

# WASHINGTON NEWS

Robert W. Archibald of the United States commerce court, charged with misconduct by the house of representatives, appeared before the impeachment court of the senate and was given until July 29 to answer the impeachment charges made against him. In the thirty-five minutes that he sat in the senate while the preliminary arrangements for his trial were being made, Judge Archibald took no personal part in the proceedings. His attorney, A. S. Worthington, of Washington, conducted affairs for him, aided by his son and associate attorney, Robert W. Archibald, jr., of Philadelphia.

The managers on the part of the house are required to file their reply to Judge Archibald's answer by August 1, and all the pleadings in the case must be completed by August 3. The time for the opening of the impeachment trial itself remains a subject of wide division in the senate. Senator Bailey in the proceedings of the impeachment court, too, asserted his determination to urge an immediate trial.

A dispatch to the Louisville Courier-Journal says: James P. Hawkins, of Louisville, was taken into custody in Washington as sequel to urging his

selection as "compromise republican candidate" for the presidency and was lodged in the observation ward of the Washington asylum hospital.

The end of the Lorimer case and the disposition of the senate to postpone until autumn the impeachment trial of Judge Robert W. Archibald of the commerce court, forecasts an earlier adjournment of congress than has heretofore been indicated.

By a strict party vote, Representative Theron E. Catlin, of St. Louis, republican, was unseated on a contest and Patrick Gill, democrat, was given his place.

An Associated Press dispatch says: Washington, July 17.—Senator O'Gorman of New York charged in the senate today that railroad influence was behind Great Britain's protest against the Panama canal bill, and he joined with Senator Lodge in declaring that the United States possessed full rights under the British treaty to give free passage to ships of American register. These speeches marked the debate in the senate on the Panama canal bill. Both Mr. Lodge and Mr. O'Gorman declared this nation was not bound by the Hay-Pauncefote treaty to give foreign ships all the privileges granted American ships, while Senator O'Gorman declared the United States possessed the full right to give American vessels free passage if desired. Senator Lodge conceded that if the case went to The Hague court the United States probably will lose.

The support today for the provision giving free passage to American ships, against which Great Britain has protested, was more emphatic than at any time since the senate began consideration of the bill. Mr. O'Gorman, Mr. Cummins and others declared that if the United States had to construe the treaty literally in giving the ships of all nations equal treatment it would by other terms of the treaty be prevented from defending the canal in case of war.

"If a Japanese fleet appeared at the western end of the canal," said Senator Reed of Missouri, "bent upon passing through to attack the city of New York, the United States would have no right under such a construction of the treaty to take any steps against it."

Senator Burton of Ohio, who made the first speech Monday in support of the British theory that the United States can give no special privileges to its own vessels, declared war would suspend the operation of the treaty. Senator McCumber, however, in a speech today against the free provision, conceded that it was his belief that the canal would have to remain neutral even in time of war and that the United States would be forbidden by the Hay-Pauncefote treaty from taking immeasurable stock or use the canal for its own protection. Senator O'Gorman declared that railroad influence was behind the British protests.

The house of representatives has passed the bill creating a department of labor, the secretary of which shall have a place in the cabinet. The measure long has been pressed by organized labor and now goes to the senate. The new department would relieve the department of commerce and labor of much of its authority. All bureaus dealing with questions affecting labor or capital would be transferred to the new department, as would the bureau of immigration.

Senator Works of California, republican, declared that there is no

republican candidate for president. He said that Taft's nomination is illegal and the Roosevelt folks are not republicans. A number of California Roosevelt men, under the leadership of the lieutenant-governor wired Senator Works demanding that he resign on account of his criticism of the "new party." Senator

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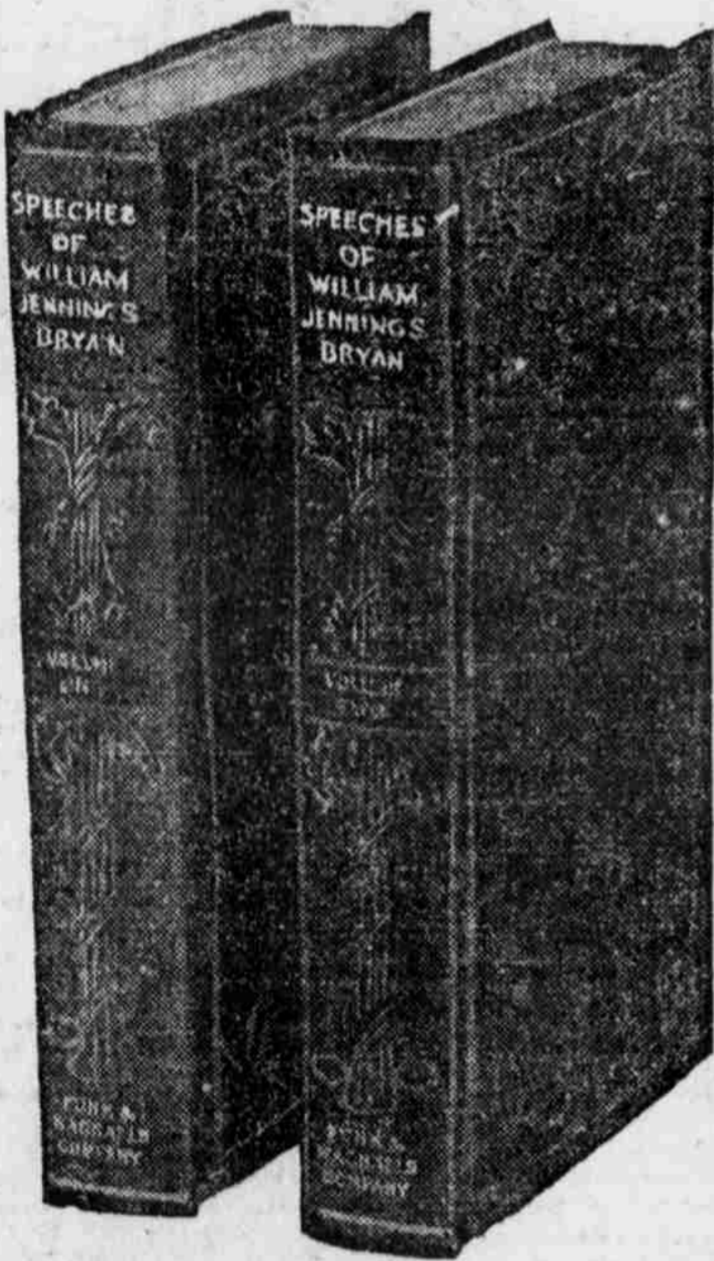
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