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HOUSE MAKES PROGRESS SLOWLY---LIGHT SHED ON PANAMA CANAL DEAL

OFFER SEEMS ACCEPTABLE TO PARTY MEMBERS ON VERGE OF OWNERS OF CANAL

Correspondence Between Knox and President Bo is Made Public at Washington--An Important Letter

Washington, Mar. 3.--The correspondence, which has been passing between Attorney General Knox and President Bo of the Panama Canal company, regarding the acceptance of the offer of that company to sell its property and the rights of the company on the isthmus of Panama in Paris, was made public today.

The correspondence included a cablegram sent by Knox to President Bo on February 16th accepting the offer of the company, which heretofore has been published, message from Bo dated February 19th, stating that the company would expedite as much as possible the formalities necessary to a conclusion of the transaction, and the following letter from Cromwell, counsel for the company:

"March 3, 1903.--Hon. P. C. Knox, attorney general: 'Sir: Pursuant to the authority upon me conferred by the president of the new Panama Canal company, I beg leave to state that the acceptance made by the President of the United States, through your cablegram of the 17th ultimo, of the offer of the company, as contained in its cablegrams of January 9th and 11th, 1902, addressed to the president of the isthmus canal commission, is hereby accepted as being in conformity with the said offer.'

IS FAVORABLY RECEIVED

Department of Commerce Attracting Attention in Great Britain

Washington, Mar. 3.--The creation of a department of commerce in the United States has awakened great interest in other countries, and especially in the mother country, where active but friendly rivalry in the world's markets is a subject of much attention, and the appointment of a minister of commerce for the United Kingdom is being urged. The London Chamber of Commerce Journal, the official organ of the London Chamber of Commerce, in a recent issue says: 'In this country the opinion was for long held that the best way to assist trade was to leave it severely alone and to rely upon the foresight, skill and energy of our merchants and manufacturers to maintain our pre-eminent position in the world's markets. Latterly however, there has been a tendency to direct the attention of parliament more and more to commercial matters. It is unquestionable that the idea is rapidly gaining strength that in many directions considerably more attention and assistance might be given by the state to extending trade than it is at present accorded.'

NO POLITICS IN IT

Secretary Shaw Denies that Removals are for Political Reasons

Washington, Mar. 3.--Secretary of the Treasury Shaw today denied a report that certain removals in the customs service at the port of New York are being made for political reasons. He said the removals were for the good of the service and as a business proposition. The changes at the port, he said, were not made at the instance of the senators from New York, although with their acquiescence and upon recommendation of the collector and appraiser. The secretary said there was nothing sensational in connection with the removals, but the government had lost more money through inefficiency than it did through any actual fraud of the customs officials. The changes are in the interest of more efficient service. He said the removals had nothing to do with the recently discovered silk frauds, and would have no effect upon the prosecutions now in the hands of W. Wickhamsmith, special district attorney in charge of the cases. He said that there are 2,600 persons connected with his department, and private business would cause removals every day. He thought there was more danger of inefficient men being retained for political purposes than efficient men being discharged for such reasons.

RIFLES FOR SOLDIERS

Washington, Mar. 3.--General Crozier chief of the ordnance department, has made preliminary arrangements for arming the entire organized militia of the United States with Krag-Jorgensen rifles in accordance with the provisions of a recently passed bill.

REPUBLICANS GET SOME BUSINESS DONE IN SPITE OF DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION

Washington, Mar. 3.--Today was almost a repetition of yesterday in the house. Slowly, but surely, through the operation of ceaseless roll calls, the conference reports to complete necessary legislation were ground out, and when the house at 7 o'clock tonight recessed for three hours, only two conference reports on appropriation bills were still undisposed of.

The democratic opposition did not abate, and will be continued until congress expires at noon of March 4th. During the debate on the conference report, members on each side got into political speeches, and several times party passion flared up. Just before recess "Bedlam" broke loose and there was an exchange of high words between two members on the floor. A personal altercation seemed imminent in the confusion, but it was averted by the intervention of friends.

