

TOLLS QUESTION VOTE DUE TODAY

Senate Committee Likely to
Bring Bill Before Upper
House Now.

WEEK'S DEBATE PROBABLE

President Wilson's Position Said to
Be Non-Insistent Upon Report
Without Modification, View
Held From Beginning.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—After a two-hour discussion today on the House bill to repeal the tolls exemption provision of the Panama Canal act, the Senate committee prepared to vote tomorrow on four proposals each of which would operate to lay the question of repeal before the Senate. The committee may decide:

"To report the bill without recommendation."

"To report it with an amendment proposed by Senator Simmons, which would declare that by passing the repeal bill the United States would waive no rights possessed under the Hay-Pauncefote treaty or otherwise."

"To report it with another amendment by Senator Shields, declaring that the bill's passage should not be held to be a concession by the United States that it has not the right to exempt its coastwise shipping from toll payment."

Substitute Is Proposed.

"To report a substitute proposed by Senator Walsh, which would afford any foreign nation an opportunity to try the matter before the United States Supreme Court."

Action along any of these lines would bring the bill before the Senate and insure the beginning of a debate which probably would last several weeks.

At the conclusion of the session today there was little talk among members of a serious effort to keep the bill in committee, and it seemed practically certain that a report would be ordered at tomorrow's session.

Both factions in the committee were surprised by the day's developments. The fact that Senator Simmons, who is credited with handling the fight for President Wilson, proposed an amendment, was taken by opposition Senators to indicate that the President is not expected to insist upon a repeal without modification. This position the President has been understood to have held since the beginning of the fight.

Wilson Supporters Surprised.

Senators supporting the President, however, were surprised at the proposal of Senator Walsh. This was a solution suggested by ex-President Taft at the time he signed the Panama Canal act. Some Senators thought it was an indication that some sort of report could not be avoided, and that the opposition may line up behind the Walsh substitute.

Although the committee was said to be quite evenly divided, predictions tonight favored a report on the Walsh measure.

No votes were taken on any of the propositions, but there was a general discussion which was said to be friendly, and there was no show of the fighting spirit which formerly has appeared in both Senate and House when members talked of tolls.

DEFICIT NOW \$6,289,644

Adverse Conditions in Iron and
Steel Industry Develop.

NEW YORK, April 28.—(Special).—A deficit of \$6,289,644, after payment of the regular dividends on the preferred and common shares of the United States Steel Corporation, reported by the directors today, was accepted in financial and trade quarters as further proof of the adverse conditions now prevailing in the steel and iron industry.

Of the \$12,658,700 required to meet these dividends there remained a balance, after depreciation, and interest charges, of only \$6,368,056, so that virtually all the money for the common dividend had to be provided from the undivided surplus of the previous quarter, which amounted to \$16,539,218.

In its main features the exhibit is not unlike that of the corresponding period of 1912 when a deficit of \$6,289,139 was shown as a result of earnings slightly under those of this last quarter.

All the retiring officers of the corporation, including Chairman Elbert H. Gary and President James A. Farrell, were re-elected at today's meeting.

BROTHER IDENTIFIES DEAD

Nation-Wide Search for Farmer Milwaukee Minister Ends.

CLEVELAND, April 28.—The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Rev. Louis Patmount, of Westville, Ill., on March 31, was partially solved after a Nation-wide search by the identification of the body of a dead man here today as that of the missing "dry" worker. The identification was made by a brother. The body of Rev. Mr. Patmount was found along the tracks of the Chicago and North Western on April 6. The coroner's inquest decided that a murder had been committed and the body had been thrown from a train.

Prior to his disappearance Rev. Mr. Patmount had been holding revivals at Westville in the interests of a campaign then being waged against the "wets." Whether the minister was killed in Westville or here is being investigated by the police.

84 OFFICERS GRADUATED

Head of Service Class Former Sergeant of Volunteers.

