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TOLLS REPEAL GOING THROUGH STORM-DEBATE

FERCE DENUNCIATION ALTERNATES WITH APPEAL FOR SUPPORT.

SPEAKER CLARK WILL FIRE PATTING SHOT

Predictions of National Disgrace, of Dire Results to American Shipping, Characterize Attempt to Repeal Pet Plank in Baltimore Platform—End Comes Tuesday by Limit.

Washington, March, 28.—Red hot denunciation of the plan to repeal the exemption clause of the Panama canal tolls act was voiced from the floor of the house today by Representative Harrison of Mississippi.

"Have we spent \$400,000,000 vainly?" asked Harrison. "Did we achieve success in the building of the canal merely to surrender control of our rights? Are we now to bow in humble humility to Great Britain merely because it thinks, now that we are confronted with international complications, we will surrender honor to an unjust and unreasonable contention?"

"As much as I admire and honor the president, I cannot reconcile my conscience to his view and surrender to England what to me seems a principal of national honor and integrity."

Madden Opposes Tolls.

President Wilson's request of congress for the repeal of the exemption clause was denounced on the floor of the house today by Rep. Madden, of Illinois.

"In my opinion," said Madden, "there was no reason for the president to state that he wanted the exemption clause repealed in support of his foreign policy and that without it he would not know how to deal with other matters of even greater delicacy. I do not believe he was justified in making it."

"The repeal of any law should be based on the sense of honor of the American people and without respect to what effect it might have on the minds of other people. I cannot help but regret that the president's message was not based on a similar desire of the American people to be just rather than on what effect our failure to repeal the law would have on the attitude of other nations."

"We must not yield to the clamor of selfish interests nor break pledges to the world that these selfish interests may be given advantages which we have promised not to give. We owe it as a duty to our own people and the world to live up to our contracts."

Proponents of the repeal are certain of victory but the opposition is fighting bitterly. The split in the Democratic ranks threatens to widen as the speechmaking progresses. Speaker Clark planned to make the final speech against the repeal.

The oratory is expected to last until Tuesday afternoon. The debate consists largely of set speeches. Representative Harrison praised the stand taken against the repeal by Clark and Underwood, and expressed himself to the effect that he thought this would mark the disruption of party organization. Representative Stevens warned the house that the resentment by the powers might plunge the country into war if the repeal of the resolution is defeated.

Burleson's Dream Nearer Full Reality



POSTMASTER GENERAL BURLESON.

Dissolution of the Pacific States Telephone trust is admitted by seers to be a step nearer to the day when Postmaster General Burleson's dream for government ownership of telephone and telegraph lines will become a reality. Burleson is today more in favor of the plan than he was when he first broached the subject to Congress.

ENORMOUS LIFT FOR O-W SHOPS

BIGGEST LOCOMOTIVE CAN BE TOYED WITH.

Immense Power Crane Will Be Put Into Use in O. W. Shops.

When the O. W. R. & N. will have installed their newly purchased traveling crane for use in the main machine shop, they will then have one of the most up-to-date machine shops in the northwest. They will then have installed the last word in machine shop efficiency, a device that will not only do away with a great amount of heavy lifting, pinching and crowbaring, loss of time and all of the disagreeable incidents that go with man's feeble efforts at moving great bodies, but they will have installed a power, which for general efficiency, makes in a most efficient and speedy manner.

A technical description of this giant lifted would be uninteresting to the layman, and for this reason a recital of some of the things it will do will be of more interest. The lifting capacity of the main hoist is 240,000 pounds. In other words when hooks and chains have been fastened to the front and rear of an engine of the largest type in use on this road it is capable of lifting the entire machine from its trucks and placing it on another track. Heretofore, it has been necessary to jack the engine and support it with blocks and braces so the repairs could be made beneath it.

This whole rigging moves from track to track on a track of its own and can be shifted in such a way as to conform to any angle at which the object to be lifted is resting. In addition to this, this gigantic machine is able to lift a 120 tons of steel in the shape of a locomotive engine, it is equipped with another hoist, called an auxiliary, which travels between the two parallel supports of the main hoist, and is movable from end to end of the main equipment. The capacity for lifting of this smaller device is

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PROMOTERS OF PEA PLAN HERE

CLOSE INSPECTION OF FALL SOWING MADE.

Future of Proposed Oregon Packing Company Cannery at Stake.

