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FIGHT SHIFTS TO THE SENATE

CANAL CONTROVERSY NOW GOES TO THE UPPER HOUSE

MAY BE DELAYED

Slight Correction in House Vote—President Cherishes No Ill Feeling

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, April 1.—Although the friends of the president in the senate had hoped to have an early meeting of the canal committee, which has the resolution for repeal of tolls exemption in hand, they decided to make no effort to induce Senator O'Gorman to change his plans. They will insist, however, upon action within reasonable time after the committee gets down to work.
Senator Owen of Oklahoma, majority member of the committee, who will lead the fight in committee for administration, visited the white house early in the day and conferred with the president. Later he made the emphatic declaration that friends of the repeal bill would not submit to unnecessary delay in preliminary consideration of the bill, and flatly declared that the grant of committee discharge would be hurried should an attempt be made to impede the progress of the measure.
That some members of the committee who oppose exemption repeal desire to have public hearings on the bill was apparent today, but administration leaders insisted that such hearings were entirely unnecessary and that there could be no other reasons for their except deliberately to cause delay.

Public Hearings Unnecessary.
"Public hearings on this issue are unnecessary," said Senator Owen tonight, "and would unnecessarily prolong the controversy, which is a clean cut issue and thoroughly understood by every senator. We are entitled to get away from congress early this time and intend to do it if possible."
Senator O'Gorman had said repeatedly that there would be no unnecessary delay in the committee, on considering the bill, but it is expected that requests will be made of him to grant hearings.

On this the committee may be forced to act and it would be considered as a test of the real issue. Just how that committee stands is uncertain, both of its claiming a majority of one. An unfavorable report of the bill would be followed by a minority report, and this would bring the controversy before the senate on a motion to adopt the majority report.

Many Complications Possible.
Many complications are possible in the situation as there are a half dozen bills pertaining to the tolls question now before the committee. That there will be a persistent effort made to amend the repeal bill as it passed the house is certain, but friends of the president declare that nothing but the repeal of the tolls exemption will be accepted. In support of this, they claim a vote of a majority of the senate has been taken, democrats and republicans included, but they have been incomplete. Estimates of the majority in favor of the repeal vary from 3 to 24.

Today Senator Norris of Nebraska introduced a resolution which would provide for arbitration of the treaty dispute in the tolls controversy, and Senator Poinsett introduced another to provide for postponement of consideration of the tolls issue until President Wilson submitted details. In confidence it is expected that the bill will be passed by the senate.

On the Tolls Exemption.
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Senator Lewis of Illinois has a bill empowering the president to suspend tolls by proclamation. Senator Reed has introduced a bill which would repeal the tolls exemption and grant to foreign vessels the right to compete with American ships for cargo in the canal. Senator Owen's bill, identical with that passed by the house yesterday, it was expected, would be replaced by the administration measure, its purpose in expedite consideration in the senate having failed. There are other measures pending, including a bill of Senator Thomas and Senator Gallinger's resolution expressing the sense of congress that it has the right to do as it pleases with respect to regulating shipping in the Panama canal.

House Vote Corrected.
The corrected count of the vote in the house yesterday repealing the ex-

RATE DECISION WITHIN MONTH

COMMISSION TO CONCLUDE TAKING OF TESTIMONY TONIGHT

WAGES HAVE RISEN

The Revenues, to the Contrary Have Declined, Creating a Crisis Among Railroads

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, April 1.—Whether Eastern railroads shall have a general freight rate increase may be decided by the interstate commerce commission within a month. That the case would be disposed of at a much earlier date than has been expected, became apparent today with the commission's determination to hold continuous hearings until all the testimony is in, even though railroad representatives cannot conclude their final statements tomorrow.

Recent developments tending to show the necessity for quick disposition of the question has caused the commission to devote its attention almost wholly to the rate question. The case may be submitted on briefs, with little, if any oral argument. The rate case was the subject of general discussion at the capital today, as the result of Senator La Follette's action in introducing a bill to make unlawful any attempt to influence proceedings before the interstate commerce commission except in accordance with the commission's regulations.

W. H. Williams, third vice-president of the Delaware and Hudson Company submitted an elaborate statement of the general financial condition of the railroads at today's hearing before the commission.

Enormous Annual Outlay.
"The average amount annually expended by the railroads during the last six years for additions and betterments," he said, "has been substantially \$600,000,000; and to earn 4.1 per cent on this amount would require additional receipts of \$19,546,000. If the railroads are to secure satisfactory returns, their outlay must be improved, and this can only be accomplished by a larger excess of current earnings over the current cost of operation and taxes."

