

TOLLS EXEMPTION REPEAL BILL WON BY BIG MAJORITY

President's Appeal For Change of Policy Adhered To

CLARK PACIFIC

Ends Debate for Opposition Conducting Same On High Plane.

(By Associated Press) Washington, March 31.—The national house of representatives tonight, after one of the most spectacular legislative struggles in the history of the nation, voted to repeal the provision of the Panama canal act exempting American vessels from the payment of tolls. The vote was 247 to 161 a majority of 86 votes, in support of the personal plea of Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States.

The scene in the house when Speaker Clark yielded the gavel to Representative Underwood, the majority leader, to defend his course in the great controversy probably was unrivaled in the history of American legislation. Never before, within the recollection of the oldest member, had the roll call been so packed with interested spectators. Outside, the galleries and corridors were jammed with disappointed hundreds. On the floor nearly every member was in his seat. Even the senators had adjourned and scores of senators occupied seats on the floor.

It was a rare political stage setting that this throng witnesses standing before their white republican and democratic members cheered him to an echo, was the sturdy framed, silver-haired Speaker with resolution leaning on his countenance, his thin lips stretched tightly, his face pale and stern. Laid him, pounding for six years, was Mr. Underwood. There they were, waiting the climax of the hour, these two leaders of the democratic party, leading the first royal in the party ranks since democracy put Woodrow Wilson in the White House. Even those democratic was for the first time had turned their backs on their immediate leaders and stood solemnly by the president.

The debate was long as Speaker Clark commenced to speak, and the first utterance, breathing a spirit of harmony strained accord, across the country that the president and his personally, were at peace, seemed to spread over the assembly, particularly the democratic side of the house, a feeling of relief.

President's Motives. At the outset the speaker read his address, but soon he got into his old-time oratorical swing and was hammering home with sweeping gestures his deliberately delivered words. When he praised the motives of President Wilson he was interrupted by applause. His emphatic declaration that with those who cheered him with attempting to disrupt the party "the wish was father to the thought" was applauded by every member on the floor.

The speaker minced no words when he attacked newspapers which he declared had assailed him in this fight, and in referring to the charge that he was "bolting the president" he exclaimed: "A free God! What an idiot!"

Throughout the speech there was not a dull moment. Repeatedly he was cheered, and the echoes of the plaudits rang through the reverberating halls of the capitol in frequent waves.

The speaker talked calmly when he referred to the Baltimore convention and when he told his colleagues he was mindful of the fact that his counsel in this crisis might mean the end of his public career, there was no evidence of regret or of alarm in his voice or demeanor.

No March Words. The speaker said he had no harsh word to speak of any of his colleagues who had criticized him, but he referred to some of them—Representative Henry who led the fight for the exemption of the Panama canal; Representative Harwick, who aided in that fight; the house was moved to uproarious laughter when the speaker said, referring to Mr. Harwick:

"You are a man from Georgia. I understand it says 'Shoofly, don't bother me, shoofly, don't bother me.'"

The fly listened attentively to the speaker's argument against the tolls repeal, his assertion that he believed the president was mistaken, his argument that the Canadian Pacific railroad and the Telescopio National Railway would not profit by the toll exemption, and his eloquent appeal against yielding anything to Great Britain.



PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON Comes Up Smiling After the First Attack on His Policies by Members of His Own Party.

gure, interrupted by applause as he proceeded. Conclusion Almost Prayerful, lowering his voice to say: "Now may almost prayerfully be concluded, the God of our fathers who served 3,000,000 backwoods Americans to find their gage of battle into the face of the mightiest monarch in the world, who guided the hand of Jefferson in writing the charter of liberty, who sustained Washington and his ragged army amid the blood stained heights of Yorktown—may he lead members to vote so as to prevent this stupendous folly—this unquestionable degradation of the American republic."

Speaker Clark had finished. As he walked from his place, the house arose en masse, democrats, republicans, progressives, alike and cheered him. When order could be restored Representative Adamson took the floor to close the debate. Representative Adamson devoted himself largely to a denunciation of the exemption as an economic policy, characterizing it as "a subsidy to special interests which have lobbied steadily before the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Commission of the house for seven years."

When he concluded, Representative Adamson called for a vote. A hush swept the crowded floor and the packed galleries as Speaker Clark announced a vote on the "third reading and endorsement of the bill."

On this motion, with its reservations of the right of the United States to control the Panama Canal zone, the anti-repeal forces polled their largest vote. The motion was defeated, 161 to 247. The democratic leaders, Speaker Clark and Representative Underwood, carried 61 of the democratic colleagues with them on the vote. All but 18 of the Republicans voted for the motion, and two progressives stood with the anti-repeal forces.

The defeat marked the rally of the anti-repeal forces. The last roll call was on the final passage of the bill. It was taken with the house in disorder and general confusion prevailed.