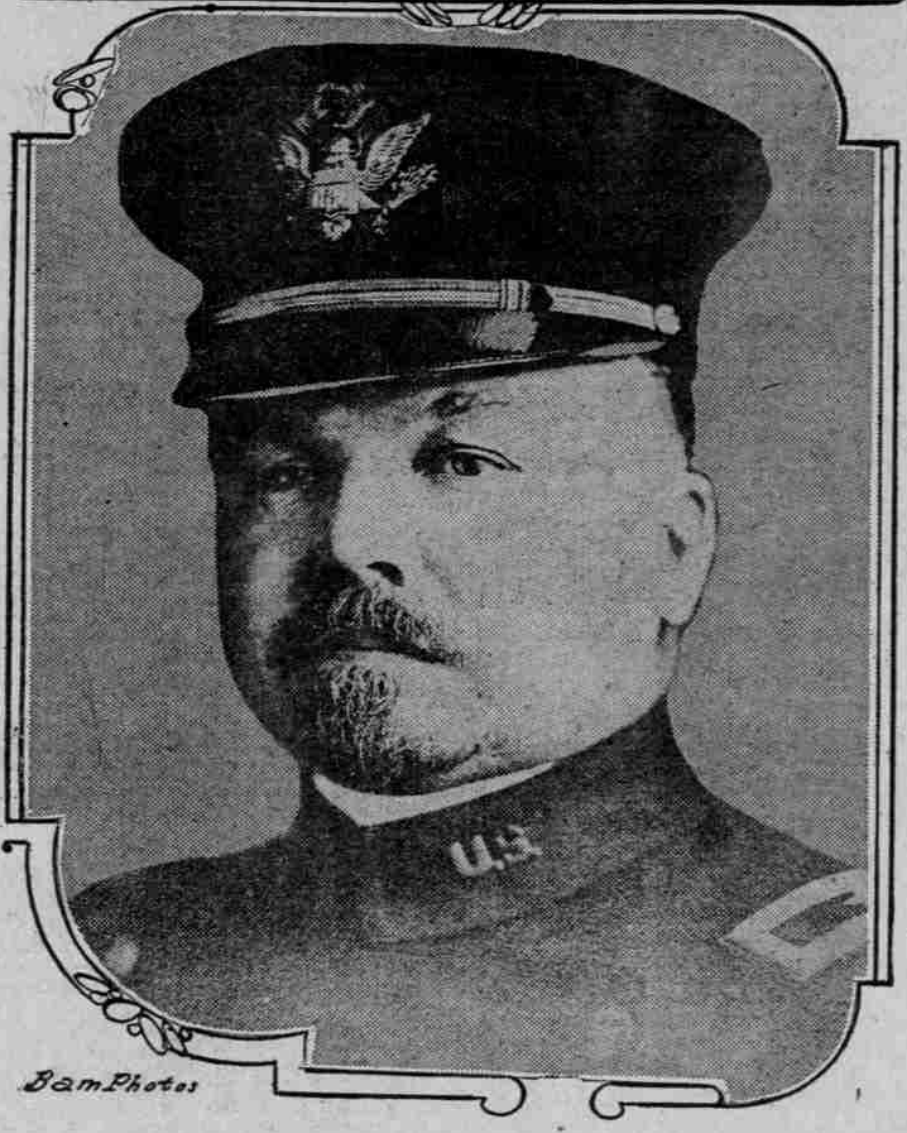
LEAVENWORTH, Kan., April 28.—With brief exercises, 84 officers were graduated from the Army service school tonight and the most of them are on the way to join their regiments. A majority of the graduates go to the border. The five honor graduates are:

First Lieutenant J. R. Kelly, Twenty-sixth Infantry; First Lieutenant O. P. Robinson, Twenty-first Infantry; Captain W. S. Grant, cavalry, unassigned; Captain J. K. Miller, infantry, unassigned; Major L. A. R. Upton, Tenth Infantry.

Lieutenant Kelly, head of the class, served as a sergeant in Company F, First South Dakota Volunteer Infantry in the Spanish-American War. Lieutenant Robinson was formerly a newspaper reporter in St. Louis.

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FAMILIAR SCENE AT GALVESTON AND GENERAL WHO COMMANDS ARMY EXPEDITION LANDING ON MEXICAN SOIL.



TOP—SOLDIERS AT LIBERTY. BOTTOM—GENERAL FREDERICK FUNSTON.

ACTION IS DELAYED

Mediators at Work on Final
Proposals to Avert War.

CONDITIONS NOT YET MADE

Three Peacemakers Take View That
Work Is Far-Reaching and May
Affect Future Peace of
Western Hemisphere.

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expressed the warm sympathy of his country in the cause of mediation. With the exception of the three South American countries, no power has taken an official action, although the European diplomats are doing their utmost to further the cause of peace.

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British Ambassador, also was one of Secretary Bryan's callers, his purpose being to report results of the interview held yesterday in the Mexican capital by Sir Lionel Carden, the British Minister, with General Huerta. Sir Lionel strongly impressed on the general the opinion of his own government that he should promptly accept the good offices tendered him by the three South American republics.

Far-Reaching Result Predicted.

Ministers Naon and Suarez, of Argentina and Chile, talked at length with Mr. Bryan late in the day. Ambassador Da Gama had seen the Secretary earlier. These conferences are of a wholly informal character, chiefly to obtain the viewpoint of the American Government.

The three peacemakers are careful to make a distinction between their present exercise of good offices and what may come later if the good offices advance to the stage of mediation. They take the view that their work is one of far-reaching effect, not only in the present controversy, but as affecting the continued peace of the Western hemisphere through the united efforts of American nations, North, South and Central.

