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IS CLARKE FISH, FLESH OR FOWL?

Democrats and Republicans Smile On Him.

HIS MAIDEN SPEECH

The Young Senator of Arkansas Performs With Consummate Skill a Feat Many Veteran Statesman Might Shrink From in Fear.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 2.—Mr. Clarke, the new Democratic Senator from Arkansas, made his first speech in the Senate today in support of the Panama Canal treaty. He spoke for two hours and announced his endorsement of every position taken by the President in connection with the Panama revolt and in the negotiations of the treaty with the new State.

Mr. Fairbanks also spoke in support of the treaty, contending for the regularity of all the proceedings of the administration on the Isthmus of Panama. Mr. Clarke lost no time in declaring his absolute adherence to the policy of the President. The question of the wisdom of building an isthmian canal is no longer, he said, a question for discussion, and the declaration was followed by another statement in endorsement of the treaty whose terms, he said, most liberal. He also contended that the recognition by the President of the Republic of Panama had been in all respects regular and in accord with precedent. This action he considered final and in none of its aspects subject to review by the Senate in dealing with the treaty.

Mr. Clarke expressed regret at not being able to agree with those of his Democratic colleagues who oppose ratification, but he called attention to the fact that many of those who oppose the treaty have themselves been earnest friends of an isthmian canal. He could not find himself willing to obstruct an enterprise in which his State, as all other parts of the country, is interested because of any acts of the President which might not in all details meet approval. He disclaimed, however, an intention to criticize the President in any respect, for he felt that the provocations which Mr. Roosevelt, like Warren Hastings, might congratulate himself on doing so little when there was opportunity to do so much. He found so much provocation in the dealings of Colombia that he did not wonder that a man of the President's temperament had taken the position he had, and Mr. Clarke expressed surprise that more encouragement had not been given to the Panama uprising.

Mr. Clarke also announced his disagreement with the Senators who contended that the President should have turned to the Nicaragua route after failing to secure Colombia's ratification of the canal treaty. His principal reason for this position was that he believed that the only sea level canal which was possible on the Panama route and not possible on the Nicaragua route. He did not believe that any but a sea level canal would pay expenses. He declared his satisfaction over the fact that the public expression given in favor of the canal had come from Democratic States, and he added that Democratic votes would make the ratification of the treaty certain. The Republican party could make no such claim and the President had received no assurances of support from the Republican party at large.

Continuing his discussion of the political feature of the canal controversy, and extending his contention that the President was without support in his own party, Mr. Clarke declared that "the President is now the central figure in a 'Belshazzar's Feast,' waiting for some friendly hand to interpret the handwriting on the wall and prophesy for him whether the chairman of the Republican National Committee will 'fish or cut bait.'" He also declared that popular support of the President's course in his own party was so lukewarm as to cause great rejoicing over the announcement that the three principal Federal office-holders in Boston were for the nomination of Mr. Roosevelt, and to cause the announcement that Alaska was for him to be blazoned forth in box car letters. But "notwithstanding this lethargy," the Senator predicted, the nomination of the President, saying that while the Democrats were in doubt as to whom to instruct for, the Republicans knew for whom they must instruct.

He made a vigorous appeal for the consideration of the question independent of partisan bias and when he closed was warmly congratulated by a number of Senators from both sides of the chamber. The Senate adjourned until tomorrow.

In the Lower House.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 2.—By unanimously agreeing to a resolution amending the rules of the House today the resident commissioner to Congress from Porto Rico, was given additional authority equaling in all essential respects to that of a delegate from a territory, the action not requiring the concurrence of the Senate. A bill which provided for a "delegate

DOWN IN SWIFT, BREATHLESS RUSH

Six to Eight Dollars a Bale Tumbles Off Cotton.

AND MADNESS REIGNS

The Sensational Decline Continues Until it Spends Itself. Then Shorts Begin to Cover. Sully Says He'll Take a Well Earned Rest.

(By the Associated Press.) Durham, N. C., Feb. 2.—The funeral services over the remains of the late W. A. Slater were held from the First Baptist church, the services being conducted by Rev. C. J. Thompson, the pastor. The burial was at Maplewood cemetery. The floral offerings were numerous and exceedingly beautiful, attesting the high esteem in which the deceased was held. A large concourse of our people attended the funeral and burial. The burial services were presided over by the Masons of this city, who turned out in a body with the remains. Besides the Masons there were representatives from several of the other lodges of which he was a member.

AN UNDYING CURSE

No Hope of Exterminating the Boll Weevil, They Say.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—W. D. Hunter special agent in charge of cotton boll weevil investigations for the division of entomology, Department of Agriculture, in a report issued today as an emergency bulletin, says the work of this division for several years has demonstrated that there is not even a remote probability that the boll weevil ever will be exterminated. The bulletin adds: "Although the very large yields of cotton of former times may no longer be possible, it is nevertheless entirely feasible to produce cotton at a margin of profit that will compare favorably with that involved in the production of most of the staple crop of the United States by following what have become known generally as the cultural methods, involving changes and modifications of the system of cotton raising made necessary by the weevil. They were originally suggested by a careful study of the life history and habits of the pest, and naturally any improvements that may eventually be made will be the result of the continuation of that study. They have now been tested successfully on a large scale by the division of entomology, as well as by many planters, during two very unfavorable seasons. Of greatest advantage is the reducing of the numbers of the weevils by the destruction of the plants in the fall. The advantage thus gained is followed up by bending every effort toward procuring an early crop the following season."

