

TREATY VIOLATION LAID TO ENGLAND

Senator Chamberlain Argues Against Panama Canal Tolls Repeal Bill.

CALLS CLAYTON-BULWER PACT GREAT BLUNDER

Criticizes Democrats for Abandoning Plank in Party Platform Granting Exemption.

Arguing that Great Britain had repeatedly violated the Clayton-Bulwer treaty relating to an isthmian canal and that the treaty was the basis of Great Britain's contention for a measure of equality with the United States in the framing of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, democrat, today made a vigorous argument in the Senate against the Panama canal tolls repeal bill. Senator Chamberlain said that in the ratification of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty the United States had agreed to what was practically an abandonment of the Monroe doctrine.

"At the time of the execution of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty," said Senator Chamberlain, "Great Britain had no valid claim in Central America, and, having none, there was no foundation for the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and no consideration to support either it or the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, which is based on it. Subsequent events have proved that at the time of the execution of the treaty Great Britain intended, as she did with Spain, to violate its terms, and she has from the date of its execution continued to ignore its terms and has not only done so, but has continued to occupy a part of the territory which she agreed she would neither occupy nor control nor assume jurisdiction over."

Violations Are Charged.

Senator Chamberlain quoted from a message to Congress by President Franklin Pierce in 1853, in which he called attention to the fact that Great Britain was violating the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. He quoted, too, from speeches made in the Senate by Mr. Clayton, who had been Secretary of State at the time of the ratification of the treaty bearing his name, and Stephen A. Douglas, leading democrat of his time, in which both denounced the English for violations of the treaty.

"I am inclined to believe," said Senator Chamberlain, "that the timidity of the administration at the time of the adoption of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty led us into the commission of a diplomatic blunder more serious, if possible, than that committed by a whig administration in the execution of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. There were those in Congress, as there are those here today, who appeared to be more afraid of arousing the antagonism of Great Britain and other foreign powers than they were desirous of protecting the interests of our country and our own citizens. Senator Stephen A. Douglas in 1853 took a very different position from that which many democrats are taking today."

Treaties Held Not Binding.

Senator Chamberlain insisted that the Clayton-Bulwer treaty had been practically abandoned by both the signatory powers at the time just previous to the ratification of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and that the Clayton-Bulwer treaty being without force, the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, which was based upon the earlier treaty, could not have any more binding power than the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. He said, too, that the Hay-Pauncefote treaty had contemplated the construction of an isthmian canal through territory not owned by the United States, whereas the Panama canal was built through territory over which the United States holds sovereignty.

The Hay-Pauncefote treaty, Senator Chamberlain pointed out, contained the statement that as the basis of neutralization of the proposed isthmian canal, the rules for neutralization of the Suez canal should be adopted. Senator Chamberlain argued that the Suez canal never had been neutralized, as claimed by Great Britain, and that Great Britain had violated this alleged neutrality when she saw fit.

Former Stand of Senators.

Senator Chamberlain quoted from speeches made in the Senate in 1912, at the time the present Panama canal act was passed, by Senators Hoke Smith of Georgia, Williams of Mississippi and

Stone of Missouri, in which all declared that they believed the United States had the right to exempt its coastwise vessels from the payment of tolls through the canal.

"Is it possible," said Senator Chamberlain, "that these senators did not know at the time for what they were voting?" Senator Chamberlain criticized the democrats now supporting the repeal bill for abandoning the plank of the democratic platform which declared for "free tolls." He insisted that this feature of the platform had been of service during the campaign two years ago when the democrats came into power. He argued that there was no good reason to call the exemption of American vessels passing through the canal a "subsidy," and declared that it was in line with the policy adopted by the United States with reference to other improved waterways used by the American vessels.

CHANGES IN PERSONNEL

Appointments, Promotions, Transfers, Etc., in Interior Department.

The following changes in the personnel of the Department of the Interior were announced today:

Probationary Appointments.—Secretary's office—William E. Broderick, New York, assistant engineer, \$1,000; general land office, Miss Ruth Leves, New York, copyist, \$720; patent office, John Eisinger, California, examiner, \$1,500; bureau of education, Nelson Warner, New York, copyist, \$900; geological survey, Laurence La Forge, District of Columbia, associate geologist, \$2,100; Gilbert H. Cady, Illinois, assistant geologist, \$5 per day while actually employed; Charles W. Tomlinson, Wisconsin, geologic aid, \$100 per month while actually employed; Kelley, Virginia, junior topographer, \$90 per month while actually employed; Kenneth F. Marcy, Maryland, junior topographer, \$75 per month while actually employed; Calvin T. Moore, Nebraska, junior topographer, \$75 per month while actually employed; Sydney R. Archer, Ohio, junior topographer, \$70 per month while actually employed; Edmund W. Bowler, Massachusetts, junior topographer, \$62 per month while actually employed; Robert H. Randall, Ohio, junior topographer, \$85 per month while actually employed; Glen M. Ruby, Nebraska, junior topographer, \$65 per month while actually employed; reclamation service, Frank P. Collins, Arizona, junior clerk, \$1,200; J. Harold Haddfield, District of Columbia, under clerk, \$800; Vincent W. McMullin, District of Columbia, under clerk, \$1,020; Miss Elizabeth A. Rothmann, Illinois, under clerk, \$800; William Bray, Illinois, District of Columbia, messenger boy, \$450.

