

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Panama Canal Tolls Exemption Clause Will Be Forced to an Issue.

Washington.—Open debate on repeal of the toll exemption clause of the Panama canal act will begin late this week in the house, and a vote in that body on the Sims bill to carry out the recommendations of President Wilson is expected by Saturday night. In the senate effort will be made by administration leaders to pave the way for early action on the issue by bringing it squarely before the committee on inter-oceanic canals for consideration and report by the time the house has disposed of the subject. Opposing forces in both houses are prepared for the fight, the prospect being that the champions of toll exemption for American coastwise ships will lose when the roll calls have been taken in both houses.

Representatives Adamson and Sims, in charge of the repeal forces in the house, are doubtful only as to the size of the majority their cause will have. A poll of the senate indicates the president will win by a majority of 10 to 20 votes.

Ambassador Asked to Produce Proof.
Walter Hines Page, American ambassador to Great Britain, was made the target of inquiry in a resolution introduced by Senator Chamberlain and adopted by the senate, calling on the secretary of state to investigate alleged public assertions by the ambassador relative to the Monroe Doctrine and the Panama canal.

The resolution requests the secretary of state to procure a copy for the use of the senate of Ambassador Page's address and to call on the ambassador for evidence upon which he based the alleged statement that "it added greatly to the pleasure of the people of the United States in the building of the Panama canal to know that the British would profit most by its use."

Particular request is made in the resolution for a verbatim report of that portion of the ambassador's address in which he is reported to have defined the Monroe Doctrine as meaning merely that "the United States would prefer that no European governments would gain more land in the new world."

Settlers Protest Cash Requirement.
Western senators and representatives are receiving appeals from settlers on government irrigation projects to modify the pending irrigation bill so as to relieve settlers on new projects from the payment of 5 per cent of the water charge at the time they file entry. This bill, which is an administration measure, gives settlers 20 years instead of 10 in which to pay for water. Secretary Lane, who heartily approves the extension feature, thinks it is only fair to require 5 per cent of the total payment when the entryman goes on the land.

After that payment is made the settler is exempt from further payment for five years. He then pays 5 per cent each year for the next five years and 7 per cent annually for the last ten years.

Crates May Be Mailed.
Postmaster-General Burleson has approved an amendment to the parcel post regulations, under which butter, eggs, fruits, vegetables, poultry and other articles in parcels weighing from 20 to 50 pounds may be shipped in the first and second zones in boxes and crates similar to those handled by express companies.

Bill Aims at all Hindus.
A bill to exclude Hindu laborers from the United States and providing that all Hindus shall be regarded as laborers unless it is shown that they are in fact professional men intending to pursue their professions here, was introduced by Representative Church, of California.

National Capital Brevities.
Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo ruled that taxes on partnership incomes are not to be collected from the source, but held the partners individually liable.

Extension of the parcel post rates to seeds, cuttings, bulbs, roots and various plants have become effective as the result of an order issued by Postmaster-General Burleson.

The department of agriculture does not believe in the value of oats as having any material effect on the flavor of milk. The view of the experts differed considerably on the question of feed for the cows.

That Gustav Bauch, the American, was executed by Pancho Villa at Juarez, was declared before the house foreign affairs committee by Alferda Baca, of Albuquerque, N. M., once candidate for congress.

President Wilson extended what he termed "the hand of real helpfulness and brotherhood to Alaska" when he signed the bill authorizing the expenditure of \$35,000,000 for the first government owned railway constructed by the United States.

GEORGE WESTINGHOUSE



George Westinghouse, a foremost figure in the engineering world and inventor of the air brake, who died recently in New York.

ELEANOR WILSON WILL WED

Bride-to-Be Youngest of Family and Father's Pet.
Washington.—Formal announcement of the engagement of Miss Eleanor Randolph Wilson, the youngest daughter of the president and Mrs. Wilson, to William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury, was made at the white house.

Mr. McAdoo is 50 years old and for many years has been an intimate friend of the Wilson family. He has six children, two of whom are married. Miss Wilson is 24 years old. The marriage will probably take place at the white house in June.

The youngest of the family, Miss Eleanor, is said to be her father's pet, and there is a strong personal friendship between the president and the man who is to marry his daughter.

Thaw Appeals to People of State.

Concord, N. H.—Harry K. Thaw has addressed to the people of the state of New York, in whose name is being conducted the contest to return him to the Mattewan asylum for the criminal insane, an appeal to end the case against him. He calls attention to resolutions which have been introduced in the New York assembly, demanding that the prosecution be terminated.

HOME RULE ISSUE FOR IRELAND IN DEADLOCK

London.—A settlement of the Irish home rule difficulty apparently has been little advanced by the British government's great concessions to the Ulsterites and, taking the assertions of both political parties at their face value, the deadlock remains as immovable as before Premier Asquith's conciliatory offer was made in the house of commons on March 2.

The signers of the Ulster covenant declare strongly that nothing less than the permanent exclusion of the Protestant counties of Ulster from the Irish government at Dublin, instead of the proposed six-year option, will be considered by them. The more radical covenanters demand not only the exclusion of the four counties—Antrim, Armagh, Londonderry and Down—in which the Protestants are in the majority, but they want the entire province of Ulster excluded. On the other side, the government representatives assert that Premier Asquith's scheme is the absolute limit of concessions and is not a basis for further negotiations.

