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New Railway in Chile.

According to Daily Consular and Trade Reports, an appropriation of 150,000 pesos, or \$45,000 United States gold, has been made by Chile for a survey of a new railroad from La Guana, about 50 miles southeast of Iquique, to a point on the Antofagasta Railway, and the Chilean government has entered into an agreement with Eduardo Barriga to do the work. This is a connecting link in the railway system in Chile as the long distance railway system, a projected road from the extreme north to the extreme south of the country, parallel with the Pacific coast. This link will be nearly 100 miles long and will complete what will be about 300 miles long of road which may in time become a part of the Pan-American Railway.

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GEN. GRANT CALLS

Commander of Department of the East at Capital

CONFERS WITH TAFT AND BELL

Commander of Department of the East Visits Washington in Compliance With Orders From Chief of Staff to Confer Relative to Army Participation in Exposition.

Washington, Special.—Major General Frederick Grant, commanding the Department of the East, called at the War Department and had a short talk with Secretary Taft and a longer one with General Bell, chief of staff. General Grant is in Washington in compliance with orders issued last Thursday for him to report to the chief of staff to confer relative to the army participation in the approaching Jamestown Exposition. His visit, therefore, was not brought about by any happening at the recent dinner at Philadelphia, when he was reported to have made a reference to the President's treatment of the Japanese question. However, incidentally, in talking with Secretary Taft, General Grant took occasion to say that he had been misquoted, or misunderstood.

Visit Navy Department.

After seeing Secretary Taft, General Grant visited the Navy Department and met Rear Admiral Harrington, retired, and Captain Potter, of the Navigation Bureau both of whom are members of the board charged with the arrangement of the program for the naval participation at the exposition. Admiral Harrington, who will be directly in charge of the execution of the naval programme subject of course, to the orders of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, the commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, had come to Washington over night from Norfolk to talk with Secretary Taft and some of the naval bureau chiefs about the preparation which he has in hand.

Admiral Evans will bring north his entire fleet, now manoeuvring in the Caribbean sea, to Hampton Roads, arriving there by April 26, the day the exposition is to be opened, and presenting the grandest pageant of armoured fighting ships ever gathered under the American flag. Being freshly from a comparatively long and hard cruise in tropical waters, including extended drills and target practice, the big fighting ships may not be as pick and spry as American naval vessels are wont to appear, but perhaps they will be the more interesting to the general public from the fact that they bear the marks of hard work at sea. Within a few days after the opening of the exposition the great fleet will be dissipated, the vessels scattering to the various navy yards to undergo repairs which always are necessary at the expiration of such a cruise as they are now making.

An Engineer Buried Under His Engine and Killed.

Macon, Ga., Special.—The Georgia Southern & Florida Railroad passenger train which left Macon at 12:50 Monday morning for Jacksonville, Fla., was wrecked about 45 miles south of here at 2:10 a. m. Engineer Farmer, of Macon, was buried under his engine and killed. No passengers were injured. Three baggage and express cars and two passenger coaches were burned, but the Pullman, which remained on the track, were saved. The cause of the wreck is supposed to have been a defective switch.

A Confederate Editor Dead.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—J. Henry Smith, who was editor of The Southern Confederacy, a daily paper published here during the civil war, died at his home in this city, aged 78. Shortly after the war he served at different times as editor of the Macon Telegraph and the Savannah News. In 1869 he and Alexander H. Stephens jointly established The Atlanta Sun, which was afterwards merged with The Constitution. He subsequently engaged in real estate business, from which he retired several years ago.

Hickory Inn Burns.

Hickory, N. C., Special.—Hickory's \$30,000 hotel, "Hickory Inn," which our citizens pointed to with pride, lies in ashes as a result of a fire which seemed to have caught in the baggage room from the explosion of a coal oil lamp at 4 o'clock Monday morning. A number of guests were injured in making their escape from the burning building.

DOINGS OF CONGRESS

What Our National Lawmakers Are Doing From Day to Day

Smoot Holds His Seat.