President Fontana of the Oregon Packing company, Mr. Robinson, secretary of the same company and David Clark, local representative of the firm went to Cove this morning to inspect the results of the fall pea sowing, upon which the company will base estimates at to the possibility of establishing a cannery in the valley.

It will be remembered that peas were sown last fall experimentally and for the purpose of testing the effect of the winter weather. Some time ago J. K. Wright who went in on the scheme, declared that the test on their farm was in every way satisfactory and that very few of the peas failed to come up. It has been proven before that no vegetable grown is so prolifically as the pea, to which Fruitdale will bear willing testimony. Last year's corn crop was such a decided success in every way that even from the stand point of corn, canners might investigate this locality for its corn producing properties. It is admitted everywhere that the cannery question will be solved if some concern will establish one for its own use principally and not depend on contract crops, generally unsatisfactory.

McMahan for Governor.

Salem, March 28.—L. H. McMahan of Salem announced that he would enter the race for governor on the Progressive ticket. He will announce his platform shortly.

TORREON AFIRE AFFORDS LIGHT FOR FIGHTING

MACHINE GUNS ON HOUSE TOPS RAIN BULLETS ON REBELS BELOW.

REBEL SHARPSHOOTERS PICK OFF FEDERALS

While City Is Burning, Soldiery Engage in Hand to Hand Conflict, With Light from Conflagration—Villa's Dead Said to Be 350 and Federal Loss 800—Bloodiest Battle of War.

Gomez Palacio, Mexico, March 28.—(4:00 a. m.)—Torreon's federal garrison is still fighting. The rebels are in the city and all night the battle raged in the streets. From housetops the federals poured a murderous fire on the rebels below. Machine guns were dragged to the roofs of buildings and the incessant cracking of small arms firing all night made the night hideous.

Villa stopped the bombardment of the city with his artillery, since it would do as much damage to his own troops as to the federals. There was much hand to hand fighting in all of the streets, and a large part of the town is on fire as a result of the murderous firing from the rebel artillery. Burning houses furnished light for the soldiery in their struggle for supremacy.

Villa estimated the rebel dead at 350 and the federal killed at more than 800.

BISHOP PADDOCK ILL.

Episcopalian Bishop for This Diocese Ill at Hood River.

The many friends of Bishop Paddock will be sorry to hear that he has been laid up at Hood River with a severe attack of the gripe and is still confined to his bed and very weak. He has been forced to abandon all work temporarily and his visitation to St. Peter's parish which was set for April 19th will necessarily be postponed to a later date.

ORGANIST IN CITY.

Lesley I. McKinstry, of Schinute Kan., Will Play Sunday.

Mr. Lesley I. McKinstry who has for a number of years played the big organ at the First M. E. Church at Schinute, Kansas, will furnish part of the music at the M. E. Church on Sunday evening; a rare treat is in store for those who hear him. The pastor will lecture on the "Prisoner of Chillon" one of Lord Byron's greatest poems.

EXPULSED PUPIL THREATENS TO GET EVEN, MURDERS TEACHER

Little Falls, New York, March 28.—Lydia Berper a school teacher, twenty one years of age was found murdered in a clump of bushes near the roadside in the proximity of the town of Poland. She left the boarding place last night to mail a letter. A youth by the name of Giammi was seen walking with her at the time. He has been taken into custody.

The body is frightfully cut, and several stab wounds disfigure the head and face. Her clothing was torn

and bloody and indicated a severe struggle. Miss Berper recently expelled young Giammi from school, and it is reported that he threatened to get even with her. Later information is to the effect that he made an assault on the teacher and then slew her when she resisted. The community is aroused over the tragedy and Italians have drawn within their own lines. Giammi was a son of an Italian family and was known to be revengeful.

CLASSIC SHELL RACE CAPTURED BY CAMBRIDGE

FAVORITES WIN BY FOUR LENGTHS OF HISTORIC ADVERSARIES.

OXFORD AT NO TIME EQUAL TO THE TEST

Thames Lined With Thousands to Witness annual Historic Contest on River Thames—Cambridge Jumps Into the Lead Early and Is Never Pressed Hard to Keep It.

London, March, 28.—Cambridge defeated Oxford in the annual intervarsity boat race on the Thames today. The winner finished four lengths ahead, covering the distance in 20 minutes and 3 seconds. Cambridge was a three to two favorite and its crew lived up to expectation by taking the lead early and maintaining it throughout.

