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REPORT READY ON CANAL BILL

SENATE COMMITTEE STANDS 7
TO 4 IN FAVOR OF NICARA-
GUA ROUTE.

more Than
Boston, March 12.—The
Support of Subsidy
Measure in Senate.

FRANCE ASKED TO JOIN
US IN A CELEBRATION

INFORMATION AS TO TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE PHILIPPINES CALLED FOR—CONFERENCES ON CENSUS BILL CHARGED WITH MISLEADING HOUSE.

Washington, March 12.—The senate canal committee today voted, seven to four, to report favorably the Nicaraguan canal bill. Morgan will submit the report to the senate tomorrow. The minority members will submit a report opposing the Nicaragua route.

Washington, March 12.—Soon after the senate convened today Mr. Rawlins, (Utah) introduced a resolution which was passed, directing the secretary of war to send to the senate the report of inspectors Carpenter and Maus and any other information he may have in relation to the transportation between the United States and the Philippines, especially regarding free transportation of individuals.

Mr. Cullom, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, reported favorably a bill authorizing the presentation to the government of France an invitation to join the government and the people of the United States in the dedication of the monument of Count De Rochambeau, to be unveiled in this city on May 24.

Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts, offered an amendment, which was adopted, including in the invitation to the family of Marquis de Lafayette. As amended the bill was passed.

At the conclusion of routine business, the senate resumed the consideration of the ship subsidy bill. Mr. McCumber, of North Dakota, speaking in support of the measure, favored the passage of the bill because he believed the results of its operation would be beneficial to the people of the entire country. McCumber and Depeu spoke in advocacy of the measure. McCumber favored the bill because it was calculated to benefit the farmers, inasmuch, he declared it would result in a reduction of freight rates on farm products. Depeu in a lengthy speech strongly urged the passage of the bill. He reviewed the aid given by foreign countries to their shipping interest in the way of mail subsidies. He declared he favored the bill because he was confident that under its operation, within half a decade American mail steamers under the American flag would be ambassadors of trade in every port of the world.

In the House.
Washington, March 12.—When the house met today, a bill was passed to provide for a clerk for the circuit and district court at Wilmington, N. C.

The house then went into committee of the whole and resumed the consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill. Mr. Sims, Tennessee, reviewed the facts in connection with the enactment of the permanent census law, and asserted that the house had been grossly deceived by the action of the conferees. It had been the intention of both the house and the senate, he said, to enact a provision which would cover all the employes of the census bureau into the classified service and make them eligi-

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ble for transfer, but the conferees had substituted a provision which defeated the object sought to be obtained by the two houses. He charged that Mr. Hopkins of Illinois, who presented the conference report, had deceived the house, but as the gentleman was not present he would not propose action along that line.

Mr. Loud (Cal.) interrupted to say that the conference on the census bill deserved the thanks of the country for what they had accomplished. "Congress," said he, "attempted to steal something, and the conference prevented it."

Mr. Crumpacker (Ind.) contended that the recasting of the section of the bill complained of was necessary to make it constitutional. He did not believe the conferees had intended to deceive the house.

Mr. Griffith, (Ind.) who was one of the conferees on the bill, called attention to three decisions of the supreme court which would have nullified section five, as agreed to by the house and senate. Under the circumstances, therefore, he said, it was the duty of the conferees to perfect the section so as to reflect the legislative will and intent. The conferees, he said, thought they were doing so and for himself he said it was far from his purpose either to deceive or mislead the house.

Mr. Sims accepted Mr. Griffith's explanation and acquitted him and his colleagues of any purpose to deceive, but said the effect had been to mislead the house.

The house devoted most of the day to consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill. During the debate a number of speeches were made on various topics wholly foreign to the measure under consideration. The bill went over and the house adjourned.

KRUGER'S CONFIDENCE HAS NEVER BEEN SHAKEN

IN THE ULTIMATE TRIUMPH OF
BOER CAUSE HE HAS FIRMLY BELIEVED.

New York, March 12.—A despatch from Utrecht, over the signature of former President Kruger, to the Journal and American, says:

"There will be more good news yet from Delarey. This victory of his reminds me of General Botha's allusion a year ago to the miracle of faith which saved Daniel out of the lion's den. My confidence in the ultimate triumph of the Boer cause could not be greater than it is now and, indeed, it never has been shaken. I hope England will show that she sees her folly of attempting to subdue the Boer race, by recognizing it now and by restoring independence to the Transvaal republics. By doing this she will spare herself, as well as the Boers, further bloodshed and expense, and will retain the republics as friendly neighbors."

PANAMA GOVERNMENT CONCENTRATING FORCES

WITH THE INTENTION OF MAKING
AGGRESSIVE CAMPAIGN
AGAINST INSURGENTS.

Colon, March 12.—The government is concentrating its forces with the intention of making an aggressive campaign against the insurgents. The gunboat Pinzon, is expected shortly with troops. A scarcity of provisions is threatened in Panama.

STRIKE OF 600 COAL AND COKE MINERS

Richmond, March 12.—Six hundred miners employed by the Virginia Coke and Coal company, near Big Stone Gap, struck this afternoon because the company refused to recognize the union. A detachment of deputy marshals have left Bristol for the scene. It is stated the miners have a number of Winchester in their possession and a collision with the officers is feared.

STATE BASEBALL LEAGUE ORGANIZED AT RALEIGH

Special to the Gazette.
Raleigh, March 12.—The state baseball league was organized tonight. Raleigh, Charlotte, Greensboro, Durham, Newbern and Wilmington are in the organization. Perrin Busbee is president of the league.

