

TO DEFEAT CANAL

Senator Morgan's Charges Against Panama Company.

ITS PRESIDENT'S ATTITUDE CRITICISED

Importance of an Isthmian Waterway.

FAVORS THE NEW TREATY

The Senate committee on Isthmian canals today authorized a favorable report upon Senator Morgan's bill providing for the acquisition from Nicaragua and Costa Rica of the right of way via the Nicaragua route. Senator Morgan later presented this report to the Senate, accompanying the return of the bill with a voluminous report upon the general subject of a canal across the Isthmus.

Acting upon the bill providing for the construction of the canal was deferred. Senator Morgan's report covers more than 500 pages of printed matter and deals with many of the questions connected with the construction of the canal, including a thorough inquiry into the attitude of Great Britain upon the subject and the different canal routes.

Attitude of the Panama Company.

He also discusses the relationship of the Panama Canal Company to the construction by the United States of a waterway across the Isthmus, and while he makes reference to a letter written by President Hutin of the Panama company to Secretary of State Hay, he does not give the text of the communication. Mr. Morgan says that the letter to Secretary Hay was dated November 22 last and that it was written after Admiral Walker, as president of the commission, had closed his correspondence with M. Hutin relating to the sale of the Panama canal.

He then adds: "The letter to Mr. Hay, with the appendix thereto, and the memoranda that accompany it, is an attack on the president of the commission, replete with false assumptions and perversions of fact, and is evidently intended to create a side issue, the debate upon which it is hoped by M. Hutin, will delay, if it does not defeat, the final action of Congress in providing for the construction of any canal."

"This proceeding, and the placing of this correspondence in the hands of the President of the United States by M. Hutin, with a request that it be communicated to Congress, is but a continuation of the presumptuous and offensive proposition previously made by the Panama Canal Company."

"The desperate financial straits of the new Panama canal company compelled them to make overtures to the United States to unload their enterprise on the United States, and their agents became accordingly aggressive in this effort."

The report says: "The manifest purpose of this company to interfere with legislation by asking the President to inform Congress of a state of facts, as alleged, of which Congress is presumably without knowledge, is an insult to the intelligence of Congress. It is an insolent invitation to the President to control the action of Congress so that they shall not act upon bills reported by committees in both houses."

Admiral Walker's letter of October 22 last to Mr. Hutin is published, and of this Senator Morgan says that "it utterly breaks down the pretension of Mr. Hutin that the United States, through Admiral Walker, was engaged in the effort to purchase the property of the Panama canal." He adds that this letter dispels every possible criticism of Admiral Walker and of the commission of which he is president. This letter the report accuses Mr. Hutin of failing to send to the President.

The Panama Company's Motive.

The conclusion with reference to this point of the controversy is set forth in the following language:

"The motive for this unseemly and unprecedented misconduct must be either that this canal company is desperate in its purpose to unload its property upon the United States because the French stockholders have lost faith in its success, or that it is endeavoring to prevent the completion of any canal with its Panama railroad, the shares of which they value at \$50, the face value being \$100 per share, on account of its enormous earnings."

Importance of a Canal.

The introductory pages of the report contain a general review of the importance of the construction of an Isthmian canal, and in the second paragraph of the report it is declared that "the failure to accomplish this work would create a feeling of national despair."

Contending for the importance of the enterprise Senator Morgan urges that no nation nor any combination of private interests can have any right to prevent its consummation. "There remains," he says, "but one barrier to the union of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans and no one nation has the right to declare that it shall never be removed except with its consent."

He attributes the failure to construct the canal in the past to the attitude of other nations, saying: "For the past fifty years the power and influence of the British government aided by combinations of the United States and France, has defeated all efforts to open an American Isthmian canal."

Advance in True Civilization.

The major portion of the report was made before the new Hay-Panama treaty had been promulgated, but in an appendix the following reference is made to that treaty: "If two thirds of the Senate shall concur with the government of Great Britain in establishing a conservative basis upon which a canal for ships through the American Isthmus shall be operated, for the security and benefit of all nations, such an agreement may well be considered as an advanced step in a true civilization, honorable to both governments and rich in blessings to mankind."

"It is a new alignment as to the rights, privileges and powers of the United States, touching the ownership and control of an Isthmian canal, based on the general principle of the freedom and neutrality of such a canal that is declared in the Clayton-Ellender treaty and is in accord with our well-established national policy, often declared and never denied by the United States."

