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CANAL BILL IS PASSED

Only Two Members of House Oppose Nicaragua Ditch.

HEPBURN AND CANNON CLASH.

Amendment Providing for Consideration of Rival Route Is Voted Down. Aggregate Cost of Canal is Fixed at \$180,000,000.

Washington, Jan. 10.—The Hepburn Nicaragua canal bill passed the house late yesterday afternoon by practically a unanimous vote. Only two members out of 310 voted against it. Fletcher (Rep., Minn.) and Lassiter (Dem., Va.) were the two voting in the negative. The opposition to committing the government to the Nicaragua route attempted to secure amendments to lodge with the president the discretionary power to purchase and complete the Panama canal, if it could be purchased for \$40,000,000. The test came on the first vote, when the advocates of an alternative route polled 102, against 170 votes. At each succeeding vote their strength dwindled until Cannon (Ills.), under whose leadership the fight was made, was unable to get the yeas and nays on a motion to recommit. All other amendments failed and the bill passed exactly as it came from the committee. None of the votes except that on the final passage of the bill was a record vote.

The debate which preceded the taking of final vote was made memorable by a clash between Hepburn, the author of the bill, and Cannon, chairman of the appropriations committee. On several previous occasions they have measured swords over canal legislation.

Two years ago a similar bill was passed by a vote of 224 to 36. The bill as passed yesterday authorized the president to secure from the states of Costa Rica and Nicaragua, in behalf of the United States, such a portion of the territory belonging to said states as may be desirable and necessary to excavate, construct and protect a canal suitable to the wants of modern navigation and commerce and appropriate such a sum as is made necessary to secure the control of said territory.

Section 2 authorizes the president, after securing control of the needed territory, to authorize the secretary of war to construct such canal from the Caribbean sea at a point near Greytown, in Nicaragua, by way of Lake Nicaragua, to a point on the Pacific ocean, near Brito, and also to construct proper harbors at the termini of said canal and to make necessary provisions for the defense of the canal and harbors.

Sections 3 and 4 authorize the president to make such surveys and employ such persons in constructing the canal as to him may seem necessary and directs that in the construction of the canal the river San Juan and Lake Nicaragua shall be used as far as they are available.

Section 5 authorizes the president to guarantee to the states of Costa Rica and Nicaragua the use of the canal and harbors upon terms to be agreed upon for all vessels owned by said states and by citizens thereof.

The last section makes a present appropriation of \$10,000,000 to carry on this work and authorizes the secretary of war to enter into proper contracts for material and work as may be deemed necessary therefor, such work and material to be paid for as appropriations may be made from time to time. The section fixes the aggregate cost at \$180,000,000, to be drawn from the treasury on warrants of the president.

REPORTS HEISTAND INQUIRY.

Senate Committee on Military Affairs Makes Statement of Investigation.

Washington, Jan. 10.—The open session of the senate yesterday was devoted to routine business. After an executive session the senate at 1:50 adjourned until Monday.

Cockrell (Mo.) reported from the committee on military affairs the result of the Heistand inquiry that was conducted under the Pettigrew resolution of the last session. No action was taken on the report.

The report contains a concise statement of the facts in the case, as brought out by the inquiry and casts no reflection upon any of the officers of the government whose names were mentioned in connection with the case.

The senate, in executive session, confirmed the nomination of Hon. L. M. Shaw to be secretary of the treasury and Hon. Henry C. Payne to be postmaster general.

Crowninshield's Flagship.

Washington, Jan. 10.—The battleship Illinois will come out of the dock at New Orleans tomorrow and will proceed either to Pensacola or to Havana to coal. She will then join the North Atlantic squadron for a short time before coming north to make ready to convey Rear Admiral Crowninshield, whose flagship she will be, to the European station and take part in the naval display at the coronation of King Edward VII.

Bryan in Boston.

