

PANAMA AND POLITICS

American Review of Reviews, Predicted the Secession of Panama From Colombia and Outlined the Program, Panama Patriotism Strongest in Washington Where the Rebellion Started

For some time there has been rumors of a widespread desire on the part of the Isthmian people to cut loose and form a government of their own, largely upon the model of the Cuban republic, but having even closer relations than Cuba enjoys with the people and government of the United States inasmuch as the permanent control of Panama by the politicians at the remote Colombian capital has now become wholly impracticable, it may be assumed that the movement for Panama independence affords the best solution of the situation. Such a step, promptly entered upon, might bring about the much-to-be-desired stability of equilibrium at the Isthmus that would alike benefit North America and South America, Europe, and Asia. It would also, of course, greatly benefit Colombia, since the prompt construction of the canal would do more than anything else to develop the trade and resources of the northern part of South America and to bring about conditions that would make for enlightenment and political progress. It would be quite too much to expect that if the merchants, planters and business men of the Panama strip should declare their independence, adopt a suitable constitution, and appeal to the United States for friendship and protection, they would be treated with disdain. Our government will no longer follow the plan of sending warships and landing marines on the Isthmus with the object, while keeping the Panama Railroad open, of holding the situation for the benefit of the Colombian government.

Attitude of the French Company.
It is not to be supposed that the gentlemen who control the new French Panama Company, and who have been thrifty enough to make a conditional sale to the United States for \$40,000,000, have been looking on at the behavior of the Bogota politicians with indifference or with mental sluggishness or indecision. The Bogota politicians have boldly demanded that these French gentlemen and their Wall Street partners should deliver to them a large share of that \$40,000,000 in consideration of their ratifying the Hay-Herran treaty. But the company and its allies have other uses for their money, and they have not believed that there is enough efficiency back of the greed of the men at Bogota either to block the completion of the Panama Canal, or to prevent so powerful and so astute an array of financial, legal, and diplomatic talent as this French corporation employs from carrying on the sale of its assets and obtaining its full \$40,000,000 from an honest and responsible purchaser like Uncle Sam. The original Panama franchise ex-

pires within a year. It is notorious that the extended franchise, which runs only six years longer, and which the new French company has undertaken to sell to the United States was never legally granted. A high-handed Colombian president, some years ago, dismissed an intractable congress and extended the franchise by his own personal act on payment of \$1,000,000. The Colombian Congress now proposes to declare such an extension invalid, and to delay proceedings until next year, when the original franchise expires, and when, by the expressed terms of that franchise, the unfinished canal and its appurtenances become forfeited to the Colombian government.

Where Uncle Sam is Again.
The government at Washington has never cared very much about the details of the history of the relations between the Panama Canal Company and the Colombian government. Those relations would not bar close inspection on either side. Our government, on the advice of its own trusted experts, has simply decided that the unfinished canal and the works connected therewith, together with the Panama Railroad, are fairly worth \$40,000,000, and that the present French Panama Company is the legal possessor of those assets, and entitled to sell them and receive the money. This fact of the French company's status, as ascertained after full inquiry by Attorney-General Knox, would not be altered by the creation of a new republic of Panama. If such new republic were to come into existence, it would be capable of signing at once a canal treaty with the United States; and if such treaty were of the kind desired by our government, the new republic would naturally have not only our recognition, but also our protection and our guarantee of a peaceful career. The French company would still be entitled to its \$40,000,000. It is not very likely that Secretary Hay, having in his draft of a treaty with Colombia offered to pay \$10,000,000 for the grant of a canal strip, would reduce the amount in making a treaty with a new Panama republic. Our secretary would not, however, permit such a new republic to assert over our canal strip any absurd pretensions of sovereignty. On the canal itself, and within the useful limits of a strip of territory on either side, the United States Government would be at liberty in its own way to administer justice, protect the public health, and do whatever it might find necessary in its capacity as a government.

The Interests That Make for Action.
The merchants and property owners at Colon at the town of Panama, and

elsewhere in the Isthmus, see plainly that their property is dead and their business ruined if President Roosevelt acts upon the alternative laid down in the Spooner act, drops the idea of the Panama Canal, and proceeds to develop the Nicaragua route. In like manner the French Panama Company is perfectly aware that the adoption of the Nicaragua route,—which is made mandatory upon the President in case of failure to secure a government concession at Panama,—will render it forever impossible to find a purchaser for its expiring franchise and its rusting and eroding evidences of its unfinished canal work. Obviously, then, the Panama business men and the agents of the French canal company have every possible motive for acting in harmony, and for acting without a moment's unnecessary delay. How, then, about the attitude of the United States? The answer depends upon one thing—namely, the extent to which the authorities at Washington really believe in the superiority of the Panama route over the Nicaragua route. If it were merely a difference of a few millions one way or the other in the estimated cost of construction, President Roosevelt would probably be very glad—after the fruitless attempts to negotiate with Colombia—to advise the prompt signing of a treaty by our State Department with Nicaragua and Costa Rica, and go ahead (as he is fully authorized by law to do) without further action by Congress, and begin the construction of the canal along the Nicaragua route as surveyed and originally recommended by the able and expert gentlemen of the Walker commission.

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(Seattle Times.)
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Found for the Plaintiff.
Justice Horgan Monday afternoon rendered his decision in the case of Edward Eberhardt vs. M. A. and Clarence Bunce. The suit was over a lease, the plaintiff claiming rights on the Bunce farm, from which they alleged they were ejected by force, and contrary to law. Justice Horgan decided the case for the plaintiffs, allowing them \$200 damages, and defendants at once gave notice of appeal to the circuit court.

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Judge Hanna has attained distinction both at the bar and upon the bench, and he comes well prepared to speak authoritatively upon the profound subject he presents. He has been a close friend of the discoverer and founder of Christian Science for a number of years, and for eight years was editor of the Christian Science publications, at Boston, and First Reader of the Mother Church of the denomination.

During the past year Judge Hanna has lectured in many of the principal cities of the East, as well as the West, and at this time is paying his first visit to the Pacific coast. In reporting his lecture at Joliet, Illinois, the News of that city gives the following bit of interesting history regarding Judge Hanna:

"The speaker was introduced by Chas. B. Jamieson, in most appropriate words. In acknowledging the kindly reference to himself, the judge gave some reminiscences of his early experiences as a resident of the commonwealth of Illinois. His first vote was cast for the great president, and he served a few months in an Illinois regiment toward the close of the war of the Rebellion. His health failed in the practice of law in Chicago, and he went to Colorado to regain it. At Leadville he found complete healing in Christian Science. Ever since he has been an earnest follower of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, the acknowledged leader of the movement.

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