

MAY BUILD PANAMA CANAL BY CONTRACT

Chairman Shonts Has Tentative-ly Decided Upon Adopting That Policy.

FINAL DETERMINATION SOON.

President Wants Matter Settled That Actual Work of Construction May Begin.

Washington, Oct. 3.—A tentative decision has been reached by Chairman Shonts of the Isthmian canal commission that the Panama canal be built by contract. An announcement of the final determination of the canal officials is expected in a few days.

Chairman Shonts had a long conference last night with President Roosevelt, at which this and other matters relating to the canal were considered. The president is anxious that a decision be reached on all questions of canal construction as soon as possible, so that the actual work of construction may be pressed vigorously.

Chairman Shonts and Chief Engineer Stevens have been working for many weeks on the subject of constructing the canal by contract. They have prepared specifications for the work which now are being considered before the issuance of invitations for proposals.

In this connection it is understood that the president has not abandoned his contemplated trip to Panama, and will not unless the Cuban question or some other question should become so acute as to require his presence in Washington. Chairman Shonts expects to be in Panama at the time of the president's visit, but it is likely that instead of accompanying the president he will go to Panama in advance to supervise arrangements for his reception.

EARTH DAM AT LA BOCA.

Panama, Oct. 4.—John F. Stevens, chief engineer of the Panama canal, announced the Associated Press yesterday that he had decided to construct a big earth dam at La Boca. The preliminary work already has been started and trucks are rapidly being laid.

The town of La Boca will disappear and a new town is to be erected at Soa hill, near Gatun. One steam shovel is already working on the dam, and Mr. Stevens expects to have two more at work within a month.

HOME RULE DANGER.

Lord Londonderry Sounds a Warning To All Unionists.

New York, Oct. 4.—A special cable dispatch to the Times states that Lord Londonderry, formerly lord lieutenant of Ireland, has issued a warning to the Unionist party against the danger threatening that home rule for Ireland will become a reality. In a letter to the Unionist party, he wrote: "I think no time should be lost in warning before the country the danger that threatens the union of Great Britain and Ireland, either by devolution or secession, either of which, in my mind, would be of the greatest danger to Ireland as well as England. In my opinion, the duty of every Unionist is to make the maintenance of the union the foremost plank of his political platform, and rouse the country to its impending danger. At every by-election Unionist candidates should force to the front the issue of home rule compared with which, I have always maintained, all other political questions are of minor importance."

PLAN STRIKE.

Chicago, Oct. 4.—The jewelry workers are planning a general strike in Chicago to begin next Monday. Meetings of jewelry employees were held last night in various parts of the city, at which it was decided to inaugurate the eight-hour day without further delay. Committees were appointed to visit the 57 jewelry manufacturing concerns and demand the new schedule of hours with the alternative of a strike.

EMPIRE SUGAR CO.

Securities Sold at Auction at Mueller's Rooms.

New York, Oct. 4.—Securities having a face value of \$4,500,000 and representing the entire capitalization of the Empire Sugar Refining company have been sold at public auction at Adrian J. Mueller's auction rooms. The company is one of the sugar concerns started by the enterprising Adolphus, whose loans had much to do with wrecking the Real Estate Trust company of Philadelphia. The securities brought only \$255,000. The plant of the company is at Edge-water, N. J., opposite One Hundred and twenty-fifth street, this city. It was planned to have a daily capacity of 1,500 barrels of refined sugar. Last year the plant was leased to Charles M. Warner, president of the Warner Sugar Refining company, who has since operated it in connection with his other business. Mr. Warner held all the bonds and stock of the company and the body for a loan made by himself to Mr. Warner. The amount of the loan was \$1,000,000. It was on account of failure to pay that the securities were sold at auction.

CHILD'S SIGHT RESTORED.

After Three Years' Blindness Operation Performed, Letting Her See.