"Whatever sacrifice it may involve in benefits that might be otherwise claimed as being exclusive in favor of the United States in the absence of such an agreement for the benefit of all nations, the American people approve the spirit of this agreement and will adhere to it as an additional evidence of their friendly sentiment toward all people who compete with them honorably for the increase of the facilities of commerce and for the extension of good will to all the world."

Age of Chivalry Past:

From Woman's Life: The age of chivalry is past. This is evident in many ways. Time was when a betrothed lover was even more devoted to his courting than the one whose fate still hung in the balance; but the modern young man too often thinks that once a girl has said "yes" he may relax all his attentions toward her. Now, how should she prevent this? Well, this is my plan, and I think it a good one: She should keep, all through her engagement, the indefinable air of uncertainty that will enhance her charm a thousand times in a man's eyes. She should not coquette, or be reverse, or disgust him by her coqueness and variability. But every woman's instinct will show her how to lead a man to feel that, though she loves him, she does not give him her whole love without reserve till he is her husband. Man is so constituted that difficulty of winning and uncertainty of success only make a thing more valuable in his eyes. If a woman can make him feel that he must not make so certain of her that he can afford to cease his lover-like attitude, it will be the surest way to preserve it.

COWHIDE Leather Dress Suit Cases, with leather straps and brass trimmings; 22 and 24-inch; worth \$5. \$4.00 SPECIAL.

CONGO Canes, the fashionable Walking 50c. Sticks, trimmed with chased sterling silver; worth 75c.

A little forethought will send you holiday shopping at once and save you the annoyances that accompany the crowds of the final days. The inducements are many and important.



OVERCOATS in Oxford Gray Cheviots, double breasted, with yoke and slash pockets, or regular Box Coats; sizes 3 to 16 years—and splendid value at \$6.50. SPECIAL.

HANDSOME Oxford Mixed Overcoats; very swell and swaggy; extra long and full; yoke, velvet collar and slash pockets; sizes 15 to 19 years, and real \$12.50 value. SPECIAL.



Men's Holiday Neckwear.

It's holiday Neckwear because the values are richer, and the variety even greater than our usual large assortments. Made up expressly to our order—25c. to \$3—and each grade constitutes a special lot.

Each Scarf will be handsomely boxed.

500 DOZEN Men's Fancy Silk Scarves, in Tecks, Imperials, Reversible Four-in-hands, Clubs and Barings; the silks are equal to those used in Sic. Tie, and the colorings are very artistic and fashionable. Choice..... 25c.

500 DOZEN Fancy Silk Scarves, made up of the same grades of silks that are used in regular 75c. and \$1 lines, with choice of the Large Double-end Imperials, that may be tied either as four-in-hand or Ascot; Reversible Four-in-hands, Puffs, Tecks, Ascots and Clubs..... 50c.

Suspenders, Handkerchiefs and Pajamas.

MEN'S Japonette Silk Initial Handkerchiefs, full size neatly embroidered letters; a big value for..... 10c.

MEN'S White Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, \$1.00 with initial; all letters; half dozen in a neat box, for.....

WHITE All Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, hemstitched and embroidered initial; all letters; very sheer and fine quality, for..... 25c.

SILK Handkerchiefs, full size carried by men, with elaborately embroidered initials, any letter. A special big value, for..... 25c.

FANCY Web Suspenders, new effects, strong and slightly, with patent cast-offs; each pair separately boxed. A 25c. holiday leader for.....

PLAIN White, Blue, Red, Lavender and Fancy Silk Suspenders, strong mountings; each pair in a box—an extra ordinary value for..... 50c.

MEN'S Fancy Bordered Handkerchiefs, 75c. neat, new effects; sheer quality; half dozen in a box, for.....

MADRAS Pajamas, in entire new line of patterns; correctly cut and good, strong colorings; worth \$1.00 at \$1.25 a suit, for.....

FANCY Trimmed Night Shirts, full length and ample width; made of fine count muslin and tastefully trimmed in delicate shades. A special value for..... 50c.

Dress Shields, Gloves, Canes.

