

FAVORS HEPBURN BILL

Senate Committee Votes to Recommend Nicaraguan Canal Route.

SENATOR MILLARD OPPOSES THE ACTION

Nebraskan, Hanna, Kittredge and Morgan Form the Minority.

MEASURE RETAINS ITS HOUSE CHARACTER

Bill May Be Introduced in Senate Today by Morgan.

ACTION RESULT OF CONFERENCE WITH HAY

Based on Unrestricted Status of Diplomatic Negotiations with Central American Republic as to Panama Offer.

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KING WON'T VISIT IRELAND

Positively Cancels His Engagement in View of Recent Unfriendly Developments.

LONDON, March 12.—The announcement that King Edward had cancelled his visit to Ireland was published today to elicit opinions thereon in Dublin. There is no doubt, however, that that action will cause keen disappointment, although the royal decision has been anticipated by semi-official announcement.

There are several reasons for this decision. First, is that the coronation which involves fulfilling obligations of a sacred rest, would postpone the visit to a later date. Secondly, the fears that the presence of the king would excite the Irish nationalists and the United Irish league agitation might lead to some offensive demonstration. Thirdly, it is said, that several of the leaders of Catholic opinion in Ireland have warned the government that it would be inexpedient for the king to visit Ireland so soon after his accession to the throne and his declaration against Roman doctrines in England. The announcement evokes mingled feelings of regret and approval.

RUSSIAN COTTON CROP SHORT

Large Part of Decrease Due to Substitution of Native for American Seed.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 12.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—A falling off of 39 per cent in the Central Asia cotton crop last year is attributed to the partial use of native seed in preference to American. The crop amounted to 5,495,300 pecks, as against 7,833,000 pecks in 1900. Unfavorable weather also contributed to the unsatisfactory result.

Advices have been received here to the effect that two new steamer lines will be inaugurated by the Japanese next spring. The steamer line to the Philippines, 1,700-ton vessels, are now ready. One will be from Simonsenki, Japan, to Cape Searo, at the mouth of the Tumen river, Corea, touching Gonsan and Fusan, both in Corea. The other line will run from Hakodate, Japan, to Vladivostok, Russia. The special object of these lines will be to intercept American traffic to East Siberia.

KRUGER'S FAITH IS STRONG

Has Confidence that Great Britain Can Never Subdue the Boer People.

NEW YORK, March 12.—A dispatch from Utrecht, over the signature of Mr. President Kruger, to the American and Journal, says: "There will be good news yet from Delagry. This victory of his reminds me of General Buller's allusion a year ago to the moral of faith which saved Daniel out of the lions' den."

LIBERAL GAINS REPORTED

Capture Chiriqui, Center of Rich Country Supplying Meat for the Isthmus.

COLONIA, Colombia, March 12.—Information was received here today that Chiriqui has just been captured by the Liberal forces. The Chiriqui district is extremely rich in cattle and the Isthmus usually depends on that district for its supply of beef. Recently, however, cattle have been brought to the Isthmus from Cartagena.

EDITOR IS SENT TO PRISON

German Newspaper Man Found Guilty of Printing False Reports of Emperor.

BERLIN, March 12.—The editor of the Potsdamer Zeitung was today sentenced to two months' imprisonment and the publisher to a fine of 500 marks for printing a false story to the effect that Emperor William had reprimanded the first guards at their barracks December 8 last.

MARSHAL SU DEFEATS REBELS

With Imperial Forces the Commander Gains Victory Over Rebels at Lung Chow.

HONG KONG, March 12.—Marshal Su, who recently arrived at the scene of the Kwang Si rebellion and took command of the imperial forces, has defeated the rebels at Lung Chow.

WARREN LEAVES JERSEY CENTRAL

NEW YORK, March 12.—Charles E. Warren, vice president of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, has resigned his position to accept service with another railroad, the name of which has not yet been disclosed. Mr. Warren will go to Europe April 1 for a year and will remain abroad for several weeks. His connection with the Central Railroad of New Jersey does not terminate until June 1, and some time after that he will go to the new place.

FOUR BODIES ARE RECOVERED

Remains of Victims of Neganne Mine Disaster Are Badly Mutilated.

