

WELCOME TO PANAMA

President Roosevelt Formally Receives Bunau-Varilla, Official Envoy.

TELLS WHY REPUBLIC WAS DECLARED

Due to Outburst of Indignant Grief at Action of Colombia.

CANAL AT ISTHMIUS IS NOW A REALITY

New Minister Says that His Country Wants the Enterprise.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE EXPRESSES PLEASURE

Welcomes Newest of Republics into Circle of Nations and Hopes with United States It May Fulfill Promise.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—President Roosevelt today formally received M. Philippe Bunau-Varilla, the duly accredited envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the Republic of Panama to the United States.

The reception of the minister marked the birth of the new Republic of Panama into the family of nations and paved the way for negotiations between the United States and the infant republic, precisely as they may be conducted between any two foreign nations.

The ceremony incident to the reception of Minister Bunau-Varilla and the presentation of his credentials occurred in the Blue Room of the White House at 9.30 o'clock this morning.

At a few minutes before that hour Minister Bunau-Varilla, accompanied by Secretary of State Hay, in the latter's state carriage, arrived at the White House. The secretary's carriage was followed by a landau, the only occupant of which was Minister Bunau-Varilla's young son.

Secretary Hay formally presented M. Bunau-Varilla, President Roosevelt as the accredited minister of the Republic of Panama. Minister Bunau-Varilla in turn presented his credentials and delivered an address, to which the president feelingly responded.

The exchange of addresses was impressive by reason of the circumstances and the addresses themselves are regarded as felicitous and wise. Minister Bunau-Varilla spoke as follows:

Minister is Complimentary. Mr. President: In accordance with the minister plenipotentiary of the Republic of Panama the honor of presenting to you his letters of credence, I have the honor to bring to you the weakest and last-born of the republics of the new world.

It is over his territory that the citizens of the isthmus, on beholding the despotic nation which sought to force their country from fulfilling the destinies vouchsafed to it by Providence, are consecrating its right to exist. Mr. President, you put an end to what appeared to be the unobtainable aim of the Panama canal era, and you definitely inaugurate the era of the achievement of the Panama canal.

From this time forth the determination of the future of the canal depends on the elements alone, not on the will of any man, singularly unlike as regards their authority and power, but in their desire to see at least the accomplishment of the heroic enterprise for which the people of the isthmus have sacrificed their lives and their property.

The way from Europe to Asia, following the pathway of the sun, is now to be realized. The early attempts to reach the Pacific unexpectedly resulted in the greatest of all historic achievements since the discovery of America. Our nation has fulfilled its duty and the pathway sought has hitherto resulted in the Panama canal.

President, in response to your summons it becomes a reality. Roosevelt's Reply. In response President Roosevelt said: Mr. Minister: I am much gratified to receive the letter of credence of the duly accredited minister of the Republic of Panama to the United States.

Minister Bunau-Varilla is the long-established rule, this government has taken cognizance of the act of the ancient territory of Panama in reasserting its right to exist and seeing in the recent events on the isthmus an unopposed expression of the will of the people of the isthmus in favor of the independence of the Republic of Panama in form and spirit and capable and resolved to discharge the obligations pertaining to the Republic of Panama in its relations with the new republic. It is fitting that we should do so now as we did nearly a century ago when the people of America proclaimed the right of popular government, and it is equally fitting that the United States should be the first to stretch out the hand of fellowship and to observe the rules of equal intercourse that regulate the relations of sovereignties toward one another.

I feel that I express the wish of my countrymen in assuring you and through you the people of the Republic of Panama of our earnest hope and desire that stability and prosperity be yours, and that you may be further and in harmony with the United States it may be the provident instrument of the benefit to the civilized world through the operation of a highway of universal commerce across its exceptionally fertile and fertile soil.

For yourself, minister, I wish success in the discharge of the important mission to which you have been called.

