

THE GAZETTE

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The Isthmian Canal

It is not surprising to hear that the check in the negotiations with Colombia relative to the Panama canal has given encouragement to the friends of the Nicaragua project and that renewed efforts are being made at Washington to interest the officers of the administration in the Nicaragua route for the great waterway. It is reported from the national capital that Secretary Hay, who has held all along that the action of congress did not finally commit the United States to the acceptance of the Panama route, may proceed to draw up a treaty with Nicaragua and Costa Rica on the lines of the protocols laid before the last senate and submit it to the senate at its coming session, along with such a treaty with Colombia as he may be able to conclude. In this way the senate itself might decide whether the Colombian treaty is satisfactory, and if it should decide in the negative, then it will have at hand the Nicaragua-Costa Rican treaty, so that there will be no excuse for delay in the canal project. The Spooner act requires President Roosevelt to negotiate for and acquire rights of way by the Nicaragua route in case the title of the French company proves defective, or there is a failure to obtain within a reasonable time perpetual control of the Colombian territory needed for the canal. After full investigation by the attorney general of the United States and the legal experts employed by him, the title which the New Panama company proposes to convey has been proved to be perfect. Nothing stands in the way of the construction of a trans-isthmian waterway by the Panama route except the present attitude of Colombia itself. The New York Sun, commenting on the situation, declares:

Not a nation or an individual on the round earth is in a position honestly to question the liberality which our government is accustomed to manifest in its treatment of the other party in all such transactions of magnitude. The attempts to meet Colombia's demands have strained the equitable and the liberal to the point of actual munificence. The State department cannot be blamed if it turns in disgust to other methods as soon as it is persuaded that greed in some quarter or other, supported by overconfidence in the certainty of getting the canal on its own terms, however excessive and preposterous, has made a mere vulgar striker of the Colombian government, the holder-up of an enterprise of immense importance to the world for selfish purposes of extortion.

Under these circumstances it is not strange that the Roosevelt administration should turn their eyes to Nicaragua, and that the especial friends of the Panama route—the shortest and in many respects the best route for the canal—should suggest the possibility of "another method of dealing with these sordid and short-sighted obstructionists," the eternally wrangling Colombians. This other method would involve virtual condemnation proceedings. Congress will be in session before the provisions of the Spooner act are carried out, and the canal question is likely again to figure in its debates. The president undoubtedly will throw some light on the situation in his forthcoming message.

Profits of Gerrymandering

The Raleigh News and Observer thinks the result of the last election in this state proves that the gerrymandering of the congressional and senatorial districts was no mistake. From a democratic standpoint and in its immediate results the scheme certainly worked out well—every advantage was given to the democrats and the fight was made correspondingly hard for the republicans. Says the News and Observer: About the close of the last session of the legislature, there went up a hue and cry from certain parties that a great mistake had been made in the senatorial and congressional redistricting. In Sunday's News and Observer, Judge Brown paid a deserved compliment to Representative Watts, of Iredell, who was chiefly responsible for the plan of districting adopted. Mr. Watts, speaking for the committee, predicted that under the redistricting the democrats would elect ten congressmen and 45 state senators. At the recent election just that many democrats were elected.

The senatorial "redistricting" worked a great injustice to the white western counties, since the apportionment of representation of the counties in the legislature favored the eastern negro counties, where the democrats were sure of electing their candidates. Eastern counties that cast but 3,000 white votes under this redistricting apportionment were able to elect the same number of representatives in the two houses of the general assembly as western counties having 10,000 white voters. In the next legislature, as in the last democratic state convention, the negro counties of the east have a disproportionate preponderance of representation compared with that allowed to the western counties. As to the gerrymandering of the congressional districts that enabled the democrats to defeat Spencer Blackburn, but whether it defeated Congressman Moody is yet to be seen. On a fair count, it will probably be proved, in the contest for the seat awarded to Mr. Gudder, that Major Moody carried the district. We are assured that the evidences thus far at hand prove that beyond a doubt, had the district not been gerrymandered Madison county would have remained within its natural division of the state as to districts and contributed a thousand votes to Moody's majority. The gerrymandering of the state for the election of democratic congressmen was an exhibition of the unblushing gall of partisanship. The map of the state exhibiting in outline these congress-

sional districts makes an absurd picture of crazy quilt forms. It was necessary in several cases to chase a hundred miles in order to run down a county that would effect the desired political combination. This gerrymandering went to the farthest extreme possible in giving advantage to the democratic party, and to this extent its promoters are open to congratulation that it effected as nearly as possible what they desired. That the result will be the same two years from now we very much doubt. We believe then the republicans will have become organized sufficiently to carry at least three of these absurd combinations of counties that are now labeled congressional districts.

