

A CANAL COMBINE

Said the Panama and Nicaragua Companies Have Joined Issues.

The Panama Company Gets Out of an Uncomfortable Position,

And the Nicaragua Company Will Have a Monopoly of Business.

NEW YORK, March 4.—A dispatch from Paris says: A starting and fifth expected solution of the Panama canal problem is presented as a possibility of the near future. This is in the form of consolidation of the Panama canal company with the Nicaragua canal company. It is learned that the president of the latter corporation, Mr. J. R. Bartlett, who has just left Paris, en route for America, bears with him an agreement for the fusion of the two companies. This agreement was formally signed here, but is not conclusive. It is understood that it will become operative on behalf of the Panama company when concurred in by the directors of the Nicaragua Canal company in New York.

What the Deal Provides.

It provides for the absorption of the Panama franchise and assets, including the railway across the isthmus. The French company is to receive a substantial sum of money and stock in the American corporation, which will proceed to pierce the isthmus via Lake Nicaragua. The inducements to the Panama people, besides the material considerations were an honorable relief from ever recurring turmoil over the affairs, and the presentation to their shareholders of an interest in a more vital concern.

The Nicaragua representatives on their part claim to derive great advantage from the removal of a possible future competitor, and the securing of a monopoly of the waterway between the two oceans. With this change in the situation the many bankers of Great Britain and the continental centers, as well as of America are prepared to float the Nicaragua company bonds.

THE NEW YORK ASHORE.

Another American Liner on the Banks Near Sandy Hook.

NEW YORK, March 2.—The Norwegian steamer Yumuri arrived at Quarantine about noon having been six hours picking her way from the bar through the fog. She reports after passing the Southwest Spit, the fog lifted somewhat, and the American line steamer New York, inward bound, from Southampton, was sighted ashore, south southwest of the tail of the west bank. She was lying well out of the water and apparently grounded near high water. The west bank, on which the American line steamer New York is ashore, is in the upper part of the lower bay, about two miles from the south shore of Staten Island. The charts show that the west bank bottom is hard, and as the sea is smooth, is not thought that the steamer is in danger. If necessary, the passengers could easily be transferred to tugs.

MINNESOTA REPUBLICAN CLUBS

The Biennial Convention to Be Held at St. Paul, March 23.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 2.—The executive committee of the State League of Republican clubs met in the city in League rooms and decided that the biennial convention of the league be held at the Auditorium, St. Paul, on Wednesday, March 23, the day following the state Republican convention, to select delegates to the national convention. Each club is entitled to five delegates, including the president and secretary.

INDICTED BUCKET SHOPS.

Board of Trade and Civic Federation of Chicago Join Hands.

CHICAGO, March 2.—The grand jury voted true bills against 282 persons accused of conducting bucket shop operations in Chicago. This practically covers every bucket shop in this city, 48 in all. The grand jury's action is the result of an investigation carried on by a committee of the board of trade and by the aid of the body of public spirited citizens known as the civic federation.

PRISONERS WELL TREATED.

Official New From Johannesburg Received by Secretary Olney.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—United States Consular Agent Manyon at Johannesburg has made a report by cable to Secretary Olney respecting the condition of the prisoners at that place. He says that the Transvaal government shows every disposition to treat the prisoners leniently and has been considerate and friendly towards the official representatives of the United

States. Hammond and the other American prisoners are now in Johannesburg awaiting legal proceedings.

Cold in the Northwest.

ST. PAUL, March 2.—Snow has set in throughout the Northwest, a depth of two to four inches being reported in North Dakota and parts of Montana with a decided drop in temperature. The temperature is below zero in North Dakota and Montana.

Honduras Will Aid Zelaya.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, March 2.—There is great rejoicing here over the news that has just been received from Tegucigalpa, capital of Honduras, that Honduras will send 2,000 troops to aid the government of Nicaragua to suppress the revolt of the Leonists.

GREAT VARIETY OF COMMENT

What the English Papers Say of the Action of the Senate.