After a brief chat and the exchange of personal felicitations, Secretary Hay and Minister Bunau-Varilla withdrew. The latter, accompanied by his son, drove directly to the State department.

Commissioners Arrive Tuesday. The State department has learned that Messrs. Boyd, Amador and Arosamena, the commissioners appointed by the Panama government to assist Minister Bunau-Varilla in the negotiation of a canal treaty with the United States, will arrive in New York next Tuesday and in Washington the following day. The treaty negotiations are expected to begin formally at the moment of their arrival here.

It is said that the Panama government favors the making of perpetual lease with the United States to cover a canal strip ten miles wide across the isthmus. It is noted that this plan is more polite than the original proposition to give the United States a fee simple title to the land, a proceeding which would go far toward confirming the suspicions of some of the South American and Central American countries respecting the territorial designs on the part of the United States.

Today's reports from the isthmus, though unofficial but from reliable sources, is to the effect that everything is quiet there and there is no indication of hostilities with Colombia. It is expected that a call will be issued next week for a constitutional convention and that within thirty days the new government will be permanently established under a constitution patterned closely after that of Cuba. When this is done the president will accredit a minister plenipotentiary to Panama, and meanwhile any work of a diplomatic character will be entrusted to Mr. Guder, the consul general in Panama.

DECIDES SHE WAS INSANE

London Coroner's Jury Explains Strange Death of Sophia Francesca Hickman.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—The verdict of the coroner's jury in the case of Sophia Francesca Hickman, the woman doctor, whose body was found in an unrequented part of Richmond park two months after she had departed from the Royal Free hospital, with which she had been connected, was suicide by morphia, while temporarily insane.

The two Croftians named Taparac and Kebar, who were arrested on the American line steamer Philadelphia on its arrival October 23, charged with the murder of E. T. Ferguson, a railroad contractor, at West Middleton, Pa., were again remanded for a week at Bow street police court today. The American detectives with the extradition papers only reached the court after the remand was granted and were too late to proceed with the case today.

The lord chief justice today ordered the removal of the Whitaker Wright case from the Old Bailey to the high court of justice, so that, owing to its complicated character, it may be heard.

RUSSIA WINKS AND WALKS IN

Masses Troops in China, Killing Imperial Soldiers on Pretense of Fearing Robbery.

TIEN TSIN, Nov. 13.—It is reported here that Russian troops marching toward Shan Hai Kwan encountered a force of imperial Chinese troops and that fighting ensued. The Russians, it is asserted, feared that the imperial force was a band of Chinese robbers.

Altogether over 10,000 imperial troops have crossed the frontier into Manchuria.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 13.—A letter received here from Shanghai states that Russia is constantly changing the names of its warships to create confusion and uncertainty among the navies of the world.

The same letter adds that both Russia and Japan are actively pushing preparations for war.

CONSERVATIVES IN THE LEAD

Preliminary Skirmish in Election to Prussian Diet Shows Loss by Radicals.

BERLIN, Nov. 13.—The returns of 230 districts show that the elections yesterday of the electors who are to choose deputies to the lower house of the Prussian diet resulted as follows: Conservatives, 133; free conservatives, 33; clericals, 7; national conservatives, 60; Richter radicals, 20; Barth radicals, 6; Poles, 7; independents, 6; Danes, 2.

The socialists have not secured an elector, but they hold the balance of power at Breslau, where they will compel the conservatives, or liberals, to elect one socialist in return for socialist votes. The Barth radicals apparently led Dantzig, one of that party's strongholds, to the conservative and clerical alliance.

LORD ROBERTS IS NOT WELL

Pneumonia Contracted at Recent Ceremonies for South African Fever Victim Holds Him.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—Lady Roberts this morning said that the condition of Lord Roberts, the commander-in-chief, was quite satisfactory, but there were no complications and that he was making favorable progress toward recovery.

