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CANAL PACT PASSED

Senate Ends Long Debate by Ratifying Protocol with Colombia. ONLY FIVE VOTE IN THE NEGATIVE. Seventy-Three Members Answer Ye to Final Question Put. MANY AMENDMENTS ARE REJECTED. Morgan Bundles Proposals into Complex Substitute. COMBINES DESIRED CHANGES AND TEXT.

BRITAIN FEARS FOR TRADE

House of Commons Debates Resolution Ordering Investigation into Vanishing Commerce. LONDON, March 17.—In the House of Commons tonight Charles McArthur, liberal unionist, introduced a resolution declaring that the recent developments in the commercial relations of the United States toward the British empire have been a cause of national concern.

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German Planners Anticipate Panic, Due to Absorption of Capital. BERLIN, March 17.—Apprehensions regarding the financial situation in New York are still pronounced. The American demand for German money continues. The intensive financial pressure in Berlin financial men that speculation in the United States has been overdone and that credits have been unduly expanded. It is pointed out, as a sign of too rapid capital advance, that it is now difficult for American houses to dispose of first-class bonds bearing interest at 4 per cent. The same difficulty is experienced by German banks in handling American bonds. FAIR MONEY IN THE BUDGET. Committee of the Reichstag Favors Ample German Exhibit at St. Louis. BERLIN, March 17.—The budget committee of the Reichstag today by 26 to 2 votes appropriated \$750,000 to defray the expenses of Germany's representation at the St. Louis exposition. That the amount will be available immediately. It is understood that next year's requests will be limited to \$750,000. The committee held a private meeting, but it was learned that Herr Liebenow von Rimberg, radical anti-semite, was one of the two negative voters. WILL NOT MOVE THE CAPITAL. Missouri Sent of Government is to Remain at Jefferson City. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 17.—In the house today the resolution to submit an amendment to the constitution providing for the removal of the state capital from Jefferson City to St. Louis was defeated by a vote of 23 to 22. The house then, by a vote of 61 to 64, refused to pass another amendment providing for the levying of a tax of 5 cents for five years to create a fund of \$4,000,000 to be used in the erection of a new capitol building. FOG IS CAUSE OF A WRECK. Fireman Badly Injured in Accident on Rock Island, Near Joliet. JOLIET, Ill., March 17.—Rock Island passenger train No. 6 was wrecked at Rockdale, just below Joliet, by collision with a freight train. Fireman Connolly of Joliet was badly hurt. The passengers were shaken up, some and some were cut and bruised, but none seriously injured. The accident was due to fog. EARTH IN MONTANA SHAKES. Tremors are Violent, but No Damage is Caused by the Disturbance. HELENA, Mont., March 17.—Violent earth tremors were again experienced at 8:42 last night. No actual damage resulted. Laborer Dangerously Hurt. STURGIS, S. D., March 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Domicile Kessler of this city had his leg broken in three places below the knee and right leg put out of joint late this afternoon at Fort Meade while at work taking down one of the old barracks. A fifty-eight-foot wall fell on him, causing the accident. Had it not been for prompt action of soldiers and others to raise the wall he would have been killed. TALKING WIRES TO GO UP. Illinois and Indiana Telephone and Telegraph Company Formed with Two Million Capital. TRENTON, N. J., March 17.—The Illinois & Indiana Telephone and Telegraph company, capital \$2,000,000, to construct and operate telephone and telegraph lines, was incorporated here today. WATERBURY, Conn., March 17.—Colonel Burrus tonight said he had no authority to settle the street car strike and that he was not the director of the company could do that. The semi-secret injunction of business men and other citizens against the boycott instituted by strike sympathizers now has 200 members and another similar organization, composed principally of wage earners, has a membership of 1,000. A mass meeting is to be held tomorrow night at which it is expected, steps will be taken to consolidate the two organizations. WANTS ANOTHER TEA PARTY. Massachusetts Governor Denounces Election Frauds at Boston's Annual Patriotic Gathering. BOSTON, March 17.—During the annual celebration of the evacuation of Boston Governor Bates precipitated a mild sensation in the midst of an eloquent description of the greatness of the country without warning he denounced the alleged election frauds recently in this city. He said: "When we hear the charge made in regard to the attempt to invade the territory of the American citizen who would buy elections, those who would seek their own private advancement at the expense of the public welfare." MINERS REJECT COMPROMISE. Refuse to Consider Offer Made to Them by Bituminous Operators. ALTOONA, Pa., March 17.—The coal operators of bituminous district No. 2 submitted their ultimatum to the miners today. It was briefly an offer of an increase of 12 1/2 per cent for pick mining, 14 per cent for machine mining and a nine-hour day at \$2.75 per day for drivers. The miners promptly rejected the offer.

