

FOR THE BIG DITCH.

National Live Stock Convention Urges Panama Canal.

From Portland Is Sent to the White House an Indorsement of the Administration's Attitude—"A Century's Crowning Achievement."

Portland, Ore., Jan. 15.—The first action of the National Live Stock convention Thursday was to unanimously adopt a resolution indorsing President Roosevelt's policy relative to the construction of the Panama canal. The resolution, a copy of which was ordered sent to President Roosevelt, follows: "Resolved, that the sincere thanks of the entire membership of the national live stock association in convention assembled at Portland, Ore., is hereby enthusiastically tendered President Theodore Roosevelt for his untiring and successful efforts to bring about the building of the great Panama canal, the completion of which will in the judgment of this organization be the crowning achievement of the twentieth century."

A number of resolutions were adopted. One favored the passage of the pure food bill. Resolutions were also adopted indorsing the Lewis and Clarke fair and favoring the passage of the congressional appropriation bill for the fair. A final resolution was passed demanding the transfer of the control of government reserves from the department of the interior to that of agriculture.

LODGE TREASURER'S FLIGHT.

David G. Clemow, of Peoria, Ill., Held Funds of the Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen of America.

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 15.—The flight of David G. Clemow, supreme president of the Order of Mutual Protection, is followed by a discovery of shortages in his accounts to various lodges. For nine years he was banker of Baker camp Modern Woodmen. At the last election he was defeated, and when it came to turning over the funds in his possession it was found he had gone and with him more than \$1,000 of lodge money. He was treasurer of the local lodge of the Order of Mutual Protection, and his shortage here is estimated at \$320. Friendship encampment of Odd Fellows, of which he was treasurer, will meet Saturday to see if funds amounting to \$100 held by him can be found. He served one term as collector of this township. The lodges will hold the casualty companies responsible.

SAYS HE IS ELIGIBLE.

Mayor George B. McClellan Insists That Birth in Germany Will Not Bar Him from the Presidency.

New York, Jan. 15.—In view of the fact that a question has been raised as to Mayor McClellan's eligibility for the presidency, because he was born in Dresden, Germany, the mayor was asked if he considered himself a natural-born citizen of the United States within the meaning of the constitution. "Is that question academic or political?" asked the mayor. "If it is political I am not here to discuss politics. If it is academic, I will say that I am a natural-born citizen of the United States."

HIS PLEA FOR THE YOUTH.

Gov. Cummins Declares Boys and Girls Should Be Educated in Moral Rather Than Intellectual Sense.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 15.—Albert B. Cummins was inaugurated governor of Iowa for the second time Thursday, Supreme Justice H. E. Deemer administering the oath of office. In his inaugural address, Gov. Cummins paid eloquent tribute to Iowa's agricultural industries, repeating his declaration in favor of progress in national affairs, declared for a strict observance of the law and for the education in the moral rather than in the intellectual sense.

FOLLOWS A NEW LEAD.

Circuit Attorney Folk Informed That St. Louis Aldermen Solicited \$10,000 from Ticket Brokers There.

St. Louis, Jan. 15.—Circuit Attorney Folk has been informed that a representative of the house of delegates combine had solicited a bribe of \$10,000 from certain St. Louis ticket brokers to kill the bill lately passed prohibiting the scalping of railroad excursion tickets. It is now charged that delegates voted for the bill in retaliation for the refusal of the ticket brokers to subscribe to a boodle fund.

Funeral of Gen. Gordon.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 15.—Attended by military honors and with the homage of his state and the southland, Gen. John B. Gordon, soldier, statesman and citizen, and the south's last great figure of the civil war, was buried in Oakland cemetery Thursday.

Missouri Politician a Suicide.

Maryville, Mo., Jan. 15.—B. F. Pixler, ex-sheriff of Nodaway county, a wealthy man and a politician, committed suicide at his home by taking carbolic acid. Pixler had been drinking all day.

JAMES L. BLAIR DEAD.

The St. Louis Man Who Has Caused Such a Big Sensation Succumbs to a Congestive Chill.

Eustis, Fla., Jan. 18.—James L. Blair, of St. Louis, died here Saturday of a congestive chill. He was taken ill on the 11th and Dr. Hutchinson, his physician, did everything possible for him, but in vain. Mr. Blair, just before coming to Eustis, held the position of general counsel for the St. Louis exposition and Mrs. Blair that of president of the board of women managers. These positions were resigned, owing to charges of misconduct against Mr. Blair. He died under indictment by the St. Louis grand jury, accused of forgeries and embezzlements amounting to \$403,000. He was a lawyer of much wealth at one time and as counsel for the world's fair drew a salary of \$18,000.

