

THE PANAMA CANAL BILL.

OPponents OF FREE TOLL TO STRIVE IN CONFERENCE.

After Panama Bill Becomes Law, Foreign Office Will Probably Present Another Protest.

Washington, Aug. 12.—A determined fight is to be made in the conference on the Panama canal bill against granting free canal passage to American foreign bound ships. The conference committee had its first meeting today and continued the discussion of the measure at a night session.

Senator Brandegee, who opposed free toll provisions in the senate, is understood to stand with Representatives Adams and Stevens of the house conferees in opposition to what they consider a violation of treaty right and too great concession to foreign bound shipping. It is believed from preliminary conference that the free toll provisions for American coastwise shipping will be retained.

Little progress was made in the first session of the conferees toward an agreement on the Bourne amendment to divorce railroads from control of competing steamship lines, and the Reed amendment prohibiting trust controlled ships from using the Panama canal. Both houses have endorsed the plan to prohibit railroad-owned ships from using the canal, but the Bourne and Reed amendments are new matter so far as the house is concerned.

The British government, according to advices from the state department today, had made no further representations regarding the proposition to allow American vessels to use the canal free of tolls. It is now awaiting, it is said, the enactment of legislation into law and the adoption of regulations to put it into effect in order to have a sufficient basis for a more formal protest.

In recognition of the superior right of Great Britain to address the United States on this subject by virtue of the existence of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, other European nations and even Japan have refrained from approaching the state department, notwithstanding their interest is equal to that of Great Britain by reason of their right to claim equal treatment for their shipping under the favored nation clauses in existing conventions.

Officials of this government, however, are said to expect that soon after the president signs the act the British charge will be directed to submit to the state department a formal protest against what it regards as discrimination against British shipping. This will require an equally formal reply, reciting the act itself as a mandate by congress which the executive can not disregard, supported by such argument as the diplomatic bureau can make to justify the action. As this will amount to a positive refusal of the British request to treat British shipping on an equality with American, it is probable, in the opinion of government authorities, that the foreign office will come forward with a proposition to submit the issue to arbitration, calling attention to the British-American arbitration treaty as a basis for the proposition, which move would bring the matter to a real crisis.

Should arbitration be adverse to the American position it would be necessary, it is said, for the state department to find reasonable ground for a declaration of the British overture, without laying itself open to the charge that it deliberately had violated provisions of a treaty—the charge lodged against it in connection with the Hay-Pauncefote pact.

The night session of the conference committee developed a demand of house members that shipbuilding materials should be admitted free of duty in case the senate provision is retained permitting American registry for foreign built ships owned by Americans.

No definite agreement has been reached tonight on any amendments to the bill, although many minor changes are acceptable to all members of the conference committee.

From the attitude of house members of the committee, it is believed the anti-railroad provision suggested by the senate may be in part retained.

GIRL SAVES YOUTH'S LIFE.

Miss Ruby Dowell, Experienced Swimmer, Helps Companion When Boat Upsets on Pond.

Timmonsville, Aug. 13.—An accident happened to two members of a small picnic at Highland park yesterday, which resulted in a narrow escape. While Miss Ruby Dowell and Warren McElveen were out in the lake rowing the boat, suddenly capsized. Miss Dowell, being an experienced swimmer, and knowing her companion could not swim well, immediately swam to his assistance, and together they kept above the water until help was rendered to them. A physician, who was on the grounds, rushed them at once to Timmonsville in his automobile. There is no serious result from the accident.

WILSON FAVORS ECONOMY.

FAVORS COMPREHENSIVE SCHEME OF FINANCING GOVERNMENT.

Nominee and Kentucky Congressman Talk Over Suggestion—Other Visitors at "Little White House."

Sea Girt, N. J., Aug. 12.—Gov. Wilson expressed himself tonight in favor of a more comprehensive scheme to handle the business and finance of government.

With Representative Sherley of Kentucky the governor talked for over an hour today on the possibility of adopting the budget system of financing the federal government.

"Mr. Sherley and I," said the governor tonight, "discussed an idea on systematizing income and expenditures."

"It is a matter I have been interested in ever since I was a youngster. Things were different then, however. There were the committee on ways and means for supplies and the committee on appropriations to regulate expenditures. Nowadays we have the military committee taking care of the army appropriation bill, the naval committee looking after the naval appropriation bill and the agricultural committee the agricultural bill, so that we have no place or authority where the various items might be systematized and we never know how much is spent by congress till it adjourns."