The actual business during the eight hours of the day's session consisted in the adoption of conference reports on the immigration, public building and sundry civil bills, reference of the President's veto message of the Virginia claim bill to the committee on war claims and the passage of the senate bill to authorize coining souvenir coins for the Thomas Jefferson Memorial association.

A SLIGHT RAIN FELL YESTERDAY EVENING FOR A FEW MINUTES.

HEADED OFF STRIKE

WABASH PRESIDENT GETS OUT SWEEPING INJUNCTION

Employees Gave Him More Time in Which to Make Concessions and He Made an Unexpected Move

St. Louis, Mar. 3.--An injunction granted by Judge Adams in the United States district court prevented the culmination today of the threatened strike of 1,100 firemen and trainmen of the Wabash railroad for higher wages. As the result of a poll during the past week among the employees over the question of striking in case President Ramsey refused to grant the demanded wage concessions on the Wabash east of the Mississippi river, the engineers and conductors refused to participate in the strike, but the firemen and trainmen favored it emphatically.

Their committees yesterday notified President Ramsey that he would be given until today to grant their demands.

This afternoon Ramsey requested a little more time, and two committees granted him until 5 o'clock made a final reply. Before the allotted time had expired President Ramsey had secured the restraining order from the court, and it had been served on all the officials, all orders and the members of grievance committees. The injunction was most a sweeping instrument and effectually blocked any strike proceedings.

DID NOT ATTEND RECEPTION

Southern Women Showed Their Antagonism to Social Equality

Washington, Mar. 3.--Much of the bitterness which cropped out when negroes in unusual numbers attended a White House reception last month, is now being revived by a story to the effect that on yesterday, when the members of the Daughters of the Revolution, who have been in convention here, called at the White House to see the President, practically all of those from the south refused to go. There were some southern women present, it is stated, but none of the southern delegations went as delegates. While none of those who remained away will talk for publication, it is common report that they acted as they did because they did not care to call in a social capacity on a man of the President's decided pro-negro views. Statements to that effect have been published and a considerable sensation has resulted.

NEW BATTLESHIPS

Washington, Mar. 3.--The conferees of the two houses agreed upon the naval appropriation bill at 10 o'clock tonight. The provision as agreed upon provides for three battleships of 16,000 and two of 13,000 tons.

POPE LEO CELEBRATES CORONATION ANNIVERSARY

Rome, March 3.--The twenty-fifth anniversary of the coronation of Pope Leo XIII was celebrated today with grandeur and impressiveness, associated with the high ceremonies of the Catholic church, and amid a display of enthusiasm and emotion on the part of the vast assemblage gathered within the walls of St. Peter's, such as vied with the greatest previous demonstrations of reverence and affection for the aged pontiff. Tonight all the sacred edifices in Rome, including monasteries, convents, seminaries and also many private houses are illuminated in commemoration of the event. The Trastevere quarter and Leonine city are especially presenting a blaze of light, while the general effect is heightened by blazing Bengal fires throughout the city. Pope Leo supported admirably the fatigue and the excitement of today's ceremony. After having retired, he rose again from his couch and going to the window of his bedroom gazed for awhile upon the scene of illumination. The view from the vatican embracing a stretch of seven miles brilliant with light, was a marvelous one, and his holiness exclaimed as he withdrew from the window: 'This will indeed be a pleasant thing to dream of.'

The ceremony in St. Peter's cathedral lasted two hours and a quarter, and although it was noticeable that Pope Leo felt the effect of his recent cold, all were surprised to see how well he seemed. His voice was strong, gestures vigorous, and the frantic cheering which greeted his arrival and departure, gave him a visible pleasure and brought a faint tinge of color to his face. After the tiring ceremony of the morning, Dr. Laponi carefully examined his condition and, although he found him none the worse for the fatigue, he had undergone, yet he ordered him to rest during the afternoon. Tonight after the doctor's last visit, his holiness insisted upon getting up to view the illuminations.

