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TOLLS REPEAL FORCES SCORE IN TEST VOTE

RESOLUTION TO LIMIT DEBATE ON ISSUE TO 20 HOURS PASSED.

ADAMSON DEFENDS THE ADMINISTRATION POLICY

Administration Has Safe Majority Following in the House If Test Vote on Canal Tolls Repeal Clause Is Indicative of the Final Vote—Said to Be Sure Barometer.

Washington, March 27.—First blood in the fight for repeal of the exemption clause of the canal act, was drawn by the administration forces today when the house by a vote of 207 to 186 decided to close the debate on the rule of limit of debate, on Sims' resolution to 20 hours. The test vote indicated the strength in the house of the President's following. Advocates of the bill insist it indicates passage of the bill itself.

Washington, March 27.—Defense of President Wilson's request for the repeal of the exemption clause of the Panama canal act was voiced in the house today by Representative Adamson of Georgia, "I would not be impolite enough to accuse anybody of treasonable conduct," he said, "but when the president of any party emphasizes the dire extremity of the government by going personally to congress and describes an obstacle in the safe conduct of foreign affairs, no man can escape by quibble and sophistry. "Whoever fights this repeal now not only fights honest equality and domestic economy of the people, but fights the administration on the foreign policy of the government, and if disaster results must share the odium and responsibility for the cheap and vulgar criticism that has been indulged in regarding the President's motives.

"The President has been charged, without foundation, with dickerings with governments and trading for help and peace. Nations do not do business in any such vulgar way. England's attitude in any crisis in which we are involved will depend on the honesty and fairness of our treatment of England. There is more claptrap and poppycock and delusion about this jingoism against England than any other feature of the ship trust propaganda which is fraudulent from beginning to end.

Adamson also declared that the free tolls declaration in the Baltimore platform was not a democratic plank but was slipped in under false pretenses.

High Rent Problem Is Solved.

Belgrade, Serbia, March 27.—Serbia is confident it has just successfully solved the problem of soaring rents. Following the two recent Balkan wars in which Serbia doubled its territory at the expense of Turkey and Bulgaria, there was an influx of population into Belgrade that caused rents to go up to an all but prohibitive point. A new law by parliament went into effect today doubling the taxes on all unoccupied houses and apartments which it is confidently believed, will cause landlords at least to think twice before refusing a tenant who cannot pay as much as the landlord would like.

DR. HOWARD A. KELLY.

Baltimore Physician Expert in Radium Treatment of Cancer.



HICKORY STICK FOR WEED CURE

NOT SILVER NITRITE FOR CIGARETTES BUT OLD STAND-BY.

Judge of Juvenile Court Puts Cure up to Mothers When Requested.

Chicago, March, 27.—Miss Lucy Page Gaston, Joan of Arc in the battle against cigarettes must first convince mothers that her "mouth-swabbing" treating will cure their young hopefuls before juvenile court will order all young cigarette users to have their mouths washed with a nitrite of silver solution. Judge Pinckney, to whom Miss Gaston appealed for a court order ordering juvenile delinquents to be thus baptised, said today that if he had a boy who smoked cigarettes he would experiment with the solution but didn't want to force it on the youngsters without their mothers' approval. "put it up to one mother," said the court, "and she said she preferred the hickory switch solution."

Ohio Graduates Demand More Money.

Columbus, O., March 27.—Alumni and former students of the Ohio State University from all parts of the country gathered here today for the purpose of organizing a compact and efficient body to co-operate with their alma mater in some of the big problems now before the university. It is hoped that the organization will be able to convince state legislators of the need of increased appropriations to meet demands due to the rapid growth of the University.

HOTEL PHONE OPERATOR HOLDS POST WARNING GUESTS OF FIRE

Portland, March 27.—Hotel Perkins was the scene of much daring and some spectacular escapes down the fire escapes today when twelve men and women, almost made frantic through a basement fire, which shut off escape through elevators and the stairway, were compelled to crawl through the windows and down the iron ladders.

The heroic devotion to duty on the part of Nell Pegg who remained at her post during the greatest part of the excitement and telephoned the possible danger to the guests in their

Women Slow To Become "Politic"

BUT 1700 HAVE REGISTERED IN COUNTY.

WHOLE VALLEY IS LETHARGIC

Registration Books to Be Again Brought Down Town.

