

THE CANALS ARE BEING COMPLETED

Little Remains to Be Done Before Congress Meets.

Prompt Ratification of the Colombian Agreement Is Expected.

Neither the Southern Republic Nor France Seeks to Delay Negotiations in Any Way.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—Secretary Hay has practically completed the treaty with Colombia for the new canal concession and he will leave Washington for his vacation the latter part of the week.

The Secretary desires that the treaty shall be so acceptable to the Senate that it will be promptly ratified without any attempt to amend it or delay it.

Other questions will be more easily adjusted. If the President of Colombia accepts the amendments the treaty will be submitted to the Senate in December.

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MISSISSIPPIANS AVENGE ATTACK ON YOUNG WOMAN.

Father of Victim Applies Match That Starts the Incineration.

Culprit's Clothing and the Fagots Surrounding Him Are First Saturated With Coal Oil.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CLAYTON, Miss., July 17.—William Odey, a negro, was led to a tree and buried this morning. Odey had attacked a young woman named Virginia Tucker. The negro was saturated with oil and a match applied to the oil-soaked fagots piled around him.

Miss Tucker was riding in the country when attacked and was so violently pulled from a buggy by the negro that both her lower limbs were broken. She is now lying in a hospital, her injuries reported to have applied the match to the fagots piled around a negro.

Just before midnight Odey was captured by a posse, bound and brought at once to Clayton. In the meantime news of the capture spread and in all directions mobs began to form. The negro was brought into the presence of Miss Tucker, who positively identified him, although he denied that he was guilty.

Odey was taken to a convenient spot in the country near the scene and a tree was built around a tree. He was told to prepare for death and when the manner of execution became apparent to him he begged pitifully for mercy. He was bound securely and put into the flames and in a short time only his charred bones marked the place of execution.

Mob Batters for Lynching.

OWENSBORO, Ky., July 17, 4 a. m.—A mob is gathering to lynch Joshua Anderson, who is charged with killing his wife last week. The mob is moving toward the jail now.

IGNORE SILVER ISSUE.

GALVESTON, Tex., July 16.—The Democratic State Convention to-day nominated the following ticket:

Governor—S. W. T. Lanham of Parker County.

Lieutenant Governor—George D. Neal, Grimes County.

Attorney General—Charles K. Bell, Tarrant County.

State Treasurer—John W. Robbins, Wilbarger County.

Commissioner of the General Land Office—J. J. Terrell, Wise.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction—Arthur B. Fieve, Victoria.

Railroad Commissioner—O. B. Colquitt, Kaufman.

Associate Justice Supreme Court—P. A. Williams, Houston.

Presiding Judge Court of Criminal Appeals—W. S. Davidson, Williamson.

The platform indorses the Kansas City declaration and says:

We believe that the Democratic success in 1904 the dangers of imperialism, centralization, trusts, monopolies, mergers and other crimes harmful to our people, unjust taxation and kindred evils would no longer confront our country.

We declare our opposition to trusts, mergers and other combines for the restriction of trade and demand that the next Legislature shall amend our laws so that it will be impossible for such corporations to do business in Texas.

The platform asks for laws to prevent the issuance of free passes, Bryan and free silver were not specifically mentioned.

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT.

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Meanwhile, Secretary Root, as a preliminary, wishes Cardinal Rampolla to lead to the Philippine Government four lists of the property considered to belong to the religious orders.

First—That transferred to corporations.

Second—The ecclesiastical buildings occupied by the religious orders, with indication of the damage and compensation therefor.

