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WASHINGTON, March 23.—President Wilson asserted today that in seeking the repeal of the Panama tolls exemption, he not only asked that the Nation do that which it was bound in honor to do, but was going the way of the majority of the Democratic party.

This announcement was taken in Administration circles as the President's answer to the argument that the Baltimore platform made the tolls exemption Democratic doctrine. The President is understood to believe that the majority opinion of Democrats in the House, as last expressed, was the result of more deliberate consideration of the question than was possible at the Baltimore convention.

President Suspects Filibustering. The President made no secret to callers of his anxiety for the repeal measure to come to a vote. Asked if he thought influences were at work to prolong the debate unnecessarily, Mr. Wilson said it certainly appeared to him as if there had been filibustering; that minorities always filibustered and disclosed themselves in filibusters.

The President is confident he will have a majority of his party behind him in the House when the repeal comes to a vote. He has been assured that at least 200 Democrats will support him, and many Republicans. Senator James, of Kentucky, has informed the President the vote in the Senate would be at least 58 to 24 in favor of the repeal.

Debate Delays Bill. There seemed little prospect today of getting the repeal bill before the House until late in the week. Debate on the rivers and harbors appropriation bill is dragging, with no prospect of immediate conclusion. Today the apparent effort of members to prolong discussion of trivial matters brought constant reference by champions of the toll exemption repeal to filibustering tactics.

No attempt will be made to report a bill that would limit debate on the repeal bill to 15 hours until the measure has been done until Thursday, when Majority Leader Underwood is scheduled to make the opening speech in opposition to the repeal. Representative Murdock, the Progressive leader, urged today that if the House would limit the repeal discussion to 40 instead of 15 hours sentiment on the tolls issue would be so shifted that the vote "would result America's way instead of England's."

THRIFT CONTEST IS NEAR

Competition Is Announced for Grade Schools. Superintendent Alderman, of the Portland public schools, has received information from the American Society for Thrift, of a "thrift contest" in public schools of cities of more than 10,000 population and the preparations for launching a new contest for grade schools anywhere in the United States and definitely relating to the thrift value of gardening.

Progressives to Vote "No." Representative Chandler, of New York, also a Progressive member, supplemented the recent statement of his party leader in the House, declaring his opposition to the repeal "because I believe the political platform is a covenant with the people, a sacred thing to be loyally observed and faithfully executed by Representatives of the people."

CAPTAIN GOES WITH BOAT

Sinking Barge Pulls Steamer to Bottom at Evansville. EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 23.—Captain Arch Hollerbach, 69 years old, Government contractor of this city, was drowned today, when the steamer Old Reliable sank in the Ohio River a few miles below Golconda, Ill. Nine members of the crew escaped by swimming ashore.

SEED MAIL RATES FIXED

Packages More Than Eight Ounces May Go Fourth-Class. WASHINGTON, March 23.—Plants, seeds and cuttings may go through the mails at fourth-class rates in packages weighing more than eight ounces, by a bill which passed the Senate today and now goes to the House.

SALEM PAIR TO WED TODAY

Miss Sophia Catlin to Be Bride of Frank Speers, Merchant. SALEM, Or., March 23.—(Special.)—Miss Sophia Catlin, one of the most popular young women of this city, and Frank Speers, a Salem merchant, will be married at St. Paul's Church at 9 o'clock tomorrow Rev. Robert S. Gill officiating.

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The Weather. YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 54 degrees; minimum, 44 degrees. TODAY'S—Probably showers; westerly winds.

DREAM LURES MAN ON HUNT FOR GOLD

SPOKANE CONTRACTOR WORKS CLAIM SEEN IN VISION. Hills and Creek Recognized and Prospector Hopes to Make Real the Climax of Digging Out Ore.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 23.—(Special.)—How C. Olsen, a Spokane contractor, dreamed of the location of a mine near Nelson, B. C., later staked the claim, and is pushing operations to bring the workings to the stage in which, in the dream, a vein of wondrous wealth was opened, is told by Mayor Malone, of Nelson, who recently inspected the Dream Mine for Mr. Olsen.

41 BLOODED HORSES BURN Two Army Thoroughbreds Escape in Fire at Fort Riley. FORT RILEY, Kan., March 23.—Forty-one blooded horses belonging to a mounted service school on the United States military reservation here were destroyed in a fire that burned the stables today.

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MAINTAIN STRATEGIC POINT

The message made no mention of an attack on Lerdo, a nearby manufacturing town. Gomez Palacio, a railroad center of importance lies on a plain, but is commanded by a mountain called Cerro de la Pila. The heights, according to recent reports, were fortified by the federalists and it is assumed that General Villa's attack opened with a shellering of the federal positions on its rugged slopes.

HEARING RECORDS ASKED

Senate Would Give Interstate Commerce Findings to Public. WASHINGTON, March 23.—Upon request of Senator La Follette the Senate today adopted a resolution calling upon the Interstate Commerce Commission for all records of all hearings on proposed freight rate increases.

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