Boston, Jan. 10.—Hon. William J. Bryan arrived in Boston yesterday from New Haven to be the guest of the

Commonwealth club. Field a reception at the Quincy many men of political and prominence paid him their respects. Following the reception, a banquet was served to the company and Mr. Bryan was again the central figure.

ROOT SAYS RETAIN THE ARMY.

Secretary of War Claims Soldiers' Presence Necessary in Philippines.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Secretary Root gave an interesting exposition of the condition of affairs in the Philippines, together with the outlook for terminating military by civil rule in the course of a hearing yesterday before the house committee on military affairs in connection with the army appropriation bill.

The discussion of the Philippines condition was brought out by a question of Mr. Hay of Virginia as to whether civil government could be maintained in the islands without the presence of the army. In reply, Mr. Root stated that the army was necessary as a moral force to maintain the civil administration now established. One of the main causes, he said, why there had not been more progress in the Philippines was that the Spooner amendment passed by congress last year and restricting the grant of franchises had the effect of preventing the investment of capital and the consequent employment of labor. Many people were idle, and many of these became conspirators simply because they were idle, and as a result it was necessary to keep 40,000 troops in the islands. In some provinces a very satisfactory civil administration had been set up, but Mr. Root pointed out that even in provinces where civil government had been a success there were men conspiring to assist in the agitation and warfare carried on in neighboring provinces. In the whole, however, the secretary expressed the belief that if congress enacted the bill proposed by Senator Lodge or that of Representative Cooper, providing systems of laws for the Philippines, it would be possible soon thereafter to gradually reduce the military establishment in the Philippines. He did not believe it would be a rapid or complete termination of military rule, as the conditions among the natives were firmly fixed and it would take considerable time to bring about the new order of affairs. Mr. Root said that better progress had been made in the last year than had been expected and he expressed the opinion that civilization ultimately would be extended to the people of the islands.

ICE GORGE MAKES TROUBLE.

Threatens to Make New Channel at St. Louis and Renew Old Litigation.

St. Louis, Jan. 10.—Despite the almost summer-like weather that has been prevailing here for several days, the river is blocked opposite South St. Louis, and marine traffic cut off by an immense gorge that formed during the cold spell in December. It has formed a dam across the river at Arsenal island and backed up the water until it is 11-12 feet over the minimum stage of the river in January. Unsuccessful attempts to break the gorge with dynamite have been made.

A new trouble is threatened. The pent up water is trying to make a new channel around the east side of Arsenal island, over which Illinois and Missouri fought in the United States supreme court for possession years ago. It was decided in favor of Illinois in consequence of the channel on the east side of the island being choked up. If the channel is reopened another dispute for the possession of the island may ensue.

Redmond Gets Twenty-five Years.

Kansas City, Jan. 10.—Thomas Redmond, who killed Thomas Skruggs by stabbing him while a general fight was in progress at Troost park in this city on June 23, was yesterday convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to 25 years in the penitentiary. Skruggs was the son of a prominent stockman.

Famous Miles Will Case.

Lincoln, Jan. 10.—The taking of testimony in the Miles will case was completed before Judge J. J. Thompson last night and 30 days' time was granted each side to obtain depositions of absent witnesses. The hearing has taken the entire time of Judge Thompson since Monday morning.

He Was the Only One.

"Did they have a goat when you joined the lodge, Dozer?" "M'm—well, they had a scapegoat."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

Dr. Ernest Leiber, the Centrist leader in the German reichstag, is fatally ill.

Dr. Poole, who was attached to the American legation at Peking as a surgeon, is dead of typhoid fever.

The president signed the parcel post agreement recently arranged between the United States and Bolivia.

President Havemeyer of the sugar trust in his annual report said the duty on raw sugar amounts to \$85,000,000 a year.

The British war office has issued a call for 9,396 infantry volunteers, gradually to replace those now serving in South Africa.

A large meeting of cane sugar growers at New Orleans unanimously adopted a protest to congress against the proposed concession to the producers of cane sugar in Cuba.



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