

# OUR RIGHT TO FORTIFY CANAL

## Stimson Shows That Panama Defenses Are a Necessity.

### NO VIOLATION OF TREATY.

American and British Statesmen Who Negotiated It Recognized Our Intentions, Says Secretary of War in a Magazine Article.

In an article in the Scientific American Secretary of War Stimson takes strong ground not only on the absolute right of the United States to fortify the Panama canal, but on the need for such defenses as a matter of great national expediency.

Secretary Stimson denies that the fortification of the canal would be a violation of this country's obligation to Great Britain under the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. He thus summarizes the legal situation:

"In the Clayton-Bulwer treaty of 1850 the United States and Great Britain expressly agreed not to fortify or assume any dominion over any part of Central America where the canal might be made. The first draft of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty of Feb. 5, 1900, contained a similar prohibition to the effect that 'no fortification shall be erected commanding the canal or the waters adjacent.' This proposed treaty in this form was rejected by the senate for the very reason that it did not give the United States sufficient liberty of action in regard to the canal. The present Hay-Pauncefote treaty was then negotiated, which in its first article entirely abrogated the old Clayton-Bulwer treaty and also omitted the restrictions against fortification which had been contained in the first proposed Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

"The memorandum which Mr. Hay sent to the senate with the second Hay-Pauncefote treaty, containing the correspondence between himself and Lord Pauncefote and Lansdowne, shows that these changes were made for the express purpose of permitting the United States to fortify and defend the canal and that Lord Lansdowne fully understood and recognized this right on our part.

**Lansdowne's Statement.**  
"As to this Lord Lansdowne expressly said:

"It is most important that no doubt should exist as to the intention of the contracting parties. As to this, I understand that by the omission of all reference to the matter of defense the United States government desires to reserve the power of taking measures to protect the canal at any time when the United States may be at war from destruction or damage at the hands of an enemy or enemies.

"The congress of the United States then proceeded the following year in the Spooner act section 5 to authorize the president to enter into the contracts for the construction of the canal and its defenses." And in the following year, 1903, Mr. Hay, the same statesman who had negotiated the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, negotiated a treaty with the republic of Panama by which Panama granted to the United States for the purpose of the canal the use, occupation and control of the present Panama canal zone and also granted to the United States for the protection of such canal the right to use its land and naval forces and to establish fortifications. (Banan Varilla treaty, article 23.)

"The Hay-Pauncefote treaty and the Banan Varilla treaties are the only existing treaties entered into by the United States which affect its rights over the Panama canal. It is perfectly clear, therefore, from the foregoing facts that none of the statesmen, either of Great Britain or Panama or the United States, who were concerned at the time in the negotiation of these treaties or the enactment of legislation to make them effective had any doubt as to the right or purpose of the United States to defend and fortify the canal."

**Necessity For Fortification.**  
As to the necessity for the fortification of the canal for the protection of the United States in time of war Secretary Stimson is fully convinced. He says:

"It has been earnestly argued that the safety of the canal can be better and more cheaply assured by an agreement between the leading nations, making it a neutral waterway and forbidding it from ever being blockaded or seized in time of war. It is argued that such a course will relieve us from the expense and burden of defending the canal and that it will at the same time accomplish every result which we could accomplish by defending it ourselves.

"This is an entire misconception. It loses sight of the vital difference between an American canal and an international canal. It loses sight of the fact that it is of vital importance to this country not only that the canal shall be open to our feet in case of war, but that it shall be closed to the feet of our enemy. An international canal, kept open and defended by agreement between the powers, from its very nature would have to be open to our opponent as well as to ourselves."

Secretary Stimson finally gives an outline of the character of fortifications he deems necessary for the proper defense of the canal.

# BULGARS BEGIN GENERAL ATTACK

## Negotiations for Armistice Fail and Artillery Duel Starts.

### NAZIM PASHA CLAIMS VICTORY

Ottoman Commander Claims to Have Destroyed Three Batteries—Does Not Indicate Collapse Altogether of Negotiations, but to Hasten Turkey.

London, Nov. 18.—The negotiations for an armistice have failed and the Bulgarians opened attack against the Turks all along the Tchenajik lines. The heavy artillery duel continued throughout the day.