LONDON, March 2.—The Westminster Gazette commenting upon the Cuban resolution adopted by the United States senate, says: "It is difficult to think of Spain knocking down, even to the United States, especially at a time when she has just defied American feeling by appointing a man with such a reputation for severity as General Weyler to the captain generalship of Cuba. The probabilities of the case point to President Cleveland adopting a middle course and issuing a friendly warning to Spain, which will serve to take the wind out of the jingoes' sails, and at the same time convince Spain that the United States has real interests in Cuba, and cannot refuse recognition of the rebels, if an amelioration of the island does not promptly occur. If President Cleveland is inclined to go further, he might press home rule on Spain, offering, maybe, to guarantee the promises of Cubans."

Enlargement of the Monroe Doctrine.

The Globe says: "The senate resolution is another gigantic enlargement of the Monroe doctrine, and should the house of representatives endorse the senate's resolution and President Cleveland yield to pressure, Spain will be brought to face abject submission or war with a somewhat stronger power. Should the proud, sensitive Spanish nation prefer the latter sooner than sacrifice its honor, international sympathies will be on its side. It would be quite profitless, of course, to remind the Chauvinist senators how keen was American indignation at the time of the Civil War, at the idea of a foreign nation according belligerent rights to the rebels."

The St. James Gazette says: "The jingo eggs which the president thought proper to hatch in a highly artificial incubator in December, have produced a brood which will give him and the statesmen of the United States a great deal of trouble, as it grows to maturity. It is an easy task to stir national self conceit and pretension to fever heat; but, it is not so easy to reduce the temperature again. The steam developed must be blown off some way. So after twisting the lion's tail, they turn now to Cuba. The country which fought such a stupendous war to suppress a revolt of its own citizens, the senate's action goes very far indeed. The sacred right of any state to maintain its own unity, and to suppress its own rebels, without foreign intervention, was what the North valiantly poured out its blood and dollars for. But it seems that European governments having subjects and territory in the neighborhood of the American continent, have no rights."

CUBAN NEWS VIA TAMPA.

Stories of Spanish Brutalities Confirmed—Big Victory for Insurgents.

TAMPA, Fla., March 2.—The last mail from Cuba brings letters from different sources announcing outrages.

In Quatun, seven miles from the suburbs of Havana, on Saturday, Feb. 22, the insurgents retired from the town at 6 o'clock. Three hundred Spanish soldiers immediately entered, murdering non-combatants to the number of 22, among whom were some Spaniards, sick men, boys of 15 years and an old man of 72. The violation of young girls was prevented by the protest of the Spanish residents.

Big Victory For Cubans.

The details of the battle at Palo Prieto, between Santa Clara and Pinar, about Feb. 20, have arrived. The result is more important than the battles of Peralejo, Coliseo or Lascañas. Serafin Sanchez commanded the Cubans and General Palanco the Spanish. The outcome was the greatest triumph the Cubans ever had, the Spanish loss being 700. General Palanco was severely wounded and his horse is now in the possession of Quintin Bandera. In their flight many Spaniards threw themselves into the river. The severe Spanish losses are attributed greatly to the panic which ensued when "charge with machette" was ordered.

REGULAR FOURTH OF JULY.

Cubans at Jacksonville Celebrate the Action of the Senate.

JACKSONVILLE, March 2.—When the news was received here that the Cuban belligerent rights resolution had passed the senate, the Cubans of this city were wild with delight. The cannon belched forth salutes for every state in the Union and for Cuba. Fire crackers

were exploded all over the city and sky-rockets illuminated the heavens. Americans joined with the Cubans in the popular demonstration.

Chili-Argentine Crisis on Again.

VALPARAISO, March 2.—It is reported semi-officially that another crisis has arisen in the boundary dispute between this country and Argentine. The Argentine minister here is unable to agree with the foreign office upon the terms of a new protocol. The matter has now been referred to the Argentine government. Politicians who have considered the subject from all points of view predict trouble.

The Delaware County (O.) children's home was burned at midnight. It was beyond the city limits. Forty-three children were inmates of the building, but no one was seriously hurt.

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