

CANAL TOLLS TEST MAY BE HAD TODAY

Lineup Expected to Come on
Rule Proposing to Limit
Debate to 15 Hours.

CHAMBERLAIN OPENS WAR

Oregon Senator Proposes to Show if
Toll Exemption Is Subsidy Then
Internal Canals Have
Justified Practice.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Congress is on the verge of the most vicious legislative struggle that has enlivened its proceedings in many years—the contest over the Administration proposal to repeal the provision of the Panama Canal act granting toll exemption to American coastwise ships.

Plans for taking up the Sims repeal bill were completed in the House today and Democratic leaders aligned on both sides of the issue have marshaled their forces and prepared their arguments. It was generally conceded that the bill would be called up for general debate by Thursday and that it might be reported tomorrow, when Representative Henry, chairman of the rules committee, proposes to submit a rule to limit general debate on the measure to 15 hours.

Vote on Rule to Be Test.
A vote as to this rule, when reported, will test the strength of the opposing forces.

Special attention was given tonight by Senators and Representatives to the majority report on the Sims repeal bill submitted by Representative Adamson, of Georgia, chairman of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce. This report points particularly to the fact that in reporting the Panama Canal act at the last Congress the committee had recommended uniform tolls, and that the exemption for American coastwise shipping was accomplished by amendment.

The committee had recognized, the report said, long before any foreign government had voiced objection or complaint, that treaty stipulations required uniform tolls.

Treaty Is Interpreted.
"We are disturbed," it added, "by the taunt, made for a purpose, that repeal would be tantamount to yielding to foreign demands. A similar taunt could be hurled against any man or nation honorable enough to comply with contracts and generous enough to promote friendly relations by according respectful consideration to views of the opposite party. From high sources in this and other countries and from men yet active who participated in the formation of the various treaties, men whose veracity and integrity cannot be questioned, come unequivocal statements that the language of the treaty controlling the imposition of tolls was not intended to permit such discrimination."

Far better to abolish the canal itself than even to permit our national honor to remain in question."

Opposition Admittedly Strong.
Considerable speculation exists as to the strength of the opposition to the repeal in the Senate. The Senate is expected to take up the bill tomorrow. Conservative proponents of the proposed reversal of policy, while asserting they have an assured majority in both houses, admit that the opposition is formidable. It is an unusual situation confronting the Democratic party in the House, where the President has arrayed against him the majority leader, Mr. Underwood, Representative Fitzgerald, chairman of the appropriations committee; Representative Kitchin, of North Carolina, ranking member of the ways and means committee, and, according to the report, the Speaker of the House.

Whether Speaker Clark will yield the gavel to take part in the debate is a subject causing the report of champions considerable concern.

Chamberlain Opens Fight.
One of the first guns of the opposition to the repeal in the Senate was fired today by Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, through the introduction of a resolution calling on the Secretary of War for all available information as to the cost of maintenance of navigable rivers and canals through which shipping by an act passed in 1884 had a guarantee of passage free of tolls. In a preamble to the resolution it was asserted that if the policy of the Government with relation to the Panama Canal tolls is to be reversed the policy with reference to all rivers and canals also should be changed, and tolls charged all shipping to pay the Government for maintaining the waterways.

"My chief purpose in introducing this resolution," Senator Chamberlain said tonight, "is to show it, as repeal champions maintain, is a ship subsidy granted by the Government, that it has always been the policy of the Government since 1884 to subsidize our shipping. If we are going to charge our shipping tolls at Panama we ought to charge tolls elsewhere."

There will be discussion of the resolution in the Senate tomorrow, as Senator Chamberlain plans to call it up.

SHIPBUILDERS DENY TALE

Daniels Investigates Charge Lieutenant Was Approached.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Secretary Daniels today conferred with A. L. Hopkins, president, and Homer L. Ferguson, general manager of the Newport News Shipbuilding Company, concerning reports reaching the Navy Department that representatives of that company had sought to influence Lieutenant Commander Huff in his inspection of the battleship Texas when that vessel was in course of construction. Both officials deny there was any truth in the report. The conference will be continued tomorrow.