Postoffice Clerk Arrested; Stole \$20,000

Harrisburg, Pa., March 31.—William R. Baum, a mail clerk in the Harrisburg postoffice, was arrested today charged with having stolen \$20,000 from the mails. It is alleged that two packages, each containing \$10,000 in currency, were taken from the mails on July 5, 1913, and the money was sent to a bank in New York.

Safe-crackers Looted North State Postoffice

Charlotte, N. C., March 31.—Safe-crackers secured a thousand dollars in stamps and money from the postoffice at Sandhamp, N. C. this morning at 2:30 a. m. says a special from that place. An attempt was made to blow open the vault of the Peoples Bank, also, but beyond detachment of the doors, no damage was done.

Readjustment of Railway Mail

Washington, March 31.—Readjustment of the railway mail service has been undertaken by the postoffice department to meet reductions in train service on many railroads. It was announced today by a second Assistant Postmaster General Stewart had the situation in charge and would arrange changes.



FEDERAL SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT

PROPOSAL OF SIR EDWARD GREY RECEIVED WITH SYMPATHY

SUPPORTED BY ALL

Viscount Morley Decided Not to Resign as Lord President of the Council

(By Associated Press) London, March 31.—A parliamentary writer observed a few days ago: "This amazing government seems to thrive on its blunders," and the net result of a crisis without parallel in modern times has been that the debate on the second reading on the home rule was resumed today in an atmosphere of excitement.

Even the moderate liberals are anxious to avoid such a struggle, which is foreseen would form a test of passion exceeding even that which attended the passage of the Home Rule Bill. Hence the proposal of Sir Edward Grey, secretary of state for foreign affairs to the house of commons today of a Federal system of government for the British Isles, as a solution of the difficulty, which he put forward in a conciliatory speech, has been received on both sides of the house with great sympathy, and it is believed will lead to the renewal of negotiations between the front benches for the arrangement of an acceptable compromise.

Governor O'Neal Completely Absolved

Montgomery, Ala., March 31.—Governor Emmett O'Neal was completely absolved today by a grand jury that investigated public charges made upon him by Theo. Lacy, formerly an official of the state convict department and now under sentence for embezzlement of the department's funds. The grand jury's report presented to the grand jury, was as follows:

Expect a Revision

Discriminatory Freight Rates to S. C. Points To Be Reduced

(By Associated Press) Columbia, March 31.—Revision of the freight rates affecting shippers of South Carolina is expected by trunk lines operating in the state, according to the railroad commission in reference to charges of discrimination in favor of North Carolina and Georgia points. The proposed adjustment is supposed to include revision by the interstate commerce commission of rates from the East to Southern points and a revision by the railways of rates from the South to North Carolina destinations. It is believed that trunk lines operating in this state discriminate in favor of North Carolina and Georgia points, and the railroad commission are held by Secretary Darby of the commission to be tacitly admitted in this return of the railroads to the commission.

Mob Lynch Negro Girl

She Had Killed Young White Man—Act of Cringing Barbarity—Jailer Overpowered

(By Associated Press) Muskogee, Okla., March 31.—Marie Scott, a negro woman who killed Lemuel Peace, a young white man, Sunday by driving a knife into his heart, was taken out of the Wagoner county jail early today and hanged to a telephone pole. The mob overpowered the jailer, threw a rope over the woman's head and dragged her out of the jail. A knock at the jail door aroused the sleeping jailer alone in the office. A voice outside said an officer was there with prisoners. The jailer opened the door and faced twelve revolvers. He was bound quickly and his keys taken. The mob pulled the screaming woman from her cell, tied a rope about her neck and dragged her to a telephone pole, a block from the jail. An hour later the sheriff cut down the dead body. The county attorney has started an investigation of the lynching.

MARKED DECREASE IN PINE PRODUCTS

Several Thousand Barrels Less This Season Than During The Previous

(By Associated Press) Savannah, Ga., March 31.—A marked decrease in the quantity of rosin and turpentine from the Savannah market was reported during the 1913-14 naval stores trading season ending at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Receipts of turpentine were 18,887 barrels, and rosin receipts declined 94,381 barrels. The output movement showed a decrease of 1,000 barrels of turpentine, and 5,000 barrels of rosin last year, while in 1912-13 receipts declined 3,219 barrels.

Prohibit Circulation of 'Vila Currency'

(By Associated Press) Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mex., March 31.—Orders prohibiting further circulation of so-called "Vila currency" were received here today from Serapio Anieris, secretary of the treasury for the Carranza cabinet, who instructed constitutionalist officers in Agua Prieta to transmit them to all insurgent officials in Sonora. The principal reason for the order was said to be the issuance by counterfeiters of bogus "Vila" bills amounting to 1,000,000 pesos.

Fifty Thousand Men Thrown Out of Work

(By Associated Press) Cleveland, Ohio, March 31.—With few exceptions every Ohio coal mine closed tonight indefinitely. It is estimated that 50,000 men are thrown out of employment. The last legislative enactment of a law to pay miners on a run-of-the-mine basis, instead of on the prevalent system of payment by tonnage, was said to be the cause of the present shutdown. Although the new wage system does not become effective until May 15, operators refuse to renew wage contracts until wage conditions become more settled.