With the galleries packed and the crowds extending out into the corridors, the vote on the question of Senator Reed Smoot's retention of his seat was taken after an entire afternoon had been devoted to the conclusion of the debate. The final vote stood 42 to 28 in favor of Smoot. Eighteen Senators were paired on the question, bringing the actual vote recorded and paired up to 51 to 37 in favor of the retention of the Utah Senator. The entire strength of the Senate was either recorded or paired, with the exception of but two Senators—Mr. Smoot himself and Mr. Wetmore, of Rhode Island, neither of whom voted.

Throughout the entire speechmaking Senator Smoot listened attentively, but when the voting began he retired to the Republican cloakroom and there awaited the result.

At the conclusion of the voting there was a rush of Republican Senators to the cloakroom to congratulate Mr. Smoot. A large number of members of the House followed and then the Utah Senator was patted on the back and his hands were shaken in hearty fashion by the men who expressed their admiration of his bearing in the long and trying ordeal through which he has passed. On the floor of the Senate and in the galleries it was many minutes before order could be restored.

The final vote on the proposition to expel the Mormon Senator was as follows:

Yeas, Republicans—Burrows, Clapp, Dupont, Hale, Hansbrough, Kittredge, La Balle, and William Alden Smith, of Michigan; total, 9. Democrats—Bacon, Berry, Casmack, Clarke, of Arkansas; Chy, Culbertson, Dubois, Frazer, Lattimer, McCreary, McLaurin, Money, Newlands, Overman Pettus, Rayner, Simmons, Stone and Tillman. Total, 19. Aggregate, yeas, 28.

Nays, Democrats—Blackburn, Clarke, of Montana; and Daniels, of Virginia; total, 3. Republicans—Aldrich, Allee, Aukey, Beveridge, Bulkeley, Burkett, Burnham, Clark, of Wyoming; Crane, Curtis, Depew, Dick, Dillingham, Dolliver, Flint, Foraker, Frye, Fulton, Gallinger, Gambia, Heyburn, Hopkins, Kean, Knox, Lodge, Long, McCumber, Milard, Mulkey Nelson, Nixon, Penrose, Perkins, Piles, Spooner, Sutherland, Warner and Warren. Total, 39. Aggregate nays, 42.

Pass River and Harbor Bill.

The Senate passed the River and Harbor Appropriation bill, carrying a total appropriation of \$92,720,472. All the committee amendments were agreed to.

The bill as passed carries the appropriation for the completion of the 35-foot channel, 600 feet wide, up the Patuxent river to Baltimore.

Grazing on Public Lands.

It was conceded by Senators in charge of the agricultural appropriation bill in the Senate that the grazing lease provision will be eliminated from the bill on a point of order. Several Senators desire to make speeches on the provision before it is stricken out, otherwise this action would have been taken at once.

The reading of the agriculture bill was completed after most of the day had been spent in debate on the forestry system and the grazing provision. There is to be decided objection, according to Senator Lodge, on several provisions relating to the bureau of chemistry of the Department of Agriculture, and these were passed over. An amendment was agreed to at the suggestion of Senator Nelson which will add \$5,000 each year to the appropriation for agricultural colleges until the total amount for each state for these colleges shall be \$50,000 annually. The annual appropriation at present for agricultural colleges is \$30,000.

The salary of the assistant secretary of the department was increased from \$4,500 to \$5,000.

The provision for the survey of the White mountain, and Appalachian mountain water sheds, to ascertain the feasibility of making a forest reserve, was also passed over for discussion.

The session throughout the day was devoted to the agricultural appropriation bill, and it is understood that this measure will be again considered with the idea of getting final action on the measure.

Senator Depew presented the following resolution. It was ordered printed and went over.

Resolved, That the committee on finance be authorized to investigate and report what legislation, if any, may be necessary in relation to the deposit of public moneys and the issue of currency to prevent conditions of abnormal and dangerous rates of interest at certain periods of the year and provide such elasticity in the currency that it will be more responsive to the conditions of business.

