

SENATE VOTED TO RATIFY TREATY

With Republic of Colombia for
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FIVE NEGATIVE VOTES CAST

General Opinion of Senators that All
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Washington, March 17.—Without doing an "H" or crossing a "C" or without changing a single punctuation mark the senate today voted to ratify the treaty with the republic of Colombia for the construction of an isthmian canal. The vote for ratification was 72 in the affirmative and 5 in the negative. The negative votes were cast by Daniel, Martin, Morgan, Pettus and Tiller.

The senate was in executive session when the result was announced, so that only the senators themselves and a few confidential employees were present.

All the senators announced themselves as gratified to have the long struggle terminated, but none of them manifested his appreciation by cheering or handclapping. On the contrary, all were more concerned about getting away from the chamber than anything else, so that by the time the senate could adjourn, which it did not immediately after the result was announced, most of the senators had left their seats and some of them had left the chamber.

The day was given almost entirely to a debate on the treaty and in addition to set speeches made under the agreement by Senators Morgan and Cullen there were many short, snappy remarks and a rather long speech by Senator Daniel of Virginia.

The only party vote of the day was taken on the substitute for article 4, which was agreed upon by the Democratic caucus and had reference to the acquisition of territory in Central and South America by the United States.

There were a number of speeches on this amendment, but it was voted down by an almost two-thirds majority, the latter voting 31 yeas to 20 nays.

When the senate adjourned at 7 o'clock there was a general belief that the business of the session would be completed in time to permit final adjournment tomorrow, which, however, placed the day 24 hours later.

Most of the senators in the city left the Capitol at 7 o'clock tonight in the firm conviction that it would be possible to conclude the session tomorrow, and that when the senate adjourned the adjournment would be final.

The conclusion involved a general understanding that a certain reciprocity treaty could be much more speedily disposed of than has been considered possible heretofore, and that some senators who expressed the opinion that more than one day was time would be found necessary for the presentation of arguments for and against the amendment.

As the senate soon developed the fact that only the two Louisiana senators desired to be heard at length on the treaty at this time, and that the rest of the senate would be satisfied with a brief statement of the committee on foreign relations had not agreed that the treaty should be submitted to Congress for its approval.

This submission will be in the shape of a joint resolution at the next regular session of Congress, and as to the committee on foreign relations all those who oppose the treaty consider that time will be more opportune for argument than the present, as they will be able to appeal to the country at large as well as to the senate.

Senator Foster of Louisiana was among those who expressed the opinion that it might be possible to recommend a final vote tomorrow, but the general opinion of the senate was that the treaty would be rejected by a safe majority.

Gen. Gould Has Narrow Escape.
New York, March 17.—George H. Gould and his wife had a narrow escape from serious injury tonight at Thirty-third street and Broadway when their coach was crushed against a steel road pillar by a South Sixth avenue car as they were on their way to the Manhattan theater. The coach was thrown from the box and cart about the head, but neither Mr. Gould nor his wife was injured.

Scantling Pierced His Side.
Sandstone, Minn., March 17.—John Whittaker, owner of a sawmill, walked a half-mile from his mill to his home with a piece of scantling three feet long sticking through his side. At the time of the accident he was operating a circular saw and was thrown back against him, the end striking him above the third rib and completely piercing his side. A doctor was called, the scantling extracted, and it is said he will recover.

Pacific Coast Fire Losses.
San Francisco, March 18.—George H. Ryan has prepared figures showing that the losses by fire on the Pacific coast from Dec. 1 to March 1 are \$1,000,000 above the usual average of loss. The normal losses have more than doubled during the last three months of 1902-3 and comparing them with 1902-3 for the months mentioned, Tyson finds the total losses \$1,000,000 above the usual average.

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