



On June 27 the state department at Washington received from Minister Beaupre at Bogota, Colombia, information that the extra session of congress convened for the consideration of the canal treaty on June 20. According to this report the point in controversy that is delaying the ratification of the treaty is the question of the surrender of its sovereignty by the Colombian government.

Much comment has been caused by the decision of the president to send to the Russian government the petition of the Jews in this country in regard to the treatment of those unfortunate people in Russia. It is announced that the president has made a close examination of the precedent in such cases and thinks that no government has a right to resent the presentation of such a petition nor has a government any right to object if such a petition is declined.

The disturbances in Somaliland, Africa, led by the Mad Mullah against the British forces there continue, it being reported recently that five British posts had been destroyed, thirty-nine British officers were killed and many soldiers made prisoners. It is said that operations against the Mullah already have cost the British government more than \$2,000,000 and considerable loss of life.

It was recently announced that the Postal Telegraph company is to begin the construction of a telegraph line between Omaha, Neb., and San Francisco via the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads. This project is regarded as one of the most important deals since the Pacific telegraph lines were first built.

Twenty-four miners were killed and about fifty others seriously wounded in an explosion of gas on June 25 in a coal mine at Coahuila, Mex. The disaster was caused by the ignition of gas by the flame from a defective lamp.

It was reported from Wilkesbarre, Pa., on June 28 that the miners, through their superintendents and foremen throughout the Wyoming coal fields, will make an effort to clean up the petty disputes and grievances which exist, so as to not burden the conciliation board with such matters. The award of the coal strike commission says that the miners and superintendents should make an attempt to end disputes among themselves, by conferences, and this will now be done. Only grievances which cannot be settled in this way will be brought to the attention of the conciliation board.

The town of Jackson, Breathitt county, Ky., has been placed under military rule and the governor of the state recently issued orders making absolute the powers of the militia in that city. A gun has been placed in the court house square and instructions were given that if necessary any house from which a shot should be fired at any one should be fired into.

The 200th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley was quite generally observed by the Methodists of the country on June 29. In Boston, Mass., a two days' celebration of the anniversary was begun on that day.

The American warships at Kiel,

Germany, took part in several races arranged by Prince Henry of the German fleet and captured the sailing honors. In the contest of warship launches the cruiser San Francisco took first place.

It was announced from Washington on June 29 that the president had issued the first of a series of proclamations under the Porto Rican land act, reserving for the use of the United States government such of the public lands of Porto Rico as are needed for naval purposes. The lands referred to in today's proclamation are eighty acres on both sides of the Caguas road between the harbor and the railroad station; the Isla Grande; all public lands and structures on Puntella Point; the park and the presidio, and the islands of Culebra and adjacent quays.

An Atchison, Kas., dispatch of June 29 says: The grave of the late John J. Ingalls will be marked with a glacial boulder of granite five and one-half by four and one-half by two and one-half feet in dimensions. It was Ingalls' wish that a Kansas field stone should cover him, and a red rock, found near Atchison, was chosen. On the stone will be carved a medallion and a quotation from Ingalls' famous essay on "Blue Grass."

A dispatch from Washington dated June 29 indicates that the Manchurian question will be permitted to rest temporarily so far as action at this end of the line is concerned. It is said that Russia has found it possible to shape her policy respecting Manchuria so as to be more acceptable to the United States as in the negotiations with China for a commercial treaty this government has been insistent on the opening of certain ports in Manchuria and the new turn appears to have given a more hopeful feeling in that direction.

S. B. Rathbone of Indianapolis was recently appointed superintendent of the western division of the rural delivery mail department with headquarters at Omaha, Neb., and assumed his new charge on July 1.

Following the news of the attack made upon the British forces by the Mad Mullah in Somaliland resulting in the destruction of several British posts, a dispatch to the British war office in London from Colonel Rochfort, one of the British officers serving with the Abyssinians in Somaliland, says that after a series of forced marches on May 31 the Mad Mullah's forces were attacked and 10,000 spearmen were killed and almost all the cattle and sheep together with 1,000 camels were captured. This dispatch was dated June 14 and at that time the Abyssinians had effectually closed to the Mullah all the watering places south of the Gerlogubi-Galadi line.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Keep on June 30 issued a summarized statement of the principal financial operations of the government for the fiscal year closed on that day. The revenues of the government from all sources for the year ending June 30, 1903, are shown to have been \$558,887,526. The expenditures for the same period were \$506,176,590, leaving a surplus of \$52,710,936.