Mr. Blair leaves life insurance policies amounting to nearly \$1,000,000. Most of them, it is stated, have been assigned to his creditors and those who aided him in his financial troubles, but it is believed that a sufficient sum has been reserved for the family to insure comfort.

ARRAIGNS THE PRESIDENT.

Senator Bailey Says He Will Retire from Public Life Rather Than Support the Panama Treaty.

Houston, Tex., Jan. 18.—In a signed statement wired the Post last night United States Senator J. W. Bailey says that he will "retire from public life before dishonoring my state and party" by voting for the ratification of the Panama treaty. In his statement Senator Bailey asserts that the president's personal influence was used



SENATOR J. W. BAILEY.

to secure favorable action toward the Panama route as opposed to the Nicaraguan; that when the Colombian senate refused to ratify the treaty submitted by the United States it was the president's duty to take the alternative, "but in absolute and reckless disregard of the imperative command of the law, which he had himself approved, the president refused to negotiate with Nicaragua and Costa Rica."

HAS A DEMOCRATIC SLATE.

Judge Parker and Congressman Shively Said to Be Gorman's Choice for the National Ticket.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 18.—In this seat of Senator Arthur Pue Gorman's influence, where the plans of that uncommunicative, even secretive, leader are often first known, it is stated that Judge Parker and Congressman Shively is the ticket which the democratic party is most likely to put in the field for president and vice president this year. The statement does violence to the hopes of Senator Gorman's friends, who advocated his nomination for president until they discovered he was born in Ireland and hence is not eligible.

AN ENTIRE BLOCK BURNED.

A Fire Which Started in the Boiler Rooms of the Wheeling Daily News Did Nearly \$250,000 Damage.

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 18.—An entire block in the heart of the business district was burned last night, entailing a loss of nearly \$250,000. The fire originated in the boiler rooms of the Wheeling Daily News and spread rapidly, entirely consuming the newspaper plant, a wholesale liquor house owned by Shaefer & Dreher and the extensive plant of the Locke Bros. Shoe company.

JUSTICE DID NOT MISCARRY.

Chicago Alderman Sentenced for Election Frauds Is Put to Work with 157 Other Prisoners.

Chicago, Jan. 17.—Alderman John J. Brennan, of the Eighteenth ward, sentenced to one year in the house of correction for complicity in election frauds, was put to work tying up bundles of brooms in the shop division of the broom department. He was attired in the regulation prison suit of blue and his hair and mustache had been trimmed. With Brennan 157 other men were working, both colored and white.

Kansas Day in Public Schools.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 18.—Kansas day, January 29, will be observed by all the public schools of the state. The exercises will consist of essays, addresses, readings and poems pertaining to Kansas.

ANOTHER OHIO EX-GOVERNOR.

Death of Asa S. Bushnell Soon Followed That of Charles Foster, Both Being Suddenly Stricken.

Columbus, O., Jan. 16.—Ex-Gov. Asa S. Bushnell is dead here of apoplexy. He was stricken last Monday while about to take a train for Springfield. Only a week previous another Ohio ex-governor, Charles Foster, was suddenly stricken and passed away while



EX-GOV. ASA S. BUSHNELL.

Leading Gen. J. Warren Keifer at Springfield.

Asa Smith Bushnell was born in 1834 in Oneida county, N. Y. His parents moved to Cincinnati in 1845. Later young Bushnell moved to Springfield. He entered the army in 1861 and served throughout the struggle. He was always prominent in Ohio republican politics and in 1895 was elected governor by a plurality of 92,623, the largest ever given a candidate in 25 years.

TELLER ALSO A "REBEL."

Colorado Senator Declares If He Had Lived in Panama He Would Have Joined the Revolutionists.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Senator Teller (dem. Col.) addressed the senate Friday on the Panama canal, saying that he believed the subject should be treated from a non-partisan standpoint. He thought, however, that whenever the president transcended his duty the fact should be pointed out. In the present instance he did not doubt the good intention of the president, but he was distrustful of his wisdom in what he had done. He had no complaint to make against Panama, for he thought the people of that country had the right to enter upon a revolution. Indeed, he thought if he had lived in Panama he would have been a rebel himself. This right of the Panamanians did not, however, alter the duty of the United States to remain neutral.

KANSAS CITY LOSES IT.