Dr. Naon, the Argentine Minister, is plotting the way. He is a diplomat of wide experience, an international lawyer who at one time held the chair of constitutional law in the University of Argentina, a former member of the Argentine Cabinet and Congress and prominently mentioned as a candidate for President.

Brazilian Dean of Body.

The Brazilian Ambassador, Senor Da Gama, is by reason of his rank the senior member of the body. He also is a trained diplomat and one who is highly regarded by Lauro Muller, Brazilian Minister of Foreign Affairs, who recently visited this country. The Chilean envoy, Senor Suarez, brings to the meetings the advantage of a long and thorough acquaintance with Mexican affairs, as he was for some years Chilean Minister at Mexico City.

The sessions of the mediators are being conducted in strict privacy and no announcements are being made on the various stages of progress. Later on it is expected that if the situation

warrants an official statement will be issued. Thus far it is understood neither side has submitted formal conditions, nor has either side been approached to concessions which might be made, the present discussion being a general survey of the field and conferences with the best-informed men on either side, to develop some avenue of approach toward the satisfactory middle ground.

Another report which was discussed widely was the possibility that the three intermediaries might visit Mexico City to talk with General Huerta.

FUNSTON IN COMMAND

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by telegraph from Mexico City today that several trainloads of refugees were ready to leave the capital.

A train, which left here at 7 this morning with the expectation of meeting a refugee train from Mexico City, returned later in the day, not having found a train waiting at the gap. The officials on board were unable to get any information as to the probable time of arrival of the expected train from the capital.

Senor Guillermo Obregon, of Mexico City, who was passing through Vera Cruz from Tampico on the way to the capital and went out on the train from here, remained at the break in the track. He desired to go on to Cordoba in order to deliver representations from Consul Canada to the officials at Cordoba on behalf of the prisoners there.

THOUSAND REFUGEES LANDED

Quarantine Lifted at Galveston to
Let Two Shiploads In.

GALVESTON, Tex., April 28.—More than 1000 American refugees from Mexico stepped on their home shores today when the quarantine was lifted on the convey Dixie, the collier Cyclops and the steamship Esperanza, which brought the refugees to port. By nightfall most of them will be on their way home. Some plan to remain in Galveston and return to Mexico when the situation there permits.

The Esperanza was the first of the refugees' ships to dock today and was soon followed by the Dixie. It was arranged to bring the 300 refugees on board the Cyclops to the city on barges. The Immigration Department provided the refugees with funds for their transportation home and other necessary expenses.

Those on the battleship Connecticut are expected to be out of quarantine within a day or two.

The converted transport San Marcos will go to Texas City at daybreak tomorrow to take on detachments from the Sixth Cavalry and battalions from the Fourth Field Artillery.

ACCUSED REPORTER SET FREE

El Imparcial Man Charged With
Making Trouble by Misstatements.

VERA CRUZ, April 28.—Rodrigo De Llano, the reporter of El Imparcial of Mexico City, who came yesterday to write a story of the situation in Vera Cruz for his newspaper, was arrested last night on the complaint of an American, who charged him with having been the interpreter while an American was in trouble at the capital and with complicating the situation of the American by misrepresentations.

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from technical custody. Later he was received by Captain Huse, chief of staff of Rear-Admiral Fletcher, who gave him much information and the privilege to go anywhere in the city he pleased. The reporter received permission to take photographs.

The accusation against De Llano was made by Dr. Hoskins, acting consular agent at Pachuca, who was arrested there and herded in a box car with other foreigners and taken to the capital.

FAST CRUISER TAKES MAIL

Salem Sails for Vera Cruz, Also Carrying Men to Join Fleet.

PHILADELPHIA, April 28.—The scout cruiser Salem, one of the fastest ships in the Navy, sailed from the Philadelphia Navy-yard today for Vera Cruz.

The Salem carried about 200 bags of mail for the officers and men of Admiral Bagley's fleet. The cruiser also took several naval officers who had been ordered to report to the commanding officer at Vera Cruz, marines and supplies.

United States Thanks Germany.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—The thanks of the United States Government to Germany for its friendly action in recalling the steamer Ypiranga with war munitions in its cargo from Vera Cruz and for the energetic assistance given by the commander and crew of the cruiser Dresden in rescuing American refugees at Tampico have been informally conveyed to Germany through Secretary Bryan.

Uruguay to Support Mediation.

MONTEVIDEO, April 28.—The Uruguayan foreign minister conferred today with the President of the Republic in regard to the Mexican situation. It was decided Uruguay should lend her support to the mediation of Argentina, Brazil and Chile between the United States and Mexico.

TRADE EXPANSION AIM

SURVEY PLANNED TO INCREASE
FRUIT AND TIMBER MARKETS.

