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RATIFY PERMANENT TREATY

Havana Senate Makes a Show of Hands Before Adjournment.

VOTE TAKEN WITHOUT USUAL DEBATE

Treaty Which Includes All the Provisions of the Platt Amendment Finishes Work of the Cuban Legislature.

HAVANA, Jan. 11.—The senate, after clearing legislative business and being in readiness to adjourn until the spring, raised the ratification of the so-called permanent treaty with the United States.

The treaty was signed May 22, 193, but was not ratified with the other treaties between the United States and Cuba.

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UNCONSCIOUS IN HIS CARRIAGE

Former Governor Bushnell Starts for His Train, but Trip Has to Be Abandoned.

MURDER CHARGE WITHDRAWN

Pennsylvania Prosecutor Adopts Novel Means to Get Evidence in Bechtel Case.

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REYES' MISSION IS ENDED

Makes Final Call on Secretary Hay and Takes Train for New York.

TOLD EFFORTS IN PANAMA ARE FUTILE

Threatens to Publish the Correspondence Between Himself and Secretary Hay Unless President Does.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—General Reyes, the Colombian special minister here, had an hour's conference with the secretary of state at the latter's home today respecting the Panama situation.

General Reyes will leave for New York at 12:30 tonight. He will sail from New York next Saturday direct for Colombia on the steamer Allegheny.

General Reyes has paid his official farewell to Secretary Hay and to the president through the secretary.

Dr. Herron, the Colombian charge, says that he has, as yet, completed no plans for leaving Washington.

Reyes Makes Threat. The Associated Press has been informed that General Rafael Reyes in his last note to the State department threatened to publish the correspondence between himself and the State department if the president did not see fit to send it to the senate or make it public.

General Reyes left at midnight for New York, preparatory for his departure for Colombia in a few days. Preceding him went General Ospina, who came here as General Reyes' legal adviser, and who left for New York on an earlier train.

General Ospina does not expect to return immediately to Colombia. The departure of General Reyes does not constitute the breaking of diplomatic relations with the United States, but merely the suspension of the negotiations which have been going on with the State department, having in view the reintegration of Panama as a part of the United States of Colombia.

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SENATE CONFIRMS BUCHANAN

By Strict Party Vote Selection of Minister to Panama is Approved.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The executive session of the senate today was for the purpose of considering the nomination of W. L. Buchanan to be minister to the new Republic of Panama.

As soon as the nomination was taken up today Senator Morgan presented a protest against the confirmation, offering the points on which he made against the recognition of Panama as a nation.

Senator Morgan occupied most of the time until 2:35 p. m., when Senator Lodge moved to lay on the table Senator Morgan's resolution to reconsider the confirmation of Mr. Buchanan.

The motion carried by strict party vote. This has the effect of confirming the nomination.

CONTRIBUTIONS BY SENATE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The senate today in executive session confirmed the following nominations: William H. Taft of Ohio, secretary of the Philippine islands.

Luke E. Wright of Tennessee, civil governor of the Philippine islands. Gilmore Knudsen of Iowa, Ferdinand A. Christensen, Lake Mills; Caleb H. Wickham, Jr., branch; George Bangor, La. Porte City.

Missouri—Charles L. Mowder, Braymer; Benjamin F. Carier, Brownling; Louis Baum, Montrose.

Also promotions in the navy and marine hospital service.

JONES FAVORS BURKE BILL

(Continued from First Page.) head covering worn on the occasion of his visit to Grand Island to Judge Norris, who in return will transmit it to the adjutant of the soldiers' home at that place with the president's compliments.

Now when visitors look upon "old anchor" as it hangs in a conspicuous place in the hall of the home and ask "where did you get that hat?" a mighty chorus from boys in blue will go up, "Rough Rider President, by Gad, Sir."

Postal Matters. Postmasters appointed: Iowa—Denver, Bremer county, George L. Riedel, vice S. E. Babcock, resigned; Iverville, Adams county, Charles W. Price, vice C. W. Harlow, resigned. South Dakota—Elrod, Clark county, Cyrus J. Wheeler, vice William H. Dean, resigned.