W. C. Wishart, statistician of the New York Central, testified concerning the railroads' cost of living.

"Rates of pay for transportation have gone down sharply," he declared. "The consumer of transportation today can secure more transportation for a given amount of goods than he ever could before, and the carrier continues to sell at declining prices, regardless of the cost of living. While average revenues have declined somewhat, rates have risen 2 1/2 per cent per unit of traffic, and other expenses and taxes about 12 per cent per unit of traffic."
J. T. Wallis, general superintendent of motive power of the Pennsylvania, testified that the system was obliged now to pay far more for repairs and supplies and general maintenance of equipment than ever before.

Mutinous Sailors Placed Behind Bars

(By Associated Press.)
Gulfport, Miss., April 1.—With the assistance of the entire day and night police shifts of the city, twelve sailors of the Italian bark Gascon, who had mutinied because their demand for spending money was not complied with today were placed in bars here. The master of the vessel and seven of the mutinous crew were employed by him to take the place of the striking sailors in discharging the cargo of the bark.

A Tie So Far In Checker Tournament

(By Associated Press.)
Union, April 1.—With twenty-two of the thirty scheduled games played, C. C. Anderson, of Mount Airy, N. C., and F. B. Plaburne, of Greenville, S. C., are here tonight in the checker tournament, the winner of which will claim the southern championship. Each player has won four games, with fourteen being drawn contests.
An amendment as announced in the Congressional Record today is 247 for the repeal and 163 against it. A majority of 85 for the administration. The count as announced last night was 161 votes against it. The name of Representative Deane, Republican of St. Louis, Mo., who voted against the repeal, was omitted in the list.
The president today had no comment to make on the result in the house, but let it be known that he observed no ill feeling over those who, expressing their convictions, opposed the repeal. There was no comment made on the speech of Speaker Clay.

GENERAL MOORE TALKS FRANKLY

Says Second Regiment Band Should Have Its Money

Gen. W. W. Moore, the adjutant general of the state, spent last night in the city. Gen. Moore is a native of Barnwell, got his military training and education at the Citadel, was captain of a company in Barnwell several years ago, and a member of Gov. Elyward's staff. He says that the Palmetto Rifles should come right on up now. He is much pleased with the physical make-up of the company and also is gratified with the esprit. He realizes that the company has had some draw-backs and he is willing to make every possible allowance for these. The new captain, J. L. Ligon, is in his opinion, a capable and suitable man for the exacting post. His examination for the place is said to have been very fine indeed. Gen. Moore says that the second regiment band is now in good hands under the new director, R. W. Hembree, and he expects it to be a fine organization. The band was without a chief musician for some time. The band at Williamston, the First Regiment band, has always been a splendid organization. Gen. Moore says as well as a musical standpoint, says Gen. Moore and he complimented without reserve.
Gen. Moore says that Adjutant Lezard recently elected Colonel of the Second South Carolina, had no legal or moral right to hold up the \$100 due the Second Regiment band at Orville. The money belongs to the band and should be paid.
Gen. Moore stated that he would offer for reelection and he feels sure that he will have a walk-over in the opposition that has been announced.

Lansing Sworn In; Ranks Next To Bryan

Washington, April 1.—Robert Lansing, the new counsellor of the state department, successor to John Bassett Moore, was sworn in today and assumed the duties of his office. He will rank next to Secretary Bryan and Secretary of the department when the secretary is absent.

STEAMER TRASH IS IN DISTRESS

Struggling in High Seas With Rudder Gone—Onondaga to the Rescue

(By Associated Press.)
Norfolk, Va., April 1.—With her rudder gone, the American steamer Herman Frasch, according to last reports received here, was endeavoring to anchor eighteen miles south-west of Diamond Shoals light-house, until assistance reaches her. The revenue cutter Onondaga left here early today to assist the steamer.

The Frasch was struggling in high seas when last heard from. There was also a fog on.

The steamer will probably be towed into Beaufort or brought to this port. She was bound to Sabine, Texas, from Portland, Maine. She is commanded by Captain McGray.

ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE COMMERCE COMMISSION SHOULD BE REFINATED

Unlike his predecessor, General Scott will become assistant chief of staff with the rank of brigadier general. There now is no vacancy in the grade of major-general and to promote him to that rank when General Scott's resignation takes effect would be tantamount to jumping him over the heads of nine brigadiers who are his seniors.
It was recalled today, however, that there is no obstacle to the assumption of the office of chief of staff by a brigadier general, as that has done when Brigadier General J. Franklin Bell was appointed to the place.
No selection has yet made of a successor to General Scott as commander of the Second Cavalry brigade at El Paso.