Gen. Jacob H. Smith

IT SEEMS to us that Gen. Jacob H. Smith should be reinstated in the active list," says the Washington Post. "He is a plain soldier man, who has given his whole life to the service, and whose only idea, from the first, is to find the enemy and smash 'em." That may not be the theory of super-modern warriors, but it is the theory on which our great captains have proceeded, from U. S. Grant down, and it is particularly well adapted to the purposes of real war. General Smith has been retired before his time—through a misapprehension, we feel sure—but it is not too late to undo the injustice and restore him to a position which he has honored most conspicuously." The Post says that General Smith's conduct since he returned from the Philippines has been admirable in every way. "It has been as admirable, in fact, as was his conduct in the islands. Out there he was the incarnation of war. He did his duty—did it cheerfully and thoroughly. Returning, after long and arduous service, he was met at San Francisco by the announcement of his untimely transfer to the retired list. With every right to expect reward and commendation, he received, instead, only reproach and degradation. He has set up no complaint, however. He has organized no political cabal to agitate his grievances, nor yet posed as a martyr to catch the popular eye. He has, on the contrary, conducted himself with a simple and self-contained dignity which entitles him to all praise. We doubt whether, among all the generals who have won fame and received reward in connection with the Philippines, there is any one who really deserves more sympathy and admiration than Gen. Smith." These are warm words of deserved praise. A great injustice was undoubtedly done to Gen. Jacob H. Smith, especially in view of the outrageous slanders that were heaped upon him by the partisans in congress who took this means of assaulting the army in the Philippines in order to make capital against the republican administration. If Gen. Smith were restored to the active list he would not have more than a year of active service, but, as the Washington Post remarks, "at least he is entitled to that, if loyalty, devotion and courage entitle an officer to anything."

The coal dealer can be thankful that there is not an extraordinary demand for coal when he can't get much of it, and everybody has cause for thanksgiving that the warm weather has rendered it unnecessary to buy much coal at prevailing high prices.

The Chattanooga News asks what the Cubans have to be thankful for. Well, most people regard freedom as a thing to be thankful for, but whether or not it proves so to the Cuban people depends largely upon themselves.

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If you cannot feel justified in giving thanks for anything else, try feeling grateful that things are no worse than they are.

In thinking over the happenings of a year, Asheville will find many things for which to give thanks. First and foremost of these, from a civic point of view, is the construction of the Auditorium; but an enumeration of similar things would want two or three columns of space.

JUST a month until Christmas," said a modern young lady yesterday. "Well," she continued, "I began my holiday shopping today, so as to be in time."

"Bought something for 'it,' doubtless?" "Oh, no!" she replied. "That is not done any more. One does not give presents to 'it.' It is only necessary now to give Christmas presents to the members of one's family. It is quite out of style to give presents to men. The young man, however, is still expected to do the handsome thing, and if he is up to date his present this year will be much more elaborate than usual. Anything costing less than five dollars will be classed as distinctly vulgar. For a young man of moderate means, ten dollars would be much nearer the proper figure."

AFTER reflecting upon these things for a moment we said: "It looks very much as if the young man comes out at the little end of the horn." "Not at all," replied the modern young lady. "He is supposed to call occasionally. He cannot very well be entertained without fires and lights. Coal, you know, is mighty high this winter."

We saw a light, and said so. "The young man, then," we said, "is supposed to kind of 'whack up' on the light and fuel bill. Seems as if this thing could be brought right down to a practical business basis. The proper thing would be for the business-like Joan of this practical age to keep books on Darby. At Christmas a bill could be rendered something like this:

"Darby, Dr. to Joan's Pa. To — hours fuel and light to December 31. To — hours fuel and light (balance of winter, estimated) To — hours fuel extra (in the gloaming) Total.

The young man could then dig up the exact amount, applying it to Christmas gifts in whatever way the object of his affections might indicate, and there simply could not be any criticism or dissatisfaction."

"That would not do at all," said the young lady severely. "Such a procedure would rob the gift of every bit of sentiment."

If the girls have really struck this year, maybe their action will pave the way for the emancipation of the rest of us. Next Christmas, perhaps, the boys will decide that it is outre and vulgar to spend a month's savings on presents for the girls. Then, by and by, civilized mankind in general may again swing round to the giving and receiving of gifts in the primitive spirit. It is possible that we may once again give presents to people because we like them, and not because we fear we will have the mortification of receiving from those to whom we have not given, or of receiving that which cost more than what we gave; and when we will not despise simple presents, knowing that their giving was dictated by the heart, and brings with it the giver's love. Maybe.