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Hamilton, grand master of the firemen, and nine others, all being either officers of or affiliated with the two labor organizations. They all stated in effect that no persuasion or argument had been used to induce the men to strike, but that, on the contrary, each man had pressed his desire to go to work independently and without dictation from any source. It was also sworn that no force or coercion was contemplated in bringing about a strike of the Washab employees. Several of the affidavits were of great length and their reading consumed much time. Grand Master Morrissey, in his affidavit, swore that as an officer, and others as officers of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, who had given orders from ordering a strike, had not in fact any power to order a strike, a two-thirds vote of the members being required for such a step. As an officer he could do no more than announce the result of the vote taken, and it was then for the members of the organization to take steps in accordance with the action favored by the majority of the men. After recess the reading of affidavits was resumed and continued during a greater part of the afternoon. COLORADO STRIKE EXTENDS. Union Calls Out Men Employed Mining Ore Shipped to United States Reduction Works. CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., March 17.—The executive committee of the Western Federation of Miners this afternoon declared a strike against all mines shipping ore to the United States and reducing company. DENVER, March 17.—President Charles Meyer and Secretary William D. Hayward of the Western Federation of Miners, issued a statement today in which they charged Governor Peabody with violating the agreement made at the conference in Denver. They said they were withdrawing troops from Colorado City. The federation officers declare that the governor promised that he would immediately withdraw the troops providing that the federation would withdraw all its forces against the mines of the state militia. This proposition, they say, they accepted and they said that "the governor has violated every syllable and letter of his agreement by sending his private secretary to Denver to make a personal investigation and report. "The action of the governor has shown him to be weak and vacillating, and that he is a man who has no conception of the dignity of his office. "The fact that he agreed that there should be no strike of the Cripple Creek miners unless the trouble at the Standard mine was settled. In consequence of the governor's action Secretary Hayward would resume his protest to the militia officers now on duty and that other suits would be instituted. Governor Peabody tonight recalled the troops from Colorado City. BELIEVE DISPUTE IS ENDED. New Haven Men Held Joint Conference Bound to Stand Off Strike. NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 17.—Marked progress was made today in the conference between the joint grievance committee representing employees of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad company and a committee appointed by the board of directors. The meeting was in the office of President John M. Hall and lasted three hours. An executive session of the grievance committee was then held. The committee of the directors will report back to the board such facts as they obtained and the matter will be left to the further direction of the board which will meet at an early date. Among the men there is a quiet feeling of confidence, and the gravity of the situation is lessened by the outcome of the day's conference. WOOL FREIGHT RATE BOOSTED. Western Lines Unite with Growers in Opposing Eastern Tariff. CHICAGO, March 17.—Wool growers and western railroads are protesting at the action of eastern lines in raising the rates on wool 15 per cent from Chicago to the seaboard. The western lines object because they have to further raise their position of the rate to absorb the difference. Eastern lines insist that wool bears a disproportionate rate and that the proportion given them from St. Louis and Chicago was too small. KEENE'S POOL EXTENDS LIFE. Agrees to Continue Operation Until Southern Pacific Meeting is Over. NEW YORK, March 17.—It was officially announced today that a majority of the Southern Pacific pool had agreed to continue the pool till April 30. This will carry the pool over the annual meeting on April 8. TALKING WIRES TO GO UP. Illinois and Indiana Telephone and Telegraph Company Formed with Two Million Capital. TRENTON, N. 