BLACK Satin Dress Shields, with standing collar; lined with white satin; full size and fine quality..... \$1.00

NOVELTIES in Men's Dress Shields, in Satin, Borathea Silk and Beau de Seic Silk, including the latest twice-around shield, from \$1.50 to..... \$3.50

MEN'S Lined and Unlined Tan and Gray Gloves; Tan are Dogskin and Grays are Mocha; we know there's no better Glove sold for \$1.25 anywhere..... \$1.00

FULL line of Dent's and Perrin's Celebrated English Gloves; for street and full dress wear; latest shades \$1.50 and tissue and stitching. Dent's, \$2; Perrin's.....

COWHIDE Leather Dress Suit Cases, with leather straps and brass trimmings; 22 and 24-inch; worth \$5. \$4.00 SPECIAL.

CONGO Canes, the fashionable Walking 50c. Sticks, trimmed with chased sterling silver; worth 75c.

The Saks Stores

Leaders since 1867.

Open late Saturday night. Beginning Monday next we shall be open every evening until Christmas.

Our Christmas Gift to the Men is a Special Offering of Hundreds of Our Fine Suits.

The time is most unusual. The importance of the sale most extraordinary. We are turning to your advantage a condition that has been created by the trend of trade this season. Never in our store's history have we sold so many Overcoats. But it has had its retarding influence on the outgoing of the Suit Stock. Instead of waiting until next month to distribute this excess of surplus we are going to treat you to an occasion unprecedented and unparalleled.

The choice is of hundreds of our matchless Fancy and Mixed Cheviot and Cassimere Suits, that have actually been selling up to \$22.50, for **\$14.75**

What better recommendation than that these Suits WERE ALL MADE FOR THIS PRESENT SEASON—and that they are ALL OF OUR MAKE! That insures not only exclusive patterns and styles, but the very latest and best in effect, as well as material and making. They are all "Fit Reform" Suits—bearing the tall-tale label, a guarantee of the highest perfection of the sartorial art. That it may appeal to everybody's taste we have included the jaunty Military Sacks, the Square-cornered Sacks, Single and Double-breasted Sacks, for the younger men, who are fastidious and exacting, together with the conservative styles that are desired by the more mature years.

Every size—and every suit is a sterling value for the price at which it was offered up to the appearance of this announcement.

As a practical gift this sale must touch the appreciation of every man in Washington.

Extraordinary Values in Men's Separate Pants at \$3.50 a Pair.

During this last week we have added many new styles and increased values to our popular line of \$3.50 Trousers. Those making selection tomorrow will have the advantage of securing a fit in Trousers that are worth up to \$4.50 a pair.

Very Special Attractions in Boys' Clothing.

We've exerted to our utmost in an endeavor to make the budget of offering at this time thoroughly worthy of your holiday thoughts. At the same time deserving recognition for their utility and value merit. We believe you will appreciate the bargainness of such selling. Truly a service store.

DOUBLE-BREASTED and Novelty Short Pants Suits, of dressy Gray Oxford Mixed and Checked Cheviot; the novelties from 3 to 7 years are broad trimmed; the Double-breasted sizes run from 8 to 15 years. The value is \$5. SPECIAL..... \$1.95

BOYS' Double-Breasted Short Pants Suits, in Green Oxford Mixture; specially well made, with double-stitched edges and Italian lining; sizes 7 to 16 years; worth \$3.50. SPECIAL..... \$2.45

FOR the Long Pants Boys—a lot of Military-cut, Single-Breasted Sack Suits of Fancy Mixed Cheviot; all wool and carefully tailored throughout; sizes 15 to 19 years. Regular \$10 value. SPECIAL..... \$7.50

A choice lot of patterns in Boys' Separate Blue and Black and Fancy Mixture; taped seams, patent ing; sizes 3 to 16 years; worth 75c. a pair. SPECIAL..... 50c.

HOLIDAY Neckwear for Boys, in all the mannish and juvenile shapes, made up for 30c. selling. SPECIAL..... 25c.

A BIG lot of Double-Breasted Novelty and Sailor Short Pants Suits, guaranteed all wool and fast colors; Suits are Plain Blue, trimmed with silk braid; other styles are in neat effects; seams silk sewed. All sizes in the lot—and values up to \$7.50. for SPECIAL choice at \$3.45. SPECIAL..... \$3.45

BOYS' Brown, Black and Gray Reefers, every thread wool, and warranted fast color; Double-breasted cut, with small velvet collar. All sizes 3 to 7 years. Worth \$3.50. SPECIAL..... \$1.95

HERE'S a big Overcoat value—Oxford Gray or Plain Blue; cut long and full; some with and some without yoke; slash pockets. Was a leader at \$5. SPECIAL..... \$3.45

BOYS' Holiday Suspenders, Brown and regular manlike style; each pair in a box..... 25c. & 50c. a pr.