London, March 28.—The Thames banks from Putney to Mortlake today were crowded with hundreds of thousands of spectators who were out to witness the annual "naval battle" between those ancient rivals, Oxford and Cambridge. The river course is 4 1/2 miles long and along both banks for this distance men and women were on stands and on foot from the river's edge to a distance of 100 yards on either bank. Thousands of small craft including row boats, canoes, houseboats at anchor, and costly launches and yachts were closely packed along the shores and as close to the open course as the authorities permitted. With light and blue favors displayed everywhere, swung in the hands of land spectators and flying from mastheads and oars, the scene was a veritable rainbow of color. Cambridge colors predominated slightly, but as usual the crowds were less rowing experts, than spectators attracted by one of the greatest sporting events of the English year.

Today's contest was the 71st aquatic "battle of the blues," Oxford having previously won 39 and Cambridge 30, the race in 1877 resulting in a dead heat. Although it had not tasted the joys of victory since 1908 Cambridge was the favorite. Its crew had been working together for some time whereas the Oxford captain had considerable difficulty in filling his boat, owing to illness of candidates.

It was just before 2:30 that Cambridge, as the challengers, took the water, amid a roar of cheers and the waving of light blue favors, Oxford followed a few minutes later and the supporters of the dark blues contributed their share of the general enthusiasm. The yachts as they faced Starter F. I. Pitman, were lined up as follows:

Oxford—R. W. Fletcher, (bow), E. D. Horsfall (2), G. D. Taylor (3), F. A. H. Pitman (4), J. B. Kindersley (5), H. K. Ward (6), G. W. Titherington (7) A. F. R. Wiggins (stroke), H. B. Wells, (cox).

Cambridge—D. L. Day, (bow), S. E. Swann, (2), P. C. Livingston (3), J. A. Ritson, (4) K. G. Garnett, (5), C. S. Clark (6), C. E. V. Buxton (7), G. E. Tower (stroke), L. E. Rodley (cox).

Each varsity had five old "blues," but the Oxonians had been unable to row regularly together, and in their practice they had scarcely reproduced last year's form, whereas the Cantabs had shown considerable improvement.

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Hygiene School Series Opened

TWO INTERESTING MEETINGS HELD LAST NIGHT.

MISSIONARY FLAYS FASHION

State-Organized Association Opens Campaign in City Hall.

La Grande's initial social hygiene meeting of a series of eight to be held in all parts of the city, was conducted with marked success last evening at the city hall auditorium with local speakers on the program. As will be the order at all meetings in all districts, in the whole campaign of sex hygiene and social education, one physician and one layman will participate. The series, which is arranged under direction of the State Hygiene society, by a local welfare committee consisting of John Girdler, superintendent of schools, Dr. H. L. Underwood, and Municipal Judge Robert Eakin, will deal with the hygiene and is aimed at education of boys and girls in social problems through the homes—the meetings grooming the parents for the part they must play in educating properly their boys and girls. The attendance last evening was encouraging.

Forty-four persons, principally mothers and young women, attended. Robert Eakin presided and explained the object of the meeting and the reasons for the positive stand that has been made for positive instruction concerning the great laws of generation and the disease and consequent misery following their violation.

He then introduced Dr. M. K. Hall who entered into the discussion of this delicate subject with much earnestness and force. Among the interesting things upon which he discoursed was the fact that in the last year the number of deaths due to venereal diseases was greater than that of persons succumbing to the dread white plague, tuberculosis. In this discourse a spade was a spade and the assembled citizens were set aright concerning some of the illusions and quack doctrines pertaining to this dreaded plague. He set forth that in many instances blindness and other ailments afflicting persons were due to no other cause than a latent disease germ which some afflicted man supposed had been driven from his system, but which in reality lay dormant only to break forth to do its destructive work in his offspring and in his innocent wife.

According to the speaker it is a well known fact that a large percentage of operations for troubles peculiar to women are caused by this red plague germ, that the state institutions are largely recruited from the victims, both innocent, and knowing of the dread diseases.

Fred Meyers one of the committee of the local organization of the Oregon social hygiene society then spoke emphasizing the need of effective measures in combating this cancer worm that is eating into the vitals of American society. Subsequent meetings, speakers and places, follow:

District No. 1.

All north of Grandy and west of North Depot street—Speakers at each meeting, Dr. J. P. Graham and Attorney T. H. Crawford. Place, Rivera school. Date, April 3, April 14.

District No. 2.

All east of North Depot north of railroad tracks—Speakers, Dr. A. L.

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