NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Congress Takes Steps to Repeal Panama Canal Toll Exemptions.

Washington.—Initial steps to repeal the toll exemption clause of the Panama canal act as requested by President Wilson were taken in congress when the house committee on interstate commerce reported favorably a bill to strike out the provision.

In the senate the committee on interoceanic canals decided to meet this week to consider the appeal of the president for a reversal of policy in the controversy which involves the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and in the opinion of the president the general foreign relations policy of the administration.

While the house is debating the issue, the senate committee will consider whether to recommend a flat repeal bill or to urge the compromise bill offered by Senator Chilton, of West Virginia, a member of the committee, which would authorize the president to regulate tolls and assess charges at his discretion wherever exemption is provided in the canal act.

Developments of American policy as an influence in Mexican complications and the cause of universal peace are of vital concern to the Washington administration in its efforts to have repealed the tolls exemption clause in the Panama canal act.

Inquiry in Suspense.

Technically the commission which was charged to investigate the killing of Benton continues in existence and Secretary Bryan said that its functions had simply been suspended. There is now, however, little idea that the commissioners would proceed to Chihuahua in the expectation of uncovering any evidence of value though it probably would be required to carry out its original instructions merely for the purpose of establishing the principle of the right of the United States government to act in this matter.

Consular Agent Carrothers at Chihuahua was directed by Secretary Bryan to intercede with constitutionalist leaders in behalf of Luis Herrazas, of the wealthy Mexican family of that name. The United States consul is instructed to use every means to prevent the carrying out of any threats, pointing out that American friendships would be alienated from the constitutionalist cause because of such acts.

425,000 Persons Pay Income Tax.

The income tax law bids fair to live up to the expectations of the administration by producing about $50,000,000 annually in revenue paid by close to 425,000 individuals.

From these individuals it was understood the government probably would collect more than $40,000,000. It has been the opinion among officials that thousands of individuals would take advantage of the 30 days' extension of time granted in case of sickness or absence, and they expect the final figures to show at least 25,000 more reporting than were given in the preliminary lists from collectors.

Indirect Taxes Growing.

While customs receipts have fallen off under the new tariff, the internal revenue bureau is coming to the rescue with increased collections from indirect taxes. The total collected by the bureau from July 1, 1913, to January 31, 1914, was $191,792,279, an increase of $2,636,329 over the corresponding period of the previous year.

The tax on tobacco brought $47,680,435, an increase of $2,371,258, and fermented liquors $40,276,380, an increase of $1,412,306. Distilled spirits, including whiskey, however, brought in only $98,940,304.

National Capital Brevities.

Food prices in the United States reached the highest level in 24 years November 15, 1913, according to the department of labor.

Senator Ashurst has been notified by Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont that woman suffragists will declare war on him if he forces the vote on the constitutional amendment at this time.

Colonel Goethals, builder of the Panama canal, declares that it is impractical to use the heavy machinery employed in the canal in building railroads in Alaska or in flood prevention work in the Mississippi valley.

Twelve railroads of the east control 606 other roads, as to their financial management, either through operation, rates or other means, according to testimony at the interstate commerce commission. The New York Central is said to dominate 204 lines.

Senator Reed, of Missouri, introduced a bill which would authorize the creation of a commission to acquire for the government by purchase or condemnation the home of Thomas Jefferson at Monticello, Va.

Far-reaching inquiry into practically all phases of the industrial situation in this country with a view to making recommendations to congress will be undertaken by the federal industrial relations commission.

GEORGE W. GOETHALS

George W. Goethals, builder of the Panama Canal, who has been appointed Governor of the Canal Zone.

Brief News of the Week

Indirect taxes are making up losses sustained by the new tariff. Increases on tobacco and whiskey are partly responsible for the showing.

The Apple Advertisers' Association of America has been formed at New York to increase the consumption of apples in this country and especially in foreign lands.

The board of United States general appraisers granted the 5 per cent rebate on all imports carried in ships of American register. The board declared that the intent of congress was clear.

An amendment to the city health and food laws of Tacoma, provides for the physical examination of cooks employed in restaurants and hotels. Fresh fruits, fish and other food must be kept under glass.

Reports that three states in Brazil were in revolt, and that the capital, Rio de Janeiro, had been declared in a state of siege, were confirmed.

Plans for the importation of eggs and meat from northern China and butter from Siberia, are announced in San Francisco. It is proposed to place a refrigerator steamer in service between San Francisco and Tien-Tsin, to carry eggs.

Because they had opposed in congress the proposed building of the government railroad in Alaska, a mob of citizens at Cordova, Alaska, burned in effigy all of the members of the territorial Alaska senate. The action has aroused the resentment of people of Juneau.

By the signing of an agreement between J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the O-W. R. & N. Company, and J. H. Young, of Hermiston, representing the telegraphers of the line, the controversy over wage and working hour schedules which threatened to result in a strike, was settled.

People in the News

Jonathan Bourne, Jr., is too busy at Washington to visit Oregon and conduct a campaign, so that he has decided he will not be a candidate for United States senator in the republican primaries.