The insinuations against the company, it was said, were based on statements by Commander Pollock, who acted as Huff's counsel at the recent court-martial of that officer for assaulting J. F. Kinkadee, an employee of the shipbuilding company.

Commander Pollock has been called on to give the department an explanation of his remarks. Secretary Daniels has not acted on the findings of the court sentencing Huff to the loss of five numbers in grade and to receive a public reprimand.

Whitman Pupils Give Recital.

WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, March 24.—(Special.)—A public recital by honor pupils of the Conservatory was given Monday night in MacDowell Hall. Those taking part were: Miss Mary Jones, Miss Esther Stearns, Miss Maria Shannon, and Miss Gertrude Richmond, all of Walla Walla; Miss Edna MacEachern, of Latah; Miss Edith Smith and Mrs. Pearl Robertson, of Spokane, and Miss Selma Engstrom, of Spokane.

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BATTLE IS RAGING

Fight for Possession of Gomez
Palacio Unfinished.

PRIVATE NEWS CONFLICTS

Constitutionalists at Juarez Hear
Report Torreon Has Surrendered,
but High Spirits Are
Checked for Time.

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on the spirits of the rebels, and it gave rise to all manner of conjectures. It was the first direct news telegram of the day, but it was argued that the official report quoted in it did not necessarily disprove previous reports of fighting in Torreon or even that Villa did actually have Gomez Palacio in his possession last night.

The report might mean, it was conjectured, that the federals, as a part of the general battle, might have returned to Gomez Palacio and renewed the fight, while other forces were engaged in Torreon, three miles away.

TAX SUIT TO BE FILED

NINE GRAYS HARBOR MILLS TO BEGIN NEW ACTION.

Litigation to Mark Second Attempt of
Companies to Force County to Alter
Property Valuations.

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 24.—(Special.)—That a new suit against the county brought by nine mills of Grays Harbor will be filed shortly in an effort to reduce the tax levied against the several mill properties was announced today. Attorney J. B. Bridges will be associated with Attorney Hogan in the litigation.

This, the second attempt of the mill companies to force the county to alter property valuations, which began when it is expected, some questions of law that will go to the Supreme Court.

The original suit of the mills was practically thrown out of court when a demurrer of the state was sustained. It was discovered that the actions were premature, because of the inability of the plaintiffs to make a tender as required by law. Since then the assessment has been made by the county, and the mill companies are prepared to make a tender accordingly.

RATES NOT UNDERSTOOD

OLD COMMODITY EXPRESS TARIFFS UNALTERED.

Modifications of Interstate Rates Applying for Short Distances Go
Into Effect April 1.

SALEM, Or., March 24.—(Special.)—Reports received by the Railroad Commission from various points in the state indicate that the situation regarding the new express rates is not well understood, particularly as to local rates for short distances within the state.

The old commodity rates have not been changed at all between points in Oregon unless they were higher than the new class rates, in which event they are reduced to the class rate. Under these commodity rates most of the products raised on the farm are shipped, as special rates have been made for produce lower than the classifications.

Some confusion is believed to have arisen on this account, as not all shippers and agents seem to understand that the commodity rates still stand, unless they have been reduced.

Another cause for misunderstanding is that the modifications of interstate rates applying for short distances will not go into effect until April 1, and in the meantime the express companies are charging on the basis of the interstate block system, which in some cases makes an increased rate over the rate formerly in effect. Most of these inequalities will disappear when the new local rates become effective on April 1. Another point is that the bulk of express business consists of packages weighing 40 pounds or less. Even

QUAKE FELT IN VANCOUVER

Charles A. Blurock Recalls Disturbances of 1877 and 1882.

MINERS REJECT PROFFER

Labor Crisis, However, May Be
Averted in Bituminous Field.

CHICAGO, March 24.—Final refusal of the United Mine Workers of America to accept terms offered by the bituminous coal mine owners of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois brought to an end here today the joint wage scale conference of the men and employers.

Although the present wage agreement will expire one week from today and there is no understanding at present under which the men have agreed to continue work, union leaders assert that a strike is not imminent.

The policy committee of the United Mine Workers was summoned to meet tomorrow and the men's leaders announced that they expected to decide on a line of action that would prevent a labor crisis in the mines.