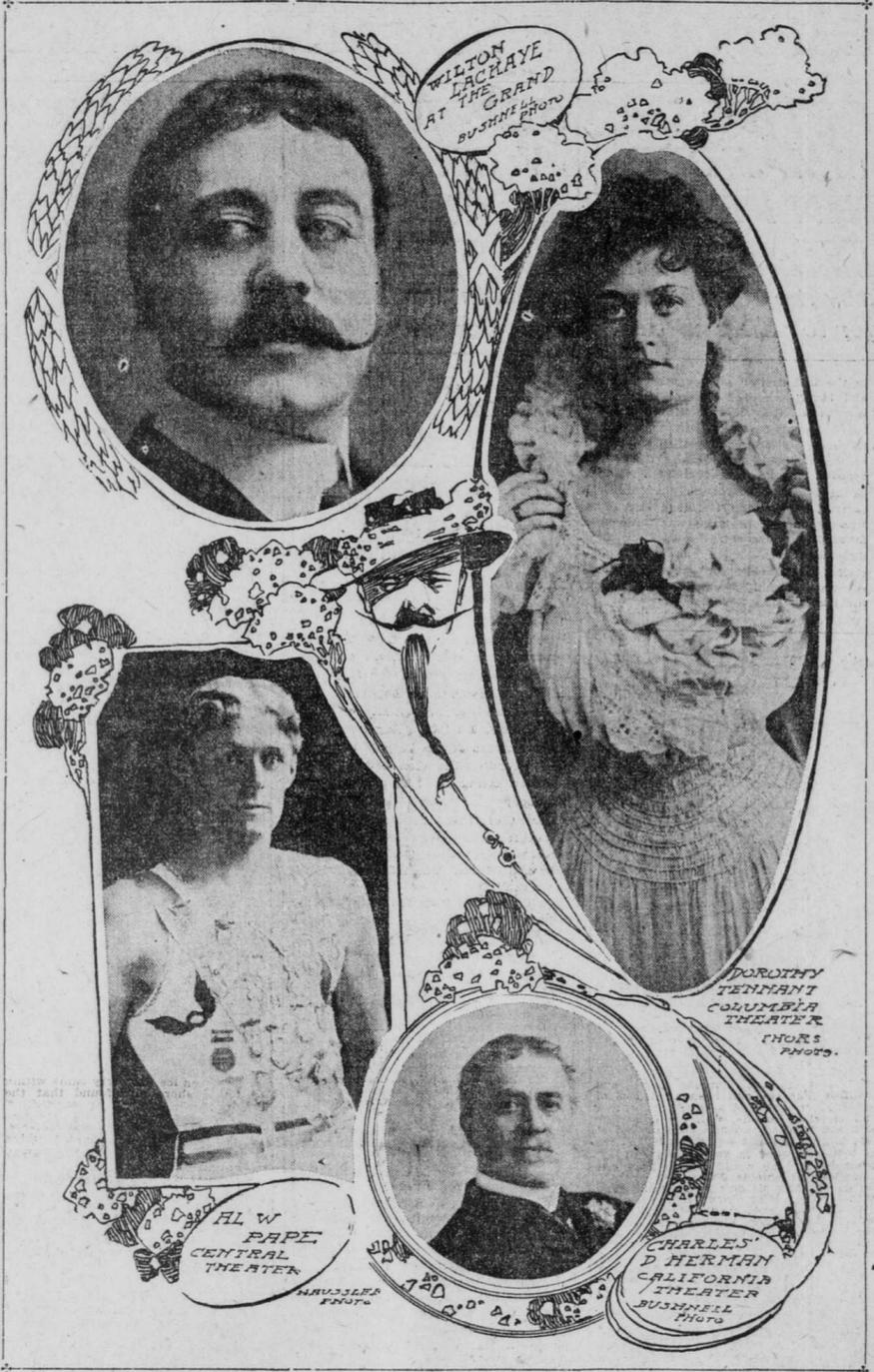
Third—The property before considered Spanish lands, which it is desired the American Government should transfer to the church, though Washington will grant such transfers only on condition that a satisfactory agreement be reached on all other conditions.

Fourth—The charitable and educational institutions which the Vatican desires to be considered as belonging to the church.

Secretary Root concludes by instructing Judge Taft to express to Cardinal Rampolla his pleasure that the visit of the American representatives has resulted in a broad basis for harmonious settlement of his claims by the courts.

MILLER SHOWS RICH APPRECIATION OF WILDE'S MOST DELICATE SATIRE

As John Worthing in "The Importance of Being Earnest" the Popular Actor Gives New Proof of Mastery of Comedy—"The Lion's Mouth" at California an Interesting Revival of a Fine Play



LEADING MAN OF THE FRAWLEY COMPANY WHOSE PORTRAYAL OF SVENGALI IN "TRILBY" ADDED TO HIS FAME, TALENTED ACTRESS WITH THE HENRY MILLER COMPANY, OARSMAN IN "A DARK SECRET" AND MEMBER OF THE FREDERICK WARDE COMPANY.