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German Planners Anticipate Panic, Due to Absorption of Capital. BERLIN, March 17.—Apprehensions regarding the financial situation in New York are still pronounced. The American demand for German money continues. The intensive financial pressure in Berlin financial men that speculation in the United States has been overdone and that credits have been unduly expanded. It is pointed out, as a sign of too rapid capital advance, that it is now difficult for American houses to dispose of first-class bonds bearing interest at 4 per cent. The same difficulty is experienced by German banks in handling American bonds. FAIR MONEY IN THE BUDGET. Committee of the Reichstag Favors Ample German Exhibit at St. Louis. BERLIN, March 17.—The budget committee of the Reichstag today by 26 to 2 votes appropriated \$750,000 to defray the expenses of Germany's representation at the St. Louis exposition. That the amount will be available immediately. It is understood that next year's requests will be limited to \$750,000. The committee held a private meeting, but it was learned that Herr Liebenow von Rimberg, radical anti-semite, was one of the two negative voters. WILL NOT MOVE THE CAPITAL. Missouri Sent of Government is to Remain at Jefferson City. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 17.—In the house today the resolution to submit an amendment to the constitution providing for the removal of the state capital from Jefferson City to St. Louis was defeated by a vote of 23 to 22. The house then, by a vote of 61 to 64, refused to pass another amendment providing for the levying of a tax of 5 cents for five years to create a fund of \$4,000,000 to be used in the erection of a new capitol building. FOG IS CAUSE OF A WRECK. Fireman Badly Injured in Accident on Rock Island, Near Joliet. JOLIET, Ill., March 17.—Rock Island passenger train No. 6 was wrecked at Rockdale, just below Joliet, by collision with a freight train. Fireman Connolly of Joliet was badly hurt. The passengers were shaken up, some and some were cut and bruised, but none seriously injured. The accident was due to fog. EARTH IN MONTANA SHAKES. Tremors are Violent, but No Damage is Caused by the Disturbance. HELENA, Mont., March 17.—Violent earth tremors were again experienced at 8:42 last night. No actual damage resulted. Laborer Dangerously Hurt. STURGIS, S. D., March 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Domicile Kessler of this city had his leg broken in three places below the knee and right leg put out of joint late this afternoon at Fort Meade while at work taking down one of the old barracks. A fifty-eight-foot wall fell on him, causing the accident. Had it not been for prompt action of soldiers and others to raise the wall he would have been killed. TALKING WIRES TO GO UP. Illinois and Indiana Telephone and Telegraph Company Formed with Two Million Capital. TRENTON, N. J., March 17.—The Illinois & Indiana Telephone and Telegraph company, capital \$2,000,000, to construct and operate telephone and telegraph lines, was incorporated here today. WATERBURY, Conn., March 17.—Colonel Burrus tonight said he had no authority to settle the street car strike and that he was not the director of the company could do that. The semi-secret injunction of business men and other citizens against the boycott instituted by strike sympathizers now has 200 members and another similar organization, composed principally of wage earners, has a membership of 1,000. A mass meeting is to be held tomorrow night at which it is expected, steps will be taken to consolidate the two organizations. WANTS ANOTHER TEA PARTY. Massachusetts Governor Denounces Election Frauds at Boston's Annual Patriotic Gathering. BOSTON, March 17.—During the annual celebration of the evacuation of Boston Governor Bates precipitated a mild sensation in the midst of an eloquent description of the greatness of the country without warning he denounced the alleged election frauds recently in this city. He said: "When we hear the charge made in regard to the attempt to invade the territory of the American citizen who would buy elections, those who would seek their own private advancement at the expense of the public welfare." MINERS REJECT COMPROMISE. Refuse to Consider Offer Made to Them by Bituminous Operators. ALTOONA, Pa., March 17.—The coal operators of bituminous district No. 2 submitted their ultimatum to the miners today. It was briefly an offer of an increase of 12 1/2 per cent for pick mining, 14 per cent for machine mining and a nine-hour day at \$2.75 per day for drivers. The miners promptly rejected the offer.