Lord Roberts is suffering from pneumonia, contracted at the unveiling at Windsor of the memorial to Prince Christian Victor of Schleswig-Holstein, grandson of the late Queen Victoria, who died from fever in South Africa in October, 1900.

GERMANY HASTENS TO DENY

Says There is No Truth in Report that Squadron Goes to San Domingo.

BERLIN, Nov. 13.—The German Foreign office calls the attention of the Associated Press to the statement printed in London and Paris that the German West Atlantic cruiser squadron has been ordered to concentrate at San Domingo. This is incorrect. Only two cruisers, Gazelle and Falke, have gone there, and they will be withdrawn as soon as German subjects and property are out of danger. No political significance attaches to the movement of these war ships.

RUSSIA GOT A GOLD BRICK

Admits That Value of Asiatic Ports Are Not Equal to the Cost.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—A correspondent of the Times at St. Petersburg says it is admitted that the policy which led to the occupation of Port Arthur and Manchuria was not worth the expenditure of money and blood which has entailed, and that the attempt to secure an ice free port in the Pacific has so far proved a failure.

The construction of a huge break water at Dainy, as a protection against high seas only resulted in making the harbor ice bound, and the lack of ice protection having evidently prevented the accumulation of ice.

TURK SAYS NOT TO WORRY

Sends Word to Ambassadors That He Has Again Taken Pen in Hand to Say, Etc.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 13.—Tewfik Pasha, the foreign minister, called on the Austrian and American ambassadors yesterday and notified them that the port's reply on the latest note on reforms in Macedonia would be speedily presented and that it would be satisfactory. This is in accordance with the views of the grand vizier who opposed the previous rejection of the reform scheme and consequently was threatened with the deprivation of his office. His position now is secure.

HUBBARD EXPEDITION IS LOST

Latest Developments Seem to Confirm Fear that It Perished in Labrador.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Nov. 13.—The mail steamer which has just arrived here from Labrador brings no news of the expedition to explore the interior of Labrador, headed by Leonard Hubbard, Jr., of New York, assistant editor of Outing. It is believed the party perished. A tribe of Montagnais Indians trapping in the interior recently visited the coast and say they saw nothing of the Hubbard expedition, although the Indians saw 100 miles inland.

MAKES CHANGE IN MESSAGE

Revolution in Panama Causes President to Revise Annual Communication.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—For weeks President Roosevelt has been preparing his annual message to congress to be presented at the regular session on the 3rd of December. That part of the message in which the president dwelt on the negotiations between the United States and the government of Colombia for an isthmian canal was so completely rewritten that it is now a new message. Events which have occurred on the isthmus and in this country since that time have made it necessary for the president to completely rewrite that part of the message touching the canal negotiations. In the opening sentence of the message the president says that the government of Colombia, after the president said:

I regret to report that contrary to all expectations, the government of Colombia refused to ratify the treaty for building a canal across the isthmus of Panama.

Then, after stating that the treaty had been negotiated at the earnest request of the government of Colombia, and that the president disapproved of the Colombian Senate's rejection of the treaty, he said:

High authorities on international law hold that the canal can be dug as an incident in the carrying out of the treaty for the construction of a canal across the isthmus.

Would Treat Colombia Fairly. Nevertheless, in accordance with our settled policy of behaving with scrupulous justice and generosity toward all other republics of the south, taking no position, even by implication, that can be regarded as unfriendly unless clearly forced thereto, we have endeavored to provide for the building of the canal by treaty. In this treaty we went as far as it is possible for us to go in the direction of making concessions to the United States.

No further concessions can or should be made by this government.

The president then stated that the circumstances of the canal case were peculiar. The canal, he said, must be dug. It was demanded by the interests of this nation and by those of the civilized world.

The United States had solemnly pledged its word that it should be free to the canal, and that it should be free to itself merely the right to see that it should never be used to its military disadvantage. He said:

A private company which in the past undertook to build the canal, and which the events of the last few years warrant us in now saying not only that the canal shall not be constructed by the United States, but that it is not to be constructed by any private company. It must, therefore, be dug by the government of the United States.

