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PRESIDENT WILSON PRECIPITATES LONG, BITTER BATTLE WITH FELLOW PARTYMEN

TOLL REPEAL DEMANDS WILL CAUSE TROUBLE

COMBAT WILL BE FIRST SERIOUS ONE WITH HIS PARTY LEADERS.

MANY DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS OPPOSE HIM

Wilson's Address to Congress Today Taken as Signal for Open Fight Between Himself and Members of Both Houses—House May Give in But Doubtful that Senate Will.

Washington, March 5.—President Wilson's demands made today that congress repeal the clause in the Panama canal law exempting American shipping tolls, promise to result in the first serious clash between the chief executive and any considerable number of democrats of the house and senate. Indications are the contest will be extremely bitter.

Opponents to the demands, and they are many, and they are democrats, are resolute in their purpose. The president and his supporters are equally determined. President Wilson has the best chance in the house where it seems he is likely to win out. It is hard to tell what the senate will do. There is a strong likelihood that the fight will be a prolonged one and continue the session. Republicans have not voiced opinions on the matter this afternoon—Democrats are doing all the talking.

DYNAMITE EXPLODES IN HANDS

Battery in One Hand and Caps in Other With Crossed Wires.

Tillamook, Ore., March 5.—L. B. Kay, a farm hand, is probably dying as the result of an explosion of dynamite. He carried the caps with which he intended to blow out stumps under one arm and the battery in the other. The wires became connected, the caps exploded, and the explosion of dynamite followed, resulting in a hundred wounds. He sustained one near the lung that is likely to prove fatal.

MONSTER SHARK HELD PRISONER

THOUSAND POUND SPECIMEN LARGEST EVER TAKEN.

Gets Wedged Between Piling of Wharf and is Hauled Ashore.

Seattle, March 5.—A man eating shark, twelve feet long, was caught in the bay here. The monster weighed over a thousand pounds, and is the largest that was ever pulled from the waters of Puget Sound. It became wedged in the piling of the wharf and was unable to free itself. Its jaws are fourteen inches across.

Present Law Said To Be Violation Of Treaty With England Agreed To In '01

Washington, March 5.—Woodrow Wilson, as president of the United States, went to the senate hall today and started what is unquestionably to be the bitterest warfare in his own party's history since he went into office, when he demanded that the free tolls clause be repealed. He said in his speech—the briefest speech of his administration:

Gentlemen of congress: I have come to you on an errand which can be very briefly performed, but I beg you will not measure its importance by the number of sentences in which I state it. No communication that I have addressed to congress has carried with it a more grave or far reaching implication to the interests of the country, and I come to speak upon a matter which I am charged to, by the constitution itself, with personal responsibility.

I come to ask the repeal of that provision of the Panama canal act of August 24, 1912, which exempts vessels engaged in coastwise trade of America from the payment of tolls and to urge upon you the justice and wisdom and large policy of such a repeal with the utmost earnestness of which I am capable. In my judgment, maturely formed after careful consideration, I believe that exemption constitutes a mistaken economic policy from every point of view and is, moreover, in plain contravention of the treaty with Great Britain concerning the canal, concluded Nov. 13, 1901.

But I have not come before to urge my personal views. I came to state to you a fact and a situation. What ever may be our own differences of opinion concerning this much debated measure, its meaning is not debated outside of the United States. Everywhere else the language of the treaty is given but one interpretation, and that interpretation precludes the exemption.

emtion I am asking you to repeal. We consented to the treaty; its language we accepted, if we did not originate it, and we are too big, too powerful and too self-respecting a nation to interpret with too strained or refined reading the words of our own promises just because we have power enough to give us leave to read them as we please. The large thing to do is the only thing we can afford to do, and that is a voluntary withdrawal from a position everywhere questioned and misunderstood. We ought to reverse our action without raising the question of whether we are right or wrong and so once more deserve our reputation for generosity and redemption of every obligation without quibble or hesitation.

I ask this of you in support of the foreign policy of my administration. I shall not know how to deal with other matters of even greater delicacy and nearer consequence if you do not grant it to me in an ungrudging manner.

DEFENDANT IS GIVEN VERDICT

THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS IS AWARD MADE.

Tommy Jones Found Not Guilty About Midnight—Second Case On.

After a thoroughgoing examination of the evidence in the case of Rhinehart vs. Breshears, the jury brought in a verdict for the defendant in the sum of \$300. The case was really one for an accounting which involved arriving at proper prices for farm produce and farm supplies, machinery and many other things that enter into farming.

Jones is Exonerated. Tommy Jones, tried for the crime of rape, was declared not guilty by the jury which returned a verdict last night about midnight. The jury was deliberating from about 5 p. m. until the hour mentioned, with an hour intermission for meals. This morning the jury is impaneled to try Alvin Orton, charged with the same crime. The prosecuting witness in both cases is the same.

COYOTE CUTOFF CONTRACT LET

Portland, March 5.—Twohy Brothers, Portland contractors, were this afternoon awarded the contract for building the O.-W. cut-off at Coyote and Echo. They will put 400 men to work within a few days. Main line changes were also included in the contract. This finally settles the dispute over the cut off question which has been waged for several years. It will shorten the route between Pendleton materially.

Stake Conference this Week. The L. D. S. stake quarterly conference will be held next Saturday and

Indecent Rag Dances Banned

CITY COMMISSION LEGISLATES AGAINST VULGAR STEPS.

NEW PHASE TRIED

Once in Dance Hall, Patrons Cannot Leave and Return.