Promotions.—General land office, Francis B. Condon, Rhode Island, copyist, \$720, to \$900; Patent office, Welles Meriam, Massachusetts, examiner, \$1,800, to librarian, \$2,000; A. Brownrigg, Minnesota, examiner, \$1,500, to 1,800; Ira H. Arnold, Virginia, copyist, \$720, to \$900.

Resignations.—Secretary's office, E. H. Barndollar, Pennsylvania, clerk, \$1,800; General land office, Daniel P. Mumbrue, Montana, United States surveyor, \$150 per month; Patent office, Ernest H. Merchant, Massachusetts, examiner, \$1,500; Miss Marjorie Buckingham, District of Columbia, laborer, classified, \$480; Bureau of education, Miss Ruth L. Ward, New York, copyist, \$900; Geological survey, Edwin E. Wither spoon, Tennessee, junior topographer, \$70 per month while actually employed; James C. Hunter, District of Columbia, messenger boy, \$420.

Transfers.—Within the department, Indian office, Miss Virginia A. Robinson, Oklahoma, clerk, \$1,000, from under clerk \$1,000; geological survey, Reclamation, Charles C. Sullivan, Idaho, under clerk, \$1,020, from copyist \$800; general land office, From other departments, Chester C. Baxter, Ohio, examiner, \$1,500, from clerk \$1,400; United States civil service commission, H. B. Macfarland, former District Commissioner; Hamilton Holt, editor of the Independent and other, John Bassett Moore, former counselor of the State Department, will preside. Plans for the third Hague conference and the economic and religious phases of the peace movement will be considered at the Mohonk conference.

SECRETARY BRYAN TO SPEAK

Will Appear Before Arbitration Conference at Lake Mohonk.

Secretary Bryan has accepted an invitation to address the twentieth conference on international arbitration, to be held at Lake Mohonk, N. Y., beginning Wednesday. Addresses also will be made by Dr. Andrew D. White, chief American delegate to the first Hague conference; Dr. Paul Ritter, Swiss minister; H. B. F. Macfarland, former District Commissioner; Hamilton Holt, editor of the Independent and other, John Bassett Moore, former counselor of the State Department, will preside. Plans for the third Hague conference and the economic and religious phases of the peace movement will be considered at the Mohonk conference.

MARSHALL HONOR GUEST

Vice President Attends Banquet Given by Scottish Rite Masons.

RICHMOND, Va., May 22.—Thomas R. Marshall, Vice President of the United States, was the guest of honor at a banquet given last night by the Supreme Council, Scottish Rite Masons, in the Masonic Temple. The Vice President made a brief address on Masonry of which he is a thirty-third degree member. Before the banquet he witnessed the coloring of the Scottish Rite degree on more than 100 candidates. Mrs. Marshall was the guest of honor last night at a box party given at a local theater by Mrs. J. Taylor Ellyson, wife of the lieutenant governor.

ENEMIES OF THE CHURCH OFFER IT OPPORTUNITY

Should Be Able to Make Converts of Skeptics, Says Presbyterian Moderator.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 2.—Declaring that "delegations of discontented people will keep on coming to the churches to disturb worship until after a while they will be arrested by the message they hear, instead of by the police," Rev. J. S. Lyons of Louisville, Ky., in the moderator's sermon before the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church which opened here yesterday, made a strong plea for higher vision.

"If the church," he said, "is equal to the opportunity of today, many who make malicious assaults upon it will find themselves breaking into the Kingdom of Heaven."

Many Remedies Offered.

"What is the vision today?" he said. "As we turn to the world we see the same dark shadows which appeared in all the prophetic visions of the past. We behold contending forces in all the varied forms of economic, social and political foment and strife. Moreover, we see the world growing more and more weary of its problem, with many hopeful evidences that it is coming to realize that the problem requires for its solution more than the element of education and culture and more influence. Philosophers, statesmen, scientific commissions, social betterment enterprises are pathetically trying to unravel the mystery of human misery and sin; and everything from moral lectures and sanitary environment to folk dances, is proposed as a cure."

Mexican Policy Upheld.

The report of the foreign missions executive committee, presented to the assembly, upheld the policy of the national administration at Washington in the Mexican situation, and made an appeal that intervention in Mexico take the form of Christian instruction, rather than the force of arms.

William J. Martin, president of Davidson College of Davidson, N. C., was elected moderator, to succeed Rev. J. S. Lyons of Louisville, Ky.

Prof. Martin, who is a layman, was chosen on the second ballot, and his election then was made unanimous.

Asks \$80,000 for Mediators.

A request for \$80,000 on account of "anticipated deficiencies in the Department of State" was made of Congress yesterday. The money is needed, it is said, to defray expenses of diplomats and mediators in the present Mexican difficulties.

Season's Last Program for Blind.

The last entertainment for the blind of the season at the National Library for the Blind, 1729 H street northwest, is announced for Monday evening at 8 o'clock. A song, piano and saxophone recital by Miss Mary Melton, arr. soprano; Herbert W. T. Jenner, saxophonist, and Miss Mary Rollins, pianist, is to be the feature.

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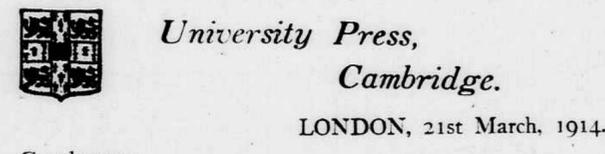
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