THE playgoer by profession can least afford to miss "The Importance of Being Earnest" of any play of its kind that has been locally staged this season.

Those admirers of Henry Miller who have not seen the distinguished player as John Worthing have still another side of the actor to discover—a side peculiarly delightful, he it is said, Mr. Miller plays the part with evident enjoyment and touches it with frequent farcical moments with rich appreciation.

Next week comes one of the big novelties of the season, "The Wilderness." H. Y. Beaumont's latest, in which will appear Henry Miller, Margaret Anglin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Valcott, Mrs. Thomas Whiffen, Ethel Hornick, Dorothy Tennant, Josephine Wyndham, Martha Waldron, William Courtleigh, Fred Thorne, Lawrence O'Grady, Walter Allen, Bertram Harrison and others.

"The Lion's Mouth" is going well at the California Theater this week and is among the most interesting revivals of fine plays. "Gaston Cadol," that Frederick Warde will put on at the California Theater this week, which will herald the love and war, dealing with the French revolution. The play was adapted from

HIBERNIAN CONVENTION IS LARGELY ATTENDED

Contest for the Presidency Is Exciting Great Interest Among the Delegates.

DENVER, Colo., July 16.—Three hundred and twenty-two delegates, representing thirty-two States, Canada and Mexico, are in attendance at the biennial convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians now in session in this city.

This evening the annual banquet was held at the Windsor Hotel. Quite a storm was threatened when it was announced that owing to the great number of delegates present, beyond the capacity of any banquet hall in the city, it had been decided to exclude the ladies. Peace was finally restored by providing a separate spread for the ladies in another hall.

the French by Celia Logan and Frederick Warde and enjoyed a long run here some fifteen years ago. It is one of the strongest things in Mr. Warde's repertoire, and in the title role the eminent tragedian will be seen at his best.

"The Serenade" is doing well this week at the Tivoli and will be continued all of next week, the last of the comic opera season. Ferris Hartman's funny songs bring numerous encores, as does the fine singing of Miss Graham, Miss Myers, Arthur Cunningham and the other principals, and Edward Webb's broken-down tenor is an inspiration.

The excellent performances of Hall Calne's masterpiece, "The Christian," with Edward Morgan as John Storm, Alice Johnson as Glory Quayle, and Daniel Frawley as Horatio Drake, are serving to crowd the Grand Opera-house this week. On Monday evening the Frawley season will formally open with Charles Coghlan's romantic melodrama, "Joe's Prejudice," which will be given by the eminent and popular actor, Eugenie Thals Lawton, a young, beautiful and talented New York actress, Miss Johnson and other members of the Frawley company will be in the cast.

"Zaza's" days are numbered at the Alcazar. Next Sunday night will be the last performance of the great success, and on Monday Miss Roberts will essay the part of Rosalind in "A Yacht in the Shakespearean comedy has been in preparation for the past two weeks, and the excellent stock company is ready to give a splendid production. Special scenery has been painted and the stage accessories are of the best.

The Fischer's Theater boom is still on, with the popular triple bill, "Pousse

ONE COMPANY CONTROLS ALL SANTA FE LINES

Circular Is Issued Announcing Former Purchases of Coast Divisions.

CHICAGO, July 16.—The tracks and property used by the Santa Fe Railroad from Chicago to the Pacific Coast are now owned and controlled by one company. A circular was issued to-day announcing the purchase of the Santa Fe Pacific and San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley roads, which will hereafter be operated as the coast lines of the Atchafalaya and Santa Fe road. It was stated in President Ripley's office that the change was one made for the purpose of simplifying the management and the bookkeeping. It was asserted that the Santa Fe previously owned all of the stock and bonds of the two companies and that the purchase meant simply the passing of title by deed.

WOODLAND, July 16.—A wrangle in the Board of Supervisors over the proposition to construct a new courthouse was ended this afternoon by a unanimous rejection of all bills. The question of issuing bonds will be submitted at the next election.

