

### COMMISSION TO VISIT ISTHMUS

#### To Determine Best Canal Route Across Panama.

#### WILL SAIL ON SATURDAY

#### A NEW ROUTE MAY BE DECIDED ON.

#### DEPENDS ON COMMISSION'S DISCOVERIES

#### If a Better Way Than the Old Panama and Nicaragua Routes is Found it Will be Chosen. The Commission's Route.

New York, Jan. 3.—The commission appointed by President McKinley under an act of Congress to determine the most feasible and practicable route for a canal across the Isthmus of Panama will sail on Saturday for the scene of its labor by a steamer of the Atlas Line. The members of the commission are:

Rear Admiral Walker, U. S. N., retired, chairman; Prof. Emory R. Johnson, of the University of Pennsylvania; Prof. W. H. Burr, of Columbia University; George S. Morrison, Civil engineer, New York; ex-United States Senator Pasco, of Florida; Alfred Noble, civil engineer, Chicago; General Peter Hains, U. S. A.; Prof. L. M. Haupt, of the University of Pennsylvania; General O. H. Ernst, U. S. A.

A member of the commission said today: "The duty of the commission is not to decide between the claims of the Panama Canal and the Nicaragua Canal—though it may come to that—but to determine the most feasible and practicable route, wherever that may be, whether there is any route preferable to either of these which have become so well known, we shall do our utmost to discover."

"We shall sail directly to Greytown where we shall proceed to make a full examination of the Nicaragua Canal route. Upon reaching the Pacific side we shall go down the coast to Panama and follow the route of the French canal back to the Atlantic side. Alternative routes will then be considered and their investigation undertaken. We shall be kept at the isthmus for probably three months. We shall, of course, avail ourselves of all the best existing means of travel, but expect that some of the journey will have to be accomplished on foot."

#### THE SHORT TERM FIGHT.

#### The Battle Between Lowry and Sullivan Grows Warm.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 3.—The contest for the short term United States Senatorship from Mississippi is to night an open question. There were several caucuses of the Sullivan men today. The claim put forth by them several days ago was that their man would have a majority of 25. At this morning's caucus it was seen that the majority had narrowed down to twelve and at a late hour tonight Senator Sullivan's supporters claim he will receive a majority of six on joint ballot. The sensational charges brought against Mr. Sullivan during the past three months have apparently had some effect, and it is believed that he will have a hard fight to defeat Lowry. Many rumors are afloat, among them being one to the effect that a portion of the instructed vote is prepared to bolt. Little evidence can be placed in the story as the individual members who are supposed to be party to the scheme, deny that they have any such intentions.

It has not yet been decided when the election of the short term Senator will be brought before the joint session.

#### McLaurin Named For Long Term.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 3.—The Democratic caucus here tonight unanimously nominated ex-Governor A. J. McLaurin for the long term Senatorship.

#### Col. Morehead's New House.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Among the North Carolinians receiving New Year's day were Senator and Mrs. Butler and Col. and Mrs. John M. Morehead. They say Mrs. Butler made the best omelet and punch in the city and was assisted by a bevy of pretty girls.

Col. Morehead has recently purchased a fine \$60,000 house here which he and Mrs. Morehead are furnishing with great care and taste.

Col. James E. Boyd, First Assistant Attorney General, made the rounds, beginning at the White House and winding up at the hospitable home of the pastor of the Church of the Covenant, a Presbyterian communion to which his charming and popular wife belongs. Mrs. Boyd does not care very much for routine official society, but devotes her spare time in making North Carolina visitors have a good time.

Lieut. Richard Henderson and Mr. W. S. Woodard are at the Metropolitan Hotel.

#### The Carter Conspiracy Case.

New York, Jan. 23.—The examination of Benjamin D. Greene, John F. Gaynor, William T. Gaynor and Edward H. Gaynor, indicted on a charge of defrauding the United States Government out of \$775,570 in connection with the Savannah River and Cumberland Sound improvements, was called today before United States Commissioner Shields. Evidence having been submitted to prove the identity of the men and probable cause on which to hold them, the Government rested its case. The defense will present its case tomorrow.