CITY TO IMPROVE POOR SIDEWALKS

Those miserable sidewalks! They bothered the city council yesterday evening for nearly an hour. The result was instructions to City Attorney Miller to draft an ordinance regulating the sidewalks.

The attention of the council was called to this matter by Street Superintendent Krigbaum, who asked if he should repair the board walk in front of the row of buildings over the waterway in the rear of the fire house. Krigbaum said that he had instructed the owner of the property to fix the walk, and that he had refused. Finally it was done by the city. He wanted to know what he should do in the future.

City Attorney Miller said: 'There seem to be no regular sidewalks now, and it is entirely a question of circumstances as to just what shall and shall not be called public sidewalks. By framing and passing the proper ordinances the city may avoid heavy damage suits.'

He then went on to explain that by ordinance the city can force owners of property to keep in repair all walks in front of their places. If they refuse after notice the city will go ahead and make the needed repairs, afterward taxing the costs to the property.

This ordinance is intended to improve the condition of the city's sidewalks and put those now in bad shape in condition for use without danger to life and limb, and the possibility of big damage suits against the city.

The council took up the matter of the sewer franchise asked for by Julian Brothers of Tucson. A telegram was read from one of them, stating that he will be in the city today, and asking that action be deferred until he arrives.

It was decided to let the matter stand until Mr. Julian is able to appear before the council, and state exactly what he wants. The mayor will probably call a special meeting to listen to him.

Alderman Taylor made a motion

that the salary of the city clerk be raised from \$50 to \$75 per month. The city attorney drafted an amendment to the ordinance covering the salaries of city officials which was passed.

A petition was read from property owners on Chihuahua hill, asking that the city build a flight of stairs from O. K. street to a point above the site of the proposed Pythian castle. The matter was placed in the hands of a committee composed of Taylor, Bowen and Warner.

In connection with the matter Alderman Taylor said: 'The people of this city have been encroaching on the streets and trails for the past six or eight months. It will not be long before people living on these hillsides will be unable to reach their homes. Those who are building are stealing every inch of ground they can.'

Alderman Warner asked the city attorney how the townsite patent matter stands, and was told that there is little or no change. The city is now waiting for the time to expire in which the probate judge can file his appeal.

Attorney Miller gave it as his opinion that the city will get its patent in due time, and that the secretary of the interior will grant Bisbee the right to make another survey. In regard to whether the city will have to pay Judge Bostwick for the work he did, the city attorney said that depended on circumstances.

Before taking up the regular monthly bills, the council spent nearly an hour discussing the status of the pest house. Alderman Warner said that he did not think the city should take care of patients with malignant diseases any more than any other part of the county.

The city attorney gave it as his opinion that as long as the city has passed an ordinance providing for a pest house, it will have to take care of the cases within the city.

The council then turned its attention to the bills.

DECISION TO BE UNANIMOUS

Anthracite Coal Strike Commission Reports to President

Washington, March 3.--It is now definitely decided by the anthracite strike arbitration commission that it will make only one report; that that report will be unanimous, if time can make it so; that it will not be rendered until after the session of congress has adjourned, and that it will be printed in as brief form as possible for wide popular distribution.

The first intention of the commission, as may be remembered, was to make quick work of reviewing the evidence and prepare one preliminary report to put forth as soon as a majority of the membership could agree on some conclusion, prescribing the terms on which the operators should hire and the miners be hired. Dissenting opinions were to be given an equal hearing, as in any deliberance from a judicial bench.

It was supposed that this report could be got out not later than the end of last week. A longer period was to be taken for the preparation of the second report, which was to discuss the labor question generally, and recommend methods of dealing between employers and employed, likely to heal existing breaches and prevent their reopening when the next potential cause for friction should arise. It was proposed also to go at some length into the question of the

President's prerogative in settling labor disputes.