Elgin Board of Trade Will Be Prosecuted

Washington, April 1.—Unless the Elgin board of trade accedes promptly to the demands by the department of justice, it is probable that the attempt to settle the anti-trust suit against the organization will prove unavailing and that the government will push the case to a conclusion in the courts.
Word has been received here from United States district attorney Wilkerson of Chicago, in charge of the negotiations with the Elgin board, that he has agreed to certain demands which the department made, but had refused to accept others.
It was the understanding here tonight that Mr. Wilkerson was notified that the department would agree to nothing less than the demand of the bill and it seemed probable that the neighbors would be dropped.

Sir George Richardson, Chief Of the Ulster Unionist Army.



Photo by American Press Association.
SIR GEORGE RICHARDSON, a retired lieutenant general of the British army, is commander in chief of the Ulster Unionist forces in Ireland. "We are all prepared to die to defeat home rule," said he recently.

WITHERSPOON WILL SUCCEED GEN. WOOD AS CHIEF OF STAFF

Brig-General Scott Will Be His Assistant—Effective 22nd Instant
(By Associated Press.)
Washington, April 1.—Major-General William W. Witherspoon, now the assistant chief of staff of the army, has been elected to succeed Major-General Leonard Wood as chief of staff of the army.
April 22. Brig-General H. H. Scott, now commanding the troops at Fort Bliss, Texas, will assist the chief of staff.
General Wood will assume command of the eastern department, with headquarters at Governor's Island, N. Y.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANKING SYSTEM WILL START WELL

Will Have Authorized Capital Of Hundred Million At The Outset
(By Associated Press.)
Washington, April 1.—The new federal reserve banking system will start business with a total authorized capital of about \$100,000,000 for all reserve banks, to which how many districts decides to set up. This fact became apparent tonight when figures were made public from all national banks responding to the last call of the comptroller of the currency, made March 4.

The statement issued giving these figures will be the last of the kind before the formal launching of the system, unless the organization changes its present purpose and declares an announcement of the reserve districts and cities. The total capital and surplus of the 7,494 national banks reporting was given at about \$1,788,000. Under the reserve act each national bank must subscribe 6 per cent of its capital stock and surplus to the capital of the reserve bank in its district, and 6 per cent of this total would be about \$107,000,000.

There were only 7,465 national banks who signified in the legal time their intentions to enter the system so that the total would be somewhat reduced, but the entrance into the system of banks and trust companies will tend to offset this, and it is possible that, with these instructions figured in, the capital of all reserve banks will be near \$119,000,000.

The actual working capital of the reserve banks may reach only half this amount, for the act provides that mandatory subscriptions of only three-sixths of the total 6 per cent. The reserve board, the machine which directs the system, however, is authorized to demand the payment of the three-sixths.

The statement today shows national banks in excellent condition to meet the demands of the new law. Some observers were surprised by the fact that loans and discounts have increased instead of being curtailed. Loans and discounts have increased \$1,000,000,000 on March 4, 1914, amounting to \$6,267,535.35, a gain over January 15, 1914, the time of the previous call, of \$182,139,936.

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THREE MEMBERS OF FAMILY SHOT

MYSTERIOUS MURDER OF A SEVIERS FAMILY IN TENNESSEE

NO CLUE IS FOUND

Officers and Coroner's Jury Alike Are Unable to Arrive At a Definite Conclusion

(By Associated Press.)
Clinton, Tenn., April 1.—Mystery surrounds the killing somewhere early today of three members of the Sevierville family. Millard Sevierville was shot through the back of the head at his home three miles from this city, and a short time later, three miles away the bodies of the father and mother Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sevierville, were found lying on the dining room of their home.
Officers who spent the day investigating the tragedy, could discover no definite clue. The coroner's jury, likewise could get nothing on which to render a verdict placing the blame. Millard Sevierville's wife told the officers that she was awakened early today by a revolver shot and that she investigated and found the body of her husband lying on the floor with blood flowing from a bullet hole in the back of his head. His revolver was beneath him.
Mrs. Sevierville swooned, she said, and does not know how long she remained unconscious. On recovering, she summoned help and sent a messenger to the home of her husband's parents.
Unable to arouse any one at the home of the elder Sevierville, the messenger investigated and found the bodies of the aged man and his wife.
Both of the Sevierville were prosperous farmers. The elder Sevierville was 65 years old and the son 45.

NOMINATION OF COMMISSIONER

Senators Contend the Economic Views of Nominee Unfit Him For the Work

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, April 1.—Confirmation of the nomination of Winthrop Moore, of New Jersey, to be a member of the interstate commerce commission was blocked in the senate today by Senators La Follette and Cummings. The senators took pains to show that there was no personal attack upon Mr. Daniels involved, but declared his economic views unfitted him for the task. The discussion will be continued tomorrow.