A dispatch from Salt Lake, Utah under date of June 30, says: The

formal transfer of the southern branches of the Oregon Short Line railroad to the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake railroad, which was scheduled to take place at midnight, has been postponed indefinitely. Word to this effect was received by the Short Line officials today and they were advised to take no action in the matter until further instructions. Representatives of both roads are in New York arranging the details for the transfer and it is not believed that any special significance attaches to the delay.

An explosion of fire damp in mine No. 1 of the Union Pacific Coal company at Hanna, Wyo., on June 30 caused the death of 234 men and the injury of a score of others, besides the destruction of a vast amount of property. The work of relief was organized at once, but great difficulty was experienced as the miners were imprisoned as in a trap.

It was announced from Oyster Bay, L. I., on June 30 that President Roosevelt has expressed his intention to witness the international races between the Reliance and Shamrock III. to be sailed on August 20.

The forty-second annual convention of the National Educational association which opens its session July 16 at Boston, Mass., is attracting great numbers of teachers to that city. It is estimated that about 25,000 will be in attendance from all over the country.

At a meeting of the skupschtina at Belgrade on June 30 Premier Avakumovic read a ukase closing the session specially summoned by the provisional government June 11. It was also announced that all legislation would be postponed until the new skupschtina was elected, the elections to take place about the middle of September. The new king has promised that the new cabinet will be composed in accordance with the results of these elections.

On June 30 the New York World reported a special interview with the Grand Duke Vladimir, uncle of the czar of Russia, in which the grand duke is quoted as laying the blame for the recent cruelties practiced upon the Jews of his country and the subsequent agitation upon the Jews of the United States. He also declared that America will not be permitted to interfere with Russia's internal affairs, and this statement is taken as significant in view of the recent decision to present a petition of remonstrance to the Russian government.

The bar of the Fourth judicial dis-

trict of Nebraska, including the counties of Douglas, Burt, Sarpy, and Washington, met on June 26 at Omaha, Neb., and by a practically unanimous vote selected the following ticket to be recommended to the political conventions of the various parties to be nominated for the district bench: For judges of the district court: George A. Day, republican; Charles T. Dickinson, republican; Ernest C. Page, democrat; Herman Aye, republican; Lee S. Estelle, republican; Guy R. C. Read, republican; Irving F. Baxter, republican.

Comptroller R. M. Love of the state of Texas was assassinated on June 30 while sitting in his office at the state house. W. G. Hill, an ex-employee of the comptroller's office, did the deed and in the excitement which followed the assassin was also shot fatally.

The United States Ship Building company incorporated under the laws of the state of New Jersey, was declared insolvent by Judge Kirkpatrick on June 30 and a receiver for the company is to be appointed by the court.

A New York dispatch dated June 30 says: The ship Young America, which is being built in a Perth Amboy ship yard for a nautical preparatory school of Rhode Island, has been seized by the sheriff of Middlesex county, New Jersey, on an attachment for \$4,800, procured by the designer of the vessel. The right of the sheriff to attach the boat was disputed at the ship yards, the officers claiming no payments had been made.

The joint committee representing the Congregational, Methodist Episcopal, and United Brethren churches, recently met at Pittsburg and came to an agreement on the platform for the union of the three denominations. The plan agreed upon is now to be referred to the constituent bodies for their approval.

The republican state convention of the state of Iowa met at Des Moines on July 1 and nominated the following ticket: Governor, A. B. Cummins of Folk; lieutenant governor, John Herriott of Adair; railroad commissioner, D. J. Palmer of Washington; judge of supreme court, Charles A. Bishop of Polk; superintendent of public instruction, J. E. Riggs of Sigourney. The most interesting incident of the convention was the discussion over the tariff plank and the one adopted was prepared by Senator Allison after conferences with republican leaders of the state. In it the "Iowa idea" is practically abandoned.

An interesting question is being dis-

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