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(By Associated Press) Washington, March 31.—President Wilson was at dinner when the result of the vote was announced. He was gratified, but made no comment. In the senate the bill will be referred to the committee on Inter-Oceanic canals, of which Senator O'Gorman of New York, a vigorous opponent of the measure, is chairman. Senator O'Gorman said that he would call a meeting of the committee immediately to consider the bill. That there will be a fight in the committee is certain. Senator Owen in leading the fight for the president there.

Hon. Champ Clark of Missouri



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No Verification or Denial That Torreón Has Fallen

(By Associated Press) Juarez, Mex., March 31.—This city was thrown into a high excitement today when it was reported that Torreón had fallen, but the report failed of verification or denial. Rebel officers telegraphed to Gomez Palacio, asking General Villa if the news was true. The operator there replied that he was under orders to transmit no messages of any kind. General Carranza said that he regretted that he could not confirm the report, and other officials had the same reply. The first report was that Marion Letcher, United States consul at Chihuahua, had transmitted to William J. Bryan, secretary of state, a report from George Carothers, vice consul who had been at the front with Villa. The report was captured at 11:30 o'clock this afternoon. On the heels of this news rebel official telephoned to the offices of Mexico and Northwestern Railroad here that the capitulation of the Federals was officially announced. The rumors spread rapidly, and in a few moments the streets leading to the telegraph office were jammed. At the international bridge there was a continuous stream of interested persons pouring in from El Paso, and orders were issued that all be searched for weapons. The saloons which were ordered reopened last night, were again closed today. No Confirmation. That something was wrong with the news began to be suspected when rebel officials were observed among the newsers for information. Singly and in groups they returned from General Carranza's office shaking their heads, and went to the telegraph office. Here too, verifications were lacking and finally Federico Gonzalez Garcia telegraphed directly to General Villa and

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Will Manage Great Britain Road

New York, March 31.—Harry Thornton, an American, chosen to manage one of the great railroad systems of Great Britain, sailed tonight on the Lusitania. He will be general manager of the Great Eastern railway.

Man May Succumb

Masked Men Took Wife-Murderer From Jail and Stabbed Him Repeatedly

(By Associated Press) Santo Fe, N. N., March 31.—Twenty masked men took Adolfo Padilla, charged with murdering his wife, from the Santo Fe county jail to the nearest corner today and stabbed him repeatedly. He will probably die. The party overpowered the jailer and taking his keys, opened Padilla's cell and dragged him out. The mob quietly dispersed, leaving Padilla nearly dead in the street. Relatives of his wife found her dying at the home of her mother last Saturday. Her throat had been slashed with a razor and both wrists cut.

Enlist Steamships To Trace Missing Man

(By Associated Press) New York, March 31.—Wireless stations at Sea Gate, the Brooklyn navy big ships at sea which they could use to trace the missing man. The search of all the waters in that region was fruitless, and it was decided to ask the wireless stations to enlist steamships in the hunt.

Power of Master Mind

(By Associated Press) New York, March 31.—In the case of the man who was the subject of an extraordinary psychological study of the domination of one man to the domination of another, of a man named Salvatore E. Gatto, who blindly followed Saitta's direction, his conviction was the story that Gatto told of his career as Saitta's slave that after the jury had rendered its verdict Judge Swann said:

"Gatto palpably had become an automaton under the influence of a master mind. Unquestionably he felt the irresistible compulsion to perform whatever act he was bidden to perform. The case developed an instance in real life of one person being mastered by the influence of a superior mind."

Saitta was on trial for having duped Italian lemon growers into consignments of fruit to a dummy firm, using the name of Gatto and leading the exporters to believe it to be the old and well known commission house of Ferdinand Gatto of this city. Saitta made Gatto sign for the consignments and then turn them over to him.

"Once he started to cry and he drove me out of his office. That same day he made me burn my watch for \$100 and bring him the money. He could make me do anything he wanted. I might know it was wrong, but I did it just the same."

When the verdict was announced Gatto slunk out of the court room sobbing.

Life Imprisonment For Killing Woman

Chicago, March 31.—John B. Koettler today was found guilty of murdering Mrs. Emma Kraft of Cincinnati, and his punishment was fixed at life imprisonment. Koettler killed Mrs. Kraft in a Chicago hotel in November 1912, with a hammer, after obtaining possession of her money.

Passengers Ride Free Of Charge in Toledo

(By Associated Press) Toledo, O., March 31.—Thousands of citizens of Toledo today continued to ride free on cars operated by the Toledo Railway and Light Co. The city solicitor having advised the passengers to refuse to pay a cent of fare of more than three cents as provided by an ordinance that recently went into effect, and the company declining to accept any fare other than a rate of five cents, persons who insisted that they would pay no more than the three cents fare were allowed to ride free, the company declining to receive the ordinance over which litigation has been initiated.