

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Panama Canal Tolls Exemption Issue Absorbing Topic in Congress.

Washington.—Reports that an organized effort would be made in the senate to delay the passage of the bill repealing Panama toll exemption aroused administration leaders during the general debate of the issue in the house.

The intimation that a prolonged filibuster in the senate had been determined on, now that the first decisive battle had been won by the president, was reported to several senatorial supporters of the administration, and it was suggested that Senator O'Gorman, chairman of the committee of inter-oceanic canals, already was delaying consideration of the measure by his committee.

A poll showed the senate inter-oceanic committee, to which the bill repealing the exemption of tolls to coastwise American ships will be referred following its passage by the house, will vote seven for and seven against the bill.

For the bill: Chilton, Shields, Owen, Simmons, Brandegee, Oage and Thornton.

Against the bill: O'Gorman, chairman; Thomas, Walsh, Borah, Crawford, Perkins and Bristow.

As a result it is expected that the bill will be reported out on the floor without recommendation.

Party Leaders Against President.

President Wilson won the opening skirmish of the greatest legislative battle of his administration when the house, over bitter protests from the recognized democratic leaders and almost solid minority opposition, adopted a special rule for the consideration of the bill repealing the provision of the Panama canal act exempting coastwise American ships from tolls.

Speaker Clark, democratic leader Underwood, Republican Leader Mann and Progressive Leader Murdock were at the head of those lined up against the administration, but the house responded to the president's personal appeal for prompt consideration of the repeal bill as a means of supporting the administration's foreign policy.

The debate in the house was spirited on both sides, party lines being disregarded. Representative Fitzgerald, chairman of the appropriations committee, joined with Speaker Clark and Mr. Underwood in the revolt against the president.

Other Tolls Bills Before Committee.

There are other bills pertaining to the issue before the canal committee and no one will predict how long the committee will hold the subject under consideration. Senator Chilton has a bill which, instead of directly repealing the tolls exemption clause, would put it up to the president to determine what ships should pay tolls. Then there is Senator Lewis' bill empowering the president to suspend tolls, and another, introduced by Senator Reed, would repeal the tolls exemption and then grant to foreign ships the right to compete with American coastwise ships, a bill designed, as the senator put it, "to break any American coastwise shipping monopoly that may exist."

Wilson Sustains Page.

Having received a copy of Ambassador Page's recent speech in London, to which Senator Chamberlain and others took exception on account of references to the Monroe doctrine and the Panama canal, President Wilson told callers he thought the speech was perfectly proper.

National Capital Brevities.

After striking out the amendment legalizing pooling, the senate re-passed the bill to regulate trading in cotton futures.

Steel imports have fallen off \$1,000,000 under the new tariff. Both Germany and the United Kingdom lead the United States in imports of iron and steel, says a Washington report.

Venezuela and the United States have signed a new peace treaty which provides that questions which cannot be settled by diplomacy may be referred to an international commission for at least one year.

Senators Poindexter and Hall attacked as special legislation the bill for the sale of coal rights to some 2000 acres in Montana to the Republic Coal company, subsidiary of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road.

The senate passed the annual army appropriation bill, carrying \$101,750,000, about \$7,500,000 more than the house bill and about the same amount over the last army appropriation bill.

Director Holmes, of the federal mining bureau, says foreign countries have control of the radium deposits of the United States and adds that 75,000 persons die annually of cancer, and that the American hospitals are unable to obtain an adequate supply of the cure.

CHARLES N. BURKE



Charles N. Burke, South Dakota congressman, who defeated Senator Crawford for the republican primary nomination for United States senator.

Brief News of the Week

Forty-one blooded horses in the government stables at Fort Riley, Kas., were burned to death in a fire that destroyed the barns.

Fire which caused a loss of \$150,000 was caused in the business section of Estherville, Iowa, when a lantern exploded in a livery barn.

Four hundred buildings, including the leading hotel and two department stores, were flooded as a result of Town Creek overflowing its banks at Jackson, Miss.

The first shipment of fruit from New Zealand ever received on the Pacific coast has been put on sale at San Francisco. The consignment consisted of pears and peaches.

Heavy rains and melting snow throughout New York and Ohio caused fear of a repetition of last spring's disastrous floods.

The Southern Pacific railroad shows a decrease in gross earnings of more than \$3,000,000 for the past eight months, according to a statement issued at San Francisco.

The Massachusetts legislature has voted for the first time in its history in favor of referring to the petition the question of granting suffrage to women.

Differences between the California dry campaign and the anti-saloon league have been settled and petitions will be circulated asking that the people declare for prohibition to become effective after February 15, 1916.

The estate of the late Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the Christian Science church, has been settled, the sum of \$2,599,632 being delivered to the trustees of the church by the administrator.

Competition in the telephone business of the Pacific northwest is arbitrarily ordered restored, and government regulation of such business is insured, by a decree entered in United States district court by Judge Robert S. Bean. The defendants, the American Telephone & Telegraph company and its subsidiary companies, in the suit, brought under the Sherman anti-trust law, are perpetually enjoined from creating a condition that will interfere with competition.

People in the News

Frederick Weyerhaeuser, the aged millionaire lumberman, is ill at his home in Pasadena, Cal.

Governor Eberhart, of Minnesota, announces that he will be a candidate for re-election on the republican ticket at the primaries in June.

Evangelist "Billy" Sunday is now a grandpa, a seven-pound baby boy having arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Sunday, of Tacoma.

Queen Eleanor of Bulgaria will start on her trip to the United States May 21. She will be the first reigning monarch to visit America.

A new name, "Muy Simpatico," meaning "very sympathetic," has been applied to Colonel Roosevelt by the natives of South America.

Joe Eboynski, former prize fighter, received a bequest of \$10,000 from Jim Poo, a wealthy Chinese, whom he had befriended many years ago, and who has just died at Chicago.

It took a jury an hour to find Frank Tannenbaum, leader of the I. W. W. crowd that invaded New York churches, guilty of participating in an unlawful assemblage. He was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary and a fine of \$500.

Joseph Angelo, organizer for the internationals, of the United Mine Workers of America, was sentenced to four years in prison at Vancouver, B. C., for his part in the Nanaimo riots.

Alfred Farlow, after 26 years of active service in connection with Christian Science organization, half of which time he has been manager of the committee on publications, has retired from active work on the committee of his own accord and will now be active in other lines of Christian Science work.

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