Referring further along to the territory bisected by the canal, the president stated:

On the one hand the United States desires to safeguard with scrupulous care the interests and the honor of such countries of the world, and on the other hand, in my judgment, it is time to say that the canal will kill the time by doing fancy work and playing ping pong. Meanwhile the school board is sadly puzzled to find means to satisfy both parties.

DAKOTA HAS A BAD SPELL

So Bad, in Fact, That Farmers Offer Reward for Arrest of the Spell.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Nov. 13.—(Special.)—The members of the town board of Elkton township, Brookings county, have offered a liberal reward for the apprehension of a forger who recently mailed to property owners in the township postal cards bearing the following unique notice:

Dear Sir: You got to know that road and you know it is a bad road. You make him do it at your cost. You make him do it at your cost. You make him do it at your cost. You make him do it at your cost.

It is presumed the members of the board have been deceived by the forger, and are ascribing to them such a poor example of the English language and of spelling as are set forth on the cards than for his attempt to assume authority which no one but the members of the board possess.

AFTER CATTLE RUSTLERS.

Reports received here indicate that the cattlemen in the western part of Fall River county, west of the Pine Ridge Indian reservation, have been greatly angered by the depredations of cattle rustlers, who have recently become very bold in that section. Cattle are disappearing from the range in mysterious fashion and parties on the range are suspected of slaughtering them and selling the beef at Hot Springs, Ridgmont and other towns in the southwestern part of the state. Some of the stolen beef has been taken as far as New-castle, Wyo., and is being sold there.

Efforts are being made to secure their conviction and imprisonment in the Sioux Falls penitentiary.

Ask Blakely's Appointment.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Nov. 13.—(Special.)—The cattlemen and other residents of the southern portion of the state have liberally signed a petition to United States Marshal Kennedy of this city, asking for the appointment by that official of E. W. Blakely of Bonesteel to the position of deputy United States marshal for Gregory county and adjacent territory. Mr. Blakely is at present a brand inspector for the various stock associations, with headquarters at Bonesteel. He recently aided in the capture of two of the most desperate cattle rustlers in the state.

Boys Burn Acres of Timber.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Nov. 13.—(Special.)—Because they had a grudge against John Blakely, well known as a brand inspector in their county, some boys started a fire on his farm and destroyed five acres of timber and the grass on about forty acres of his land. By the hardest of work the fire was prevented from destroying the buildings on the farm. Millispass has not been living on the farm recently, and the same boys have repeatedly shot out the window lights of his house. The boys will be made to suffer for their latest escapade.

DAKOTA DEMOCRATS CALLED.

HURON, S. D., Nov. 13.—(Special.)—Hon. E. J. Johnson, chairman of the state democratic central committee, has issued a call for a meeting of the committee in this city, on November 17, for the consideration of matters pertaining to the interests of the democratic party in this state.

TO GET MONEY OF REFUGEES

United States Court Appoints Receiver for Property of Greene and Gaynor.

SAVANNAH, Nov. 13.—The United States court today appointed Albert Wylie receiver for Benjamin D. Greene and John F. Gaynor, the purpose being to secure control of the property of Greene and Gaynor in Savannah to insure the collection of the amount of their forfeited bonds. Greene and Gaynor both own large amounts of valuable stocks in Savannah and these have been attached.

PLENTY FOR DAKOTA SCHOOLS

Endowment Fund as Well as Lease Fund is Swelling Splendidly.

