

IS NOT YET SECURE.

Canal Treaty Must Run Gauntlet of Opposition.

President Roosevelt Anxious That It Pass in Present Form and Senator Morgan's Fight on It Worries the Chief Executive.

Washington, Feb. 2.—An important conference was held at the white house Saturday, the participants being the president, Secretary Hay and Senator Cullom, chairman of the foreign relations committee of the senate. The subject under discussion was the status of the Panama canal. The situation with regard to the treaty as it has developed in the senate is giving the administration and its supporters grave concern. The president is exceedingly anxious that the treaty should be ratified at the earliest possible moment; yet the indications now are that serious objections may be placed in the way of ratification.

Senator Morgan, chairman of the committee on inter-oceanic canals, takes the ground that the negotiations conducted by the state department with Mr. Herran, representing Colombia, are not valid, and holds that Mr. Herran did not possess the necessary authority to make a treaty binding upon his country, and it is understood that he will use his utmost efforts to defeat the treaty in its present form. Such action, it is well understood, will seriously delay final action upon it, even if it should not result in the defeat of its ratification. It is stated definitely that any amendment to the treaty would imperil the entire canal project, as the government of Colombia might hesitate to accept amendments made to it, particularly if they involve essential details or principles.

LOOKS LIKE A WINNER.

Agricultural Committee Votes to Place Omnibus Statehood Bill as Rider to Its Appropriation.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The senate committee on agriculture has agreed to place the omnibus statehood bill on the agricultural appropriation bill as a rider. The proposition was strongly antagonized, but it carried by a two-thirds vote, Senators Hansbrough, Foster (Wash.) and Quay, republicans; and Bate, Heitfeld and Simmons, democrats, voting in the affirmative, and Senators Procter, Dolliver and Quarles, republicans, in the negative.

Vandeventer Accepts New Judgeship.

Washington, Feb. 2.—President Roosevelt has signed the bill recently passed by congress creating an additional circuit of the United States. Saturday afternoon he made a personal tender of the judgeship to Judge Willis Vandeventer, assistant attorney general for the interior department, and the proffer was accepted.

Daring Escape from Prison.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 1.—"Dan" Kane, sentenced to two years from Sedalia for larceny, made an excuse to go to the hospital on sick leave. Instead of doing so he hid in the stockade and was searched for all night. This morning Kane got a ladder, placed it in a cart, sealed the wall and escaped within 50 feet of two guards.

It's an Un-American Law.

Manila, Feb. 1.—Gov Taft has pardoned Isabele De Los Reyes, the Filipino labor leader convicted under the Spanish law for forbidding combinations to enhance the price of labor, of conspiracy and threats of violence. The governor took the ground that the law is un-American.

Girls' Seminary for Chickasha.

Chickasha, I. T., Feb. 1.—The commercial club has accepted the proposition of H. Sheffield, president of a school for girls at Trenton, Mo., to establish a similar institution here.

Bought an Emporia Newspaper.

Emporia, Kan., Feb. 1.—The Daily and Weekly Republican, founded more than 20 years ago by the late C. V. Eskridge, has been sold to W. B. Stahl, editor of the Pythian Herald.

Elevator at Enterprise Burned.

Abilene, Kan., Feb. 2.—The corn elevator of the Hoffman mills, at Enterprise, burned with 4,000 bushels of corn. The loss is \$11,000 and the insurance \$4,000.

Long's Condition More Hopeful.

Boston, Feb. 2.—The reports yesterday from the bedside of ex-Gov. Long were of a character to give renewed hope of his ultimate recovery.

Fell into the River.

Chickasha, I. T., Feb. 2.—L. P. Terrall, a farmer, was knocked from the steps of a Rock Island passenger train crossing the Washita bridge and killed.

Husband and Wife in Fatal Quarrel.