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ALTGELD'S SUDDEN END

FORMER GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS
DIED AT JOLIET YESTER-
DAY MORNING.

Spoke at Pro-Boer Meeting the
Evening Before—Appoplexy
the Cause of Death.

SEIZED WITH DIZZINESS
AT HEIGHT OF SPEECH

IN HIS SPEECH HE CHARGED THAT PAUNCEFOTE HAD FOR YEARS MEDDLED IN AMERICAN AFFAIRS—EIGHTEEN INDICTMENTS AGAINST PAUNCEFOTE.

Joliet, Ill., March 12.—Former Governor John P. Altgeld died in the hotel Munroe this morning. He had been unconscious since midnight. Altgeld was the principal speaker at a pro-Boer mass meeting last night in the Joliet theater. Just at the close of his speech a sudden dizziness seized him and he was assisted from the stage. The meeting proceeded, the audience not realizing what had happened.

He was taken to the door of the theater where several vomiting spells seized him. They continued for nearly an hour and he so pronounced that he could not be removed to his hotel. Physicians were hastily summoned and Altgeld was carried to the hotel across the street. He regained consciousness



JOHN P. ALTGELD.

and urged the newspaper men to keep the affair quiet for fear of alarming his wife.

Shortly before midnight he became unconscious. He remained in this condition until his death. At 3:41 this morning it was thought he had died, but he revived and from that time until shortly afterward showed a wonderful vitality, although he made no move. The cause of his death is given as cerebral hemorrhage, there having been an appoplectic seizure of the brain. The physicians desire to hold a post mortem examination, if the relatives will agree.

Mr. Altgeld came to Joliet yesterday afternoon, having been widely advertised as the principal orator for a big county pro-Boer meeting. He complained of not feeling well, having been troubled with some apparently simple stomach ailment. He was not willing to allow that to interfere with his speech, however, on account of his great interest in the South African struggle.

It was noted during the address that the ex-governor threw an unusual amount of energy and feeling into his words and the collapse the physicians think, resulted from overstraining his already weakened physical powers.

Since 1895 Mr. Altgeld has not been a well man and for months after the Spalding crash it was feared his life was only a question of a short time. When it was learned that he was the victim of locomotor ataxia, his friends gave him up. Quite recently his appearance caused grave forebodings and anxiety.

Mr. Altgeld, in his speech, fated to be his last, declared that all friends of humanity owed a debt of gratitude to Governor Yates for issuing a proclamation soliciting assistance for Boer women and children in the concentration camps which the British are maintaining in South Africa. He charged

that Lord Pauncefote had for years meddled in American affairs.

He said in substance: "Just before the beginning of the Spanish war, Lord Pauncefote, representing the aristocracy, meddled in our affairs and tried to unite the governments of Europe in making a joint protest against American interference in behalf of Cuba. But when the American people asserted themselves and our government was compelled to go to the rescue of Cuba, England issued a strong neutrality proclamation, forbidding all of her subjects everywhere from furnishing us any aid or doing anything that would in any way be a violation of the strictest neutrality." It was a speech characteristic of the old governor who had risen from the towpath to the chief office of the state. His death was at hand, but his voice had all the old fire and all the old sympathy which had won him the hearts of many people. Clarence Darrow, a long life friend and a former partner of Governor Altgeld, arrived this morning.

Mr. Darrow, upon his arrival, took charge of the body and opened scores of telegrams from all parts of the country. Some sent before death had come, asked for early information of the passed. (Continued on eighth page.)

KAISER'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

EXPRESSING THANKS FOR HOS-
PITALITY TO PRINCE HEN-
RY—PRESIDENT'S REPLY.

Washington, March 12.—President Roosevelt today received a cablegram from the German emperor expressing deep gratitude in behalf of himself and the German people for the splendid hospitality and cordiality of the reception accorded Prince Henry by all classes of Americans. The message concluded: "My outstretched hand has been met by you with a firm, manly and friendly grip. May heaven bless our relations with peace and good will between the two great nations. My best compliments and wishes to Miss Alice."

Roosevelt, in reply to the above, sent a cablegram saying the prince's visit had accomplished much, showing the kindly feeling existing between the two nations. He congratulated the kaiser upon the admirable manner in which the prince bore himself, declaring he won the genuine, hearty sympathy and regard of all with whom he came in contact. He says the prince was welcomed as his own sake and still more heartily welcomed as the representative of the emperor of the mighty German people. He thanks the emperor, in the name of the people, for what the emperor has done, and thanks him personally for the gracious form his courtesy took.

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JUDGE'S CHARGE THIS MORNING

HEARING OF TESTIMONY IN
BRESEE CASE TERMINATED
YESTERDAY.

Argument of Counsel Will Fol-
low, With Six Hours Allow-
ance for Each Side.

SEVERAL WITNESSES WERE
EXAMINED YESTERDAY

A NUMBER OF WELL KNOWN MEN
TESTIFY AS TO MAJOR BRESEE'S
CHARACTER—COL. LUSK EX-
AMINED, AND MESSRS. DOR-
SETT, COFFIN AND ALDRICH
RECALLED.

When court met yesterday morning the following gentlemen were called by the defense and sworn: Judge James H. Merrimon, General Theo. F. Davidson, Major E. P. McKissick, Colonel V. S. Lusk, J. A. Nichols, Mr. Maddux, A. T. Summey, Dr. Thomas Lawrence, Major W. W. Rollins and Mr. Rutledge. All these witnesses testified to Major Breese's good character previous to the collapse of the First National bank.

Judge Moore then stated that he would not further examine Mr. Breese as the points on which he had desired to (Continued on seventh page.)

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