Supply Information of Conditions Abroad

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, April 1.—Appropriations of \$50,000 for the use of the secretary of commerce in promoting trade with Latin-America, and \$100,000 for establishment of a staff of commercial attaches in foreign countries, both designed to supply American business men with information on conditions abroad were proposed in the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill reported to the house today. The bill carries accounts of senators from twenty cents a mile to actual traveling expenses.

MISAPPREHENSION AS TO TREATY CORRECTED

Minister Says the Danish Parliament Unanimously Ratified Bryan Pact
(By Associated Press.)
Washington, April 1.—Danish minister Bran today corrected a misapprehension which had arisen from cable reports concerning the status of the new arbitration treaty between the United States and Denmark. The treaty which was signed in Washington February 3, 1913, was ratified unanimously and with enthusiasm by both houses of the Danish Parliament and was approved by the King of Denmark March 7 last.
Mr. Bran says great importance is attached to the treaty in Denmark, where the sentiment strongly advocates unrestricted arbitration for international questions in the belief that all nations eventually will adopt this idea and consent to bind themselves by treaty to that effect.

VILLA DENIES THE CITY'S FALL

WHILE PART OF CITY HAS BEEN TAKEN, STRUGGLE ISN'T COMPLETED

EXPECTS A TRIUMPH

Relative Positions of Contending Forces Have Changed But Little Since First Conflict

(By Associated Press.)
Juarez, Mexico, April 1.—Heavy fighting was in progress at Torreon today according to a 1,000 word report received by General Carranza from General Villa today.
Reports that Torreon had fallen were definitely denied by General Villa late today. His telegram was based on the message of congratulations on the "fall" of Torreon dispatched to him yesterday by Colonel Fidel Avila, chief of arms of the garrison here. General Villa replied as follows:
Gomez, Palacio, April 1, 1914.
Col Fidel Avila.
Jefe De Las Armas, Juarez.
"In reply to your message, I wish to state that while I have taken part of the city of Torreon, the struggle is not yet completed. I expect to obtain a triumph, of which I will advise you."
(Signed) Gen. Francisco Villa.
Details of the struggle received here were brief and showed that the relative positions of the contending forces have not changed to any extent in the last five days.
Engagement Early Expected.
Whether the forces of General Maximo marching to the relief of the federal at Torreon have yet engaged those of the rebel general, Honolivio Herrera, sent to meet him was not known. No confirmation was received of the rumor that a train load of the soldiers of General Maximo were blown up by a dynamite mine. The column under command of General Maximo was said to number 4,500 men. To meet him, it was reported General Herrera was detailed by General Villa. An engagement between these forces was expected hourly.
Miguel Diebol's, Mexican federal consul at El Paso, made public a telegram from General Maximo reading: "Reported fall of Torreon untrue. Deny all such reports."
The message was dated today and purported to come from Saltillo, just east of Torreon, by way of Eagle Pass, Texas.
Three Aviators Killed.
Rheims, France, April 1.—Three aviators were killed here while flying. Emile Guzman, a brother of the famous French aviator, Jules Vedres, was killed in a fall from his monoplane. The other aviators killed were Pierre Leon Testualat, pilot, and Clement Avigny, his passenger. Their airplane caught fire in mid-air and collapsed.

REMARKABLY PACIFIC CONDITIONS NOW EXIST

In Strange Contract to Storm and Stress in Great Britain A Week Ago

(By Associated Press.)
London, April 1.—A remarkably pacific spirit has come over the political situation in strange contrast to the storm and stress of a week ago. It is almost certain that Mr. Asquith will be returned to parliament unopposed. The feeling for a settlement on a federal basis is gaining ground. Arthur J. Balfour will speak tomorrow and Sir Edward Carson and Andrew Bonar Law, Monday, when the division on the home rule bill will be taken on the second reading.
Mr. Asquith has appointed Sir Charles Douglas, law inspector general of the home forces, to succeed Field Marshal Sir John French as chief of staff.
The first act of Premier Asquith in his new capacity as premier was for war was to clear up the mystery surrounding the instructions given by the war office to General Carranza. Paquet, commander-in-chief of the island.
Sir Arthur was summoned to London to give his chief a personal account of the orders he had received and issued, and as a result of the conference, Reginald McKenna, the home secretary, who is acting as leader of the house, was able to inform the commons today that: "The only question, General Paquet intended to put to the commanding officers in Ireland was whether they were ready to put their duty before any other considerations. It was not his intention that this, or any such question should be put by the general officers to their subordinates."