.—The open session of the senate to-day lasted five minutes. Mr. Keane (N. J.) reported back favorably from the committee on reciprocity treaty introduced yesterday by Senator Allison to authorize the committee on rules to sit during the recess for the purpose of examining the rules, and it was adopted.

#### A Cloture Rule.

In this connection Mr. Platt (Conn.) gave notice of a modification of the rules which he proposed by which the senate at any time by a three-fifths vote in the senate could make an order fixing the time at which a vote should be taken upon any pending question and fixing the limit of time any senator could occupy in debate pending such final vote. This proposition for cloture was in the form of a resolution. It was ordered to lie on the table.

#### A Vote on the Canal, Tuesday.

On motion of Mr. Cullom, at 12:05 p. m. the senate went into executive session, and agreed to a vote on the Colombian canal treaty Tuesday. The amendments to the treaty are to be considered Monday.

#### Here Is the Agreement.

I ask unanimous consent that the treaty with Colombia be open to general debate until Monday morning; that beginning with the session of Monday next the senate will proceed to consider amendments that may be offered, and that upon amendment speech shall be limited to fifteen minutes for each senator, but that the chairman of the committee on foreign relations and the chairman of the committee on inter-oceanic canals shall be allowed thirty minutes on each amendment; that, after all amendments shall have been disposed of, one hour shall be allowed for general debate to the side supporting the treaty and that one hour shall be allowed to the opponents of the treaty; that, not later than Tuesday next, the vote on the ratification of the treaty shall be taken.

#### The Scoundrel Borrowed Money.

Washington, March 12.—A. C. Parker of this city, a chief of division in the dead letter office, postoffice department, has been suspended from office on charges of borrowing money from subordinates. He has been given until tomorrow to make a satisfactory explanation, and failure to do so will result in dismissal from office.

#### Traffic in Young Girls.

U. S. and Japan to Co-operate in Breaking Up the Nefarious Business.

#### The President's Trip.

From Yellowstone Park to Kansas—It Begins About April 1.

#### A Favorable Report.

The Cuban Reciprocity Treaty Passes the Committee.

#### Some Great Names.

Sons of Notable Fathers Named as Midshipmen by the President.

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# S. R. VAN SANT AS TAWNEY'S RIVAL

## Letter's Opposite Hope to Induce Governor to Run for Congress.

### They Consider Van Sant the Only Man to Cope With Tawney.

#### The Governor Hasn't Been Consulted but They Will Advance Strong Reasons.

The summer of 1904 may see Governor Van Sant and Congressman Tawney locking horns in a fierce contest for congressional honors in the first district. Leading men in all parts of the old first who are anti-Tawney, and who backed T. V. Knatvold in his unsuccessful fight last fall, are once again planning the congressman's overthrow. Their failure last year taught them a lesson. They know how strongly the Winona congressman is entrenched in the district, and they

# AS TO POST GREEK NOTES

## Substantial Progress Made by the Idea in the Congress Just Closed.

Washington, March 12.—The fifty-seventh congress closed without enacting into law the post check bill, but the friends of the measure may well feel greatly encouraged at the substantial progress made within the past year. During that time, or in six months' actual session of congress, the bills were introduced, then amended and reintroduced; referred to the postoffice committee of the house and senate; by them referred to the postmaster general and the secretary of the treasury, considered by a commission of high officials of each department, and then sent back to congress with a divided report.

At the opening of the second session such progress was brought to bear again from the newspapers and business houses that the bills were taken up for serious consideration by the committees. The house committee gave hearings on the bill, and after considering carefully the statements pro and con, voted, on Jan. 30 to report the bill providing for \$1, \$2 and \$5 post check notes, with amendments, to the house with the recommendation that it be passed as amended. The amendments do not change the general principle of the plan, but tend to greater simplicity in detail, and are designed to overcome

# THE SENATE SEES LIGHT

## An Arrangement With Mr. Morgan by Which a Vote Will Be Taken Tuesday.

### The Cuban Treaty, Judging by a Poll of the Senate, Will Be Defeated.

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The Columbus treaty will be ratified next Tuesday after which the entire time of the senate will be devoted to the treaty with Cuba. Already the plan of campaign, so far as that treaty is concerned, is being mapped out and yesterday's poll was made so that it might be completed. The members are desirous of getting away from Washington at the earliest possible opportunity.

# MORE FREEDOM FOR RUSSIA

## The Czar Issues a Decree Providing for Greater Local Self Government in His Realm.

### The Document Also Provides for Freedom of Religion Throughout the Empire—The Peasantry Relieved From the Burden of Forced Labor—Conditions of Village Life to Be Improved—The Decree Is Considered to Be the Most Significant Act of State Since the Emancipation of the Serfs.

St. Petersburg, March 12.—The czar has issued a decree providing for freedom of religion throughout his dominions, establishing to some degree local self-government and making other concessions to the village communities.

After referring to the efforts of his predecessors, particularly his father, to add to the welfare of the Russian people, the czar announces his decision to grant freedom of religion to all his subjects who are not orthodox christians, and to improve the conditions of village life and those of the local nobility and peasantry. Among the measures outlined by the czar for the attainment of these ends is reform of the rural laws, which is to be effected with the advice of persons who possess the confidence of the people. The system of administration in the various provinces is to be reformed, and the carrying out of measures for the improvement of the material position of the orthodox clergy while enabling them to take a larger share in intellectual and public life.

#### A Very Significant Act.

The decree which was issued in commemoration of the anniversary of the birthday of Alexander III, is considered to be the most significant act of state since the emancipation of the serfs. The public halls it as the proclamation of a new era, opening up bright prospects of the early improvement of Russian internal administration.

#### The Text of the Decree.

The text of the decree is as follows: "In ascending the throne of our ancestors by the providence of God, we made a solemn vow before the Almighty and our conscience to successfully carry out the centuries-old pillars of Russian power and thus laid on us the sacred duty of completing the consolidation of order and truth begun by him in conformity with the exigencies of national life.

"The troubles agitating our country, which to our deep regret have partly been caused by designs hostile to us and partly engendered by doctrines foreign to Russian life, hinder the general work for the well being of our people. These troubles confuse the public mind, remove from the people the confidence in their rulers, and often ruin families dear to our heart and young energies among high and low, necessary to the internal development of the country.

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# A MEAN TRICK

## April First Will Not Justify this Kind of a Joke on Little Cuba.

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#### A SUGAR BEET PROBLEM

### How Secretary Wilson Is Trying to Improve the Seed for the Farmer.

Special to The Journal. Washington, March 12.—Experiments are being made by the agricultural department to reduce the cost of growing sugar beets. The department is going about this in a curious sort of way, but Secretary Wilson is confident that the experiments will prove a success and that the cost of raising sugar beets will be decreased by 25 per cent.

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