New York, Oct. 4.—The light that shined three years ago and left Margaret Huber, then 1 year of age, stone blind, has been brought back by a series of operations which ophthalmologist declared remarkable. The knife used in an extreme case of iridectomy and the chances seemed to be against success. The operation was a rare success. Dr. John A. Price of the ophthalmic department of the Jefferson hospital performed the operations. "It was just like night all the time," said the little patient when she could see again. "I never got discouraged and I always hoped to see again. I shall love the doctor and my life. Now I can go to school. I have never been there."

CLEVELAND FOR SENATOR.

His Name Suggested to the New Jersey Legislature.

New York, Oct. 4.—The World editorially today suggests Grover Cleveland as a candidate for United States senator. After reciting that

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one trial and you will use no other. Makes yellow teeth white, clean and beautiful. "Society and your health demands its use twice a day," so the dentists say. In handy metal cans or bottles, 25c. Dr. Graves' Tooth Powder Co.

The election of Mr. Cleveland would not be against precedent, two former presidents having served in Congress after they left the White House, the World says: "Mr. Cleveland undoubtedly would not be a candidate for United States senator in the sense that he would actively seek an election, but if the New Jersey legislature should elect him, who can believe that he would decline? When did Grover Cleveland ever shrink a public duty?"

FIRST FOOTBALL FATALITY.

Chicago, Oct. 4.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Mount Sterling, Ky., says: "What probably will prove the first football tragedy of the year in this state occurred here yesterday, when Roger Heddon, in attempting to make a tackle, sustained concussion of the brain and internal injuries. Attending physicians say he cannot recover. Roger Heddon is the son of J. W. Heddon, editor of the Mount Sterling Advocate."

THE NEW BRITISH WAR OFFICE.



The recently completed war office, as may be seen from the picture, is one of the handsomest government buildings in Great Britain. It is in historic Whitehall, the region occupied by many other official structures, and it is surpassed by none of them in architectural dignity.

KEITH O'BRIEN

Conference Shoe Specials



\$2.95 Women's Shoes

In patents, gun metals, vici kid, regular \$3.50 Blucher, lace and button.

\$2.95 over 100 pairs WOMEN'S FRENCH HEEL OXFORDS in patents or kid in swell dressy effects, worth \$3.50 to \$5.00.

\$2.00 MISSES' SCHOOL SHOES durability—fit and wear all in one.

One of the strongest jewelry features we have offered the trade in a new stock of rolled gold plate bracelets. They are for women, misses, children and babies—a beautiful line. The manufacturer warrants them. As a Saturday special the price has been lowered to 98 cents.

Bracelets

98c

Carpet and Rug Specials

Axminster Carpets—all new patterns—\$1.65 grade for \$1.25 a yard Axminster Rugs—9x12—\$30 quality for \$20.50 Seamless Velvet—9x12—\$32.50 Rug for \$25.00 Tapestry Rugs—9x12—\$32.50 for \$25.00 Velvet Carpet—\$1.50 grade for \$1.25 Tapestry Carpet—90c grade for \$1.25 \$1.10 grade for \$1.00

Made and laid at these prices.

Waist Specials

WOOL MOHAIR WAISTS in white and black with full plaited and embroidered front; long sleeves; tucked collar and cuffs. Our greatest leader for—

\$2.95

PLAID WAISTS of Wool Mohair in tailored style; long sleeves for—

\$2.95



ROBBERS HOLD UP A JAPANESE BANK

Fatally Beat Two Clerks and Secured Five Thousand Dollars.

DRAG VICTIMS TO REAR ROOM.

All Occurred in San Francisco—As Yet Police Have Made No Arrests.

San Francisco, Oct. 3.—Armed with revolvers and pieces of gas pipe, two robbers entered the Japanese bank, Kimmo Ginko, also known as the Golden Gate bank, at 1588 O'Farrell street, at noon today, and after probably fatally beating two clerks, escaped with \$5,000 in gold.