Taboo has been placed on the "violent" or indecent dances in La Grande. Last night the city commission stamped approval on a preliminary order to dance hall owners and proprietors which is to be followed by an ordinance, carrying the amount of fines and the license money. Not only are the vulgar "rag" dances to go but the commission has adopted the latest remedy against ill effects of public dances now used in Portland. No person who has paid his way and gained entrance to a public dance hall, can leave the hall and return without paying his entrance money again. This is said by Portland authorities to be a far-reaching and effective step.

The preliminary order which is to be served on dance hall owners and managers here, follows:

"You are hereby notified that all so-called 'rag' dances, or dances of any kind whatsoever pertaining to 'rag' or 'rag' movement or steps, or dances of any kind of an improper or immoral nature will not be permitted in any of said halls in the city of La Grande, Oregon. Also there shall not be any intoxicating liquors or beverages of any kind allowed or permitted in said halls in the city of La Grande, Oregon, and any person carrying said liquor or beverages into any dance hall, or any person entering any of said halls in La Grande, Oregon, in an intoxicated condition, makes him or her self liable to arrest and fine, on complaint of any proprietor or manager or any person or persons.

"No passes shall be issued to any one except employees. Persons leaving the hall shall not be re-admitted to the hall except on again paying the regular admission fee.

"The demeanor of all said halls in the city of La Grande, Oregon, shall be along genteel and refined lines or order and no person, firm or corporation or association shall be permitted to run or conduct a dance or dance hall which does not comply with the order."

Practically all dance hall managers of this city have issued orders against ragging on their own volition but lacked backing of an ordinance nature and were considerably hampered through lack of such a law.

No. 10 Held for Derailed Freight.

No. 10, eastbound Chicago passenger, was late this morning owing to a derailment of a freight train at Wyeth, a small station west of here. It arrived here at 10:00 a. m., four hours late.

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Revolution in Buenos Ayres.

Buenos Ayres, S. A., March 5.—Meagre details have been received of a reported serious uprising and rioting at Rio De Janeiro. A revolution is threatened. It is said racial difficulties in the interior are the cause.

SOFT PEDAL IS LIKELY TO GET HARD JOLTINGS

HOT HEADS IN CONGRESS ON VERGE OF BREAKING OUT IN OBJECTION.

PEACE "CONFERENCE" YARN STARTED AGAIN

Huerta Issues Acceptance to Hague Peace Conference Invitation — Administration at Washington Non-plused by Statement for a Time—Invitation Finally Run to Earth.

Washington, March 5.—The Mexican situation has taken on a new turn. The foreign office at Mexico City issued a bulletin today without explanations, that the Huerta regime had accepted an invitation to a peace conference at The Hague. The president's private secretary, Tumulty, at first told the press that he had heard nothing about the proposed conference, and did not know what it would mean. It was at first rumored that the invitation had come from the president of the United States but this was denied by the president's secretary.

It is learned this afternoon that the invitation to The Hague peace conference came from Queen Wilhelmina, of Holland and that in the general invitation Mexico was included. The Mexican regime is making the most of the offer to participate in the conference.

Outbreak Looked For.

How long the soft pedal will be effective in keeping hotheaded members of congress from breaking loose in the house of representatives is a question. Senator Fall of New Mexico, and others are preparing to attack the president's policy. They will seek to have congress force the president to in-

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A. W. GOODRICH



A. W. Goodrich of Chicago was sent by the shipowners of the great lakes to represent them at the international safety-at-sea conference in London and to protest against safety legislation which makes no distinction between ocean and lake traffic.

SEX HYGIENE CHIEFS TALK TO FOUR GROUPS

WHIRLWIND CAMPAIGN OF CITY MADE BY VISITING SOCIAL WORKERS.

MANY SHOPMEN HEAR SEX HYGIENE AT NOON HOUR

High School Pupils, Then Shopmen, Then Mothers, and Tonight the Fathers, is List of Groups of La Grande People that Hear Discussions from Men Well Versed.

Whirlwind political campaigns have no more vim and "get" than did the invasion today of State Hygiene society chieftains. This afternoon Calvin S. White, secretary of the State Board of Health, and president of the State Hygiene Society, addressed the high school students on subjects harmonious with his mission in La Grande.

Shopmen Hear Speech.

So intent are the sex problems solvers on reaching the greatest possible number of fathers, mothers, boys and girls, that at noon today they addressed a meeting of 195 shopmen. Dr. Andrew C. Smith, one of Portland's best known physicians, spoke, telling in plain language what parents ought to know about their children and about themselves.

Afternoon Given to Women.

This afternoon the invasion by the sex hygiene brigade came to the attention of mothers. At the Commercial Club a good representation of women heard the apostles of purified sex hygiene discuss subjects of deep importance to mothers.

Tonight comes the biggest meeting of them all when men only will be welcomed at the Commercial club rooms to hear not only two Portland men but local speakers as well.

William Miller will preside this evening, and the committee of local men who have attended to the arrangements and have lent their endorsement to the meetings include John Girdler, superintendent of schools, H. L. Underwood, physician, F. L. Meyers, cashier La Grande National, M. K. Hall, physician and ex-mayor and C. J. Black, real estate

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ELGIN MARTEN SENT TO SETON

FAMOUS NATURALIST GIVEN FUR-BEARING PET.

Elgin Man Forwards Beautiful Specimen to Well Known Author.

Jap Christiansen of Elgin, has consigned to Ernest Thompson Seton, the famous naturalist and author on zoological subjects, a marten caught in the neighborhood of Elgin. The consignee lives in Greenwich, Conn. The animal is one of the finest specimens of its kind and its fur is worth from \$10.00 to \$25.00 on the market. The animal will not be killed for its hide but will become a pet animal for scientific purposes.