Investigation to Boost Oregon Products
to Be Begun at Once by School of
Commerce at University.

Immediate investigation will be commenced under the auspices of the school of commerce at the University of Oregon, to formulate statistics that will be of use toward the enlargement of the markets for Oregon fruit and Oregon lumber.

The survey will be made as much as possible through the established bureaus of the United States Government, so that the expense of the survey will fall lightly upon the state university and the state government.

The decision to begin the survey at once was made at the meeting of the board of advisors of the school of commerce, which was held yesterday. It is intended to ask the United States Government to send a special representative abroad to investigate the lumber market. All phases of the industrial survey will be pressed forward as rapidly as possible.

Those present at the meeting yesterday were: H. B. Miller, chairman; R. E. Struborn, C. C. Colt, W. D. Skinner, W. K. Newell, A. H. Harris, R. W. Raymond and President P. L. Campbell of the state university.

REBELS STAY SPECTATORS

Carranza and Villa Agree to Watch
Huerta-Uncle Sam Conflict.

EL PASO, Tex., April 28.—The Carranza-Villa interview at Chihuahua yesterday resulted in an agreement as to the rebel attitude toward the United States, according to a Mexican newspaperman, who left Chihuahua this morning and arrived here tonight.

He said that the two leaders agreed that the rebels would remain mere spectators, so long as there is no American invasion of rebel territory.

Oregon Pictures to Be Used.

The Commercial Club yesterday to S. D. Roberts, general advertising agent for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company, at his request, a series of the best pictures obtainable of Oregon scenery and cities. These photographs are to be used in the Panama-Pacific booklet which the company is to issue and in several of the Northwestern Summer resort bulletins which it is to have published.

Mrs. Voorhorst Goes to Heppner.

Mrs. Bertha Taylor Voorhorst, secretary to the Panama-Pacific Commission, will go to Heppner, May 1, to represent the Portland Commercial Club. Plans will be discussed for the organization of a joint body to undertake special work for local development.

School Director's Duty Defined.

SALEM, Or., April 28.—(Special).—Attorney-General Crawford today informed A. T. Martin, of Gateway, that the duties of a School Board must be performed at a regular or special meeting of the Board. He said the member could not sit on his plow in the field

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and take part in the official work of the Board by giving his sanction to certain work.

\$7500 DAMAGES ALLEGED

Administrator Sues Company for
Death of Brakeman Under Cars.

ASTORIA, Or., April 28.—(Special).—A suit was filed in the Circuit Court today by A. C. Schoonover, administrator of the estate of H. T. Manning, deceased, against the Big Creek Logging Company to recover \$7500 damages for the death of Mr. Manning.

The complaint alleges that Mr. Manning was working as a brakeman on the company's logging railroad in November, 1913; that as a train was being operated the track settled, allowing the locomotive to tip to one side so that when the brakeman tried to uncouple a car from the locomotive he was caught and so badly crushed that he died almost immediately.

Negligence on the part of the company in not having the roadbed properly ballasted is alleged.

School Children to Hear Rehearsal.

School children will assemble at the Hellig Theater at 10 o'clock this morning to hear the final rehearsal of the Portland Symphony Orchestra for its sixth and last concert of the season, 1913-14 at the Hellig, Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. George E. Jeffery will conduct and the big feature will be Tchaikovsky's symphony "Patetic."

One feature that will be of special interest to the people of Oregon will be

the overture "The Call of the West," by Father Dominic, of Mount Angel College. This will be the first home production to be played by the orchestra. The sale of seats for the Friday afternoon concert opens at the theater box office this morning at 10 o'clock.

HOLY GRAIL IS BROKEN

Accident Happens to Oldest Relic in
World in Cathedral in Genoa.

LONDON, April 25.—(Special).—The Rome correspondent of the Daily News says that the so-called "holy basin" kept in the cathedral in Genoa, which is considered the oldest and most historically important relic in the world, has been accidentally broken.

The basin, which is an octagonal vase cut out of a precious stone akin to the emerald, is supposed to be the famous Holy Grail, which was venerated by the Knights Templars. It was brought to Genoa in 1101 by William Embriaco among the spoils of the conquest of Casarea, and since that time has been held in the highest veneration.

The details of the accident are withheld, but it is known that the vase was broken in fragments beyond the possibility of repair.

Rev. H. M. Ramsey Declines Offer.

Rev. H. M. Ramsey, who was recently offered the pastorate of St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Eugene, announced last night that he had decided to decline the post and would re-



main in Portland as dean of St. Stephen's pro-Cathedral.

Parole Jumper Back in Cell.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 28.—(Special).—William Carle, a parole jumper, was returned to prison this morning from Portland, where he was arrested. Carle was released on parole a year ago.

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