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DEFENDS ROOSEVELT

Mr. Lodge Says He Did Right in Panama Affair.

A General Uprising Had Been Expected On the Isthmus and the President Merely Informed Himself of Prospect.

Practically the entire session of the Senate Tuesday was devoted to a speech by Mr. Lodge on the situation on the Isthmus of Panama, says a Washington Dispatch. He discussed the abstract question of the right of the President to recognize the independence of a new nation and concluded that such a prerogative pertains exclusively to the office of the Chief Executive. He also contended that there had been a general expectation of an uprising in Panama in case of the failure of the Hay-Herran treaty, and declared that the President could not have done less than inform himself of the prospect. Mr. Lodge argued that our intervention in Panama had been only in the interest of peace and contended that the President had not gone a step beyond what the proprietors called for.

Mr. Lodge made reply to those who contend that preventing the secession of the Southern States in the civil war debar the country from recognizing any nation which has come into existence through secession, as has Panama. He deemed this argument unworthy. Really under present circumstances there could now be no formation of a new nation except by secession. The right of secession is the right of revolution, and has nothing to do with law.

Many instances in which recognition had been purely executive were cited and the Senator asserted that President Taylor had prepared to recognize the independence of Hungary before a government had been established. In reply to a question by Mr. Bacon, Mr. Lodge said that he voted for the resolution, declaring that the people of Cuba "are, and of right, ought to be free and independent," but he said that as there was then no government in Cuba his vote then had not been inconsistent with his present attitude. His contention was that the recognition of a government is a purely executive function.

Mr. Lodge read from a speech made by Mr. Morgan in the Fifty-seventh Congress protesting against the ratification of the treaty with Colombia. Mr. Morgan contended Mr. Lodge's action to be an interference that he (Mr. Morgan) had altered his views concerning the rights of Panama to the proceeds of the sale of the Panama Canal concession. Explaining that he had not changed in any particular his views on the matter, Mr. Morgan said he supposed the speech had been brought into debate for the purpose of reproaching him. He then asked Mr. Lodge: "In the absence of any agreement with condemned felons in France constituting the Panama Canal Company, would he be willing now to take this \$40,000,000 to be paid by the United States and give it to the republic of Panama?" Mr. Lodge answered that he would not be willing to divert money which he believed to belong to the Panama Canal Company.

Mr. Lodge declared the question involved, to be an American question and one in which the whole American people are deeply interested. The question is neither partisan or sectional, and the Senator thought all should unite in sustaining the course that had been pursued, for he could not see the wisdom of the course of some of the Democrats in this instance. As a Republican he would like no better issue in the pending presidential campaign than the Panama canal and as an American he would regret a division on this important question. In this connection Mr. Lodge referred to last night's Democratic banquet in New York. Quoting Mr. Olney's reference to "the needless war in Cuba," Mr. Lodge said he believed the adjective had been well chosen, because if Mr. Cleveland's administration had taken the proper course with reference to Cuba we might have been saved that war. Mr. Lodge said that Mr. Cleveland's nomination would afford him great pleasure, for Mr. Cleveland's administration had never been discussed. "Say what you like of the silver issue," he declared "it was a better issue than what had gone before."

Mr. German introduced a resolution asking the President to supply the Senate with information as to the various instances of intervention on the part of the United States on the Isthmus of Panama, saying that the information requested would be in the line of Mr. Lodge's speech. He asked for immediate consideration of the resolution, but Mr. Allison objected and the consideration of the resolution was postponed.

IT'S COLD UP NORTH.

The Thermometer 4 Below Zero in New York.

Traveling Salesman Frozen to Death 36 Below Record at Pliskill, N. Y. — Great Suffering in the Coal Mines.

The thermometer reached 4 below zero at 5 o'clock Tuesday morning, says a press dispatch in New York, the coldest since 1875. Various outlying parts of the city reported several degrees lower in the suburbs 8 to 12 below. The intense cold interfered considerably with all outdoor occupations, delayed regular and suburban traffic. The effects of the heavy snow have been overcome, but it was difficult to keep up steam and many local trains have been abandoned on account of disable engines.

Land and water traffic is greatly interfered with. The Atlantic lines are coated with ice, and the East and North rivers are hardly navigable. The mails from the East and West are six to ten hours late, on account of inability to keep up steam. The cold caused 130 fire alarms in six hours.

At Amsterdam, N. Y., the temperature Tuesday morning was 20 below zero. The electric system of that city and Gloversville and Schoenectady were tied up. Trains on the New York Central were three to five hours late. At Fishkill, at 5 o'clock, the thermometer was 36 below.