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#### THREE ONLY FOUND GUILTY.

#### Deroulede, Guerin and Buffet Must Go to Prison.

Paris, Jan. 3.—The conspiracy trial before the Senate sitting as the high court came to an end today except for the sentences in the case of those convicted. Out of the 75 alleged conspirators who were thrown into prison five months ago and who have been since released in batches, owing to want of evidence, only MM. Deroulede, Guerin and Buffet have been found guilty; and these three are accorded "extenuating circumstances," which reduces their punishment to detention in a fortress or banishment. It is understood that the sentence will vary between five and ten years' detention. President Loubet may extend pardons in accordance with the Berengier law in favor of first offenders.

Strong precautionary measures were taken today in the vicinity of the Senate house, but there was no sign of disorder anywhere when the judgments were rendered.

#### TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Winston Churchill has been appointed a squadron leader in the South African horse.

William Waldorf Astor has contributed 1,000 pounds sterling to the Prince of Wales Hospital Fund.

It is reported at Durban that the captured German steamer Bundesrath had on board five big guns, 50 tons of shells and 180 trained artillerymen.

Until all danger of a spread of the plague now prevalent in Honolulu is past, transports from San Francisco to the Philippines will not stop there.

The schooner Eva D. Rose, from Norfolk, for Camden, N. J., which went ashore Tuesday at Cold Spring harbor, N. J., remains in the same position.

Governor Roosevelt, in his message to the Legislature, recommends the repeal of the Horton Boxing Law, permitting prize fighting in the State of New York.

At Vallejo, Cal., yesterday Commodore Farragut's flagship, the Hartford, was floated out of dry docks, where she has been for the past three months undergoing repairs.

The schooner S. P. Hitchcock from Brunswick, Ga., for both Maine, loaded with lumber, went ashore at Moriches, Long Island, some time during Tuesday night. The vessel lies easy.

At Adairsville, Ky., yesterday, in an altercation which occurred in Dr. Gays' office, Dr. M. T. Gays shot and killed Ed O. Griffey, then shot himself through the heart. Both died instantly.

Some Macon negroes are taking steps to see if the operations of the National Ex-Slave Mutual Relief Bounty and Pension Association of the United States of America cannot be stopped by law.

At Tampa, Fla., a Cuban club, El Nacional, has been organized with a large membership to work for Cuban independence. Its purpose is said to be to co-operate with Cuban leaders in Havana.

Yesterday General Wood issued an important order giving freedom to forty men in the province of Santa Clara. Some of them had been detained without trial and others were suffering excessive punishment.

Emperor Nicholas has assured the British Ambassador at St. Petersburg, (Sir C. S. Scott) that Great Britain need not fear intervention or any sort of difficulty from Russia in the present South African complications.

Captain Carl Reichmann, of the Seventeenth infantry, and assistant adjutant general of volunteers, has been detailed by the Secretary of War to accompany the Boer army for the purpose of observing and reporting upon military operations in the war in South Africa.

Near Fort Valley, Ga., lives "Ann" Polly Jordan, a negro woman, 107 years of age. Some years ago she lost both sight and hearing and her mind became deranged. Recently hearing and sight have both returned and her mental balance is completely restored.

The formal opening of the Armstrong-Slatker-Memorial Trades Building at the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, will take place January 10th. This building has been erected and equipped at a cost of \$35,000 and is the largest and most complete structure on the grounds.

An encounter took place yesterday among the hills of Coosa county, Alabama, between a posse of six revenue officers, and a band of lawless mountaineers, among them 5 moonshiners, against whom warrants are pending. Three or four of the mountaineers were shot, and the officers have arrested the others.

I want to let the people who suffer from rheumatism and sciatica know that Chamberlain's Pain Balm relieved me after a number of other medicines and a doctor had failed. It is the best liniment I have ever known of.—J. A. Dodgen, Alpharetta, Ga. Thousands have been cured of rheumatism by this remedy. One application relieves the pain. For sale everywhere. Bobbitt, Wynne Drug Co. and H. T. Hicks, Druggists, Raleigh.