MRS. THAW AGAIN

Lays Bare Much of Her Past Life in Testimony

RECEIVED MUCH FROM WHITE

Collapse Came When Noon Recess Was Announced and She Was Taken to the Witness Room Miss MacKenzie Revived Her With Smelling Salts.

New York, Special.—Under the dress of a cross-examination in which District Attorney Jerome gave no quarter, Mrs. Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw broke down upon the witness stand. With blinding tears burning their way down cheeks which from ashen white and flushed to crimson, she admitted that after her first experience with Stanford White her relation with the architect continued for several months. But this was not all. There were other confessions, which, while damaging to her own character, accentuated all the more the terrible personal sacrifice she is making in the effort to save her husband from death in the electric chair.

After bringing out that her relations with White continued for some time, Mr. Jerome went deeper. Mrs. Thaw admitted that in 1903, after the return from Europe she spent the night at Thaw's apartments in New York and that for three weeks he and she occupied connecting apartments at the Grand Hotel in this city. Mrs. Thaw admitted freely and with frankness that the champagne which she had declared had tasted bitter the night she lost consciousness in the mirrored bed room was no more bitter than any other champagne she had drunk. In fact she declared it tasted like all the rest. She denied that she had intended for the jury to assume otherwise.

Mrs. Thaw made what was considered perhaps the most damaging statement to the defendant when she said she had showed her copies of cablegrams that were being sent to Stanford White from Europe asking him to use his influence with a certain man in London to prevent Mrs. Nesbitt from "raising a fuss," and interfering with Evelyn continuing in the company of Thaw.

Mrs. Thaw also was forced to admit that when she and her mother went abroad with Thaw in 1903 they were still drawing upon the bounty of Stanford White. Evelyn declared that she had a letter of credit for \$400 or \$500 which was given to her by White, and which she later turned over to Thaw. There was still a balance in the Mercantile Trust Company to her order.

"But Mama got all of that," said the witness.

A recess was taken until Monday.

Mrs. Thaw Cross-Examined.

New York, Special.—In continuing his cross-examination of Mrs. Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw at the trial of her husband, District Attorney Jerome brought out the fact that in 1902, Stanford White deposited the sum of \$1,350 with a New York trust company with instructions that it should be paid to the Nesbitt girl at the rate of \$25 a week. Mrs. Thaw frankly admitted receiving "a number of checks from the trust company," but she would not admit that there was a provision that she would receive the money only when out of employment. The prosecutor spent nearly the entire afternoon in trying to make Mrs. Thaw admit that this was true, but as often and in as many ways he put the question to her, she gave the one answer: "I don't remember."

Mrs. Thaw's inability to remember a number of other things about which Mr. Jerome questioned her was by far the most material element in the cross-examination. The district attorney delved into the witness' past life with a familiarity as to details and a store of general knowledge which at times seemed to amaze all who heard, not excepting the defendant's counsel themselves.

Mr. Jerome indicated early in the questioning that he had no disposition to spare Mrs. Thaw's feelings in any way whatsoever. He interrogated her most pointedly as to her men acquaintances of the past. He laid special stress upon her acquaintance with James A. Garland, who figured for the first time in the case. Mrs. Thaw said she knew Garland before she met White.

"Weren't you named as co-respondent in the Garland divorce case?" asked Mr. Jerome.

Mrs. Thaw was shaking her head when Mr. Delmas sprang to his feet with an objection. He demanded that the record of the divorce case be brought into court that it might speak for itself. Justice Fitzgerald overruled the objection, but Mr. Jerome withdrew the question.



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HALLS OF CONGRESS.

Senator Knox spoke in opposition to the proposed unseating of Senator Smoot.

The proposal for a fourteen-foot channel between Chicago and the Gulf was defeated.

By a vote of 146 to 114 the House resolved to stand by the program for a second Dreadnought.

A resolution for an investigation of the Paper Trust was presented in the House by John Sharp Williams.

