

NICARAGUAN CANAL TALK

Mr. Peffer Expresses Concern Regarding the Day of Settlement.

IT NEEDS SIX COINAGE

The Opinions of Various Senators Upon the Scheme—Bill for Preservation of Forests Receives Consideration of the House of Representatives.

By the United Press.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Vice President Stevenson presided over the senate today. A numerously signed petition from the citizens of Pennsylvania for the passage of the house bill providing for a consular inspection of immigrants was presented by Mr. Quay (Rep. Pa.) and referred to the committee on immigration.

The debate on the Nicaraguan canal bill was of an interesting character. Mr. Peffer declared himself in favor of the enterprise, but opposed to the financial features of the bill. He questioned the ability of the government to make in gold the bonds provided for in the bill and asked, in a despairing tone, what the government was to do when the day of the final payment of its outstanding loans should arrive. He forewarned financial difficulties in which domestic insurrection, or foreign war, or both, were the logical possibility. If silver coinage were restored, or a fresh issue of paper currency made, in which to pay the expenses of the construction of the canal, he would be in favor of the bill; but he opposed to the further issue and sale of bonds for any purpose.

Mr. Turpie is severe. But the pending measure was handled by Mr. Turpie with vehemence. While declaring himself in favor of an isthmian canal, he did not regard the pending measure as furnishing a means for its accomplishment. He regarded it as one of those measures that would certainly lead to another failure (the Fifty-first he thought) of a similar complexion. Besides, he had grave doubts of its constitutionality, holding, as he did, that the government has no right to subsidize or to guarantee the paper of any corporation. The only precedent that could be found for it was the case of the Pacific railroads, and he said that he would support the measure if the government security for the repayment of the immense sum due by those companies was ample, compared with the security which it would have from the Nicaraguan company—all of whose assets had been sold two years ago in New York under a decree of the United States court for \$257,000, and would not fetch \$200 today in London or Amsterdam. Mr. Turpie had not completed his speech when the senate at 5 p. m. adjourned.

FOREST RESERVATION BILL

This was suspension day under the rules of the house and before the army appropriation bill was called up by Chairman Outwater, of the committee on military affairs, Mr. McKee, (Dem. Ark.), chairman of the committee on public lands called up the bill to protect public forest reservations.

Mr. Wells, in opposing the bill, said that it was being put through the house under a whip and spur, no chance being given to show the reasonableness behind it. The proposed law gave the secretary of the interior—whoever he might be—authority to dispose of, with a single stroke of his pen, 50,000,000 acres of forest reserve. Some secretaries had not been honest, and he was afraid there might be dishonest ones in the future.

Mr. McKee said that there was not one iota of truth in the statement made by the gentleman from Wisconsin that the bill was being urged by speculators and timber kings. Under the bill the timber could only be cut, when such cutting would benefit the reserve. The bill as reported from the committee was amended so as to give free timber to miners and settlers on public lands, and was passed by a vote of 129 to 52.

Mr. Springer (Dem. Ill.) reported from the committee on banking and currency the Carlisle bill providing for a new system of currency and gave notice that he would ask the house to begin general debate on it tomorrow.

The bill was accompanied by the views of the majority prepared by Mr. Springer, and of the minority prepared by Mr. Walker (Rep. Mass.). The army appropriation bill for the year ended June 30, 1895, was passed, carrying a total of \$23,250,000, and an urgent deficiency bill of \$10,000 to continue the operations of the government printing office.

BAKER WELL RECEIVED.

Military Parade Is Given in Honor of the American Minister.

By the United Press.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Secretary Graham has received the following telegram, dated today, from Jesus Velasco, minister of foreign relations, of San Salvador: "A military parade was given today by the government of Salvador in honor of the American minister as evidence of its friendship for the people and the government which he represents and of the distinguished esteem in which it holds him."

MINISTERS BAKER IS NOW VISITING SALVADOR, WHICH IS ONE OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO WHICH HE IS ACCREDITED, FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE EZETA AFFAIR.

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It is pointed out by the advocates of this plan that all the good qualities of the national banking system will be retained by the proposed method, and the only dangerous power they possess—that of issuing money—will be eliminated.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL.

Mr. Outhwaite Introduces Bill to Revoke the Grade for General Schofield.

By the United Press.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Mr. Outhwaite, of Ohio, introduced in the house today a joint resolution to revoke the grade of lieutenant general in the army. The bill is drawn to carry out the recommendation of Secretary Lamont to make General Schofield a lieutenant general.

SEELY PLEADS GUILTY.

The Defiant Bookkeeper of the Shoe and Leather Bank Will Be Sent to Jail on Friday.

By the United Press.