Rural routes ordered established February 15: Nebraska—Stenauer, Pawnee county, one additional; Iowa covered, 22 square miles; population, 506. Iowa—Winter, Madison county, one additional; area, 16 square miles; population, 465.

Rural carriers appointed for Iowa routes: Columbus Junction, regulars, Harold B. Thomas, Charles Paxton; substitutes, Frank G. Baker, Joe H. Gamble. Palo, regular, Clark C. Wright; substitute, Harland Hepper.

Iowa City Contract Let. The contract for the construction of a new postoffice building at Iowa City, Ia., has been awarded to Butters Bros. of St. Paul, Minn., at \$2,500, work to be completed May 1, 1905.

Nominations by the President. The president today sent to the senate the following nominations: Deputy Auditor for the Navy Department—Robert S. Kowit, Wisconsin.

Postmasters: Iowa—Wellington H. Cowdy, Columbus; Kansas—Elton G. Dewey, Moline; Missouri—Mills T. Chastain, Marshall.

Error in Dakota Gold Figures. Owing to a clerical error in the figures furnished the Associated Press, the January production of South Dakota for the calendar year 1903, was given as \$2,883,137, instead of \$8,883,137, the actual estimate.

Chance for Volunteer Officers. The secretary of war has proposed the regulations which will be promulgated shortly under which examinations will be held to secure lists of suitable persons specially qualified to hold commissions in the volunteer force.

Regular officers which heretofore may be organized under the authority of congress, other than a force composed of organized militia. In addition to mental and moral qualifications the applicants must be at least 21 years of age, applicants for second lieutenant commissions shall not be more than 30 years of age, first lieutenants not more than 35, captains not more than 40, majors not more than 45, lieutenant colonels not more than 50 and colonels not exceeding 55.

Applications are made to the adjutant general of the army, which will be held at specified places in the United States, may upon authority of the president be held at other places of study at any military school or college except West Point. In attending such schools they shall be entitled to mileage and commutation for quarters at \$12 per month and \$1 a day for subsistence.

ARRESTED ON MURDER CHARGE California Man Charged with a Crime Committed Over Ten Years Ago in Arkansas.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Jan. 11.—Harry H. Fletcher, for fourteen years a resident of Bakersfield and an employe of the Kern County Land company, has been arrested on a warrant sworn out by the sheriff of Texarkana, Ark., for the alleged murder of a brother-in-law, in Henning, Tenn., in 1893.

It is stated that Fletcher while under sentence of death broke jail and escaped. The officer learned the whereabouts of Fletcher, or James R. Coffee, which is alleged to be his true name, through a brother-in-law, a resident of this city. Recently Fletcher, through his mother, sister and brother-in-law here from El Paso, Tex., to live with him in a home he had purchased.

WILL DIVE FOR THE MAILS Efforts Will Also Be Made to Recover Bodies from the Sunkens Cliallam Wreck.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 11.—H. M. S. Gratton left Esquimalt today for the scene of the Cliallam wreck. If the vessel does not lie at too great a depth, divers will be sent down in an effort to recover the mails and bodies that may be with the wreck.

Two bodies found yesterday have been identified, one as Mrs. Reynolds, address unknown, and the other as a woman from the Cliallam. The bodies of the other two are not yet recovered.

MACHEN IS PLACED ON TRIAL With Others He is in Court Charged With Conspiracy to Defraud.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—August W. Machen, Diller B. Groff, Samuel A. Groff, of Washington, D. C., and Dr. and Mrs. George E. Lorenz of Toledo, O., indicted in connection with the postoffice investigation, were placed on trial today in criminal court No. 1, Justice Pritchard presiding.

All the defendants were present, but the attendance of spectators was small. The defendants were not on trial on an indictment charging conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the sale of letter box fasteners and after formal denials to the indictment were entered and overruled, they were arraigned and pleaded not guilty. The work of securing a jury was then begun.