The House declined to change the present law regarding the purchase of coal for the Navy in the Philippines.

The telegraphic text of the new Dominican treaty was laid before the Senate after its signing in Santo Domingo.

The Agricultural bill carries \$7,635,790 for the ordinary and regular routine work of the Agricultural Department.

The Senate Committee has reported favorably the bill giving the Government the right of appeal in criminal cases.

Messrs. Birdsall, Hinslow and Wilson, members of the House Committee on Merchant Marine, refused to sign any report on ship subsidy.

The House passed the Tillman bill prohibiting National banks from contributing to any elections and prohibiting any corporations from contributing to Federal elections.

A message was received from the President urging relief for white men who have married into the Cherokee Nation, and improved land which, under a recent decision of the Supreme Court, they cannot own.

By a vote of nine to seven the House Committee on the Judiciary favorably reported the Littlefield Temperance bill, which makes liquors going into a State subject to the police power of the State.

By Wire and Cable.

Former President Cleveland delivered an address at Chicago.

A member of the Missouri Legislature was stricken with smallpox as he sat in his seat at the Capitol.

Archbishop Patrick W. Riordan says President Roosevelt is wrong on the San Francisco school question.

The Navy League is holding its convention in Washington, Gen. Horace Porter presiding.

Among those who received degrees at the University of Pennsylvania celebration was Dr. Howard A. Kelly of Baltimore.

Senator Bailey, under cross-examination before the Texas legislature investigating committee, declared that all the charges against him were untrue and malicious.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt and their daughters left Washington to visit his sons, who are at school in Massachusetts.

New York has what appears to be another murder mystery.

The Cleveland man who fainted while reading a newspaper must have come across an article that did not describe a typewriter as "a beautiful young woman," suggests the Washington Post.

Taxing Planes.

The French Chamber has during the past two days indulged in a couple of fiscal eccentricities. In France the cycle is already taxed; so is the motor car, and there is now a proposal for adding to the amount. The subject has been referred to the Senate, and while it is under consideration the Senate has put an impost on pianos, ranging from 8 shillings 4 pence on the cottage to 16 shillings 8 pence for the salon grand. Organs will pay 4 pounds. Persons who use titles of nobility will also have to pay for the privilege, although such titles are not recognized—London Globe.

A Fatal Shooting Affray.

Millen, Ga., Special.—Robert H. Humphreys shot and instantly killed James B. Daniel, son of Elias Daniel, Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. They had been at outs for some time and this morning they met in the road and each began firing. Humphrey was the quicker and Daniel was shot in the face with a load of buckshot. Humphrey telephoned the authorities here of what he had done, and immediately coming to the town surrendered to Sheriff Edlenfield and is now in jail. Both parties are of prominent families.

Second Attempt at Suicide.

Roanoke, Special.—Charles Freese, the 20-year-old son of N. L. Freese, general foreman of the Roanoke Machine Works, made a second attempt at suicide by swallowing five bottles of laudanum. Young Freese is a machinist. He has been dependent for three months, ever since Joseph Kessler, his friend, was killed by a Norfolk and Western train. The young man was taken to the hospital and his condition is regarded as critical.

Ambassador Meets President.

Washington, Special.—The Hon. James Bryce, the ambassador from Great Britain to the United States, was presented to the President Monday afternoon by Secretary Root. The ambassador was attended by the members of the embassy staff and the President by Col. Charles S. Brokaw and Captain Fitzgugh Lee, his military aids. The presentation took place in the Blue Room and the usual felicitous speeches were made.

Nine Business Places Burned Out.

Millville, N. J., Special.—A fire which started in the livery stable of Jere Clark, on High street, burned out nine business places and caused a loss estimated at \$60,000. The fire is supposed to have been started by the dropping of a match into a lot of corn husks in the stable.

A Nail Secures the Horseshoe.

A nail secures the horseshoe, the shoe the horse, the horse the man, the man the cattle and the cattle the whole land.—German.