BOYS' Gloves—Fancy and Plain Wool Kid and Mocha; some fur trimmed..... 25c. to \$1 a pr.



Clearance of Regular Stock of House Coats.

Nobody else in Washington maintains throughout the year a complete line of House Coats. But we do—and it is what remains of this assortment that we shall set apart from the lots specially made for the holiday demand, and clear them all out now at a price that is LESS THAN HALF what they have been marked.

They are all prevailing styles—garments of high grade, except they have been handled—there's nothing more desirable among the new arrivals. Sacrifices like this have to be made in a progressive business—and we take the opportunity when it will be of the greatest interest to you—and that's NOW.

Please understand—the remainder of the year around and none of the special holiday stock is included.

Double-faced Trierot, Cassimere and Japanese Silk Jackets, trimmed with cloth, satin, silk, plush or quilted; with silk frogs. Some may show slight signs of being handled, but not to hurt them. These Jackets have been selling up to \$7..... \$3.00

Handsone Mantelette, Bedford Cord, Double-faced Cloth, Velvet and Trierot Jackets; some lined, faced and trimmed with satin; others satin faced and faced with the same goods of which they are made; silk frogs. These are Jackets that have been selling right along up to \$12.50..... \$5.00

Our Annual Sale of Sample Umbrellas. The Best Line We've Ever Controlled.

There are over 300 Umbrellas in the lot—with no two alike. The coverings are of the best grades of Taffeta and Union Taffeta, while the mountings are the richest Horn, Ivory and Natural Wood effects, trimmed with sterling silver. Case and tassel with each.

These Umbrellas constitute the sample line of the largest and best maker of Umbrellas in this country—of course they are the best productions of his skill. Therefore they make safe and desirable gifts. 26 and 28-inch.

The whole quantity is divided into two lots—and the advantage of choice saves nearly half of some of the regular prices.

Lot 1 contains the Umbrellas that were made to be retailed up to \$5. With choice for..... \$3.15

Lot 2 contains the Umbrellas that were made to be retailed up to \$10. With choice for..... \$4.95

Initials will be engraved on the silver mountings FREE of charge.



Bath Blanket Robes.

For a gift you couldn't choose with better judgment. Nothing will seem quite so welcome. And for your surprise at the little prices.

FLANNEL Blanket Robes of solid Gray, with colored border effects around bottom and on collar and sleeves. What so many robes lack—they are generous in length and fullness. Actually worth \$5. SPECIAL..... \$3.95

STRIPED Gray Blanket Robes; also fancy check effect; bordered and full proportioned; collar, neck and girdle at waist. Actually \$6.50 value. SPECIAL..... \$5.00

LOT of English Blanket Robes that are all wool and extra long and full; very handsome; all of them heavy girdle and cord at neck. Regular \$10 value. SPECIAL..... \$6.75

Rain Coats for Gifts.

Cravenette is the thing. It positively sheds the water, and yet gives no hint of its office in appearance. Thus a regular overcoat is storm proof. We get the Cravenette from the manufacturers of it—each coat bearing their guarantee trade-mark—and make it up into swell Overgarments in our own work rooms. Anybody can get the goods—but no one else produces a Saks Overcoat. All prices up to \$30.

Here's a Rain Coat leader—**TAN Colored Waterproof Cloth, cut the fashionable and proper length; full back, with velvet collar or collar of the same. Worth \$12, for..... \$9.00**

Sporting and Athletic Goods.

STANDARD Golf Clubs, made by A. G. Spalding & Bros. Covington's prices ranged up to \$1.50 each. 59c. O.U.R. price for choice.....

NORRA and Willie Dunn Golf Balls, every golfer knows their popularity. Covington's price, \$3 a \$1.50 O.U.R. price.....

CANVAS Caddy Bags, regulation size, leather trimmed. Covington's price, \$1. OUR price..... 65c.

LOT of Leather Caddy Bags, strongly made and best kind. Covington's prices ranged up to \$4. \$3.00 O.U.R. price.....