The robbers chose a time when there were but few people transacting business in the bank, and the sensational hold deed was so quickly effected that it was all over before the crowd of people passing the doors of the institu-

tion were aware of what had taken place. While one of the holdup men engaged the paying teller of the bank, the other walked to the rear of the bank, and, going behind the counter, picked up a sack containing \$5,000.

The action of the thief who went to the rear of the bank was witnessed by one of the bank clerks, who immediately raised a cry of alarm. The scream had scarcely left his lips before he was struck down by the man who was carrying the gold. The thief who had been talking to the paying teller drew a piece of gas pipe from his pocket and, before the banker could reach for a revolver, struck a blow that rendered him unconscious.

Both robbers stopped long enough to beat their victims into unconsciousness and then walked leisurely from the bank and disappeared.

The crime was not discovered until

a moment or two later, when several customers came into the bank to make their daily deposits. They were horrified to find the Japanese lying on the floor and rushed out and loudly called for help.

The bank was soon filled with a curious crowd. The police arrived on the scene shortly afterward. While one of the officers went out to call for an emergency hospital ambulance, others rushed to the nearest police boxes and telephoned to send riot calls into the police stations.

The sergeants at the hospital found that the two bankers had been so badly beaten that their death may be a matter of but a short time. Both are believed to have fractured skulls and are still unconscious.

It was about 12:30 o'clock when the robbery occurred. Despite the fact that the police in every portion of the city

are now on the lookout for the daring thugs, not the slightest trace has been found of them.

S. Urakata, the manager of the bank, was acting as teller, and A. Sasaki was the clerk.

After striking down their victims the thugs dragged them to a poorly lighted room in the rear of the bank. There it was that the prostrate forms of the men were found by countrymen of the bank officials.

The unconscious men were lying in a pool of blood that streamed from their wounds, and nearby was a piece of gas pipe over a foot in length.

Policeman C. J. Carroll, who was one of the first officers on the scene, and whose beat surrounds the vicinity of the bank, states that he had often warned the officials of the institution that just such a robbery might occur.

Chief of Police Dinan is determined

to capture the bank robbers, and has detailed every available detective and policeman on the case. He has advanced the theory that the men who committed the crime today are the murderers who struck down and killed Fritzer and Friede, the local merchants, in their stores.

This afternoon the doors of the bank were temporarily closed to shut out the throng of curious people that gathered to learn of the robbery.

S. Urakata, the manager of the Kimmo Ginko, who was acting as paying teller of this institution when he was struck down at noon today, died at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon without having regained consciousness.

"May I go with you my pretty maid? If you're a Keister girl," she said.

Conference Week at Keith-O'Brien's

Conference week at this store will be an occasion of the utmost importance. The charming displays are a presentation of the accepted styles in apparel, fabrics and accessories combined with the rarest and most beautiful merchandise which fashion centers produce.

There is another potent reason why Keith-O'Brien's will appeal to the out-of-town shoppers: Our very low prices for merchandise of quality. Our new Fall stocks are offered to the trade at prices lower than the usual—every section is teeming with Conference bargains.

A visit to the store will be most interesting and instructive.



Covert Jackets Handsomely Tailored

These handsome jackets are 22-in. long, made with fly front; also double breasted; lined with Skinner satin lining; self strapped and stitched \$18.50 and \$18.50 coats for \$9.75, sizes up to 44.

Ribbon Sale

Beautiful new stock of Taffeta and Satin Taffeta Ribbons, 3 to 6 inches in width—all the leading colors, regular values 35 cents, special for conference

A finer quality of Fancy Ribbons in the newest and most delicate designs—reduced from 45c and 50c to

