

NEW NICARAGUA CANAL BILL

It Has Been Favorably Reported to the Senate by Mr. Sherman.

CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE IN IT

Additions Which Will Increase the Obligations of the Company and Incur to the Government Ample Protection from Any Loss.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—The Nicaragua canal bill, which has held the attention of the foreign relations committee since the beginning of the session, has at last been completed and was today favorably reported by its author, Senator Sherman, who gave notice in the senate that he would call it up at an early date and endeavor to secure prompt action upon it.

MR. BLAINE'S CONDITION.

His Physician Holds Out No Hope for His Ultimate Recovery.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—There has been no appreciable change in the condition of Mr. Blaine since yesterday. After his serious relapse and attack of heart failure on Sunday the ex-secretary has rallied somewhat and he seems to remain at the same point. He has not been able to get up since that time, and his condition is such that all that can be made of the reports of the physicians and family today.

EVILS OF THE SWEATING SYSTEM.

Result of the Investigation by the House Committee on Manufactures.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—Representative Warner of New York, the chairman of the committee of the house on manufactures which was directed to inquire into the sweating system, has just returned to Washington after a thorough investigation of the working of the system in New York, Chicago and Boston.

THE HUMAN EVILS.

While the tenements in New York are, on the one hand, far more like human hives than those in Chicago and Boston, they are more recently and more completely worked, except as modified by the different conditions of the several cities. In Chicago, for example, this sweating business is carried on in quarters where the streets are practically bottomless and the buildings are rotten and disgusting, as well as inadequate and unfit for human occupancy.

DR. BRIGGS' TRIAL.

Rev. Mr. Lampe Continues His Address for the Prolongation.

New York, Dec. 21.—The trial of Dr. Briggs was resumed today by the New York presbytery. Immediately after the calling of the roll and the reading of the minutes of yesterday's session Dr. Briggs presented an exception to the proceedings of the court, which was sustained by the presbytery.

THE DEATH ROLL.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 21.—Edward H. Miller, Jr., first secretary of the Southern Pacific railroad and formerly business partner of Mark Hopkins, the deceased millionaire, died at his residence at Alameda of Bright's disease.

VERIFIED THE WORST REPORTS.

We have, replied Mr. Warner, verified, not merely as instances, but as a general condition, the worst that has been alleged. But with one exception we have met with no proof of immorality, and even for myself, I have the greatest respect for the manliness and the womanliness of the persons employed.

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American Naval Officers Received with the Greatest Courtesy by the Representatives of the Republic—Situation in Rio Grande do Sul.

VALPARAISO, (Via James Gordon Bennett.)

Quite a number of prominent persons among the prisoners. One of the most prominent prisoners is a nephew of Archbishop Casanova. There is not the faintest idea that the revolutionary movement will extend further. The country is quiet and business continues good.

Corvid visits were exchanged between the officers of the Chilean navy and those of Admiral Gherardi's fleet. Admiral Gherardi and his staff were received on their arrival at Santiago by officers of the government who escorted them to their hotel accommodations. The government is giving the Americans every possible attention. Chilean naval officers and citizens of the country generally are disappointed over the short stay of the American squadron. They feel that at least one of the American warships should be allowed to remain in the harbor in order that they may show their hospitality and make known their desire for an entire renewal of the former cordial relations between the two governments. The officers on board the San Francisco and the Charleston are regarded with special favor by the Chileans.

The Herald's correspondent at Montevideo telegraphs that the revolutionary sentiment in Rio Grande do Sul is subsiding. It is now known that the federal government intends to interfere. Your correspondent at Rio de Janeiro says that troops are ready to embark for Rio Grande do Sul. The Chileans are eager for war with Uruguay. It is said that estates belonging to federalists have been abandoned in all parts of Rio Grande do Sul. Robbers are overhauling the country and the Chileans are afraid they will be murdered. The Chileans are back at Buenos Aires. The police are powerless. The government of Brazil has decreed that a fusion shall take place between the Bank of Brazil and the Bank of the Republic for the unification of current notes. The new bank is to issue 100,000,000 notes secured by 4 per cent bonds to industrial industries. A new ministry has been formed. The Herald's correspondent at Buenos Aires says that the Argentine government is a proponent of the division of Brazil and of the division of Paraguay between Brazil and Argentina. He proposes the compulsory payment of the war debt by Paraguay although he thinks that division is the best thing that could happen to the country.

INDIGNATION IN VENEZUELA.

Crespo and His Friends Inclined to Resist Senator Morgan's Threats.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Dr. Bustamante has returned from Maracaibo. He reports that the work of affecting a reconciliation between the warring factions in Julia is progressing favorably, no outbreak is now feared. He has decided to go to Washington.

Senator Morgan's threats against Venezuela in his speech in