The United States quartermaster tug Resolute, Captain George Loring, was sunk in Boston harbor early last night in a collision with the steel ocean tug Swatara, of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal Company's fleet. All on board are believed to have been saved except Engineer Henry Cutchine, who had not been found at a late hour last night.

J. J. Bevery, Loganton, Pa., writes, "I am willing to take my oath that I was cured of pneumonia entirely by the use of One Minute Cough Cure after doctors failed. It also cured my children of whooping cough." Quickly relieves and cures coughs, colds, croup, grippe and throat and lung troubles. Children all like it. Mothers endorse it. Bobbitt & Wynne Drug Co., W. H. King, Adams & Moye, Wm. Simpson.

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#### CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANY.

#### A \$35,000,000 Concern That Has Absorbed Most Others.

New York, Jan. 3.—O. E. Zollikofer, Secretary of the Consolidated Gas Company, today made the following statement: "It is a fact that this company has acquired a majority of the lighting interests of the city of New York, but it is too early in the organization to make public any further details. The acquisition of those added interests does not change the position of the Consolidated Gas Company with regard to the other gas companies on Manhattan Island."

The New York Gas and Electric Light, Heat and Power Company was incorporated in November, 1898, and later acquired control of about all the lighting plants in this city. Its organization sprang from the group of capitalists in which W. C. Whitney is the leader. The president of the company is Anthony N. Brady. The chief property it acquired was the Edison Electric Illuminating Company. The company's capital stock is \$35,000,000. It owns a large plot of real estate on the East River at Ninety-seventh street, where it has been erecting power houses of very great capacity. It also controls about 800 miles of surveys in the city. Other companies embraced in it, beside the Edison, are the Mount Morris, the North River, the Block and the Manhattan Electric companies.

#### GROWTH OF MORMONISM.

#### McLaurin's Message to the Mississippi Legislature a Surprise.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 3.—The reading of Governor McLaurin's message in the Legislature today created quite a surprise when the section referring to the growth of Mormonism in Mississippi was reached. The Governor denounced the Mormon sect in scathing terms and recommended the adoption of laws that will prevent the teachings of the doctrine in the State. During the discussion of the subject he said: "There is no threatened danger to the State more baneful than the lecherous teaching of the Mormon apostles or polygamy. It is more dangerous because it is taught under the guise of the ministry of the gospel. The Mormons disclaim the open teachings of polygamy in the pulpits, but they teach it in the corner, and the ministers' cloak gives potency to their speech."

#### WILL NOT TAKE DELAGOA BAY.

#### Great Britain Contemplates no Such Action, it is Said.

London, Jan. 3.—A representative of The Associated Press has been informed on good authority that Great Britain will not take Delagoa Bay. The British Government, it is added, does not contemplate any such step, in spite of the clamor of the press and public opinion upon the advisability of so doing.

#### FOUNDERED OFF FINISTERRE.

#### British Steamer Borghe Lost. Twenty Two of the Crew Drowned.

London, Jan. 4.—(Thursday.)—A dispatch from Bristol announces that the British steamer Borghe, of Glasgow, foundered off Cape Finisterre last Friday during a hurricane. Twenty two of the crew were drowned.

The survivors, nine in number, have just arrived at Bristol.

#### Promising Filipino Freedom.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Representative McRae, of Arkansas, today introduced the following joint resolution: "Be it resolved, etc., that the United States hereby declare that their purpose in acquiring jurisdiction and control over the Philippine Islands was and is to secure to the inhabitants thereof, as soon as practicable after the suppression of the existing rebellion therein, a free, independent stable government, Republican in form and that the United States guarantee to said inhabitants protection against all foreign invasion."

#### Death Sentence Commuted.

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 3.—The sentence of death upon Walter Channell, which was to have been executed Friday next, has been commuted by the Governor. Channell was railroad agent at Glenwood, Montgomery county, and killed Postmaster Thompson of that place some months ago. The defense was that Thompson had made improper proposals to Channell's wife.