Prohibition National Convention Was Located There But Executive Committee Takes It to Indianapolis.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—A meeting of the national executive committee of the prohibition party was held in Chicago yesterday. After the meeting National Chairman Oliver W. Stewart gave to the Associated press the following announcement:

"At a meeting of the national executive committee yesterday, held at national prohibition headquarters in Chicago, it was decided that the guarantee of ability to take care of the national prohibition convention by Kansas City was not satisfactory and the convention was located in Indianapolis, to be held on June 29."

A TOWNSITE BATTLE.

List of the Mountain Park Men Injured at Dry Otter Creek in the Fight Over a Bridge.

Guthrie, Ok., Jan. 16.—The Mountain Park men injured in the pitched battle between the Mountain Park and Snyder citizens Thursday night were: S. L. Garbough, shot in right side and arm, will die; William Humphrey, shot through both legs, will die; Theodore Coleman, shot in head, serious; J. A. MacLaren, shot in right leg; W. D. Neal, shot in legs. The list of Snyder wounded has not been secured.

The battle occurred at the bridge across Dry Otter creek and resulted from the attempted moving of 63 buildings from Mountain Park to Snyder.

GLOVER AGAIN ARRESTED.

Former Missouri Congressman Continues to Defy the Colorado Militia Stationed in Cripple Creek District.

Cripple Creek, Col., Jan. 16.—John M. Glover, former congressman from Missouri, was again arrested by a military squad Friday and was placed in the county jail. Mr. Glover, who fought the military three weeks ago and was shot in the arm, Friday offered no resistance, but protested against being jailed. No charge was preferred against him. Commander Verdeckberg ordered Mr. Glover's arrest after receiving a letter from him which is declared to be in violation of the terms of his release.

A National Convention for Prayer.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 16.—The national convention for prayer began its international meeting yesterday and will continue in session until January 25.

THIS WOULD PENSION ALL.

Bill in Congress Backed by the G. A. R. Which Would Include Nearly Every Soldier.

Washington, Jan. 16.—There was introduced in congress Friday, in the senate by Senator Dooliver, and in the house by Mr. Calderhead, of Kansas—a service pension bill, backed by the Grand Army of the Republic, which, if enacted into law, will give a pension of \$12 a month to every soldier who served 90 days in the union army during the civil war, and who was honorably discharged therefrom, and who has attained the age of 62 years. A like pension will be given the widows of such soldiers in all cases where the marriage took place prior to June 27, 1890.

CANNOT GOVERN THEMSELVES

Governor of Bataan Province Says It Will Take Many Years to Modernize the Philippines.

San Francisco, Jan. 16.—J. H. Goldman, governor of the province of Bataan, arrived on the transport Sheridan from the Philippines. He is home on leave of absence but does not expect to return to the islands. He declares that there is little prospect of further trouble in the Philippines, but is of the opinion that it will take many years to establish a modern form of government among that oriental race "who, he declares, are unable to govern themselves."

TO CLOSE UP ALL CHICAGO.

Building Inspector Says Churches, Schools and Factories as Well as Public Halls Are Under the Ban.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—Seventeen halls were closed Friday by order of City Building Commissioner Williams. Commissioner Williams said: "The building ordinance is to be enforced to the last letter. I believe that it will practically close up all Chicago to enforce the law, but nevertheless we are going to do it. Schools, churches and business establishments will all come under the ban of the building law if the ordinance provisions are insisted upon. Mayor Harrison has known that as well as I and has told the council so. But the law is now being enforced as fast as inspectors can discover violations and such will be the rule from this on."

A NEW WIRELESS SYSTEM.

Scientists of the Agricultural Department Have a Line in Operation That Works Successfully.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Secretary Wilson has informed the president that scientists of the department of agriculture have perfected a system of wireless telegraphy on which they have been working for some time. It differs from both the Marconi and DeForest systems. It is now in successful operation between San Francisco and the Farallones islands, a distance of 27 miles. Every step in the development of the system is being covered by patents.

Convention of Missouri Republican Editors.

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 16.—The republican editors of the state met in convention here yesterday and were addressed by Capt. Henry King, of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, and Col. D. R. Anthony, of the Leavenworth Times. At night the McKinley and Roosevelt club tendered a banquet to the editors, among the guests of honor being Gov. Mickey, of Nebraska, and Hon. John L. Webster, of Omaha.

Negro National Democratic League.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 16.—It was announced yesterday by Secretary James A. Ross that the executive committee and vice presidents of the Negro National Democratic league will meet in joint session in St. Louis on February 18, at the Jefferson Colored Democratic club. The most important business to come up at the meeting will be the selection of a time and place for a national convention.

Bryan-Hearst Newspaper Rumor.

Evansville, Ind., Jan. 16.—Before leaving here William J. Bryan confided to several local democratic leaders that he will become editor of a new daily paper at St. Louis this year. It is said William R. Hearst will be associated with Mr. Bryan in the new venture.