New York, Dec. 17.—Samuel C. Seely, the \$25,000 National Shoe and Leather bank defaulter, this morning pleaded guilty before Judge Bonded to the crimes charged in the indictment, and was remanded until Friday for sentence. The plea was entered in the United States district criminal court and in the presence of as many persons as could crowd into the courtroom. Seely did not look well. Not even the intense gaze of a hundred eager eyes was sufficient to bring back to his face the slight color which the anticipation of his ordeal had taken away. He was thin and sallow, and those near him noticed that sometimes the lips moved convulsively with emotion. As he proceeded up the aisle there was silence a moment opened. His step was firm. At the bar the clerk said: "Samuel C. Seely, the indictment charges you with making false entries in the bank books and with abstracting funds. How do you plead?"

"Casting his eyes to the floor, in a tone steady and not above a whisper, said: "Guilty."

"You are remanded for sentence until next Friday," said the court, after examining the calendar. Seely was then returned to Ludlow Street jail.

REFERRING TO DEBS' CASE.

Attorney Darrow Seeks the Advice of Judge Woods on Appeal.

By the United Press.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Attorney C. S. Darrow, representing Debs and the other directors of the American Railway union sentenced to jail by Judge Woods, has telegraphed Judge Woods to come to Chicago next Wednesday or Thursday to give his advice concerning the legal course to pursue with reference to appealing the case which would be most agreeable to the judges of the United States court in this district. If Judge Woods refuses to come Mr. Darrow will go to Indianapolis, where the judge lives. The hearing of the motion to quash the indictments for conspiracy against Debs and sixty-eight others, has been postponed until Jan. 4.

The hearing of the case itself in case the motion to quash should be denied, will come up four days later. Tomorrow is the date set for moving the headquarters of the union from this city to Terre Haute, Ind. Another Theodore, will be placed in charge of them.

FOR NEW BATTLESHIPS.

By the United Press.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Secretary Herbert and his naval side, Lieutenant Southard appeared before the house naval affairs committee today in support of the recommendation for three battleships, one to be named the Kennebec, and twelve torpedo cruisers. Fresh opinions advanced by members of the committee, Secretary Herbert is confident that the proposed increase in the force about will be reported favorably to congress.

THE PHILADELPHIA BICYCLE RACE.

By the United Press.

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—At 11 o'clock tonight there were but four men left in the six days' bicycle race that was started here this city at 12 o'clock this morning. Starbuck having withdrawn at 1 o'clock this afternoon. The score at 11 o'clock tonight stood: Ashinger, 28; Forster, 29; Gannon, 29; Melick, 29; Starbuck, 30.

MR. CLEVELAND IN THE MARSHES.

By the United Press.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 17.—President Cleveland and party reached Georgetown at 5 p. m. today. Immediately on their arrival the president and his friends boarded the lighthouse tender Wistaria and went to the marshes hunting.

ANOTHER \$2,000,000 WITHDRAWN.

By the United Press.

New York, Dec. 17.—The sum of \$2,000,000 was withdrawn from the sub-treasury today for export, and of this amount \$1,500,000 will be exported tomorrow.

KNOCKED OUT BY THE COFFEE COOLER.

By the United Press.

London, Dec. 17.—Frank Craig, the Harlem coffee cooler, knocked out Ted Pritchard in the first round this evening.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

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Eleven of a counterfeiting gang, which floated \$100,000 in two years, are under arrest at Perkins, O. T.

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FAVORS WILDCAT MONEY

Security No Longer Necessary for Safety of Circulating Notes.

MONEY THAT FLOATS ON AIR

Springer's Banking Committee Reports Favorably Upon Mr. Carlisle's Currency Bill—A Peculiar System of Security on Assessment Plan.

By the United Press.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Mr. Springer, Illinois, the chairman of the banking and currency committee submitted, this morning, his report accompanying the Carlisle bill.

The committee, the report states, are of the opinion that a security to the full amount of the circulating notes issued is no longer necessary for the safety of the notes. The bill, the passage of which is recommended by the committee, does not require the deposit of bonds of the United States or of any other interest-bearing obligation, but in lieu of such security provides: First—A guarantee fund consisting of treasury notes, including the notes issued under the act of congress, approved July 14, 1890, equal to 30 per cent of the circulating notes applied for.

Second—A safety fund, which will amount, when it reaches its maximum, to 5 per cent, upon the total amount of national bank notes outstanding.

Third—A first lien upon all the assets of the association issuing the same.

In case the guarantee and safety funds and the assets of the failed bank are not sufficient to redeem the notes of such a bank, a pro rata assessment upon all the other banking associations, according to the amount of their outstanding circulation, is to be made by the treasury department, and the banks so assessed shall have a first lien upon the assets of each failed bank for the amount of its circulation. It is believed by the committee that the funds thus provided will be amply sufficient to secure the notes of failed banks.

In conclusion the committee say: The extraordinary conditions which confront the treasury department have constrained the members of the majority of the committee while not agreeing to all the provisions of the bill, nor to the reasoning employed in this report, to concur in reporting the measures to the house for its consideration, each reserving to himself the right to offer such amendments as he may deem proper and to vote on the bill finally as he may determine.

REPORT OF THE REPUBLICANS.