Registration is tardy. Women's Suffrage has done little or nothing in this county so far to increase the number of votes, if present registrations are to be taken as an indication. But 1700 have registered in the county so far which is about one half of the registrations of two years ago, when women had not the right to vote. The great majority of registrations so far are men.

In order to facilitate registrations County Clerk Ed Wright brings the books to Jack Oliver's abstract office every Wednesday and Saturday night at 7 p. m., for the purpose of saving persons the walk up the hill. This is not compulsory on the part of the county clerk, but he is doing it to promote registration, and merely as a matter of accommodation.

JUVENILE OFFICER BUSY.

Libby Kinzie Cosgriff Has Strenuous Post in Portland.

Being a juvenile officer in Portland is anything but an agreeable job for a lady. Mrs. Elizabeth Cosgriff (formerly Libby Kinzie of this city), set a week's record for thrills that will stand a while no doubt. Says a Portland paper of Mrs. Cosgriff, who is a sister of Mrs. John Shea of this city: Mrs. Elizabeth Cosgriff, a juvenile court officer, has had a dreadful week-end. Getting off a car Thursday morning the first sight which met her gaze was the body of a man who had been crushed by a street car. Mrs. Cosgriff fainted. That same afternoon Mrs. Cosgriff was detailed to go to North Portland and get a 3-year-old baby which had been reported as being neglected.

On getting into the residence she found the child in bed between two drunken men, who ordered Mrs. Cosgriff out of the house. She went, but returned with the patrol wagon, got the child and saw the men sent to jail.

Friday afternoon she was sent to Seaside to capture a girl. Mrs. Cosgriff and three officers chased the fugitive all over the beach, and then Mrs. Cosgriff had herself handcuffed to the refractory prisoner.

Eighteen Go Down With Ship.

Brisbane, Australia, March 27.—Striking a rock at the entrance to the harbor the French Steamship St. Paul sank this morning and eighteen were drowned. The ship is a total loss.

BURNS TALKED OF AS MASTER OF THE ARMIES

IF COL. SEELY IS OUSTED, FORMER RADICAL CHIEF MAY SUCCEED HIM.

WHOLE CABINET FACES DISSOLUTION AT ONCE

Discussion of Successor to Col. Seely, Confessed Blunderer in Ulster Mess, Centers on John Burns, President of Local Government Board—Seely's Career Dying.

London, March 27.—John Burns, president of the Local Government board, which is a cabinet post is mentioned as secretary for war to succeed the present secretary for war, Col. Seely, should the latter be crowded out of office because of his blunders in the Ulster affair. Seely admitted that the was largely to blame for the conditions, along with General Paget in command of the Ireland division. Burns entered public service as a Labor member of parliament. He was extremely radical but the Radicals have since charged him with being over-conservative. As executive of the department he is generally looked upon as perhaps the ablest member of the cabinet.

Asquith Has Until Tomorrow.

The House of Commons adjourned today without concerted effort to attempt an attack on the ministry. Unless Premier Asquith can by tomorrow show he has made progress in untangling the military situation—which he admitted today he had not so far done—a campaign will be launched to force the cabinet's resignation.

STOCK SENT TO HILLS.

Feed Is Now Suitable and Many Herds Are Going Hillward.

Cattle men have welcomed the early warm weather and have sent many head of grazing cattle to the Rock Creek country. In speaking of the cattle business yesterday Geo. A. Pierce said: "We have put 400 head on pasture at this early season of the year and have 400 more to pasture as soon as the season is fit for them. While the grass is still short there is an abundance of dry bunch grass still on the range and this is fine feed. The cattle are doing well and are contented in spite of the chilly spell that has come after the few weeks of warm weather."

In speaking of profits in the cattle business Mr. Pierce said that things have changed greatly. Now wages are never less than \$3.00 per day and for a shorter period of hours than formerly. In addition to that the owner of stock has to feed the men and supply them with other necessities, which takes away practically all of the profit he says, in addition to feeding the cattle all winter on hay at \$12 per ton.

HORSES UNHITCHED; TROUBLES.

Four Men Charged With Violating Ordinance About Hitching Teams.

Complaints have been sworn out against four local men for alleged violations of the horse-hitching ordinance. S. Kline, Benson Burnett, Everett Moore and Bill Keifer are charged with leaving teams stand on the street without proper hitching. Municipal Judge Eakin is out of the city today and their cases will probably not be tried until tomorrow.

Cowgirl Injured By Hard Tumble

WELL KNOWN HORSEWOMAN INJURED AT UNION.