News from Youngstown, Ohio, says the mercury was 16 below zero there Tuesday morning, the coldest since 1899.

A dispatch from St. Louis, Mo., says that the dead body of a man (travelling salesman) was found on Prairie avenue Tuesday morning. It was identified as that of Edward E. Edmundson, a travelling salesman from Greenfield, Tenn. It is believed that he went to sleep and froze to death unnoticed.

An Associated Press report from Wilkesbarre, Pa., says the temperature there Tuesday was the severest in many years. At Glen Summit the thermometer was 23 below; Hillside, 25; Mountain Top, 29; Wilkesbarre, 14. Coal mining is seriously hampered, while the demand is great. Many companies have been unable for weeks to make deliveries. The mines cannot produce fast enough with steam and water pipes frozen. The breakers are too cold for the men to work.

Her Makeshift Rivets.

The following sequel to a naval launch in England was not communicated to the press: Some years ago a ship which was to be christened by an illustrious personage got behind in construction. The personage was sure to be ready in time and could not be put off, but not so the ship. As a last resort some portions of the superstructure were partly made fast with leaden rivets in place of steel ones, the launch took place, and the situation was saved. When the vessel came to be completed for sea no one remembered about the rivets, and after a coat or two of paint they looked for all the work like the real article and behaved like it until the ship got into a heavy sea, and the process known to Mr. Kipling as "finding herself" began. It was then discovered that a "defect in machinery" of other euphemism necessitated a hurried return to a dockyard, where matters were hastily put right.—London Truth.

Qualit Holland Customs.

They have quaint customs in Holland. One of these is placing the laundry at the top of the house. The clothes are sent away to be washed and bleached, and when they are returned are drawn up to the laundry by means of a pulley and dangle for time right in the drawing room windows, to the infinite delation of the guests. "But, as an offset to this peculiarity, the bathroom—when there is a bathroom, which is not often—is placed in the cellar. It is the dry cellar, where potatoes and such things are stored, and the tub is an immense iron thing, with a cover that is divided into halves.

The Largest Domes.

Some of the largest domes in the world are the Pantheon at Rome, 142 feet diameter, 116 feet high; St. Sophia, Constantinople, 115 feet diameter, 201 feet high; St. Mariadelle Fara, Florence, 189 feet diameter, 810 feet high; St. Peter's, Rome, 189 feet diameter, 880 feet high; St. Paul's, London, 112 feet diameter, 215 feet high.

Use of Apples.

The more mellow apples one eats the better, provided they be taken at meal times. It is best of all to eat fruit before meals, and as freely as you like, says The Independent.

Our Prosperity.

In other parts of the United States much is now being written and said about the prosperity of the South, says the Charlotte Chronicle. It is notable that while things have been for some time rather blue in Wall street circles the South and West have been getting along rather better than ever. With a ten-million bale cotton crop now bringing six hundred million dollars instead of three hundred million as it did only a few years ago something of the more comfortable feeling of the South in money may be understood, but this betterment in price of the staple is now. The quality of it now manufactured in the South contributes immensely to home prosperity. The wages are paid and distributed at home and among our own people instead of at a distance from us and among strangers.

The more we patronize home industries the more we will prosper.

Beauty's Varieties.

The French say there are several "ages" as well as kinds of beauty—the beauty of mere youthfulness, which they call la beauté du diable; also a beauty of "ingliness," of "old age" and of "thinness," called la beauté en singe. Frederika Bremer, the Swedish novelist, had the beauty of "plainness." She was so very plain of face that her expression of trustfulness, as though appealing to you to find some other qualities in her than mere "looks," shone out with a perfect radiance that enabled her face and drew friends to her, because she had no other beauty. But Miss Bremer took pleasure in her well kept haire, of which she used to say, "even hands have their moments of charm."

An Odd Spanish Custom.

An odd custom in Madrid is the manner of indicating the sleeping rooms of a house by a spray of palm leaves attached to the railing of the balcony. You will see palm leaves hanging to the balconies of nearly all the residences in town, those of the poor as well as the rich. A sheet of white paper tied to the iron railing means that the room is for rent; a palm leaf means that it is the sleeping chamber of a pious Catholic who brought it home from church on the last Palm Sunday and placed it there to keep away evil spirits, diseases and misfortunes. It remains there the entire year until the next anniversary, when a new palm, fresh from the blessing of the priest, is substituted.

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