The governor gave no further details of the plan suggested to him by Mr. Sherley.

Joseph E. Davis, secretary of the national committee, who has been designated to take charge of the Western headquarters, mapped out plans with Gov. Wilson today for opening offices in Chicago.

A string of callers visited the summer capital today, among them the Old Guard, numbering 39 former army and militia officers of New York city, who have been engaged in rifle practice here.

Representative W. C. Houston of Tennessee came from Washington with Representative Sherley.

Tonight Josephus Daniels of North Carolina, chairman of the publicity committee of the campaign committee, talked with the governor on details of the campaign.

Gov. Wilson announced tonight he would go to Trenton as usual tomorrow and that Thursday he would attend the "farmers' picnic" at Washington park, Gloucester, N. J., where it is expected that farmers from Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey will gather.

The governor assured John M. Bogart and John A. O'Brien, officers of the Woodrow Wilson Workmen's club of New York, he would attend a dollar dinner to be given by them at an East Side cafe in New York city in September.

RESPIRE GRANTED FELON.

Charleston Negro Given More Time. Alex Weldon Will Die Today.

Columbia, Aug. 13.—The governor has granted a respite until August 30 to Isaiah Butler, the Charleston negro who was to have been electrocuted tomorrow. Alex Weldon will be executed this morning between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock. The execution of Butler was postponed upon request of the penitentiary officials so as to prevent two executions in one week.

PREPARE FOR CAMPAIGN.

Wedgefield Club Decides on Basket Picnic and Baseball Game.

Wedgefield, Aug. 12.—At a called meeting of the Wedgefield Democratic club on Saturday evening it was decided to have a basket picnic on Thursday, the day of the county campaign meeting, a committee being appointed to look after the erection of a platform, arrange for a site for the picnic, etc. An invitation is extended to the public to join in making it an enjoyable occasion. After the speechmaking and dinner there will be a game of baseball.

STATE SENATOR NO MORE.

William L. Mauldin Dies at His Greenville Home.

Greenville, Aug. 13.—Senator William L. Mauldin died at his home in this city at 6 o'clock this evening, after an extended illness. Several weeks ago Senator Mauldin was taken to the mountains of Western North Carolina in the hope that the high altitude might prove of benefit. But on last Saturday he grew rapidly worse. He expressed a desire to be brought home at once that he might die on his native home.

Senator Mauldin's funeral will be held at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon, August 15.

The door of hope being open, the Colonel promptly threw the colored brother out.—New York World.

WAR IN NICARAGUA.

REVOLUTIONISTS BOMBARD CAPITAL CITY.

Attack on City Made, Despite Armistice and in Defiance of Diplomatic and Naval Protests.

Managua, Nicaragua, Aug. 12.—A combined rebel force under Gen. Luis Mena, the secretary of war recently deposed by President Diaz, and Gen. Zeledon, one time war secretary in the cabinet of Former President Zelaya, began bombarding the Nicaraguan capital at 6 o'clock Sunday morning. For several hours the attacking guns were out of range and the shells fell short of the city. At noon, however, the rebel pieces were advanced and shrapnel burst frequently over the city proper. Several women and children were wounded by bullets from the exploding missiles.

When the bombardment became general government troops replied to the attack with the guns on Lonra hill, the fortress defending the city, and firing continued heavy all afternoon. At 5 o'clock the rebels made a fierce onslaught on the penitentiary, but after a sharp engagement they were driven back. Three hours later the attacking force moved around to the eastern side of the capital and directed its fire on the government troops defending that portion of the city out was again repelled.

The bombardment was begun in violation of the armistice arrangement of Sunday, and despite protests made by the American minister, George L. Wetzel, as dean of the diplomatic corps, and by Capt. W. J. Terhune, commander of the United States gunboat Annapolis, now stationed off Corinto, from which respected bluejackets and marines were dispatched to this city to protect lives and property of Americans.

The national flags of the members of the diplomatic corps and the foreign consuls as well as those of foreign residents are flying over their respective dwellings and business houses.

When it became known that the rebels were earnest in their announced intention of bombarding the city the government issued a proclamation warning the people to leave the capital. Many of the inhabitants heeded this advice and pressed by various available means of transportation.