A subpoena has been issued for George W. Beavers, who is wanted as a witness for the government in connection with the trial of these cases.

SWINDLERS TURN BIG TRICK

Secure Forty-Five Hundred Dollars on a Bogus Farm Mortgage.

VICTIM N. P. DODGE OF COUNCIL BLUFFS

After Securing the Cash Swindlers Go East on Rock Island and All Trace of Them Has Been Lost.

Nathan P. Dodge, vice president of the Council Bluffs Saving bank and a leading real estate and loan broker of that city, discovered yesterday morning he had been swindled out of \$4,500 by two strangers on a bogus farm mortgage.

The swindle perpetrated on Mr. Dodge is similar to that worked on Lougee & Lougee of that city a few years ago by a man alleged to be William Carter, who is now serving a penitentiary sentence in Minnesota for obtaining money on fraudulent land deals through forged papers.

William Carse, a wealthy farmer living near Oakland, Pottawattamie county, had advertised his farm of 190 acres for sale. Last Wednesday two strangers, one an elderly man, giving the name of John J. Foy, and the other considerably younger, giving the name of Snyder, called on Carse and Foy stated he was anxious to buy a farm for his son-in-law and decided that the Carse farm was about what he wanted.

Carse asked \$15,300 for the farm and the price was acceptable to Foy, who said he was prepared to pay the greater part of the purchase price in cash.

Accordingly by the two strangers came to Council Bluffs and called upon H. G. McGee, a real estate and loan broker, with a proposition to borrow \$4,500 on the farm. McGee introduced them to Mr. Dodge, who loans money for eastern farmers on farm mortgages.

Mr. Dodge was willing to loan the money, provided the farm was sufficient security. Carse assured him it was, but Mr. Dodge sent Mr. McGee to investigate. McGee went to Oakland and looked over the land and reported to Mr. Dodge that the farm was ample security for a loan of \$4,500.

All Signatures Forged. Saturday morning Foy and his alleged son-in-law, Snyder, appeared at Mr. Dodge's office and presented a complete abstract, showing that Carse had executed a deed to them of the farm and stated that the deed had been placed on record in the office of County Recorder Smith that morning. All of the documents bore the supposed signature of Carse and his wife and that of Elmer Fehr, a notary public of Oakland, together with the imprint of his official seal.

The documents were apparently all right and so were the papers filed with the county recorder. Mr. Dodge drew up the mortgage, which was duly signed by Foy and then Mr. Dodge made out a check for \$4,500.

It has since been ascertained that Foy went to the bank and immediately cashed the check, insisting on receiving gold for the entire amount.

Saturday noon Mr. Fehr, the notary public of Oakland, met Foy and Snyder going east on a Rock Island train. This is the last seen of them. Yesterday Carse noticed in the papers among the real estate transfers of his farm. He telephoned to Recorder Smith that while he had been negotiating for the sale of his farm he had made no sale as yet. Investigation at once disclosed the fact that not only were the signatures of Carse and his wife forged, but that of Notary Public Fehr and his seal were also forged.

STANDS BY TREATIES (Continued from First Page.) ports that Russia is competing with Japan for the purchase of war and other ships, that the marine minister has no intention of buying any foreign ships and has not entered into negotiations with anybody with the object in view.

Patriotic newspapers have been trying to bring the public to a realization of the importance of the issues involved in the Russo-Japanese dispute, but hitherto wholly unsuccessfully. The press is forced to admit that the general public not only does not interest itself in the slightest in Manchuria, but that it positively detests the entire undertaking and ardently desires the railroad to be disposed of, if possible.

M. Souvorin, publisher of the Novos Vremya, who formerly advocated a return to the neglected tasks in the near and middle east, undertakes in a signed article to prove that the distance of Manchuria does not argue against the possibility of holding and developing it, instancing the distant possessions of other powers.

Japan Advises China. TOKYO, Jan. 11.—China's decision to observe strict neutrality in the event of war between Russia and Japan was taken partly on the advice of Japan. The latter admitted that the war could thus be localized, the disturbance of trade minimized and that the danger of internal disorders in China, as well as needless complications of China's finances, would be averted.