Hazleton, Pa., Feb. 1.—Adam Reichart, aged 50 years, is dead as a result of bullet wounds inflicted by his wife during a quarrel. Mrs. Reichart is under arrest.

THE HILLMON CASE.

The Celebrated Kansas Insurance Case Sent Back to the Trial Court by the Supreme Court.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The celebrated Kansas insurance case which grew out of the alleged death of John W. Hillmon in that state in 1879, was to-day sent back to the trial court for the sixth trial. Hillmon's life was insured in the Connecticut Mutual Insurance company for \$35,000 and when his death was reported the payment of the policy was resisted on the ground that he entered into a conspiracy with others to disappear, have the report circulated that he was dead, then substitute the corpse of another man and claim payment of the policy. Hillmon disappeared while traveling on the plains with a man named Brown, who swore that he had been killed by the accidental discharge of a gun. The case has been in the courts ever since. The circuit court of appeals for the Eighth circuit at the last hearing decided the case in favor of the claim of the widow of the insured man, but the superior court reversed the opinion on the ground of error in the trial. The opinion was delivered by Justice Brown, Justices Brewer and White dissenting.

MAY BE A GENERAL STRIKE.

Conductors and Trainmen on Western Lines Ask for a Twenty Per Cent. Increase.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 3.—The conductors and trainmen on the western lines, among which is the Santa Fe, are voting on a proposition for a general strike unless the railroads accede to their demand for a readjustment of the wage schedule. So far as can be learned the sentiment appears to be favorable to a strike, although this is in a great part conjecture, as the men keep their business pretty closely to themselves.

The roads have all refused to meet the demand for a 20 per cent. increase, although quite a number have offered to compromise on a smaller percentage. But the boards of adjustment, both for the conductors and trainmen, take the ground that they have made a conservative request in the first place, that their demands are fair, and they will not budge from 20 per cent. This is an increase of 20 per cent. from the schedule agreed on in 1892.

THE STRIKE COMMISSION.

The Operators Finished the Presentation of Evidence—Testimony in Rebuttal on the Part of Miners.

Philadelphia, Feb. 3.—The operators yesterday finished the presentation of evidence to the anthracite coal strike commission and the afternoon session was devoted to testimony in rebuttal on the part of the miners. Much statistical evidence was offered during the morning by the Reading Railroad company showing in figures the conditions existing in the mine regions and comparing the prosperity of the mine workers and their children with that of persons engaged in other occupations in various cities. W. W. Riley, head of a statistical bureau conducted by the coal-carrying roads, was called to testify regarding the coal production, the amount of the commodity shipped and the prices received. The data, he said, was furnished by the coal companies.

Eleven Lives Lost in a Fire.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 3.—A special to the Times from Vancouver says: Thursday evening witnessed a grim tragedy with dire results to the Finnish settlers on Malcolm island, some distance up the coast from Vancouver. In a terrible holocaust which broke out while the men were at a meeting, in a common living house, in which 24 families were living, 11 women and children were burned to death and 17 injured.

The City is 250 Years Old.

New York, Feb. 3.—Two hundred and fifty years ago Monday the first municipal government of New York was inaugurated by Peter Styvesant. The present borough of Manhattan, which constituted the new municipality then, became known as the New Amsterdam. The event will be celebrated in May in connection with the observance of the 100th anniversary of the erection of the present city hall.

Iowa Cigarette Tax Valid.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 3.—The supreme court decided that the Iowa cigarette tax is valid. It imposes a tax of \$300 against all dealers in cigarettes. Each of the three defects alleged against the law by the American Tobacco company were declared by the court to be not well taken, and the original package theory was scoffed at as a weak subterfuge.

Receipts and Expenditures for January. Washington, Feb. 3.—The monthly comparative statement of the government receipts and expenditures show that for the month of January, 1903, the total receipts were \$45,598,337 and the expenditures \$42,632,243, leaving a surplus for the month of \$3,364,099.

THE CHILDREN ENJOY

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