The Way Bryan Understands It.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 16.—Bryan telegraphs as follows from Hannibal, Mo.: "Have not heard of Hearst's St. Louis paper. I shall publish a daily edition of the Commoner in St. Louis during the convention."

"Gen." Lee Lynched.

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 16.—"Gen." Lee, a negro, has been lynched in Dorchester county, this state. He was charged with attempted criminal assault on a white woman near Reavesville.

Grant's Headquarters at Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—Brig. Gen. Frederick D. Grant has assumed command of the Department of the Lakes in accordance with the territorial redistricting army act recently passed by congress.

WILL SEAT FIFTEEN THOUSAND

Coliseum in St. Louis, Where Democratic National Convention Meets, Has Ample Accommodations.

St. Louis, Jan. 14.—The coliseum, where the democratic national convention will meet, was built shortly after the republican national convention was held in St. Louis in 1896. The need of such a gathering place was brought home to the business men at that time by the fact that because of the lack of a suitable meeting place it was found necessary to hold the republican convention in a wigwam on a vacant lot near the city hall. The coliseum was formed by remodeling the interior of the north end of the exposition building at Thirteenth and Olive streets, at a cost of \$130,000. It is 189 feet wide, 318 feet long and 84 feet high, having a comfortable seating capacity of 15,000.

Will Conflict with Democratic Convention.

St. Louis, Jan. 14.—While conventions of different kinds will be held almost daily in St. Louis during the entire period of the world's fair, the annual convention of the National Educational association, set for July 5 to 9, is the only one that directly conflicts with the democratic national convention. For this reason it has been deemed best to ask that the executive committee of the educational association change the dates of that convention.

WOULD LIMIT SUFFRAGE.

Gov. Warfield, of Maryland, Favors a Qualification of "Intelligence and Heredity" for Voters of That State.

Annapolis, Md., Jan. 14.—Edwin Warfield was inaugurated as governor of Maryland Wednesday and despite the inclement weather there was a vast multitude from all parts of the state to participate in the ceremonies. In his inaugural address, Gov. Warfield said on the subject of limiting the suffrage to intelligent citizens: "The people demand that the state shall be governed by those citizens who, because of their intelligence, their heredity and their interest in the material welfare of the commonwealth are best fitted to properly, patriotically and wisely exercise the high duties of citizenship. This result can only be obtained by an amendment to the constitution fixing a higher standard of qualification for the exercise of the elective franchise. I believe that an amendment to the constitution upon the lines which I have suggested, expressed in clear, definite and simple terms, should be submitted to the people of Maryland."

WILL WORK FOR PEACE.

Forty Senators and Representatives in Congress Affiliate with the International Arbitration Union.

Washington, Jan. 14.—An "American group" to be affiliated with the interparliamentary union for international arbitration was organized last night at a meeting held in the lobby of the house of representatives. About 40 members of the senate and house of representatives became members. Representative Bartholdt, of Missouri, was made chairman, and Representative Rodenberg, of Illinois, temporary secretary.

Representative Hepburn, of Iowa, indorsed the movement. He stated that fully one-half of the federal taxation had been expended for war. Over 400,000 of the youth of the United States had died in a single war. This war cost in treasure \$6,000,000,000 and since that time \$3,500,000,000 had been paid in pensions. This generation, he said, might be expected to indorse a peace movement most heartily.

PEONAGE IN ALABAMA.

A Negro Sold to a White Man, Who Then Again Traded Him Off for Another Negro and Money.

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 14.—Negroes have been traded and sold like horses and cattle in Coffee county, according to the testimony in the peonage case of Samuel W. Tyson, who is fined \$1,000. It is declared that a negro named Anderson was sold for \$60 to a white man named Crumpler, who in turned traded him to Tyson for another negro and a money consideration.

PRAIRIE FIRE NEAR LAWTON.

Several Thousand Dollars' Worth of Hay and Fencing and Many Buildings Destroyed.

Lawton, Ok., Jan. 14.—A prairie fire has been raging northwest of Lawton for several days. It is estimated that several thousand dollars' worth of hay and many fences and outbuildings have been destroyed. It is believed that the fire was originated by a cigar being thrown into the dry grass.

Six Plunged to Death.

St. Louis, Jan. 14.—A crowd of employes pressing against the elevator gate last night on the sixth floor of the Brown Shoe company building at Eleventh street and Washington avenue caused the gate to give way and ten persons were plunged down the shaft. Six were taken out dead and the other four, seriously injured, were hurried to the city hospital.