NEGAUNEE, Mich., March 12.—The bodies of four of the ten victims of the Neganne mine disaster of January 7 were recovered today. Some of the other bodies are in view of the workmen and it is expected that all will be recovered within the next twenty-four hours.

TUNNEL BILL PASSES SENATE

ALBANY, N. Y., March 12.—The Pennsylvania Railway tunnel bill passed the senate today. The bill permits the City of New York to award a franchise to the Pennsylvania Railroad company, for a reasonable compensation to construct tunnels from Jersey City under New York, and to maintain terminals on Manhattan. The period of evaluation of the franchise is placed at not more than twenty-five years.

COLONEL CLOWRY AT HEAD

Former Messenger Boy Now President of Western Union.

NOTABLE CASE OF RISING FROM RANKS

Brevetted Lieutenant Colonel by President Johnson for Meritorious Service and Devotion to Duty During the Civil War.

NEW YORK, March 12.—At the quarterly meeting of the Western Union Telegraph company held today, General Thomas T. Eckert was elected chairman of the board of directors, and Colonel R. C. Clowry, now vice president and general superintendent of the western division at Chicago, was elected president and general manager of the company.

CHICAGO, March 12.—Colonel Clowry has filled positions with the Illinois and Missouri telegraph companies, and Western Union Telegraph companies, as messenger, operator, manager, superintendent, general superintendent and vice president. At the beginning of the civil war he was commissioned by President Lincoln as captain and assistant quartermaster, and placed in charge of the United States military telegraph in the departments of Missouri, Kansas and Arkansas. At the close of the war he received a brevet commission as lieutenant colonel from President Johnson for meritorious service and devoted application to duty.

STARTS A NEW MERGER SUIT

Van Sant Orders Action Against Alleged Consolidation of Iron Range Roads.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 12.—Governor Van Sant has instructed Attorney General Douglas to begin proceedings in the state courts against the alleged merger of the iron range railroads. The bill will be filed very soon and the United States Steel corporation which is reputed to own the stock of the Duluth, Mesabie and Northern and the Duluth & Iron Range roads will be made a party defendant. The steel corporation maintains offices at Duluth, and it is thought there will be no difficulty in reaching it through the state courts.

The state senate before final adjournment adopted a resolution calling for an investigation of the purchase of the roads, and the governor's action is in response to this demand. The railroads had not actually consolidated and maintain separate organization, but are said to be under a common control. The same question as is involved in the state's complaint against the Northern Securities company is at issue at present.

PLANS BIG IMPROVEMENTS

Pennsylvania Board of Directors Authorizes Issue of Fifty Million Debenture Bonds.

PHILADELPHIA, March 12.—The board of directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad company at a meeting today authorized the issue of \$50,000,000 of convertible ten-year 4% per cent debentures. Of this amount \$24,000,000 will be utilized to pay for additional equipment, \$20,000,000 will be devoted to the work of constructing tunnels under the North and East rivers, giving the railroad an entrance into New York City, and the remainder will be used for other corporate purposes.

THOMPSON IS UNDER ARREST

Ex-Supreme Treasurer of the Macabees is Held for Shortage of \$57,000.

PORT HURON, Mich., March 12.—Charles D. Thompson, ex-supreme finance keeper of the supreme tent, Knights of the Macabees, was today arrested on a charge of shortage of \$57,000, was arrested today on a complaint sworn out by Sheriff Malnes. The warrant contains nine counts, four of which charge Thompson with having embezzled \$57,000, between February 15, 1901, and August 1, 1901. Four other counts charge him with having violated the state law regulating the responsibility of insurance agents to their companies and the ninth, charge him with the larceny of \$57,000.

TELEPHONES FOR THE TRAINS

Passengers to Be Able to Talk from Cars in Omaha Union Station.

CHICAGO, March 12.—In connection with the Overland Limited train, the management of the Northwestern, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads have decided to provide a quick telephone service for the use of patrons while the trains are en route at the depots in Chicago, Omaha and San Francisco. Special wire connections have been arranged, which will permit the use of the telephones to within thirty seconds of the leaving time of the train.

EXPLOSION WRECKS HOMES

Six People Injured, One Fatally by Natural Gas Used in Dwellings.

PERU, Ind., March 12.—Two natural gas explosions early today wrecked two buildings and injured six people. Frank Kiley, sr., is supposed to be fatally injured. Others injured are: Frank Kiley, jr., James Kiley, Bridget Kiley, Mrs. John Hayes and baby.

