

position to build the canal itself or sell a new concession. Such a course would raise a serious question between the Colombian government, the Panama company, the French government and the government of the United States as to whether or not a supple-

mentary decree extending the concession ten years from 1904 was valid.

On November 25 it was announced from Havana that the strike has been settled largely through the influence of General Gomez who headed the committee to confer with the Havana Commercial company, against whom the strike was first directed. After this conference it is said that General Gomez addressed the central labor union advising them to submit or he would call out veterans to force them to return to work. As a consequence, the strike was declared off.

An Associated press cablegram from Constantinople under date of November 25 says: Renewed disturbances are reported from the neighborhood of Monastir, eighty-seven miles northwest of Salonica. Conflicts between the Turkish troops and Bulgarian brigand bands have taken place and some men have been killed and wounded on both sides. Reliable details regarding the fighting are not obtainable. The British consul at Salonica, in a report to the British embassy here on the recent troubles in Northern Macedonia, says the agitators did their utmost to incite the Turks and provoked a massacre of the Christians, but the Turks remain quiet. The rebels even went to the length of murdering their own kinsmen in the hope of incriminating the Turks.

note will be guests of the bar, and about 1,000 invitations have been sent to lawyers in all parts of the union practicing before the United States supreme court to be present.

Much surprise was occasioned by the announcement from New York city on November 25 that during the conference of anthracite coal road men in this city today a request was received from Washington asking that both the independent operators and the railroad representatives meet John Mitchell and his associates on Friday. Mr. Baer, president of the Reading Railroad company, was instructed to make the following answer: "The conditions are such that no substantial progress toward an adjustment can be made by the suggested meeting. The general judgment of the operators is that it will be best for the present to go on with the hearing." This action is interpreted as being the result of the agitation by the independent mine owners, and although this message came when an agreement had been reached, it still seems probable that it has not injured the cause of the miners in any degree.

Wu Ting Fang, former Chinese minister to the United States, sailed for China from San Francisco on November 25.

A Washington dispatch dated November 25 says: The state department has been notified by the French embassy here that the president of the French republic has conferred diplomas of the order of the Legion of Honor on the following officers of the state, war and navy departments for the part played by them in the dedication of the Rochambeau monument: State department, Edwin Morgan, chevalier. War department, Major General John A. Brooke, commander; Brigadier General S. B. M. Young, commander; Colonel Albert L. Mills, officer. Navy department, Rear Admiral F. J. Higginson, commander; Captain Willard H. Brownson, officer; Captain Henry W. Lyon, officer; Captain Joseph H. Hemphill, officer. These diplomas are in addition to a number transmitted to the state department several months ago, and, like them, may not be accepted until congress has given its approval.

A London cablegram of November 26 says: The Shamrock III. will be launched at the end of March or early in April. She will be much more ready for sea than was the Shamrock II. when the latter was launched. Lady Shaftsbury, wife of the commodore of the Royal Ulster Yacht club, probably will christen the new challenger.

The fifth violent eruption of the volcano La Soufriere since May 7 took place on November 26 and the inhabitants of the towns in the vicinity of the mountain fled. It is reported that the crater has been smoking constantly since the terrific eruption of October 16.

According to a report from St. Etienne, France, the coal strike in that country has been settled and work was to be resumed during the present week. The strike was declared on October 9 and at one time involved 100,000 men.

The first general observance of Thanksgiving day by the Roman Catholic church in the Philippines took place this year. According to news dispatches from Manila the other churches held a united service, Bishop Brent delivering an address and the Rev. George Pentecost reciting the prayer. Governor Taft and a majority of the American colony also attended this service. In the course of his address Bishop Brent said that he

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had opposed the United States assumption of responsibility in the Philippine islands, but he added, "Now we must return and face our duty."

An Associated press report from Essen, Prussia, dated November 27, says Frau Krupp has given \$750,000 to establish a benefit fund for the workmen here in memory of her late husband.

A great deal of interest is manifested in the effort of John S. Wise to prove the recent Virginia congressional elections illegal and to invalidate the new Virginia constitution. This action was brought by Mr. Wise in behalf of certain colored complainants, and has the backing of the colored element generally throughout the state.

The closing of the Brighton stock yards, the largest ones in New England, was determined on November 28 because of the presence of a foot and mouth contagion among the cattle.

The National Non-partisan Reciprocity league will hold its annual meeting at Detroit, December 10 and 11. Invitations have been sent out all over the country to prominent men, state governors, etc., and it is proposed to extend the policy of reciprocity all over the civilized world.

On November 28 it was reported from Port au Prince that on General Nord's entry into St. Marc he was received by the army and the population with cries of "Long live General Nord, president of Hayti." His candidacy for the presidency is gaining ground here. Several attempts to hold a meeting of the chamber have failed, it being impossible to obtain a quorum. The followers of Callisthene Fouchard, formerly minister of finance and now an aspirant for the presidency, and Deetjen Zenequist, president of the chamber, are divided and appear to be powerless to resist General Nord.

A dispatch from Indianapolis, Ind., dated November 28, says: It was officially announced today at the national headquarters of the mine workers that when the miners meet in national convention here in January to prepare a new wage scale, Secretary Wilson will report the amount of money given by them to aid the striking anthracite miners. It is understood that the total was more than \$2,000,000. It was also officially announced that the assessment of miners for the strike fund stopped November 15.

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