It appeared to be a Bulgarian preparation for an infantry attack. The Turkish fleet participated vigorously in the defense at the Marmora end lines and presumably Turkish war ships assisted at the Black sea end also.

Nazim Pasha, the Turkish commander in chief, in a dispatch, claims to have repulsed the Bulgarian attack and destroyed the three Bulgarian batteries.

No news of the battle has been received as yet from the battlefield and information as to the strength of the forces engaged on either side.

The resumption of hostilities is not regarded as indicating the collapse of the peace negotiations, but rather as a means of hastening Turkey's acceptance of the allies' terms by proving her complete helplessness, or, as one correspondent phrased it, "to establish an accomplished fact before making further communications."

**Ready for Alliance.**  
The Bulgarian government organ, Mir, reverts to the subject of peace and plainly intimates that the allies are prepared to consider the question of an alliance with Turkey, provided the latter promptly accepts their terms, which would give Turkey the opportunity of welding her territories into a modern state and making friends of her conquerors.

The Balkan states clearly have in mind the formation of such an alliance as would be able to defy European interference in the disposition of the spoils of war.

Every day brings fresh dispatches regarding the terrible spread of cholera. It is now stated that there are a thousand cases daily, with a mortality of 50 per cent, while the Turkish authorities are impotent to take any measures to prevent its further spread. This being the case, it is still doubted whether the Bulgarians will risk the danger of marching into Constantinople. It is therefore believed that hostilities have been resumed in order to hurry the acceptance of whatever terms the allies dictate.

### "DAGO FRANK" AIDS PALS

Goes on Stand to Corroborate Their Story of Rosenthal Murder.

New York, Nov. 16.—"Dago Frank" Cirofici, exonerated by his three gunmen pals of having even been near the scene of the murder, took the witness stand in his own behalf to corroborate their stories that Herman Rosenthal was shot down by Harry Vallon and "Bridgey" Webber, informers for the state, and not by the gunmen under orders from Charles Becker.

Cirofici swore that he was on his way up town to see his girl when the shooting occurred, while the others just happened to be unfortunately near the Hotel Metropole at the invitation of Jack Rose, the state's chief witness. He declared that Rose had never impertinently him or the others "to croak" the gambler, but had sought them out to convince them of his innocence in "framing up" "Big Jack" Zellig, his chief.

Cross-examination failed to shake the witness. He gave prompt and emphatic answers; admitted calmly that he had served a jail sentence for carrying a gun and had been a silent partner in an opium den.

### GLOVER AMENDS PETITION

Mrs. Eddy's Son Says Christian Science is a Business.

Concord, N. H., Nov. 16.—Amendments alleging that Christian Science is not a religion, but a privately owned business, conducted for money profit, were filed in the superior court in the case of George W. Glover of Lead, S. D., who seeks to have set aside the residuary bequest made by his mother, Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the denomination, to the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Boston.

The plaintiff in his petition, which, if allowed, would cause the bequest, estimated at \$3,000,000, to revert to the natural heirs, says in part: "The owning, vending and practicing of the so called religion of Christian Science as taught by Mrs. Eddy, by said lady and its members, has on the whole been grievously harmful to the health of the people of this state and in the future will continue to be harmful and particularly so if promoted and extended by means of Mrs. Eddy's residuary gift."

**Switchman Killed at Seneca.**  
Alliance, Neb., Nov. 16.—Dan Hettick, a switchman for the Burlington at Seneca, was run down and almost instantly killed at that point.

# TARRED AND FEATHERED.

## Miss Kinnie La Valley, Young Ohio Girl Who Accuses Prominent Men.



Photo by American Press Association.

# HASTINGS IS GIVEN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

## Base Ball Association Reverses Nebraska League Directors.

Hastings, Neb., Nov. 18.—Reports were received from Milwaukee saying that the board of arbitration of the minors' association had reversed the decision of the Nebraska State league directors and reinstated a game which Hastings won against Fremont and which the directors threw out on the ground that Hastings was carrying more men than the league rule allowed. This gives Hastings the league championship in spite of the directors' decision. Hastings and Fremont were left tied for the championship.

### STATE AUTOISTS TO MEET

Annual Convention Is to Be Held at Lincoln This Week.