WABASH CASE IS OPENED

Arguments Begin for Dissolution of the Injunction Forbidding a Strike. ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 17.—Arguments were begun this morning in the United States district court before Judge Elmer B. Adams upon the motion of the defendants to dissolve the temporary injunction issued two weeks ago by Judge Adams, restraining the officials of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen from ordering a strike of the members of those organizations employed by the Washab railroad. All the prominent officials of both labor organizations were present and both sides to the controversy were represented by a strong array of legal counsel. The proceedings opened by the reading by E. J. Finney of Cleveland, attorney for the Brotherhood, of a number of affidavits filed by officials of the labor organizations in rebuttal of affidavits filed last Saturday by the attorneys of the Washab system. These affidavits were made by F. H. Morrissey, grand master of the trainmen; J. J. Hamilton, grand master of the firemen, and nine others, all being either officers of or affiliated with the two labor organizations. They all stated in effect that no persuasion or argument had been used to induce the men to strike, but that, on the contrary, each man had pressed his desire to go to work independently and without dictation from any source. It was also sworn that no force or coercion was contemplated in bringing about a strike of the Washab employees. Several of the affidavits were of great length and their reading consumed much time. Grand Master Morrissey, in his affidavit, swore that as an officer, and others as officers of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, who had given orders from ordering a strike, had not in fact any power to order a strike, a two-thirds vote of the members being required for such a step. As an officer he could do no more than announce the result of the vote taken, and it was then for the members of the organization to take steps in accordance with the action favored by the majority of the men. After recess the reading of affidavits was resumed and continued during a greater part of the afternoon. COLORADO STRIKE EXTENDS. Union Calls Out Men Employed Mining Ore Shipped to United States Reduction Works. CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., March 17.—The executive committee of the Western Federation of Miners this afternoon declared a strike against all mines shipping ore to the United States and reducing company. DENVER, March 17.—President Charles Meyer and Secretary William D. Hayward of the Western Federation of Miners, issued a statement today in which they charged Governor Peabody with violating the agreement made at the conference in Denver. They said they were withdrawing troops from Colorado City. The federation officers declare that the governor promised that he would immediately withdraw the troops providing that the federation would withdraw all its forces against the mines of the state militia. This proposition, they say, they accepted and they said that "the governor has violated every syllable and letter of his agreement by sending his private secretary to Denver to make a personal investigation and report. "The action of the governor has shown him to be weak and vacillating, and that he is a man who has no conception of the dignity of his office. "The fact that he agreed that there should be no strike of the Cripple Creek miners unless the trouble at the Standard mine was settled. In consequence of the governor's action Secretary Hayward would resume his protest to the militia officers now on duty and that other suits would be instituted. Governor Peabody tonight recalled the troops from Colorado City. BELIEVE DISPUTE IS ENDED. New Haven Men Held Joint Conference Bound to Stand Off Strike. NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 17.—Marked progress was made today in the conference between the joint grievance committee representing employees of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad company and a committee appointed by the board of directors. The meeting was in the office of President John M. Hall and lasted three hours. An executive session of the grievance committee was then held. The committee of the directors will report back to the board such facts as they obtained and the matter will be left to the further direction of the board which will meet at an early date. Among the men there is a quiet feeling of confidence, and the gravity of the situation is lessened by the outcome of the day's conference. WOOL FREIGHT RATE BOOSTED. Western Lines Unite with Growers in Opposing Eastern Tariff. CHICAGO, March 17.—Wool growers and western railroads are protesting at the action of eastern lines in raising the rates on wool 15 per cent from Chicago to the seaboard. The western lines object because they have to further raise their position of the rate to absorb the difference. Eastern lines insist that wool bears a disproportionate rate and that the proportion given them from St. Louis and Chicago was too small. KEENE'S POOL EXTENDS LIFE. Agrees to Continue Operation Until Southern Pacific Meeting is Over. NEW YORK, March 17.—It was officially announced today that a majority of the Southern Pacific pool had agreed to continue the pool till April 30. This will carry the pool over the annual meeting on April 8. TALKING WIRES TO GO UP. Illinois and Indiana Telephone and Telegraph Company Formed with Two Million Capital. TRENTON, N. 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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Rain and Coldest Wednesday; Thursday Fair. Temperature of Omaha yesterday: Hour, Deg., Hour, Deg. 5 a. m. 41, 1 p. m. 51, 6 a. m. 42, 2 p. m. 53, 7 a. m. 42, 3 p. m. 54, 8 a. m. 44, 4 p. m. 54, 9 a. m. 40, 5 p. m. 54, 10 a. m. 38, 6 p. m. 54, 11 a. m. 36, 7 p. m. 54, 12 m. 35, 8 p. m. 54, 1 p. m. 55.

BUSY TIME IN HOUSE

In Committee of the Whole Last Paragraph of Revenue Bill is Reached. SWEZEY AMENDMENT YET TO DISPOSE OF. Farmers' Elevator Bill and Omaha Charter Also Passed by the House. BARTLEY COMMITTEE HEARS SUMMERS. Denies any Knowledge of the Loaning of Funds by Ex-Treasurer. TALKS WITH SAVAGE ABOUT PARDON. Committee Puts Pointed Questions on This Topic and He Denies Advocacy of Liberating Prisoner. REVENUE BILL NEARLY COMPLETED IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. LAST PARAGRAPH OF