AUSTRIANS ENTERTAIN YATES

Illinois Delegation at Charleston Received on Board Cruiser Sigelster.

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 12.—Governor Yates of Illinois and the delegation from that state, who yesterday dedicated the Illinois state building at the exposition, today visited the Austrian cruiser Sigelster, which is in the harbor. The party were received with many honors and were delightedly entertained by the officers. Later they were tendered a sail around the harbor.

PREFERS ARMY TO THE PRESS

Funston Reluctant Incident in Newspaper Career Which Does Not Allure Him.

CHICAGO, March 12.—General Fred Funston was a busy man today. The entertainers had him rounded up at 9:30 in the morning and he was midnight before he gained his hotel. The decidedly interesting feature was General Funston's reception at the Press club. After the handshaking was over a small platform was rolled into place before the general, whose short figure did not reach above the shoulders of several men seated in the front row.

General Funston, on behalf of the Press club of Chicago, we welcome you to our rooms and to our hearts. We welcome you not only as a soldier, but as a newspaper man, and you will always be one of us."

In response General Funston said: "General Funston, on behalf of the Press club of Chicago, we welcome you to our rooms and to our hearts. We welcome you not only as a soldier, but as a newspaper man, and you will always be one of us."

I used to be, in a weak way, a newspaper man myself, and my experience was usually from two to three to six weeks on each paper I worked for (laughter). The first job I had was as a reporter on the Kansas City Times. When I showed up there the city editor, Mr. Graham—a rather severe, stern-looking man—said: "You're a reporter and you'll be here for a while. I'll give you a job and I'll give you an assignment. He and assistant quartermaster, and placed in charge of the United States military telegraph in the departments of Missouri, Kansas and Arkansas. At the close of the war he received a brevet commission as lieutenant colonel from President Johnson for meritorious service and devoted application to duty.

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TWO DEAD MEN AT CORONER'S

Bodies of Jacob Bechtel and Hugh Kennedy Await Investigation.

FIRST IS FOUND DYING IN A BARN

Other Chats with Engineer and is Crushed Under Tender When Alighting from Locomotive at Union Depot.

In the undertaking rooms of Coroner Bralley, Twentieth and Cumine streets, the bodies of Jacob Bechtel and Hugh Kennedy are lying side by side, awaiting the burial arrangements to be made by their respective families. Bechtel died with what appears to have been heart failure and the body was taken by the coroner shortly before 7 o'clock last night. Kennedy was mangled and instantly killed under the wheels of a locomotive tender in the yards just opposite the baggage room door of the Union station at 7:45 o'clock.

The death of Mr. Bechtel has as yet been accounted for only in theory. He is a plasterer, and left his home at 2310 North Seventeenth street yesterday morning, to do some work at the Rice property, Twenty-fifth and Parker streets. In the evening Mrs. A. W. Sherman of 2125 went to the stable in the rear of the house to feed a horse she found him lying face downward on the hay, with his head beside him and breathing so loudly that the gas seemed to come from his mouth. She went upon his return and he, with Joseph Donahue of 2513 North Twenty-fourth street, went to the barn.

Mr. Bechtel was still alive, but died almost immediately after being turned over so that he lay on his back.

The man was unknown in that vicinity and there was nothing in his clothing to identify him, save a purse containing 60 cents and a card, bearing the name of William P. McKittrick, 938 North Twenty-seventh street. His name was not learned until the body was identified some hours later at the coroner's rooms by W. H. Mallory, a neighbor, living at 2312 North Seventeenth street.

Mr. Mallory said he had lived next door to Mr. Bechtel for five years and that he knew he rarely if ever drank and never to excess, and that he had not account for his death. He recalled that Mrs. Bechtel had said a few days before that her husband had once believed he had heart trouble.

No Evidence of Violence.

The barn in which he was found is on his way to his home from the place where he had been working and he may have felt the attack while returning and crawling into the barn to rest until feeling stronger. The coroner found not the slightest bruise on his person and no indication of poison, but will investigate further today, when the relatives are conferred with.