Lincoln, Nov. 18.—The annual convention of the Nebraska State Automobile association will be held at the Lincoln hotel, Nov. 19 and 20. Delegates will be present from more than fifty county associations throughout the state.

One of the principal matters to receive attention is that of new road laws for Nebraska. The legislative committee of this association has drafted a state highway commission bill, which will be submitted to the delegates, and when properly amended will be ready for introduction at the coming session of the legislature. It is likely that the state association will urge the adoption of such a law as is suggested by the national body and it will eventually be uniform with the laws of other states.

### LIVE STOCK MEN ENJOY TRIP

Annual Visit to State Agricultural School Is a Pleasant One.

South Omaha, Nov. 18.—Proclaiming it to be the best and most enjoyable excursion taken in many a day, some 200 men of the live stock business in South Omaha returned after spending the day at the state agricultural college. The visit to the farm school with its many sights of interest to those engaged in the stock business, an excellent dinner at the household economics department of the farm and then the big football game in the afternoon left nothing more to be desired by the visitors. Professor Bliss, his corps of teachers and the entire student body were thanked for their hospitality before the train left Lincoln for South Omaha.

### Single Tax Idea Favored.

Bloomington, Neb., Nov. 18.—A number of men in this county are advocating a change in our present system of taxation. They claim that landowners who improve their land are practically fined for putting on improvements and advise a readjustment of the system so that it will put a heavier burden on unimproved land and encourage the farmers to make improvements. It is believed the coming legislature will consider this change.

### Funeral of W. N. Babcock.

Omaha, Nov. 18.—Funeral services for W. N. Babcock, who died in Chicago of pneumonia a few days ago and who was formerly general manager of the Union Stock yards of South Omaha, were held from the residence of F. P. Kirkendall. Some two hundred people, friends, fellow railroad men and acquaintances, gathered at the residence to pay their respects to one of the most popular railroad men in the business.

### Lewis Jury Unable to Agree.

St. Louis, Nov. 18.—Weary and haggard from more than seventy-two hours' strain, the jury that heard the evidence in the case of E. G. Lewis, publisher and proprietor, charged with using the mails to defraud, has not been able to arrive at a verdict.

### Helped to Hank John Brown.

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 18.—Colonel Joseph Gibson, who was in charge of the troops that hanged John Brown for treason at Harper's Ferry, is dead at his home at Vedhena, Ala.

# MANY TRIBUTES TO LARRABEE

## Business Governor Had Long Contest With Political Bosses.

### INSISTED UPON GOOD SERVICE

No Executive of Iowa Has Held for So Long the Affection of a Majority of the People—Many Attend Funeral at Clermont.

Des Moines, Nov. 18.—William Larrabee, whose death occurred Saturday, had been referred to as a "war governor," but he was not governor during the war. Rather he was Iowa's "business governor," for he was the most thorough business man that was ever in the governor's chair, and he devoted his administration to business matters. At the very outset of his administration he came into conflict with the political ring which had previously directed affairs in the state, and gained the undying hostility of influential interests by his refusal to permit them to dictate his appointments or direct the policies of his administration. He insisted upon competency in the public service and economy of administration. This did not suit the politicians who had had access to the state treasury for various petty grafts, and the result was that the administration of Larrabee was decidedly stormy. But he aided in establishing, largely through his chairmanship of the state executive council, a great many of the reforms that have since been perfected, and he was instrumental in giving the first big boost to the assessments of the railroads for taxation purposes.

No governor of Iowa has so held to the end the warm affection of the majority of the people. He was greatly honored a few years ago by an invitation to appear before a joint assembly of the legislature on the occasion of his birthday. No other Iowan ever had a memorial service in his honor with him present in the flesh.

His funeral at the little village of Clermont this afternoon was largely attended by the prominent men of the state.

### Teamsters' Strike and Labor Leaders.

The fact that at the last city election the ticket for members of the city council supported by the labor unions won out is having its effect in relation to the strike of the teamsters in this city. The majority of the members of the city council know that they owe their election entirely to the union laborers of the city. Their slightly wavering or inaction is taken to mean that they are subservient to the union laborers. They do not desire to go further in fighting the battles of the transfer companies than other officials. The result is that the strikers are encouraged to go on with their plans for forcible prevention of carrying on business of the city. The labor leaders know that they have little to fear from the present city administration and there is disagreement between the city and county authorities as to the plans for suppression of violence. The strike continues, with little prospect of change. Just at present there is little violence, but a delicate situation has developed which may cause injury to persons or property at any time.