#### Bubonic Plague in Brazil.

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 3.—The bubonic plague has broken out in the city and neighborhood of Sao Paulo.

Captain J. McC. Baker, for many years a commander of vessels of the Morgan Line of New Orleans, to New York, Gulf and Cuban ports, and more recently a member of the board of United States inspectors of steam vessels, died at New Orleans yesterday, aged 62 years.

#### GLORIOUS NEWS.

Comes from Dr. D. B. Cargile, of Washita, I. T. He writes: "Four bottles of Electric Bitters has cured my brother of scrofula, which had caused him great suffering for years. Terrible sores would break out on his head and face, and the best doctors could give no help; but as cure is complete and his health is excellent." This shows what thousands have proved that Electric Bitters is the best blood purifier known. It's the supreme remedy for eczema, tetter, salt rheum, ulcers, boils and running sores. It stimulates liver, kidneys and bowels, expels poisons, helps digestion builds up the strength. Only 50 cents. Sold by all Druggists. Guaranteed.

Senator Hanna declared yesterday that although he has been urged to stand for the permanent chairmanship of the next Republican National Convention, he would not do so. He also declared that he will not be one of the delegates at large from Ohio in the convention.

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#### NEW BANKING CONCERN.

#### Southern Loan and Trust Company Opens For Business.

Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—The Greensboro Female College opened yesterday but owing to the extreme cold weather very few of the students have returned. They will be on hand in full force next week.

The new banking institution of the Southern Loan and Trust Company commenced business this week with fine prospects. Mr. R. G. Vaughan took charge as secretary and treasurer. Mr. Lee H. Battle, formerly of the Atlantic National Bank of Wilmington, has taken charge as cashier of the City National of this city.

Miss Lottie Peyton gave a delightful reception to the Bachelor Girls Club at her home on West Sycamore street.

Mrs. John Stock, living west of Greensboro, fell dead yesterday afternoon.

The road from Greensboro to Pomona is being macadamized.

#### NO FAR OFF STATES WANTED.

#### Joint Resolution Introduced in the House by Mr. Cooney.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Mr. Cooney, of Missouri, introduced in the House today a joint resolution for a constitutional amendment providing that "no new State, the territory of which is not contiguous to the United States, shall be admitted by the Congress into the Union."

#### "The Mill Cannot Grind with Water That's Past."

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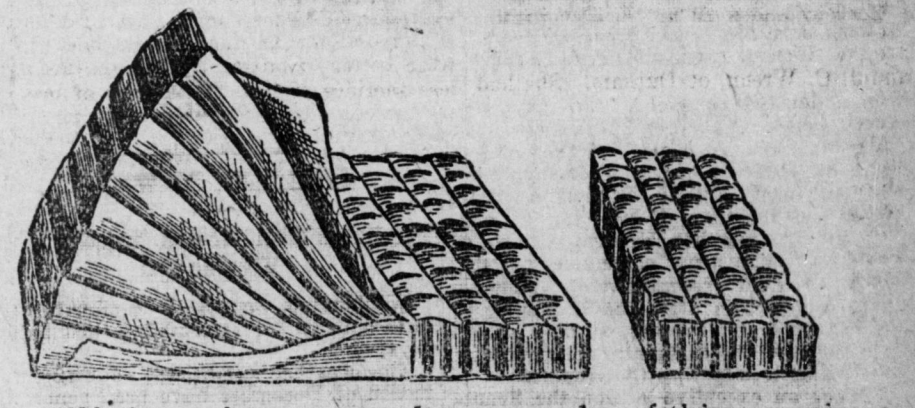
#### Thos. Pescud, GROCER.

In new quarters—305 Fayetteville St., opposite the Postoffice. STOCKHOLDERS MEETING. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Mechanics Dime Savings Bank will be held in the rooms of the bank on Tuesday evening, January 9th, at 8 o'clock. R. R. LACY, Cashier.

#### GREETING.

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