The changes in the cotton raising system urgently recommended are: Early planting with seed from as far North as possible; thorough cultivation of the fields, which influences the constant growth and consequent early maturing of the crop; planting the rows as far apart as feasible and thorough thinning out of the plants in the rows; destruction by plowing in, withdrawing and burning of all the cotton stalks at the first possible moment; the use of numerous that practically all the fruit is being punctured, thus destroying the very proportion of weevils developing late in the autumn and extensive use of fertilizers so as to procure earlier crops.

Fire on the Iroquois.

(By the Associated Press.) Charleston, S. C., Feb. 2.—The steamer Iroquois, Captain Watson, arrived here from New York yesterday morning. On Sunday afternoon fire was discovered in the afterhold between decks. Live steam and two streams of water were immediately brought into effect and in an hour the fire was under control. Some of the miscellaneous cargo was jettisoned. The vessel did not sustain any injury and proceeded for Jacksonville this afternoon. There was not any sign of a panic among the passengers. They held a meeting and passed resolutions, complimenting Captain Watson and officers and crew for their coolness and excellent judgment exhibited.

An Author's Practical Idea.

(By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., Feb. 2.—It was announced that Thomas Nelson Page, the author, is in the near future, to establish a technical school in Henrico county, Va., the county of his nativity. The plan is to teach young men and girls the different manual callings such as carpentering, mechanics, cooking, sewing, etc. A competent Northern teacher is to be employed, it is said.

BEAT COLOMBIA IN HER OWN GAME

Senator Simmons on the Revolution.

A PLAY BY MARROQUIN

As the Senator Sees it the Player Whom this Man Expected to Join Him as Partner Joined Panama Thus Defeating Him.

(Special to News and Observer.) Washington, Feb. 2.—Senator Simmons today gave to the press the following interview on the Panama Canal treaty and its prospect of ratification: "The canal treaty will be ratified by a large majority. It now looks like a majority of the Democratic Senators may vote for it. From a political standpoint it would be unfortunate for the party, if the treaty should be defeated by Democratic votes. In that event we would not get a canal at Nicaragua as has been contended, but the Republicans would by joint resolution, as they did in the matter of Hawaii annexation after the defeat of the treaty for that purpose, authorize the President to contract with Panama and the canal company on the terms of the Spooner act and proceed at once with the construction of the canal, and in the approaching campaign they would say to the people, 'See, we are building the canal, despite the opposition of the Democratic party and the defeat by it of the treaty.'"

WHITNEY IS GONE

Ex-Secretary of the Navy Dies While Under Influence of Ether.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 2.—William Collins Whitney, former Secretary of the Navy, died a few minutes after four o'clock this afternoon at his home, 871 Fifth Avenue. He died while under the influence of ether, administered preparatory to a second operation for appendicitis. By his bedside were his son, Harry Payne Whitney, and his daughter, Dorothy Whitney, as well as Dr. William T. Ball, the chief surgeon in attendance. Mr. Whitney was in his sixty-fourth year. Mr. Whitney was taken ill Friday night at the performance of "Rigoletto" at the Metropolitan opera house and had to leave before the opera ended. Dr. Walter B. James, the Whitney family physician, was summoned and found that the condition of the patient was such that immediate consultation and operation was decided upon and was performed by Dr. Bull. The patient rallied so well that it was fully believed he would recover.

Mr. Whitney's condition was very grave, however, on Sunday and Monday, and at a consultation held this afternoon the conclusion was reached that the only hope for the patient lay in a second operation. Mr. Whitney was placed under the influence of ether, but whether the operation was preceded with or not is unknown. When the physicians announced that the patient was in danger of death, Harry Payne Whitney and Miss Dorothy Whitney were immediately notified. They hastened to the side of their father and in a few minutes he had breathed his last. Oxygen was used and all the skill of the physicians and surgeons brought into play to save the patient, but to no avail. It was 5 o'clock before the simple fact of his death was made public. Later the following statement was made:

"Mr. Whitney died at 4 o'clock of pneumonia and blood-poisoning following an operation for appendicitis. "The interment will be at Woodlawn at a date to be hereafter fixed, in the family plot where are the remains of Mrs. Flora Payne Whitney, Olive Whitney and Mr. Whitney's grand-child, Flora Payne Paget. "The funeral services will be held at Grace church, where Mr. Whitney was a pew holder."

Events at Mt. Olive.

(Special to News and Observer.) Mount Olive, N. C., Feb. 2, 1904.—Mr. Buck L. Hill who lives eight miles from here in Duplin county was killed by a falling tree yesterday. He was aged 45 years and leaves a wife and several children to mourn his demise. Mr. Robert Williams had the misfortune to fall and break his hip last week and is suffering very much from the break, as he is seventy-five years of age. We hope to see him out again soon. Mr. Love H. Lee and family of Faison has moved to Mt. Olive, N. C. The four new brick stores of Mr. Y. H. Knowles is nearing completion and adds a great deal to that part of town. The hotel Olivette is open for business and Mr. L. A. Partridge is the manager and proprietor and is doing a nice business. The Mt. Olive Hotel is doing business at the old stand. Mr. J. C. Dawson is the clever proprietor and is liked by all traveling men. It is easy to put on a bold front if you have good backing.

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