GAGE'S LAWYERS SECURE A DELAY

Libel Suit of Governor Goes Over Until September.

Proceedings Must Await Decision by the Supreme Court.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN PEDRO, July 16.—The attorneys representing Governor Henry T. Gage in his action for libel against John D. Spreckels and W. S. Loake contrived today to obtain a postponement of the preliminary examination of the defendants until Monday, September 15, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The motion for postponement was made by Johnstone Jones, Deputy District Attorney of Los Angeles County, in the court of Justice Henry C. Dowd, who granted the motion.

The proceedings taken previously on the writs of habeas corpus before the Superior Court of San Francisco County, the United States Circuit Court and the appeal to the United States Supreme Court were rectified in the order, and pending a decision by the latter court proceedings are stayed in the Justice's Court. These are the reasons given for the postponement.

PRESIDENT RETIRES GENERAL SMITH

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to bring this war to a close. It would be culpable to show weakness in dealing with such foes or to fail to use all legitimate and honorable methods to overcome moral checks over any acts of war. It is of such character as to afford infinite provocation for the commission of acts of cruelty by junior officers and enlisted men, and to encourage the most responsible positions peculiarly careful in their bearing and conduct so as to keep moral checks over any acts of war. It is of such character by their subordinates.

"Almost universally the higher officers have so borne themselves as to supply this necessary check, and with but few exceptions the officers and soldiers of the army have shown wonderful kindness and forbearance in dealing with their foes. But there have been exceptions; there have been instances of the use of torture and of improper harshness in warfare on the part of the individuals or small detachments. In the recent campaign ordered by General Smith the shooting of the native bearers by the orders of Major Waller was an act which sullied the American name and can be but partly excused by the latter's mental condition at the time; this mental condition being due to the fearful hardship and suffering which he had undergone in his campaign. It is impossible to tell exactly how much influence language like that used by General Smith may have had in preparing the minds of those under him for the commission of deeds which we regret. Loose and violent talk by an officer of high rank is always of a treacherous character to the army among his subordinates whose wills are weak or whose passions are strong.

General Smith, who has a long career distinguished for gallantry and for the whole for good conduct. Taken in full, his work has been such as to reflect credit upon the American army, and therefore upon the nation, and it is deeply to be regretted that he should have acted in this instance so to interfere with his further usefulness in the army. I hereby direct that he be retired from the active list.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT." In the course of his review of the case Secretary of War Root cites instances of treachery of the Samar natives, which led to the issuance of the order to "kill and burn. He says:

"An examination of the evidence has satisfied me that the conviction was just and that the reasons stated for the very light sentence imposed are sustained by the facts. General Smith, in his conversation with Major Waller, was guilty of intemperate, inconsiderate and violent expressions, which, if accepted literally, would grossly violate the humane laws governing American armies in the field and if allowed would have brought lasting disgrace upon the military service of the United States. Fortunately they were not taken literally and were not followed. No women or children or helpless persons, non-combatants or prisoners, were put to death in pursuance of them.

Although the sentence imposed is exceedingly light, it carries with it a condemnation which, for an officer of his rank and age, is really a severe punishment. For this reason, in my opinion, the reason that General Smith has served his country long and faithfully, and that he has shown courage and good conduct in many battles, has been seriously wounded in the Civil War and in the war with Spain and is about concluding his military career, it is my duty to recommend that the mild sentence imposed be confirmed.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD AT CRIPPLE CREEK.

On July 28 and 29 the Santa Fe will sell round trip tickets to Cripple Creek at \$37.25, tickets good for sixty days, stop-over permitted. Call or write to the agent of the Santa Fe, 641 Market street, for full particulars.

CHICAGO, July 16.—The jury in the Streeter murder trial was unable to reach an agreement and was discharged to-night.

George C. Boniface Jr. and Bertha Waizinger, in their musical absurdity, "The Woman Who Hesitates is Won," the Erretto family of wonderful European acrobats, Carson and Willard, German comedians, and the Lowe-Hughes trio of xylophonists, this week's new comers at the Orpheum, are pleasing the usual large audiences. James J. Morton has a lot of new nonsense, the Russell brothers continue in the "Irish Servant Girls," and, with Valerie Bergere and company in "Billie's First Love," and the Rosemaus are in their third week. Next week come Elita Proctor, Otis in her monologue entertainment.