PIERRE, S. D., Nov. 13.—(Special.)—While the lease fund for the benefit of the public schools of the state has shown an increase of \$100,000 from 1897 to 1902, the endowment fund for the different state institutions has also shown a decided increase in lease money. In 1897 the total endowment fund secured from leases was \$1,238,964.50. In 1902 it was \$3,528,177.10, the increase being at the rapid rate for 1897, \$1,238,964.50; 1898, \$2,613,619; 1899, \$3,132,177; 1900, \$2,945,857; 1901, \$3,140,677; 1902, \$3,528,177.10. The lands from which the institutions draw their funds are not, as the public lands, located all over the state, but are selected in the counties in which there was the lightest settlement at the time of statehood or where reservations were opened and selections could be made, practically all such lands being located in the northern and western part of the state, there being but scattered tracts in the southern and eastern portion. The lease funds received for the last fiscal year by counties show the locations:

Brown ..... \$ 41,900 Jerauld ..... \$ 152,760  
Butte ..... 122,800 Kingsbury ..... 57,900  
Campbell ..... 102,400 McPherson ..... 4,611.94  
Clark ..... 82,400 Marshall ..... 6,831.90  
DeWitt ..... 21,200 Mitchell ..... 1,440.00  
Dakota ..... 223,420 Pennington ..... 354.40  
Faulk ..... 2,500 Potter ..... 4,900.80  
Grant ..... 1,298.41 Sully ..... 2,804.27  
Harrison ..... 2,200 Teton ..... 1,454.35  
Hughes ..... 2,440 Total ..... \$3,794,177

Superintendent Nash is taking up the matter of school district officer meetings and has suggested to county superintendents the following topics as good ones to select from at their meetings: School houses and appliances, valuation of rooms, decoration of schoolhouses and grounds, relations of teachers to boards, relation of boards to county superintendents, how to induce the larger pupils to remain in school, how may patrons assist in management of schools, reports of district officers, teachers' reports and wages.

How to improve the country school, transportation and its problems, regular and special board meetings, tuition of eighth-grade graduates, formation of township districts, salary of school district officers, and how to improve the quality of the purchase of apparatus, fixtures, and other material, moral instruction in schools, libraries, high schools and compulsory education.

TWO TUTORS, BUT NO PUPILS

School Board in Gregory County Pays for Ping Pong and Fancy Work.

YANKTON, S. D., Nov. 13.—(Special.)—The school in district No. 8 of Gregory county, South Dakota, is almost completely deserted, having two teachers and no scholars. During the summer the district board employed Mrs. Worcester of Fairfax and later made a contract with Miss Dolly Pierce of Bonesteel. When time came for the opening of the school both women presented themselves, but in accordance with each claimed the right to teach the school. Neither would surrender what she considered her rights in the case, and in consequence both are occupying the school house from 9 until 4 each day, while the children are enjoying an enforced vacation. No long no pupils are in attendance and the two teachers, who bear each other no ill will, kill the time by doing fancy work and playing ping pong. Meanwhile the school board is sadly puzzled to find means to satisfy both parties.

HEIR AND TRUSTEES OF STRATTON ESTATE

Make Defense in Suit Over Mine.

CONGRESSMAN MARTIN OF SOUTH DAKOTA, after an interview with Supervising Architect Taylor, stated today that the new public building at Deadwood would be constructed of black hills stone, probably white sandstone. He said there was available \$170,000 after the purchase of the site; that the plans were well under way, and that the building would be put on the market early in January.

Congressman Hinshaw has recommended the appointment of H. G. Day for postmaster at Rockford, Gage county, vice Willis, resigned.

FOURTH DISTRICT PARES WELL.

Mr. Hinshaw has been informed by the fourth assistant postmaster general that the Fourth congressional district of Nebraska has had more rural free delivery routes established during the past summer than any other district in the United States; that he has now nearly 80 routes in operation, ninety of which were put in operation by Mr. Hinshaw was elected to congress.

ROUTINE OF DEPARTMENTS.