The report of the Republican members of the banking and currency committee on the Carlisle banking bill begins with the statement that the signers "Most heartily and enthusiastically join with the Democratic majority of the committee in repudiating the measure."

The report states that the whole action of the party majority of the committee was most extraordinary and not approved by its voting majority. The bill was only read in committee in part on one occasion, and an opportunity to consider or amend it was refused both to the Democratic and Republican members. The report continues that it is the opinion of a number of the most clear-headed and eminent financiers of the country that if the Carlisle bill is enacted into a law that it will within twenty days precipitate a panic far more severe than that of 1857, as it would compel the forced sale upon the market of nearly \$300,000,000 worth of United States bonds within six months.

"This haste to report the bill is all the more inexplicable," the report adds, "when it is remembered that Secretary Carlisle testified that this bill would be paid for by the sale of the bonds of the treasury and in any event relieve it materially for five years and might not for twenty years."

LEHIGH ON HER MUSCLE.

Trustees of the University Have Endorsed Athletics.

By the United Press.

Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 17.—The trustees of Lehigh university have endorsed athletics and have decided to place its management in the hands of a committee to be known as the Lehigh University athletic committee, to consist of a member each from the faculty, board of trustees, board of instruction, gymnasium instructor, four alumni and five under graduates.

Hereafter it is said favoritism was shown, the fraternities figuring foremost. No partiality is now to be shown and athletics at Lehigh will surely boom.

BYRNES PREFERS CHARGES.

A Number of Members of the Police Force Accused.

By the United Press.

New York, Dec. 17.—Superintendent Byrnes has preferred charges against the following members of the police department: Captain Schmitzberger, Sergeant William O'Toole, Detective Sergeant William R. Frink, Patrolman William Mulcahy and ordinance man Bernard O'Reilly, John Townsend and Kickey. The charges are for bribery and corruption, except against the ordinance man.

BONNITY FOR AGRICULTURISTS.

By the United Press.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Leonard Rhone, chairman of the State Grange of Pennsylvania; Alexander B. Wiedehorn, of the State Grange of Virginia, and David Lubin, of California, appeared before the house agricultural commission today in support of the proposition to levy a bounty for the benefit of the agriculturists upon all farm products exported from the country.

TO INCREASE THE ARMY.

By the United Press.

Washington, Dec. 17.—In the senate today Mr. Hawley introduced an important bill for the reorganization and increase of the army. The total number of enlisted men, including militia, scouts and the hospital corps is limited by the bill to 35,000.

CONDENSED STATE TOPICS.

The question of a \$900,000 loan for Reading will be submitted to the voters at the spring election.

The clothing of 5-year-old Bianche Dawson, of Gilberton, ignited from a brush fire and she was fatally burned.

Hundreds of windows in houses at Springfield station, on the French Creek branch of the Wilmington and Northern railroad, have been broken by the heavy snowing during the government proving ground.

Constable Hawk, of Parkersburg, stepped out of a room in Lancaster for a few minutes, and John Bryson, charged with horse stealing, when he was talking to the Huntington reformatory, escaped.

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Management of the Almshouse Arraigned by Dr. Fiery—He Objects to Orgies and a Bill of Thirteen Hundred Dollars for Whisky.

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Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 17.—At the call of the Ministerial association of Pottsville a public meeting was held in Central hall this afternoon for the purpose of deciding whether there shall be an investigation of the conduct of certain officials and the business method in vogue at the county almshouses. Grave charges had been made at a meeting of the ministers last Monday and several officials were charged with gross and immoral actions toward some of the inmates.

The hall was crowded today with representative taxpayers from almost every town in the county. General J. K. Sigfried presided, and Dr. J. W. Fiery, pastor of the English Lutheran church, of Pottsville; Dr. Gaut, of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a large number of other ministers from this and other towns occupied seats on the stage.

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Albany, N. Y., Dec. 17.—A special to the Journalsays: The residents of the village of Cohmans, thirteen miles south of this city, were startled from their beds early this morning by a rumbling sound and severe jarring of their houses.

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GENERAL PORTER BURIED.

The Funeral of the Dead Soldier According to Military Law.

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New York, Dec. 17.—The last honors accorded to a dead soldier were paid the late Adjutant General Porter this afternoon. At the request of General Porter's family, General Fitzgerald, who was in charge of the ceremonies, confined them to the requirements of the military law.

Governor Flower, with his staff, and Governor-elect Morton's staff were present. The religious ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Dummell and the Rev. Dr. Vandewater. The interment will be in Cambridge, Mass.

DEATH OF STEVENSON.

The Great Novelist Succumbs to a Stroke of Apoplexy at His Home in the South Pacific Islands.

By the United Press.

Auckland, N. Z., Dec. 17.—Advices from Apia, Samoa, of date of Dec. 8, are to the effect that the well known novelist, Robert Louis Stevenson, had died suddenly from apoplexy. The body was interred on the summit of Paha mountain, 1,300 feet high.