19c
27c

On the Floor Below

20c Lunch Brownie Box 12c
15c Lunch Brownie Box 8c
Chafing Dishes, the best made, from \$5.00 to \$17.00
Any of our Jardinieres, half price.
Complete line of China FOR PAINTING just received.
Big reductions in all Crockery.
75c Plated Napkin Ring 35c
50c Plated Napkin Ring 25c
40c Plated Napkin Ring 20c
50c Plated Nylt Set 25c
Big assortment of Plated Sugar and Cream Pitcher Spoon Holders half price.
Big complete stock Medicine Chests, from 75c to \$7.50
Stove Pokers and Lifters, Nickel Plated, worth 25c each, now 5c and 10c
Any size Chair Seat 8c
\$1.10 Nickel Plated Coffee Pot 90c
50c Nickel Plated Tea or Coffee Pot 35c
\$3.50 Washing Machine \$1.25
\$1.50 Pat. Mop and Stick 35c
3 K. O. B. 1000-sheet Toilet Rolls 25c
4 K. O. B. 1000-sheet, Grade 2 25c

THE BEST EVER.

Tubs, large, Galv. big snap 80c
Tubs, medium, Galv. 70c
Tubs, small, Galv. 60c
\$1.75 Folding Ironing Board—The Best. \$1.45
\$1.25 Towel Rack, Cup Holder, Soap Dish and Tooth Brush Holder, now 74c
\$1.25 Clothes Horse 75c
30c Telescope Baskets 20c
40c Telescope Baskets 30c
50c Telescope Baskets 40c
60c Telescope Baskets 50c
70c Telescope Baskets 60c
\$1.25 Double Roaster \$1.00
\$1.50 Double Roaster \$1.25
\$1.75 Double Roaster \$1.50
\$2.00 Double Roaster \$1.75

THE BEST.

20c Dover Egg Baster 90c
10c Dover Egg Baster 10c
10c Dover Egg Baster 10c

Boys' School Suits

There are two popular prices—\$2.95 and \$3.95. \$2.95

This doesn't mean flimsy goods poorly put up \$3.95

These suits are of excellent wearing qualities—suits that will stand romping—that will hold their shapes. We pay a little more for them—but you don't.

Our stock of knickerbocker trousers is now here—blue serge, corduroy and fancy mixtures.

Attention is directed to a line of splendid suits, with two pair of trousers. Mothers will appreciate the sensible addition of an extra pair of trousers. And the suits are fine, dressy—made along tailored lines.



\$6.50

New Collars and Veilings

Dainty Lace and Emb. Collars—a nice variety, from 15c each, 2 for 25c
"Buster Brown" and "Peter Pan" Collars—Emb. Prices, Regular Prices from \$1.00 to \$1.50
Our fine line of washable stock collars in Embroidery Lace and Batiste, 35c to \$1.00, special, each 25c
Turn-over Collars in the newest designs, 10c each, 2 for 25c
Chiffon Veilings, black, navy and brown, half price.
New Chiffon Drape Veils, all colors, half price.

BLANKET AND COMFORT WEATHER IS HERE TO STAY.

Cotton Blankets, size 48x72, 66c grade, for 30c pr.
Cotton Blankets, size 54x74, 85c grade, for 65c pr.
Cotton Blankets, size 64x76, \$1.25 grade, for 95c pr.

OUTING FLANNELS.

10c grade, for 74c pr.
12 1/2c grade, for 10c pr.

FLANNELETTE.

12 1/2c grade, for 10c pr.
15c grade, for 12 1/2c pr.
18c grade, for 15c pr.

DO YOU MAKE YOUR OWN COMFORTS?

1000 Rolls nice clean cotton batting, 18c grade 13 1/2c roll
1000 Rolls fine carded cotton batting, 25c grade, for 20c roll

COMFORTS.

\$2.00 grade, for \$1.50
\$3.00 grade, for \$2.25
\$4.00 grade, for \$3.00
\$5.00 grade, for \$3.50

DOWN COMFORTS.

\$8.00 grade, for \$5.00
\$10.00 grade, for \$6.50
\$15.00 grade, for \$10.50

FANCY TWILLED

Oretonne—For Comfort coverings, 10c grade, for 8 1/2c pr.
100 Rolls pink flannel cotton batting, extra size 12x24, weighs 3 lbs., \$1.50 grade \$1.10 per roll