Rural free delivery carriers appointed today: Nebraska—Hebron, regular, Herbert L. Brown; substitute, Jesse Brown. Wisconsin, regular, Chris A. Peterson; substitute, Andy R. Peterson. Iowa—Boone, regular, Mark Ashmore; substitute, Frank Carlisle. Holston, regular, L. B. Beasly; substitute, Marion Horn. Kiran, regular, Albert Youngberg; substitute, George Youngberg. Mystic, regular, Arda W. Scott; substitute, Harry Scott. Osceola, regular, A. E. Collier; substitute, Annie E. Collier. Oskage, regular, Otto Anderson; substitute, Carl Ness.

The application of C. C. King, F. D. Wicks, V. S. Barker, J. H. Resner, D. W. Chamberlain and Andrew Resner to organize the First National Bank of Scotland, South Dakota, with \$25,000 capital, has been approved by the comptroller of the currency.

CHANGES IN POSTAL REGULATIONS.

One of the reforms in postoffice that will be advocated by the Postoffice department is authority by which all clerks below the designation of foreman shall be classified in the future simply as clerks. This will abolish the titles of stampers, mailing clerks and all things pertaining to the office, and will enable transfers to be made without involving the change of employees being assigned to duties other than those to which they are technically designated.

TIMBER FRAUD CONVICTED.

The Department of Justice has forwarded to the Interior department the following Stock district attorney for the northern district of California:

Engle and three other defendants convicted of subornation of perjury in taking up timber lands in northern California in this district for many years and should have a wholesale effect in correcting the timber land frauds of this character.

LAND LEASING BILL.

The land leasing proposition made its appearance in congress today, when Representative Lacey introduced a bill which primarily gives to homesteaders and settlers in the arid and semi-arid regions the right to improve and protect the grass upon the public domain in the vicinity of their lands so as to prevent further deterioration and monopolization of the range by the owners of large herds of live stock. Such parts of the arid and semi-arid region as are not necessary for irrigating purposes may, under the Lacey bill, be leased for grazing purposes subject to the right of homestead and other entry at all times.

The leases are to be regulated by the secretary of the interior, to run for five years, with the right of renewal, each lease to be limited to 3,200 acres to each person. The leases are nontransferable and are to be granted only to actual settlers. Corporations are denied the right to make leases. The lands subject to lease are to be classified and shall be rented at rates varying from 1 to 6 cents an acre per annum. Persons leasing lands under the above provisions will be permitted to fence those lands and to erect other improvements.

HE IS UNAVOIDABLY DETAINED

President Marroquin Has Best of Reasons for Delaying Departure from Bogota.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—It is known here, says a Bogota dispatch to the Herald, that President Marroquin is trying to leave Colombia. There is great excitement and the American legation, which is surrounded, is protected by Colombian troops.

NO AGREEMENT OVER JUDGE

Iowa Delegation Unable to Get Together on Successor to Shiras.

Supervising Architect of the Treasury Announces Deadwood Building Will Be Constructed of Black Hills Stone.

ASK FOR A POSITION FOR A NEBRASKAN

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—A portion of the Iowa delegation, comprising Senators Allison and Dolliver and Representatives Thomas, Connor, Cousins, Jaugen and Birdsell, had a conference today lasting two hours, with a view of agreeing upon a candidate to be appointed United States district judge of the northern district of Iowa, vice Judge Shiras, retired. The conference was fruitless of result and after the names of the candidates had been presented it was decided to adjourn the caucus until next Thursday, when an effort will be made to reach a conclusion. It is looked tonight as if Craig Wright of Sioux City would be the winner.

ASK PLACE FOR NEBRASKA MAN.

The republican members of the Nebraska delegation today presented the name of Crawford Kennedy of Lincoln to Doorkeeper Lyon of the house for a position on his roll. Congressman Burkett made the presentation, which was done largely upon the recommendation of Chairman Lind V. who states that Kennedy has been a valuable assistant in the republican headquarters for several campaigns. Mr. Burkett was informed by Mr. Lyon that the organization of the house was nearly complete, but that he would see what could be done.

USE BLACK HILLS STONE.

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