LOT of Exercising Machines, healthful and popular makes. Covington's prices, 75c. and \$1. O.U.R. PRICE..... 50c.

PUNCHING Bags, double and single end; \$1.00 tested bladder. Covington's price, \$2. O.U.R. price.....

DAYTON Iron Punching Bag Platform, \$3.50 with bag; complete. Covington's price, \$6. O.U.R. price.....

RUGBY Foot Balls, with strong hide and tested bladder. Covington's prices, 75c. and \$1. O.U.R. price..... 63c.

BOYS' Air Rifles, single shot..... 69c.

BOYS' Repeater Air Rifles..... 95c.

FLOBERT Rifles..... \$1.75

BOXING Gloves, for boys; for set of four..... \$1.00

BOYS' Roller Skates, extension patterns, 75c. with concrete rollers.....

AMERICAN Club Ice Skates, nickel finish; all sizes; worth \$1.25 a pair..... 75c.

LADIES' Club Ice Skates, nickel finish; all sizes, and worth \$2 a pair, for..... \$1.50

WHITLEY Exercisers, with steel rollers; \$2.75 nothing to get out of order.....



Men's and Women's Sample Shoes.

Another big purchase, and at the most fortunate time in the year. They are from two specialty makers. One famous for his Men's Shoes. The other for Ladies' Shoes. Being samples you will understand that duplicates are few, but that values are GREAT and styles the very latest.

These Samples Represent Lines Made to sell up to \$4, with Choice for..... \$2.45

The Women's Shoes are Black Vici Kid, Box and Velour Calf, Patent and Enamel Leather; both Button and Lace; with light soles for dress and heavy soles for street wear; cloth or kid tops; best heels, newest toes and finest stock throughout.

The Men's Shoes are Black Vici Kid, Box and Chrome Calf, Patent Leather, Patent Kid and Enamel Leather; Straight Lace or Blucher styles; made on latest lasts, with single or double soles, close-trimmed or extension edges.

THE maker of these Men's Shoes also makes Boys' Shoes—and from him we got a small lot of 250 pairs Boys' Black Satin and Wax Calf Lace Shoes, with double soles and all solid leather, that were made to sell at \$1.50. Sizes range 95c. from 12 1/2 to 2 1/2. The special price is.....

Men's and Women's Holiday Slippers.

ROMERO, Everett and Opera Slippers, for men, made of Russia Calf, Black Tan and Wino-colored Vici Kid and Black and Tan Imitation Alligator; lined with kid and strictly hand 98c. turned. Regular \$1.50 value.....

LADIES' Black Vici Kid Kid Juliet Slippers, hand-turned, with patent leather tips; natty shape and worth \$1.45. 73c. Special.....

LADIES' Pink and Blue Eiderdown Bath Slippers; correct sizes; worth \$1 a pair. Special..... 48c.

Men's and Boys' Hats.

A lot of 75 dozen Dunlap Shape and Taper-crown Derbys, in black, and Soft Hats in black and gray—Panama, Flat-brim and Fedora shapes. Shut your eyes and pick up any of them, \$2.50 and you've got a genuine \$1.35 Hat. Special price, while lot lasts.....

MEN'S Cloth and Corduroy Winter Caps, with wide band to pull over the ears. Regular 50c. caps, for..... 19c.

SPECIAL Gift Silk Hat, shaped on latest Knox and Young Gent's blocks; made of best silk, full silk lining and English cloth bands. As good a Hat as any hatter can \$4.50 Special..... \$7.50.

SILK and Cassimere Opera Hats—a leader of each style—best French spring and latest shapes. Silk \$6.00 Special..... \$7.50.

BOYS' Soft Felt Fedoras, in black and Gray; in all shapes. Instead of \$1, we'll sell 30 dozen at..... 58c.

100 DOZEN Boys' Winter Caps, Polo, Brighton and Golf shapes, with bands to pull over the ears. Regular value 25c. and 50c. SPECIAL..... 12c.

FINE Fleece Toboggan Caps again. 75 dozen more, in assorted gay colors. Worth 25c. The value of lot this season at..... 15c.

BOYS' Dress-up Derbys, in black and Brown; jaunty, nobby shapes. Worth \$1.50. SPECIAL..... 98c.

City Treasurer Philip Gerst of Buffalo, N. Y., pleaded guilty to the charge of a shortage in his accounts.