VICTIM MAY SURVIVE JOLTS

Mrs. Ruby Stanton, Known to Round-up and Fair Patrons, Hurt

Union, March 27.—(Special)—While riding a horse at considerable speed through the streets of Union yesterday, Mrs. Ruby Stanton was thrown from her horse and severely injured. The neck was supposed to have been broken, but after working with her for hours, doctors noticed that she evinced some sign of life. This morning she was still unconscious, and Dr. Meyers who is attending her is unable to predict whether she will survive or not.

As much as can be learned Mrs. Stanton was on her way from Boise to Walla Walla, where she is supposed to live. So much is learned from bills of lading showing that she had shipped goods from that city to Walla Walla.

She is likewise said to have participated in the Round Up at Pendleton last summer and also at Boise.

Mrs. Stanton was in La Grande last fall, while driving a relay string through to Boise from Walla Walla. She is the purely cowgirl type of woman, beautiful and accomplished, yet skilled as a rider and trainer of horses.

HORSES HURT YOUTH SEVERELY

NORTH POWDER BOY LOSES EAR IN ACCIDENT.

Runaway Horses Trample on Bert Richardson—Ribs Broken.

North Powder, March 27.—(Special)—Bert Richardson, seventeen year old son of Dick Richardson of North Powder, met with an accident yesterday afternoon that came near ending in his death. He was riding on a load of hay when the hay frame broke. The horses became frightened and began to run at top speed. Bert fell beneath the horses which became frightened at this unexpected turn of events and in the scramble that followed the young man had four ribs broken and one ear completely cut off. It is thought he sustained other internal injuries.

Woman Celebrates 117th Birthday.

Berlin, March 27.—Johanna Schyldo, the oldest person in Germany, today celebrated her 117th birthday. She lives in Schimischow, Upper Silesia, near where she was born in 1779.

MOUNTED MAIL CARRIER ASKED FOR TO REACH CITY OUTSKIRTS

So rapidly has the city grown that it is expedient to put a mounted carrier on the post office delivery service. Application for such service has been made by Postmaster E. E. Bragg and within the week it is likely that a government inspector will look over the field to determine the necessity for such a move. The absolute necessity of an added carrier is apparent, and it is believed that in any event, an ex-

VILLA HALTS TO BURY DEAD THEN REOPENS FIGHT

DEAD BURIED AND WOUNDED SENT NORTHWARD TO CLEAR FIGHT ZONE.

RAILS LAID TO CARRY PROVISIONS SOUTHWARD

Soldiers Assisting Hospital Corps in Removing Dead and Wounded—Battle Yesterday Exceptionally Bloody Both Sides Heavy Losers—Gomez-Palacio Field Bloodsoaked.

Gomez-Palacio, Mex., March 27.—Preliminary to a fresh attack on Torreon, Villa's rebels are caring for the wounded and burying the dead. The general has detailed troops to help the hospital corps in gathering up the wounded, on the fields of Gomez-Palacio and Lerdo, for shipment northward. The burial squads are working along the hospital details.

The general attack on Torreon will begin as soon as this work is finished. The fighting which accompanied the recapture of Gomez-Palacio yesterday was terrific. Both sides lost heavily. Pushing Out Steel Rails.

El Paso, March 27.—General Chao, commander at Jaurez, is rushing railroad building material to General Villa now fighting to capture Torreon. Villa wants to reconstruct a line to El Verdjal to Gomez-Palacio to facilitate forward movement of his artillery, ammunition and supplies. This will enable him to increase the fury of the attack on Torreon. It is expected Torreon will fall Sunday, he added.

The fight for the recapture of Palacio Gomez was the fiercest of the present struggle. The federal losses are enormous, and already eight hundred men have been counted on field. The rebel losses are estimated at one hundred dead. The list of wounded is constantly growing. A partial bombardment of Torreon is being conducted fiercely and in many places the city is on fire. The fall of Torreon is expected at any hour.

F. W. Hambel Is Back.

F. W. Hambel former owner of the I. X. L. Store is back from Southern California where he spent the winter. Mr. Hambel is one of the early settlers of this community and is enamored of the valley.

DR. GILLILAN COMING.

Boise District Superintendent Will Spend Sunday in City.

It is expected that J. D. Gillilan D., district superintendent for the Methodist church, Boise district, will spend Sunday and perhaps Saturday in La Grande visiting old time neighbors and friends.