### Discuss the Prison Question.

Attorney General Cosson, Warden Sanders and others will discuss at Cedar Rapids this week the prison labor question before the state conference of charities and correction. Following a bitter newspaper attack on Sanders last winter, the attorney general formed a commission of inquiry and out of this has grown a movement for prison reform in this state. This will be the chief topic at the conference to be held this week.

### Study New Legislation.

Governor B. F. Carroll is off on another junket. He left for New York. He will study first hand the employers' liability laws. The governor will be gone several days and he proposes to make an investigation that will give him sufficient information to make the proper sort of a recommendation to the legislature this winter when it convenes.

### Augustana Synod Elects President.

The Rev. Dr. Frank Nelson, president of Minneapolis college of Minneapolis, Minn., was re-elected president of the Augustana synod, Luther league, at its business session held at the Swedish Lutheran church, Des Moines.

### Discuss Home Missions.

W. H. Rogers, president of the United Mine Workers of Iowa, will be one of the speakers of the home mission week services of all churches, which will be held at Colfax the week of Nov. 24.

### Kills Wife and Himself.

Creston, Ia., Nov. 18.—Alva Bartlett, a blacksmith's helper here, killed his wife and himself. His suicide completes the death of three brothers, each by his own hand. Mrs. Bartlett had just returned from Kansas City, where she had taken treatment. A daughter, Edna, watched the shooting and was the cause of the quarrel preceding the deaths.

### Ellsworth Editor Gets Small Fine.

Fort Dodge, Ia., Nov. 18.—F. O. Satter, an Ellsworth newspaper man, was fined \$25 for sending objectionable matter through mails in his newspaper.

# AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TOMORROW NIGHT

## Program to Be Rendered by Two of the Most Proficient Musicians in the State.

Following is the program to be rendered tomorrow evening at the Presbyterian church by Messrs. Carl Frederic Steckeberg, head of the violin and orchestral department of the University School of Music of Lincoln, Neb., and Mr. J. Frank Frysinger, head of the Organ Department of the University School of Music, organist and choirmaster First Presbyterian church, Lincoln, Neb.:

- Chromatic Fantasia in A minor ..... Thiele
- "By the Sea" ..... Schubert
- Mrs. Russe ..... Wieniawski
- Mr. Steckeberg
- Caprice ..... Kinder
- Evening Song ..... Johnson
- And far away through the arches dim

A sad, sweet melody, Like the wind as it wails its evening hymn Over the rustling sea, Risenow like a bird on the wing, Now sinks to an amorous murmuring.

Mr. Frysinger.

Romance, op. 40 ..... Beethoven

Faust Fantasia ..... Alard

Mr. Steckeberg.

Supplication ..... Frysinger

My hands are empty, Lord.

No sheaves, no fruit have I; Yet now at evening fall, I come To Thee who lovest me.

My hands are lifted, Lord.

No doubles, no fears have I; For Thou hast given Thine only son,

O, Thou who lovest me.

—John Ellery Tuttle, D. D.

Mr. Frysinger.

Mennet in G ..... Beethoven

Mennet ..... Mozart

Gradle Song ..... Hauser

Souvenir ..... Drdla

Humoresque ..... Dvorak

Zigeunerweisen ..... Sarasate

Mr. Steckeberg.

### Attention, P. E. O.

Mrs. Sarah T. Andrews, state organizer, will visit Chapter F, Plattsburgh P. E. O., upon the afternoon of Thursday, November 21st. The chapter will entertain at the home of Mrs. J. M. Roberts at 2:30. Every member urged to be present.

By Order of President.

# MAKE PLATTSMOUTH AND CASS COUNTY

Make Plattsmouth and Cass county a better place to live in. How? By interesting yourself in the Chopie Gasoline Engine Company (Limited). Get in and boost for yourself by buying some stock in this plant. The man who really boosts is the one financially interested. By so doing you are helping to bring thousands of other dollars to remain here. Dollars invested in foreign lands and stocks go out of the county never to return. Let's reverse this. The Chopie Gasoline Engine has proved itself in this county as a wonderful gasoline engine, so help us to send this engine all over the world. Let's make our land not \$100, but \$500 per acre land. This plant is the foundation that will get other industrial plants here.