The note delivered by Foreign Minister Komura on Saturday to Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister, was merely preliminary to Japan's formal response, which has not yet been delivered.

The questions at issue were discussed at today's conference of the cabinet and older statesmen and a final decision is expected tomorrow. When this has been reached the conferees will appear before the throne and submit the answer agreed upon. After this has been done the final proposals of Japan will be handed to Baron de Rosen.

Japanese Are Alarmed. LONDON, Jan. 11.—The Japanese government is alarmed at the report that the Russian Black sea fleet intends to pass through the Dardanelles, at the request of the Tokyo authorities Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, has made inquiries on the subject here, but the British Foreign office has not heard that Russia has asked Turkey's permission and is a pleasure to receive in Russia will rise such a question in Europe at the present time, not only in view of the far eastern crisis, but because of the unsettled state of the Balkans.

Thinks War Inevitable. PARIS, Jan. 11.—A special dispatch to the Patri from Harbin, a town on the Manchurian railroad, describes the Russian war preparations. The Russian officers de-

clare war is inevitable, but add that they are ready. Fort Arthur, it is further asserted, will be occupied by 100,000 men and in ten days reinforcements of 100,000 men can reach Manchuria.

A strong current of favorable sentiment was set in motion today favorable to strengthening the hands of Russia in its claims to exercise an amount of influence in Manchuria. It is pointed out that Russia, having conceded Japan's paramount influence in Korea, Japan appears to be unwilling to make a reciprocal concession by recognizing Russia's paramount influence in Manchuria. There is reason to believe that the late Russian note makes clear Russia's attitude and intention concerning Manchuria and how far it is disposed to recognize Japanese ambitions in Manchuria.

The general purport of the Russian position is that Japanese merchants and individuals shall have the right of free access to Manchuria for purposes of travel and commerce, but that Russia does not wish this to be extended to the colonization of Manchuria in large communities in Manchuria.

Strong sympathy is expressed here in behalf of the Russian view, as it is said the general admission of Japanese colonization in Manchuria would create questions of political and racial domination. It is asserted by the interest of the commerce of Europe and America that Russia should replace China's authority within Manchuria. It is also pointed out that Japan recently restricted the operations of American insurance companies and this is cited as evidence that Russian control of Manchuria is likely to prove as liberal to American and European commerce as Japan's. Therefore it is maintained in governmental quarters that it is to the general interest of Europe and America to give moral support to a settlement of the pending conflict on the basis of Japan's authority in Manchuria. Those who are in the position to know the Russian intention say its determination to exercise its sphere of influence in Manchuria is irrevocable.

On account of Russia's latest attitude in Manchuria it is the view of official circles here that the main issue of the negotiations now centers in Manchuria instead of Korea.

Corea Stands by Agreement. SEOUL, Jan. 11.—The Japanese minister has made reiterated demands, hitherto without result, on the emperor of Corea that he recognize a Japanese protectorate of Corea, the Korean government holding itself to the Russo-Japanese agreement concerning Corea.

Elder Statesmen Confer. TOKYO, Jan. 11.—The cabinet and elder statesmen met for a special conference at the official residence of Premier Katsura this afternoon. The premier, who is ill, was not present. The discussion dealt with political and strategic situation and will report to the throne tomorrow.

Japan Regulates Ships. WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The State department has been informed that Japan has requisitioned thirty merchant vessels for transport. Advices received here show that the Russians are increasing their guard at Seoul daily and that the French have made arrangements to establish a guard there.

Defeat Would Be Appalling. MOSCOW, Jan. 11.—Notwithstanding the rumors of movements on the part of the Russian and Japanese armies and navies, war is not considered likely here. The Russian, Vedemost, which reflects the opinion of influential merchants and the educated middle class, says:

It is more important for Russia to foster internal developments and husband her resources than to engage in a war which would seek the acquisition of a yellow Russia, involving enormous expenditures and profiting only nominal interests.

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