

*Conference On
Canal Treaty.*

Important One Held at the White House—Situation Regarding It as Developed in the Senate Causes the Administration and Its Supporters Grave Concern—President Anxious to Have it Ratified.

Washington, Jan. 15.—An important conference was held at the White House today, the participants being the president, Secy. Hay and Senator Cullom, chairman of the foreign relations committee of the senate. The subject under discussion was the status of the Panama canal treaty. The situation with regard to the treaty as it has developed in the senate is giving the administration and its supporters grave concern. The president is exceedingly anxious that the treaty should be ratified at the earliest possible moment. It is his belief that if serious obstructions may be placed in the way of ratification.

The conference held today was with a view of ascertaining if possible what could be done to hasten completion of the treaty by the senate. An effort is to be made to get the treaty out of committee with a favorable report. It is reasonably certain, but not absolutely so, that the treaty will be favorable in the present view of the matter will only have begun. Senator Morgan, chairman of the committee on inland navigation, is the one on whom it is believed that the negotiations conducted by the state department with Mr. Herran, representing Colombia, are not valid, as he holds that Mr. Herran did not possess the necessary authority to make a treaty binding upon his country, and it is understood that he will use his influence to cause the treaty to be rejected in its present form. Indeed, the intimation has reached the president that when the treaty is called for consideration in the senate amendments will be brought forward to nullify the treaty. Such action, it is well understood, will seriously delay final action upon it, even if it should not result in the destruction of the treaty.

It is definitely the intention of the president that if the senate to the treaty would spoil the entire canal project, as the government of Colombia might hesitate to accept amendments in the treaty if they involved essential details or principles.

During the conference today the situation was considered carefully, but what decision, if any, was reached, is not known. It is believed, however, only that an earnest effort is to be made in the senate to secure ratification of the treaty at the present session of congress, and no preference is expressed as to whether the treaty will be disclosed. While the treaty will not fail, even if it should not be ratified at this session, the officials fear that the delay which would result from amendments would be so long that it might involve serious consequences.

SHE IS NOW A RED CROSS NURSE

Mrs. S. A. Williams, Formerly of Salt Lake, Now En Route to
The Philippines to Alleviate Suffering and Distress
—Thrilling Experience On the Train.

Mr. S. A. Williams, an experienced and trained nurse in the Red Cross corps, is a guest at the White House, en route to the Philippine Islands to take station at Manila. Mrs. Williams was a resident of this city years ago, leaving shortly after the death of President Young, in 1877, but returning to visit in 1886 and during the Jubilee year. Her husband was a mining man, and discovered horn silver in East canyon of the Oquirrh range. Mrs. Williams had a son in the Cuban army, where he fought for the cause of Cuban liberty, and she was in the Philippines by means of her securing a commission in the Red Cross, and going to Cuba on the breaking out of the war with Spain. Her husband, who was a mining man, local government had been handed

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An official order was issued today from the adjutant-general's office, announcing an election, next Wednesday night, for a second lieutenant of troop A. It is understood in the troop that Sergt. Earl Smith will be chosen to that position, and that when the election for captain comes later, the lieutenant will be chosen to succeed Capt. Summers, who departed suddenly for Georgia on very short notice, after looking into the matter of the election. The commanding brigade finds that there is about \$250 worth of property not checked up, which will necessitate the captain's presence to straighten out the matter. It is, however, expected unless he is satisfactorily heard of in the statutory 90 days, the position of captain will be declared vacant and then an election will be in order. The lieutenant expected also in the first

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Representatives Done, Stewart and Roberts, the committee appointed by Speaker Hull to make arrangements for a McKinley memorial program, met yesterday afternoon and agreed to recommend that one hour next Thursday be set apart for that purpose. The senate will be invited to partake in the exercises, which will take place in the house of representatives. Two members of the senate and one of the members of the house are designated to make short addresses, and one of the leading quartets in the city, it is expected, will be present and will render the late president's favorite hymns, "God Save the Union" and "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

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Fire in Sub Treasury Assay Office

New York, Jan. 21.—Fire was discovered in the upper floor of the assay office in the sub-treasury shortly before 10 o'clock this morning, and for some time, and has done considerable damage, breaking through the roof. It is now under control.

The fire started in the room on the second story, probably had been smouldering for some minutes before discovered. A clerk in a banking office opposite the building saw flames break through the roof, and immediately called a policeman who sent in an alarm. An extra squad of police and detective surrounded the building and the doors of the sub-treasury.

An alarm was given throughout the city. A safe containing about \$50,000,000 were locked and all the loose cash was gathered up and rushed into safes and placed up. The boxes were also taken to places of safety. At 11 o'clock the firemen had extinguished the flames, but the charred wood was still smoking.

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Bill Cannot be Passed Only by Ma-

session when it was in the power of one man to absolutely control the destiny of any measure that came up for final passage. "And since that is the case at the present time, said he, "I move for adjournment." The motion carried quickly, and as soon as they were freed several of the senators crowded around Senator Lewis and undertook to show him the error of his ways. But he seemed to think that what he had done was just about all right and would not yield an inch.

His strange attitude, strange because he had introduced a bill that was identical in its provisions with the Barrett bill, was due to the amendment to the measure offered by Senator Bamberger and passed by a vote of 6 to 3. That amendment changed the provisions that limited the amount of powder to enough for 24 hours, to 48 hours. Mr. Bamberger explained that powder freezes in the winter, and if enough were stored for 48 hours' work it would give it time to thaw whereas it would not thaw within 24 hours. He affirmed that the biggest mine owners in the state favored the amendment.

The senate found itself yesterday afternoon in a position it had never

realized before, and that was the dangerous situation of one member holding the power to defeat any measure that might come up, if he felt so disposed. Perhaps one reason the senators

had never thought of this contingent was that they felt that one of their members would not be likely to go counter to the will and judgment of all the other members. But such was

The case yesterday afternoon, when Senator Lewis voted against Barrett's H. B. No. 3, regulating the storing of powder in mines, and with his single vote, defeated that measure. The other nine members voted for the bill but there are 13 senators; nine was not a

SURE OF HIS POSITION.

The senators did not fully perceive the situation until Senator Barnberger gave

Long's Condition Unchanged.
Boston, Jan. 31.—The condition of former Secy. of the Navy John D. Long, who is lying in the hospital at the Massachusetts General Hospital, is unchanged.

Following the startling sight, that to move for reconsideration of a defeated bill, a member must have voted with the minority. As Senator Lewis, in and of himself constituted the entire minority, Senator Bamberger inquired of President Long, "What is the following bulletin was issued at 10:10 o'clock:

"Mr. Long passed a comfortable night and took an adequate amount of nourishment. His condition this morning showed no noticeable change."

Want the purpose of an overwhelming majority? "It would so seem, under the rules," replied President Allison, "that the majority would be in a most compact, almost anything can be done."

Senator Love then asked unanimous consent to change his vote to "nay," for the obvious purpose of making the minority vote. He might move a reconsideration on Monday.

Taft Pardons Filipino Labor Leader

Manila, Jan. 10.—Gov. Taft has pardoned Isabelo de Los Reyes, the Filipino labor leader, convicted under the Spanish law forbidding combinations to enhance the price of labor, conspiracy and acts of violence. The government took the ground that the law is un-American.

President Arthur C. Lewis said the senator would be allowed to change his vote, But Senator Lewis mildly raised an objection, and the majority said that it was helpless.

ADJOURNMENT TAKEN.

Senator Murdock declared that it was dangerous for the senate to remain in session.