We are incorporated for \$200,000. Most of this stock will be sold out of Cass county, but we want you all to take a small quantity of our stock. It is issued in common and preferred. We think it as safe an investment as a government bond. Come in and share the profits with us. Our preferred stock guarantees you seven per cent. Common stock shares in the further profits of the company. All stock is non-assessable and limited in liability to the money you invest. All stock is issued in share at \$10.00 each, and if you cannot take but one share, take it now; we want your boost. We know we can make this community a big manufacturing center if you help us. We know we have the best engine in the United States.

John A. Chopiseka, President.

Ed Rynott, Vice President.

H. M. Soennichsen, Treasurer.

Sam G. Smith, Secretary and Sales Manager.

With the addition of A. Geise, constitute the Board of Directors.

L. W. Lorenz and wife departed this afternoon for Omaha, where they were called on some matters of business.

# "THE HOUSE OF A THOUSAND CANDIES"

In this day of the 10-cent magazine, with its twenty or so pages devoted to New York theatricals, the public throughout the country are well posted on this particular subject. This one fact is probably the cause for the great increase in demands for the better class of plays, and an attraction that is successful on the road must have first been a success in New York.

One of the plays that was particularly successful in New York and that is now being presented on the road to very large business is "The House of a Thousand Candies," the attraction at the Parme theater on Wednesday night, November 20. This play ran for an entire season without having been seen outside of three theaters, namely the Hackett and Daly's in New York and the Gertrick in Chicago. In summing up his criticism on the performance the dramatic critic on the New York Commercial said: "All together the play is an agreeable surprise."

### At the Methodist Church.

Those whose privilege it was to attend the morning worship of the Methodist church yesterday enjoyed an able discourse by the pastor, Rev. Austin, on the text found in John 1, "He went with his disciples over the brook Kidron, where was a garden." Taking his scripture reading from Luke 8-20, his subject became, "Communion."

"Quite naturally," said Rev. Austin, "the human mind in a reminiscent mood reverts to places. The places of our childhood pleasures, the places of the events of our lives, the places which mark the turning points in the important decisions of our lives are the most vivid in our recollections. As the Mohammedan turns to the Mecca of his faith and the Christian to the land made holy by characters of bible history, so do we turn to the garden of the Gethsemane in our thoughts of communion with God."

By the use of this theme the congregation was moved to respond almost in its entirety to the communion emblems of the church.

The Junior League services as conducted by Mrs. Gobelman are becoming very valuable in the child life of the church. The attendance is reaching a banner mark and the interest manifested is very worthy.

The devotional meeting of the Epworth League are notable for the number of youths, young men of 20, who stand pledged for Christian living and endeavor. The invitation is extended to all the young people, young in spirit and thought, to attend these services.

The discussion of the subject, "The Turks, or the Eastern Question," by Rev. Austin at the evening service gave food for thought along the lines somewhat divergent from the press dispatches. A large number, knowing the value of this type of sermons, were profitably in attendance.

A. M. Holmes of Murray is in the city today, making a short visit with relatives and friends.

W. F. Gillispie, the grain man from Mynard, was visiting with his county seat friends last Saturday.

Sam Tscherrin, from south of the city, was spending a few hours with county seat friends last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meisinger, from near Mynard, were in the city last Saturday, making a short visit with county seat friends and relatives.

Peter Campbell, one of the boss fellows from near Old Rock Bluffs, was in the city last Saturday, spending a few hours with his county seat friends.

LOST—A ladies' watch, 6 size, 15 jewel, Elgin No. 4457591, with a 14-k. solid gold hunting case No. 10047. Just discovered missing. A liberal reward will be paid for its return to John Crabbill's jewelry store. 11-18-3td-2twkly

Mr. and Mrs. George Hansen and John Wunderlich, from near Nehawka, were county seat visitors last Saturday, coming up in the automobile of Mr. Hansen. They made a few hours' visit with county seat friends and done some trains.