George W. Vanderbilt, of New York, died from the effects of an operation for appendicitis.

Through her social secretary, Miss Belle Hanger, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the president denied a report that Miss Eleanor Wilson was engaged to Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo.

Arthur Langowski, 21 years old, swore before the federal strike investigating committee at Denver that he received $3 a day from the coal operators while exploding dynamite for the United Mine Workers of America.

President Wilson's eyes have not suffered much from one year of political activity. He journeyed to Philadelphia to find out that his eyes were not failing him, and Dr. DeSchweinitz, his oculist, made only a slight change of lenses in the glasses he wears.

Governor Walsh of Massachusetts has sent a special message to the legislature declaring that he will not accept an increase in his salary from $8000 to $12,000 a year. He said he would abide by the verdict of the election which fixed the salary at a certain sum.

Professor William E. Ritter, head of the Scripps Institute for Biological Research of the University of California, attacks the present methods of teaching eugenics. He says thoughts of the body are considered at length, while thoughts of the soul are neglected.

Five years in San Quentin was the sentence imposed in United States District Court on Captain A. D. Nelson, the pirate who attempted to hold up the steamer Willamette, commanded by Captain Charles Reiner, off the coast of Los Angeles county on December 31, 1913.

CROSS BOUNDARY TO RECOVER MAN'S BODY

Establish the Fact That Texas Rancher Was Killed by Mexican Federals.

Laredo, Tex.—A party of Americans who secretly crossed into Mexico during the night brought to the American side the mutilated body of Clemente Vergara, Texas rancher, and established the fact of his execution after he was seized by Mexican federals.

The invaders were not opposed, accomplishing their search without the slightest violence, taking the body from a grave in Hidalgo Cemetery almost within sight of the Texas border. The seizure was divested of possibly grave aspects in international complications by reason of the fact that the party was virtually making use of permission granted officially by Mexican federal authorities several days ago.

Vergara was shot twice through the head and once through the neck, his skull was crushed as by a blow from a rifle butt and the charred fingers of the left hand indicated that he had been tortured before being put to death.

Vergara left his ranch near Balafox, Texas, Friday, February 13, and crossed the river into Mexico on a message from three federal soldiers that Captain Apolonio Rodriguez, of the Hidalgo garrison, wished to settle for 11 horses.

ARM AMERICANS IN MEXICO

Guns and Ammunition Are Shipped To Mexican Capital.

Vera Cruz, Mex.—Following the recent dispatch from this city to the British and German citizens in Mexico City of machine guns and squads of trained gunners, arrangements have been made to place in the hands of all Americans capable of bearing arms weapons for self-defense in the event of an uprising in the Mexican capital.

A shipment of 1000 rifles and a large amount of ammunition arrived here recently from the United States.

The shipment was made with the concurrence of the Mexican government, but every effort was made to prevent the facts gaining publicity. The arms and ammunition chests were carefully divested of all marks indicating the character of their contents.

Bank Robber Takes $2300 in Gold.

Sacramento, Cal.—Taking advantage of the absence of the police, who were detailed to handle the army of unemployed, a lone highwayman entered the Oak Park branch of the Sacramento bank of this city during the noon hour, covered Gordon Culver, the teller, with a revolver and made his escape with $2300 in gold.

FEDERAL LEAGUE TO IGNORE CONTRACTS

Chicago.—Open warfare on organized baseball was declared by President Gilmore, of the Federal League.

When William Killifer, of the Philadelphia Nationals, failed to report to Joe Tinker, manager of the local Federals, at headquarters, as he had been ordered to do, Gilmore sent a telegram to the presidents and owners of the several clubs in the new organization advising them to disregard all former orders and to offer contracts to any ballplayers, whether under contract or not.

"We have been called pikers by B. B. Johnson, president of the American League, but the fans will receive a chance to decide as to who is the piker. Every owner in the league has been instructed to go after any player they should want. We are in the game with a load of money and we are not afraid of expenses. If money will get the players, we will wreck every major league club."

Employes Held as Drygoods Thieves.

Portland.—Seven Portland men and one Oakland, Or., man have been placed under arrest by deputy constables in connection with what the officials say is conspiracy by which linens and dry goods valued at several thousand dollars have been stolen from the wholesale dry goods firm of Fleischner, Mayer & Co., during the last two years.

Two of those arrested are old employes of the firm, Harry Estes, for the past 10 years receiving clerk, and Al Howard, an employe of the company for 30 years.

Howard committed suicide by cutting his throat some time Saturday night or early Sunday in his cell in the county jail.

Steamship's Crew Rescued by Chance

Norfolk, Va.—Rescued from their drifting lifeboat by merest chance, the captain and 16 members of the crew of the American steamer Charlemagne Tower, Jr., which foundered off the Jersey coast were picked up by the steamer Bayfort and brought to New port News.

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Dated February 12, 1914.

A. H. LIPPMAN,

Administrator of the estate of Lizzie M. Delano, deceased.