The Royal Yodko troupe of Japanese acrobats and jugglers, Avery and colored comedians, Hughie Emmett, ventriloquist, Kelly and Violette, and other clever people are pleasing the patrons of the Chutes this week. To-night, after the regular performance in the theater, the amateurs will hold forth in a new series of living pictures.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Pianos for which you are expected to pay from \$300 to \$350 elsewhere can be secured now at Pommer-Ellers Music Company for \$225 and \$255. These instruments are first-class pianos, fully guaranteed in every respect. Payments \$25 down and \$10 a month, with simple interest to those who do not wish to pay all cash.

The pianos that are usually retailed for \$250 and \$275 are now sold by Pommer-Ellers Music Company for \$180, and the piano styles for even less money, on payments of \$6 down and \$6 a month.

Please remember also that the most costly and most valuable instruments, pianos that cannot obtain elsewhere for less than \$600, are here now for \$418, and the \$700 styles for \$447, on payments to suit any reasonable buyer.

A COUPLE OF SPECIAL BARGAINS.

One fancy-mottled mahogany and one English quarter-sawn oak, very highest grade pianos, that cannot ordinarily be obtained for less than \$500 each, are offered this week to close out quite a lot of current stock. Look into this without delay. Write or telephone for particulars to Pommer-Ellers Music Company, 663 Market street, below the Examiner building, San Francisco. Other stores at Portland, Or., Sacramento, Cal., and Spokane, Wash.

DRES HOBBSON TO RESCUE HER

Then a St. Louis Miss Leaps Overboard From Yacht.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

PIASU, Ill., July 16.—Richmond Pearson Hobson, the hero of the Merrimack, whose name also may be known to fame through the word in future dictionaries "Hobsonize" (to kiss), rescued Miss May Cert of St. Louis from drowning in the Mississippi River this afternoon, near the Chattanooga grounds here. Miss Cert, standing on the deck of a yacht, while the naval officer was in swimming, called to him:

"If I should fall overboard, would you rescue me?"

Instantly he replied, in laughing tones, "I certainly would, Miss Cert."

There was a splash in the river; a cloud of filmy skirts floated for a moment on the water, and the young lady, who was a sailor's girl, glimmered above the waves where fair arms were splashing and a sailor's hat was seen. From the deck of the yacht, Captain Hobson quickly realized that the girl had been carried too dangerously far.

Instantly he started with long, strong strokes against the swift current, and nearly 100 feet to the yacht's side.

Albro Giberson of Eliza, Ill., his only competitor in swimming, made his start in union with the navy man, both knowing that the young woman, weighted above by heavy clothing, was at the mercy of the river, swollen by recent rains.

At the same moment both swimmers reached the point where the last glimpse of the white hat was seen. From the yacht's deck frantic men and women shouted. Hands were pointed down stream. It was not necessary for Hobson, experienced in the water, to glance at the wringing hands of the terrified spectators to know that the young lady was sinking gradually at an angle with the current.

Turning with the tide, he floated by the yacht's side, peering and several times he dived and in a few moments came to the surface with his left arm grasped around the neck of the swimmer, Miss Cert. She struggled desperately and he had to use all his strength to keep her head above water until his companion came to his assistance. Even then the weight of her clothing made the task of rescuing her every difficult for the two strong men, battling as they were with the strong current.

The yacht had slipped to their side and eager hands outstretched from the boat assisted them on board. Miss Cert was all but unconscious. Hobson was thorough in his exertions, but soon recovered, as did Miss Cert.

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Sunday Call advertisement for Sir Francis Drake and New Albion, featuring a story of his experiences, a new fad in automobiling, national types of beavies, a hospital for birds, Calisthenics for young people, the Wolfville stories by Alfred Henry Lewis, Pat and Heiny in new adventures, cosmopolitan babies of San Francisco, pointers for Amalcur photographers, easy lessons for magic players, puzzles, and fiction books.