ERECTION OF MILL BEGUN

Machinery Is at Springfield for New
Booth-Kelly Plant.

SPRINGFIELD, Or., March 24.—(Special.)—Erection of the timber frame of the planing mill for the new Booth-Kelly mill here was begun yesterday, after the completion Saturday of two units of the trestles for the monorail transportation system. The third unit will be put up later.

Eight carloads of machinery and material for the dry kiln and for the mill proper have arrived in the last three days.

FLAG DAY EXERCISES HELD

Children of Sara Schools Present
New Emblem to Institution.

RIDGEFIELD, Wash., March 24.—(Special.)—Most of the population of Sara, a rural community near Ridgefield, were present last Friday at the exercises at the Sara schools in observance of Flag Day.

The programme was given in front of the schoolhouse, and the children presented a large flag to the school. The exercises consisted of patriotic songs, flag drills and recitations.

Rickreall Hogrowers Busy.
RICKREALL, Or., March 24.—(Special.)—The hogrowers in this vicinity have been utilizing the good weather by cleaning up their yards and preparing in numerous ways for the season's crop. At present plenty of help is available, but the training work later on will require many more persons. Women and children are largely employed.

Wheeler to Improve Street.
WHEELER, Or., March 24.—(Special.)—The City Council voted to plank Main street between the mill and upper town, a distance of about 1500 feet. This is only a temporary roadway, for the street will be hard surfaced when the grade is finally established. Attorney Victor J. Farnell has moved here from Portland and has been chosen City Attorney.

Lincoln Society to Elect.
The election of officers of the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Society will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the City Hall. A large attendance is desired.

KING'S PROMISE TO ARMY MAKES STORM

Surrender to "Military Aristocracy" Denounced and
Crisis Is Threatened.

LABOR PARTY IN REVOLT

Case of Tom Mann, Imprisoned for
Inciting Refusal to Fire on
Strikers, Cited—Throne Criticized in Commons.

LONDON, March 24.—Westminster continues to be a seething caldron over what the Liberals now denounce as the "mutiny of the army aristocracy" against the democratic government. The fact has been established from all obtainable evidence that General Hubert Gough and the other officers of the Third Cavalry brigade demanded, and obtained written assurances, which had been drafted by a lawyer, that they would not be ordered to fight Sir Edward Carson's Ulster volunteers, and that these assurances were obtained largely through the personal intervention of the King.

Officers Welcomed With Cheers.
Before they left London they sent messages to their brother officers in Ireland that they had found support "from the highest quarters." On their arrival today at Curragh Camp they were welcomed by a guard of honor with cheers and related the outcome of their summons to the War Office.

The throne, which has traditionally kept out of party controversies, both throughout Mr. Asquith's administration and the Liberal government, is involved in the discussion as it has never been before during King George's reign, or that of his most diplomatic father.

The section of the Liberals who opposed what they denounced as a surrender to the military oligarchy are criticizing the King and the great freedom. They resent his action in summoning to the palace Field Marshal Lord Roberts, who, in his speeches, advised the officers that they might properly refuse service in suppressing the Ulster irascibles and criticize his majesty for dealing personally with Field Marshal Sir John French, chief of the general staff, and General Sir Arthur Paget, commanding the forces in Ireland, who should have been dealt with, they think, only by the Secretary of State.

Writings to Be Submitted.
The government has promised to throw more light tomorrow upon recent history by giving to Parliament all the written communications with General Paget and the officers who refused service, but how far the negotiations were carried on by written communications remains to be seen.

If these papers disclose that the government was surrending to the Ulster rebels, the government will face great danger from rebellion in its own ranks. The Ulster rebels, who are now in the high school, when three shocks frightened the children, and a number of them, including Mr. Blurock, made a break from the room and got outside.

The labor party members, who throughout Mr. Asquith's administration have been criticized by many of the rank and file of their party for seeming to be docilely chained to his chariot wheels, are in open revolt. They have on the fact that Tom Mann was sent to prison for six months for inciting the soldiers to refuse to fire on strikers when ordered, and demand to know what the government will do.