CONCERT AT NORMAL AND COLLEGIATE

The musical given last evening by the students of the Normal and Collegiate institute was fully up to the standard of the recitals of the past which have been in such popular favor.

A large delegation of visitors, among them many relatives and friends of the students, were in attendance, and from the beginning to the end of the evening's entertainment those present appeared to be well entertained.

The recital began at an early hour and was finished by 9:30, after which a social session was enjoyed by many. Each number of the program was given hearty applause and the participants frequently responded to an encore.

The singing of the chorus class and the glee club is deserving of much praise. Each number sung in chorus showed careful training. Of the piano selections, that of Miss Opal Reeves displayed marked ability, her technique being quite finished. Miss Carrie Morgan played with feeling and expression. Her selection was particularly well adapted to her style of playing. Miss Jessie Reed played "A May Morning—Denza" in a manner that highly pleased the audience. The solos were all very pleasing.

At the conclusion of the exercises Dr. Lawrence announced that inasmuch as the friends and relatives of the students were to be numbered by the hundreds, a Thanksgiving dinner that would be ample would hardly be possible, but that the entertainment just given would in a measure be equally appreciated. "Furthermore," he said, "we hope to be able to entertain you in more comfortable quarters before very long. It is our great hope to be able to hold our next commencement exercises in the new building being erected on the grounds."

The evening's program was as follows: Greeting SongWhiting Chorus Class. Piano—Morceaux de Genre.Streabog Miss Lina Wray. Part Song—PeggyNeidlinger N. C. I. Glee Club.

CONGRESSMAN LIVINGSTON

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- Piano duet—Sonatina No. 5.Diabelli Miss Margaret Tiddy and Miss Carrie Morgan. Song—The Ferry for Shadowtown.DeKoven Miss Edith Lawrence. Piano—Austrian Folk Song.Pacher Miss Edna Lynch. Vocal duet—Mignon.Field Miss Ola Benton and Miss Nannie Parker. Part Song—Drift On.Berthold N. C. I. Glee Club. Piano—Valse-Arabeque.Lack Miss Opal Reeves. Chorus—"Anvil Chorus"Verdi Chorus Class. Song—A May Morning.Denza Miss Jessie Reed. Piano—Le Reveil de l'Amour, Moszkowski Miss Carrie Morgan. Part Song—Swallows.Kucken N. C. I. Glee Club. America.

DID MRS. GORE KILL HERSELF?

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written by Mrs. Nellie Gore, from Paris under date of November 7, has just been received here by Mrs. J. D. Slater, the aunt of Mrs. Gore. The communication contained no mention of Rydzewski, the Russian, but told of Mrs. Gore's daily life in Paris. She said that she had been working hard at her studies, that she arose at 9 o'clock every morning, practiced her music for two hours and then took a long walk and returned home to her work. She was seldom away from her apartments later than 9 o'clock in the evening, she said, and had spent but one evening away from home during the past month. Then she had gone to the opera in company with a New York piano man.

Mrs. Slater said that De Rydzewski was infatuated with her niece, but she was certain that he had never proposed marriage. She said Mrs. Gore had written that she feared him. Mrs. Slater further said that Mrs. Gore was the possessor of about \$70,000 in Mexican money and that Mr. and Mrs. Gore were the founders of the American colony in Mexico City.

TRAGEDY RE-ENACTED.

Paris, Nov. 25.—The Gore tragedy was presented in a dramatic aspect today, when the French officials took de Rydzewski to the scene of the occurrence and compelled him to re-enact every detail of the affair, this being done under the practice of the French law which requires the reconstruction of the tragedy in the presence of officials under exactly the same conditions as it was originally enacted.

The chamber was arranged as on the night of the fatality and the same weapon was placed in Dydzewski's hand to act out his version. As far as known the prisoner went through the ordeal without wavering from his first story of the accidental fall of the revolver. As a result of the examination the examining magistrate has decided to set Dydzewski at liberty provisionally.

At the same time the case has assumed an international aspect by the action of Consul General Gowdy in following out the instructions of the state department at Washington and appointing a commission composed of four American doctors residing in Paris to conduct an independent post mortem examination.

A despatch from Elizabeth City says that William H. Bosley, president of the Suffolk and Carolina railroad, announces that the work of construction will begin on the Elizabeth City and Western railroad by December 1 or a few days thereafter. A large force of hands will be employed and the work hastened that road may be completed and schedule be in effect by the autumn of next year.

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