President Diaz is relying upon the support of the United States in his effort to withstand the attack of the revolutionaries and to maintain control of the government.

THE CANNING FACTORY.

Farmers Are Responding to Letters Mailed by Chamber of Commerce.

Something over 100 acres of produce have already been contracted for to be grown for the proposed canning factory. One farmer has signed up for 25 acres of sweet potatoes alone. Those farmers who may be thinking of planting for the factory should at once notify the Chamber of Commerce of the number of acres that they propose to grow. Preference will be given to those who first apply. The secretary will be glad to talk over this subject with anyone who may desire information. Secretary Snell will be absent from the city from the 14th of August until the 31st, but Mr. Fraser Dick will be in the office every afternoon of each day during his absence. Blanks have also been placed in the banks. (Mr. R. E. Belsler, Director of the Department of Rural Relations or Mr. G. A. Lemmon are aiding in the work of establishing the canning factory and will be glad to talk over this subject with any farmer who may be interested.)

BREAK IN COTTON FUTURES.

Renewal of General Selling Led to Swift and Sudden Decline in Prices.

New York, Aug. 12.—A renewal of heavy general selling in the cotton market today developed a sensational break in prices. Active new crop cotton sold full \$2.50 per bale under the closing prices of Saturday and about \$9.50 per bale under the high records made just before the publication of the last government crop report early in the month. Selling orders seemed to come from practically all directions.

AN ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD BOY.

Youngest Recorded in Iowa Medical History.

Iowa City, Ia., Aug. 12.—The youngest mother recorded in Iowa medical history is an 11-year-old girl from near Davenport, who gave birth to a healthy 8 1/2-pound child at the University hospital today. The hospital authorities did not make public the girl's name.

ZAPATISTAS ARE SAVAGES.

HORRIBLE BUTCHERY IN CANYON IN SOUTHERN MEXICO.

Rebels Show More Brutality Than at Cuernavaca Massacre—Nearly Sixty People Killed.

Mexico City, Aug. 12.—Thirty-six soldiers and more than 20 passengers were slaughtered by Zapatistas yesterday afternoon in a canyon, one kilometre north of Tlucman, 110 miles southeast of Mexico City, when a passenger train, southbound from this city, was attacked from ambush.

Meagre details which did not reach this city until this afternoon, indicate that the savagery displayed was not less, and perhaps greater, than that which characterized the massacre of troops and passengers on a train between Cuernavaca and Mexico City on July 20. So far as known tonight, only a part of the train crew escaped.

The first story of the assault was sent to Mexico City by Conductor Marin and Collector Dominguez, who although wounded had managed to make their way to Yuatepec, 12 miles away. They were forced to steal through the Zapatista lines and did not arrive at the telegraph station until this afternoon.

After the firing ceased the rebels swarmed down the hillside and set fire to the three cars composing the train. A few of the wounded had crawled out onto the right of way, thus escaping the fate of those unable to leave the cars. They were burned. According to reports received, the leader of the rebels made absolutely no effort to restrain his men from acts of brutality greater than any that have yet marked the campaign in the south.

The wounded, pleading for their lives, were struck down without pity, and even looting was held in abeyance until the slaughter was complete.

Not satisfied with robbing their victims in ordinary manner, the fingers of men and women were chopped off with machetes in order that the rings they wore might be more quickly secured. Ornaments were torn from the ears of the women and their bodies were otherwise mutilated.

Among the passengers were two newspaper men, who were among the killed.

Transfers of Real Estate.

The following transfers of real estate have been left during the past two weeks at the office of the county clerk to be recorded:

- J. T. McInval to W. J. Benenhaley or 1 Noah Benenhaley, one-half acre in county, \$15.00.
- Matilda J. Benenhaley to Amelia A. Ellison, Henry S. Ellison, Geo. S. and Louise K. Ellison, tracts of land in Stateburg township, \$5.
- Master to Joseph A. Frierson, tract of 17 acres in Concord township, \$100.
- J. L. McCallum to Oliver L. Yates, lot and buildings on Calhoun street, \$4,000.
- P. L. B. Hodge and Ellie T. A. Johnson to Joseph Spratt, trustee, interest in tracts of 89 and 46 acres in county, \$3.
- J. E. M. Hodge to Joseph Spratt, trustee, interest in two tracts of land in county, \$3.
- Jas. R. Ligon to Thos. J. Williams, Jr., lot in city, \$205.
- John Sanders to James Sanders, right to 50 7/8 acres in one tract and 58 1/4 acres in second tract, \$190.
- Master to Hattie A. Stansill, lot on Liberty street, \$1,225.00.
- Realty Development Company to Friday Kershaw, 3 lots in county, \$350.
- W. I. Whitehead to Davis D. Moise, et al, interest in tracts of land in county, \$41,500.
- Realty Development Company to Frank White, lot on Pierson street, \$75.