The House of Commons witnessed a telling demonstration today of how the land lies. It showed where not only the Irish Home Rulers and Laborites, who made Premier Asquith's majority and held the balance of power in the House, stand, but that many Liberals are opposed to what, from their present information, they consider a surrender of the army officers.

The army appropriation bill was under discussion, and the Unionist, Leopold C. Amery, moved a resolution for the purpose of articulating the government, on the ground that it was not entitled to use the army for party purposes, which is the basis of the Unionist position in the present crisis.

The Laborite, John Ward, who was a dock laborer and at one time a private in the army, seconded the motion, but from a different point of view. He said that the Conservatives, by approving the rebellion of the officers, had "started to smash the British army."

"This House," he said, "had to decide whether it was going to maintain the discipline of the army as a neutral force, or whether the Parliament elected by the people was going to allow without interference from the King or the army, make the laws of the realm."

Criticism of Throne Dramatic.
When the speaker uttered in stentorian tones, "without interference from the King or the army," giving a calculated and dramatic pause after the word "King," half the House was on its feet cheering. All the labor men and the home-rule Irishmen, and not only they, but many of the Liberal members stood and shouted for a considerable space of time.

It would be hard to witness such an obviously hostile criticism of the throne in the memory of the oldest member, nor even in the past century.

James Henry Thomas, labor member for Derby and organizing secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Railway servants, speaking in the House of Commons tonight on the Ulster crisis, said that the notices given by 400,000 railway men would expire in November. If the doctrines pronounced by the opposition were allowed to prevail, it might be his duty in the interval to visit the industrial centers and tell the railway men to drill and organize in order to enforce their demands.

"Would the opposition members," he asked, "be content to sit quietly and permit him to preach such doctrines?"

FISH CUT COST OF LIVING

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reau of Fisheries has to face in Alaska, the Secretary said:

"With 25,000 miles of coast to watch, the Bureau has had but four men in Alaska and they have had no boats. Now we hope and plan to increase this force and provide our men with such equipment that we may be able to aid materially in the development and regulation of this one of the many of the enormous possibilities which the Administration believes Alaska possesses."

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While telling of the work of the coast survey branch of the Government, Secretary Redfield again alluded to Alaska.

"The steamer State of California had no business to go down last year," he asserted, "if the Government had supplied the coast survey with a wire drag apparatus, which would have cost \$25,000 and to operate which would have cost about \$5000 a year, it would have saved the State of California and the lives that were lost."

"We are asking for three or four more vessels to survey the coast of Alaska, and for a wire drag outfit which will make navigation of the coast of that territory less hazardous and pay whatever the cost may be in conservation of human lives and private property."

Secretary Redfield went into some of the details of the work of his department, both at home and abroad, and said the only thing the matter with the American manufacturer in competition with foreign business was that "we have been trained in the doctrine of industrial cowardice."

REDFIELD DECLINES FETES

Cabinet Member, However, Will
Speak Twice in Portland.

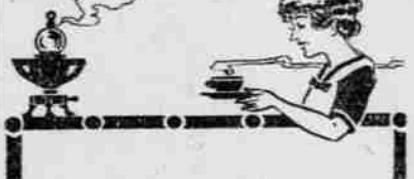
Secretary Redfield yesterday telegraphed from California to the reception committee of the Portland commercial bodies declining to accept a suggested schedule of entertainment for him and his party while they are in Portland Friday and Saturday.

The committee telegraphed back its regrets and no further arrangements for public entertainment will be made. The greater part of Secretary Redfield's visit in Portland will be devoted to conferences with the heads of the various departments under his jurisdiction in Portland.

Two public speeches will be delivered, one at Reed College Saturday morning and one at the Armory before the Jackson Club Friday night. The Secretary was to have left San Francisco last night, which will bring him into Portland early Friday. Most of his time in Portland will be occupied with inspection of the 15 or more department offices here, but he will arrange to make a visit to the Government fish hatcheries by the Columbia River Friday afternoon.

St. Johns Has Planting Day.

ST. JOHNS, Or., March 24.—(Special.)—Wednesday will be planting day at the Central, East and North grammar schools of this place. Superintendent Boyd will direct the planting of the seeds in the gardens started by the



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