On more mature consideration it was deemed wise to forego this program. The commission made up its mind that what the public was most directly interested in was the settlement of the present difficulty, and that the philosophy of the whole labor question could better be left for handling in a different way. Moreover, it had become plain from recent manifestations in the coal regions, that a majority and a minority report, no matter in how many particulars they might actually coincide, would neutralize the effect of the whole proceedings; and that it would be far better, even at the cost of spending considerable more time in discussion and of making a few unwilling concessions, to put out a single statement as the unanimous finding of the commission. That would at least be beyond cavil from any quarter, and would arm President Mitchell for the struggle which he may yet have on his hands to compel obedience from some of the more restless spirits in the labor camp.

With the report in settlement of the current controversy will be incorporated such recommendations as the entire membership of the commission is ready to subscribe to. Congress will provide, before adjournment, for printing the report at the government printing office during the recess. This is for the purpose of letting it go to the public without any needless delay.

HOUSE AFTER SECRETARY STODDARD---REPUBLICANS FALSE TO SOLEMN PLEDGES

ELKINS SCORES PARTY ON THE TREATMENT OF TERRITORIES

Senate Turns Down Aldrich Financial Bill, After He Took Pains to Explain it at Great Length

Washington, Mar. 3.--The final defeat of the Aldrich financial bill was witnessed in the senate when it was displaced by the Philippine tariff bill. Aldrich explained in detail his measure, and said that a small number of men in the senate had deliberately and with malice aforethought, murdered it. One feature of the session was the fact that for the first time in two years, Delaware was represented in the senate. J. Frank Alee and F. Heisler Ball, elected for the long and short terms respectively, appeared in the senate and were sworn in by President Pro Tem Frye.

Beside the two years that Delaware had been totally unrepresented in the senate, there were two years previous to that time when there was a vacancy in one of the seats. The senate for the first time in four years has its full membership of ninety.

In the course of the debate today, Elkins declared the republican party has been false to its solemn pledges in the three successive platforms with respect to statehood for Arizona, Oklahoma and New Mexico, and he said it was the first time that party had been guilty of filibustering.

He declared that upon the republican majority rested the responsibility for the defeat of several important measures in the senate. The senate at 6 o'clock took a recess until 8 o'clock.

ARE FIGHTING MORGAN

ROCKEFELLER INTERESTS AT WAR WITH MAGNATE

Mysterious Hand Forcing Money Out of New York Market Traced to the Standard Oil Financial School

New York, Mar. 3.--Mysterious power has been exerted through the money market during the past few days to keep the stock market from rallying. Those who have watched the situation closely declare that it represents the hand of the Rockefeller, who have been using all of their resources to drive money out of New York for the purpose of thwarting the plans of other financiers.

This can mean only one thing, according to bankers who make a study of the movements of funds from one center to another, namely, that these commercial giants want to force J. Pierpont Morgan's hand. The latter has many irons in the fire and desires to see prices improve. The Standard Oil interests are, in the main, out of stocks, and they may have some ulterior purpose to serve, which does not at the moment appear plain. The Rockefeller have done much to induce interior banks to withdraw their funds from New York by keeping down the call interest rate to nominal figures, rendering it unprofitable to leave their money here. Interior institutions do not put out much money on time. The Rockefeller banks are also credited with being instrumental in forcing the foreign exchange rate up, although it is not quite clear what they would gain by this except, as intimated, to prevent stocks from going up and putting a damper on the sale of securities. No open breach has occurred between the Morgan and Rockefeller interests--Mr. Morgan is too shrewd to antagonize his powerful rivals were this necessary; but no love is lost between them. Reports were current this week of stormy conferences at which Mr. Morgan demanded that the Standard Oil people state just what they want to do. It is probable that these stories have been more or less exaggerated, but the fact remains that the Rockefeller have served as stumbling blocks to the carrying out of Morgan's program and the stock market has drifted aimlessly for some little time. For several days it has been said that the passage of the Aldrich bill by congress would be used as a bait point and stocks would be run up a little, but doubts were expressed today that much improvement in prices was possible until the money market righted itself.