Some men get the reputation of being exemplary husbands because they know better than to do anything contrary to home rule.—Wilmington Star

Rub-My-Tism will cure you.

Entertained by Friends.

Miss Mae Glover is being charmingly entertained by the Misses Sibby of Sumter. On Thursday evening an informal but most enjoyable dance was given in her honor by a number of young people. The spacious home of her hostess was given up to the entertainment, being beautifully decorated for the occasion and lit with gaily colored Japanese lanterns. The supper room resembled a woodland bower, wild vines and clusters of unripened grapes being used in profusion. Delicious cream, jellies, cakes and home-made candies were daintily served at 12 o'clock, after which the german was danced till 2 o'clock when the tired but delighted guests withdrew.

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Protracted Meeting at Pisgah.

Pisgah, Aug. 12.—The drought was relieved last week by some fine showers which have greatly benefited the crops. Cotton went down under the heat and dry weather and young corn was hurt. Old corn is about safe. On the whole crops are fairly good about here. The peach crop, which bid fair to be an abundant one, rotted, either from wet or some disease affecting the trees. Whole trees rotted and many are dying and dead. The health of our community is very good.

Protracted meetings are now going on in the churches.

Mr. Sharp closed his at Smithville Saturday and Mr. Hatfield has closed his at New Hope.

Mr. Cole went to Orangeburg and assisted in one of the best meetings he said he ever was engaged in. Last week he assisted in one at Antioch. This week he goes to Mt. Zion. Next week to Flint Hill; week after to Swift Creek. Last night he preached by invitation to the colored union church, this place, and they gave him quite a contribution for his services.

Capt. J. J. Cooley, of Darlington, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. L. Gillis. Mr. Williams, of Orangeburg, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Kenny.

For weeks the papers have been full of politics and meetings advising the voters what to do and I very much doubt if a single vote has been changed. People these days are intelligent enough to know how to vote without any advice which is an insult to a man's intelligence. The whole thing is political rot. Strong and intelligent men are supporting both Blease and Jones.

Nationally the forming of the Roosevelt party has, we all hope, advanced Wilson's chances largely. If the two wings of the radical party will only have separate electoral tickets the battle is won, for Wilson will be elected by a plurality vote. If we miss him now the cause of good government will get a basket, the end of which no man can tell and may be as Bailey said the beginning of the end of a free republic. Let us work for Wilson's election.

Entertainment for Miss Skinner.

The Misses Myers entertained at their home on Bartlett street Wednesday evening in honor of their cousin, Miss Maude Skinner of Augusta, Ga.

Numerous games were enjoyed. The refreshments consisted of a salad, punch and punch was served throughout the evening.

Those who enjoyed the evening were: Misses Edith Evans, Louise Hume, Estelle Crowson, Ollie Nettles, Katherine Frost, Maude Skinner, Jumelle, Mabel and Rena Myers; Messrs. Hella Jay, Bryan, Nelson, Parabow, Burgess, Rose, Epps, Evans, White; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. DeMedicis.

DEADLY GERMS IN TROUGHS.

Thousands of Horses Killed by Diseases Contracted While Watering.

New York, Aug. 12.—"Now it is the common drinking cup" for horses that must be done away with. An investigation by the bureau of municipal research here shows that of the 9,599 horses that died in Manhattan last year from glanders and other communicable diseases, a large portion imbibed the germs from the watering trough.

It is the opinion of those interested in the problem that all troughs should be abolished. It is said that the New York health department will forbid the further erection of watering troughs of any description, and that their place will be supplied by draw hydrants.

Miss Lois Dukes and Walter Dukes of Orangeburg have returned home after a visit to the family of Mr. M. B. Randle in this city.

Did George W. Perkins make as much out of the Tennessee Coal and Iron absorption as he is spending to show his gratitude? Did he lose as much out of the Harvester Trust suits as he is spending to get revenge?—New York Tribune.



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