1500 Perish in Azov Tidal Wave.

Ekatindor, Russia.—More than 1500 persons perished in the inundation of the towns of Stanliza and Achtyiskaja by a tidal wave from the sea of Azov. The wave struck the town during a violent hurricane which swept the province of Kuban.

One Killed, 43 Hurt in Wreck.

St. Paul, Minn.—Miss Julia Hill of Lake Crystal, Minn., was killed and 43 persons injured when a passenger train on the Omaha railroad, en route from Omaha to St. Paul, was wrecked at Mendota, Minn.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.
Wheat—Club, 91c; bluestem, \$1.00; red Russian, 90c.
Hay—Timothy, \$17; alfalfa, \$14.
Butter—Creamery, 27c.
Eggs—Ranch, 19c.

Seattle.

Wheat—Bluestem, 98c; club, 88c; red Russian 87c.
Hay—Timothy, \$17 per ton; alfalfa, \$14 per ton.
Eggs—20c.
Butter—Creamery, 29c.

CUSTOMS HOUSE ON BORDER IS RAIDED

Mexican Bandits Kill American Official, Loot Postoffice and Destroy Building.

San Diego, Cal.—The United States customs office and postoffice at Tecate, 45 miles from this city, on the American side of the international boundary, were destroyed by fire at night, following a raid. Eyewitnesses said the raiders were Mexicans.

Frank V. Johnston, of San Diego, postmaster at Tecate, was shot to death when he resisted the bandits and his companion, Warren Diddenback, was wounded.

The customs office and postoffice occupied parts of the general store operated by Mountain Brothers. The bandits, it was proved, were bent on robbing both of the government offices. Johnston was shot when he refused to give the combination of the safe.

Johnston's body was found in the smouldering ruins. An autopsy developed the fact that he had been shot through the heart. His pistol was found not far from the body.

Elliott D. Johnston, the dead man's brother, sent telegrams to Secretary of State Bryan, Governor Johnson and Representative William Kettner at Washington, demanding a thorough investigation. In his telegram to Mr. Bryan, Mr. Johnston placed the entire responsibility for the affair on Mexicans.

20 AT PENDLETON INDICTED

Wide-Open Gambling Charged, But Police Department is Clear.

Pendleton, Or.—Twenty indictments were returned by the grand jury after passing the greater part of a week in investigating the alleged charges of gambling, bootlegging and immoral practices under police protection.

Eighteen were brought against gamblers, and those who permitted the games in their places of business, and two were for perjury against men alleged to have testified falsely before the jury.

It is said that evidence brought out in the course of the week's investigation tended to show that Pendleton was just as wide open a town, so far as gambling was concerned, last fall as it ever was in her palmiest frontier days.

No indictments were returned against the police, who were charged by Evangelist Bulgis with receiving graft for protecting gambling, bootlegging and prostitution. It is said that fully one-half of those against whom indictments are returned have anticipated the action of the grand jury and left.

EARTHQUAKES RUIN TOWNS IN JAPAN

Tokio.—A serious earthquake occurred in the prefecture of Akita, island of Honshu. Several persons in the city of Akita were killed and many houses destroyed. In the village of Kowakubi, which was ruined, there were many casualties.

The volcano Asama-Yama, 90 miles northwest of Tokio, is in eruption. Sixty bodies were found in the basin of the Omono river, where 320 houses were destroyed. The village of Kitameno was burned.

Simultaneously with the earthquake came explosions and the bursting of flames from the volcano Asama-Yama, which terrified the inhabitants. Akita is a garrison town on the Sea of Japan. It does a considerable export trade, especially in rice.

Car Robbers Kill Engineer.

Peoria, Ill.—Two men were killed and two deputy sheriffs and a woman wounded as the result of an attempted holdup of a Chicago & Northwestern freight train at Manlius, Ill., 45 miles north of here. Arthur Fisher, of Pekin, Ill., engineer of the freight train, was shot dead by one of the robbers and an unidentified robber was killed in a battle with the sheriff's posse.

Middle West Swelters.

Kansas City.—Weather almost summerlike over the southwest put on record the warmest March 15 since official observations have been taken, according to the observer in the government weather bureau here. Temperatures of from 80 to 90 degrees were reported from western Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma.

British Navy Estimates Grow.

London.—The British naval estimates for 1914-15 amount to \$257,770,000, an increase of \$13,700,000 over last year.

Oldest Elk Dead at 109.

Owosso, Mich.—Daniel O'Connell, 109, known during the last few years as the oldest living member of the Elks, died at his home near here.

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Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, the administrator of the estate of Lizzie M. Delano, deceased, that he has made and filed with the clerk of the county court his final accounting of his administration of said estate, and that the court has set Monday, the 6th day of April, 1914, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the county court room in Prineville, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing and settling said final accounting. At which said time and place, any person interested in said estate may appear and object to said final accounting.
Dated February 12, 1914.
A. H. LITTMAN,
Administrator of the estate of Lizzie M. Delano, deceased.