Bechtel had apparently no reason to fear his life, he was in moderately comfortable circumstances, owning the only home in which he lived with his wife and daughter, Nellie, aged 10, and a son two years younger. He himself was 48 years old, was of German parentage, but born in Ohio, and had been in Omaha 15 years. He had a brother, William, living at the Pioneer house, South Twelfth street, and two sisters, one in Wyoming and the other at Casey, Ia.

ADMITTS DESPERATE DEEDS

Woman Confesses Leadership of Gang Organized to Rob and Kill.

BEAUMONT, Tex., March 12.—Mattie Bennett confessed today to Sheriff Lindley that she was at the head of a gang of negro women and white men who had for months been luring men into her house, dragging them into the streets and crawling into the river and throwing in. If they were only stung, they were taken out of the house to a remote part of some street and left for pedestrians or policemen to find.

She is a woman twelve years of age, being those who have come to Beaumont, and were afterward reported as "missing," have been murdered, and that their bodies are now at the bottom of the river. In the last three months at least 150 men have been lured into her house, and while no one supposes that the gang has murdered so many as fifty, there is a fear that some of the disappearances are due to their work. Five bodies have been found in the river since the first of the year.

MISS ROOSEVELT IN CUBA

Daughter of the President, Accompanied by Senator Platt, Lands at Havana.

HAVANA, March 12.—Miss Alice Roosevelt, daughter of President Roosevelt, accompanied by a party of friends, including Senator Thomas C. Platt, arrived here today on the steamer Mascotte from Tampa, Fla. Shortly after Miss Roosevelt arrived here she received a telegram from the governor of Matanzas and other persons asking her to request Governor General Wood to revoke the sentence of death by the garrote in the case of a man in Matanzas province who had been convicted of a crowbar taken by Miss Roosevelt.

MISSING CASHIER IN HAWAII

Man Who Absconds with Funds is Detected by Acquaintance in Honolulu.

FULTON, Mo., March 12.—P. S. Adams, jr., cashier of the Commercial bank of Fulton, which failed two months after he absconded with the bank's funds, has been located in Honolulu, Hawaii. Benjamin Yates has received a letter from his son, Thomas Yates, today from Honolulu, stating that he saw Adams there as he landed from a steamer a few weeks ago.

HELD FOR OMAHA POLICE

John Hennessey and John Broderick Arrested in Kansas City for Assault.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 12.—(Special Telegram.)—John Hennessey and John Broderick, employees at the Cudahy packing plant, were arrested today by Detectives Risse and Mansell on advice from the Omaha police that the men are wanted there on a charge of criminal assault. It is alleged that Hennessey, Broderick and two other men under arrest at Omaha, committed an assault upon a woman in that city last August. The accused men will be taken to Omaha tomorrow.

MONEY KINGS FROM ORIENT

Leading Japanese Financiers Start for a Tour of United States.

NEW YORK, March 12.—A party of Japanese financiers who are to make a tour of the United States and Europe left Yokohama for Seattle yesterday. The party is headed by Count Mayoshi Matsuoka, several times premier and for many years minister of finance of Japan, and includes among others T. Megaki, director of the bureau of taxation in the department of finance, and K. Misaki, vice president of the Yokohama Specie Bank. Count Matsuoka planned and put into operation the present financial systems of Japan and it was largely through his efforts that the country adopted the gold standard.

GAGE JOINS TRUST COMPANY

Former Secretary of Treasury Elected Director of Chicago Concern.

CHICAGO, March 12.—Lyman J. Gage was elected a director of the Chicago Title and Trust company today.

SEVERE STORM SWEEPS SOUTH

Does Damage to Property, Kills One Person and Injures Others.

ROCK HAVEN, Miss., March 12.—A wind-storm amounting almost to a tornado, passed through here this afternoon. The residence of William Melville, two miles west, was unroofed. Mrs. Melville was hurt badly and the negro cook dangerously. Four miles north of here at Montgomery, a negro woman was killed by a falling tree and a railroad laborer had his leg broken.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 12.—A gale has been blowing over the entire state since an early hour this morning and many reports of minor damage have come in. The greatest damage seems to have been done in the oil fields.

Near Marion \$25,000 damage was caused. A dwelling house in South Landon and a school building in West Parton were unroofed and at least seventy-five derricks in the oil field were wrecked.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair Thursday and Friday; Variable Winds.

Table with 3 columns: Temperature at Omaha Yesterday, Hour, and Degree. Rows show temperatures for 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a