TERRY McGOVERN ILL New York, Mar. 3.--Terry McGovern, the pugilist, who is to fight 'Young Corbett' at San Francisco March 31, is seriously ill at his home in Brooklyn with a severe attack of grip. He is under the care of two physicians.

PASSED COWAN BILL TO REDUCE HIS BIG FEES

Council Members Take Exception to Statehood Resolution Which was Sent to Washington by Reporters

(Special to Review.) Phoenix, Mar. 3.--There was a hot skirmish in the house this afternoon over the Cowan bill, which mustered two-thirds of the strength of that body on test votes. The bill was made a special order of business after many baffled attempts to hold the house in regular order.

Roemer, who was in the chair, was taken completely by surprise in the precipitation of the bill. Rowe, the spokesman of the secretary's office, protested violently whenever there was the slightest pretext for discussion, and made several fiery speeches.

At one stage of the game he offered an amendment providing for the non-appliance of the law to the present incumbent. This effort was quickly voted down and on an attempt by Whiteside to doubt the fees of the office and create an equal partnership between the territory and the secretary, it died at once.

The bill is now in the hands of the enrolling and engrossing committee, and, according to all signs, will be passed by the house tomorrow.

All the members were present. Those who voted as a unit in opposition to Cowan's measure at every test vote are: Rowe, Ingalls, Herr, Whiteside, Barrow, Schilling, Lamont and Morrison.

Speaker Powers and Judge Cowan conducted the fight for the bill and quickly checked each one of Rowe's pyrotechnic sorties and obstructive coups.

The special investigating committee has been busy today administering oaths and taking testimony relative to Stoddard's voluntary report and the business of the secretary's office. This report will be made in time to produce its moral effect on the council, although the report may follow the passage of the bill in the assembly. Delegate Wilson is in town again and Frank Cox has been annexed to Stoddard's forces, acting as legal representative under a stiff retaining fee.

The committee had Stoddard in the sweat box today. Cox was present to assist him in explaining the affairs of his office, and how he concocted the report transmitted to the legislature.

The house is congested with appropriations and other bills, and without a steering committee, it is finding difficult work in clearing the calendar.

It developed today that the council, nor none of its members, were responsible for telegraphing to Washington the joint resolution on the statehood merger which passed the council. Some of the democrats, and particularly President Ives, is offended at the bromstone resolution offered by Rowe, which censured the council for something it never did.

Great surprise was occasioned, when it was learned that it was the newspaper correspondents who telegraphed the resolutions east.

Governor Brodie shows no inclination to hurry in the signing of the eight-hour bill, and some fear is expressed that it may receive a veto, unless the legislature affects certain legislation harmonious to both the recommendations of the administration and the democratic platform.

LIBRARY FOR MORGAN

It is the Costliest Ever Erected by an Individual

New York, Mar. 3.--Plans have just been filed for the costliest private library ever erected. It was designed for J. Pierpont Morgan, and the financier will, when the library is completed, concentrate in this city his vast collection of paintings and books valued at several millions. Portions of these collections are now in Mr. Morgan's London residence, in Paris, Berlin and Rome. In the last three named cities Mr. Morgan spent more than a million dollars for books and paintings during his trip abroad a few months ago. Mr. Morgan's library will be of marble in the shape of a 'T' with a frontage of 175 feet on Thirty-sixth street. The site alone cost \$300,000. Unique plans will be used in lighting and equipping the building, which, with the site, will cost more than \$500,000.

MOORE CONFIRMED

Washington, Mar. 3.--A confirmation was made by the senate today for the registry land office of M. R. Moore of Tucson, Arizona.