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WILSON SAYS PARTY PLATFORM CONTRADICTS ITSELF ON TOLLS

President Makes Another Appeal to Democrats in Congress for Repeal

DENIES MAKING ANY DEAL WITH ENGLAND

Says That Adherents of Free Tolls Are Misrepresenting Him in Speeches

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 30.—President Wilson said today that on account of the contradictory statements in the Baltimore platform the Democrats should have no hesitation in voting for the repeal of the Panama tolls exemption. President Wilson characterized emphatically the exemption as a subsidy and pointed out that one plank in the platform opposed subsidy direct and indirect, while another declared for tolls exemption.

The President reiterated that exemption was never the policy of the Democratic House, because it passed through a coalition of Republicans and minority of Democrats, a majority of the Democrats voting against it on the ground that it was a subsidy. He explained that even if the international situation had not arisen, he would be opposed to exemption as against Democratic doctrine. He indicated, however, that if it were not for the international situation, he did not feel it would have been proper to question the acts of former administrations.

Wilson talked frankly about the tolls controversy in Congress, saying the story that he had entered into a bargain with Great Britain, through Sir William Terrill, private secretary to Sir Edward Grey, was but one of the number of insults that had been introduced into Congressional debate. He said he wanted to express his regret that what promised to be a dignified contest with honest differences of opinion, seemed to be degenerating into an attempt to discredit the administration. He thought it a great pity that public affairs should be handled in that way. He did not think that all opponents of repeal felt that way, but such color had been injected into the controversy, and he did not understand the motives for it. The President said he was for straight repeal without equivocation.

Senator Fall, Republican, of New Mexico, gave the controversy a new aspect by introducing a bill to forbid that tolls be levied on American Coastwise vessels or those belonging to persons of any country on this continent and engaged solely in trade between North and South America, or both.

Senator Lewis, Democrat, urged his resolution to give the President discretion to suspend tolls. He submitted the resolution, he said, first to suggest a method of applying tolls, and to give the Democratic party an intermediate course that it may avoid rocks on one side or the other.

Lewis pictured foreign relations with the United States, saying that if this government should intervene in Mexico Japan would at once seize the Philippines and Hawaii, and Russia, grieved over the sympathy of the United States with Japan in the Russo-Japanese war, would seize Alaska; that the canal could not be finished; and that the army and navy would be divided defending the nation and that not even England would be sympathetic in such a dilemma.

NEW PHASE OF CANAL FIGHT

Leader Doremus Says England Has Admitted U. S. Right For Exemptions

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 30.—Representative Doremus of Michigan, chairman of the Democratic congressional committee, led off the fight on repealing the Panama Canal tolls exemption. Expressing regret that he differed with the President, he declared that Great Britain had admitted the American right to the exemption of coastwise trade from tolls.

COUNCIL BLUFFS ELECTION.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

COUNCIL BLUFFS, March 30.—The largest vote ever cast here was polled at today's election. The chief contest is over the mayoralty. Mayor Thomas Maloney is running for a fourth term. Dr. M. E. Snyder, Republican, is his opponent.

ALBANY—M. E. Bilyeu, janitor of the courthouse, has failed but once in nine years to wind the clock in the tower. This one failure was due to illness.

LANE VIEW OF CANAL TOLLS

Oregon Senator Makes Some Sensational Disclosures About Question

Senator Harry Lane of Oregon in a letter to the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce in response to a telegram from the orginization urging him to work against the repeal of the Panama toll exemption for coastwise shipping, makes some rather sensational disclosures relative to it. In his letter he says:

"It is merely a question at this time, I presume, as to whether or not the Government has made a pledge to allow all nations to use the canal on the same terms as our own. President Wilson has assured me personally, from his study of the question and perusal of State documents, etc., that he has been compelled to conclude, much against his personal preference in the matter, that this government is under solemn obligation to permit English vessels to use Canal on same terms as our own.

"As near as I can ascertain from the facts, this government in the acquisition of the Canal Zone, and in its active participation in bringing about a rebellion in the Nicaragan Government by which it secured posession of the territory, had infringed upon the rights of England and Germany, and in order to placate those countries was compelled to yield this concession in regard to tolls. It also found itself in a position where it was compelled to purchase the French Claims to the Canal at an exorbitant price.

"If I had my way about the canal I would levy a toll upon all vessels going through it, both American and foreign, at a rate sufficient to in part pay for the expense of operating same, also provide a sinking fund which would eventually repay this country for its outlay. I would then endeavor to secure an agreement between all nations for policing same, preventing its destruction in time of war by any nation. This would save the American Government the heavy expense of having war vessels stationed at both ends of the Canal, for from their base of supplies in this country. It would be the beginning of an international police system, which would eventually put a stop to the up-keep of the navy, and would be an arrangement fair to all."

REDFIELD WILL AID NORTHWEST

Will Establish Pacific Bureau of Fisheries and Office to Aid Trade

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

SEATTLE, Wash., March 30.—Secretary of Commerce Redfield passed the day in conference with officials under his jurisdiction. His department is establishing here a Pacific Coast Bureau of Fisheries and an office for the extension of foreign trade as well as an office for the purchase of supplies for Alaska. Secretary Redfield will be entertained by the King County Democratic League tonight.

DIED IN ROSEBURG.

R. D. Grout, Cousin of Fred Raymond of Marshfield, Succumbs.

The Roseburg Review says: Chas. Grout of Bay City, Tillamook county, arrived here this morning to attend the funeral of his brother, R. D. Grout, which was held at the local undertaking parlors this morning, followed by interment at the Looking Glass cemetery. Fred Raymond, a cousin of the deceased, also came over from Coos Bay with his wife to attend the funeral. Mrs. Raymond, who was formerly Miss Kate Cordon, will visit with her parents here for a short time, while her husband will return home. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Eaton and were largely attended by the Odd Fellows and members of the Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, of which orders Mr. Grout was a member. The floral tributes were numerous and of exceptional beauty.

CORVALLIS—The executive committee of the Commercial Club has commenced a campaign to make the city of Corvallis more beautiful.

DENIAL IS NOW MADE IN ENGLAND

Sec. Grey, of Great Britain Foreign Office, Makes Statement

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

LONDON, March 30.—Foreign Secretary Grey, in the House of Commons, denied the published allegations that President Wilson's attitude on the Panama tolls was the result of an understanding between the United States and Great Britain. "It has been asserted," he said, "that under the terms of the understanding, England has undertaken to assist Wilson's policy in Mexico. There is no foundation whatever for these reports."

200,000 MINERS TO GO ON STRIKE

Thirty-five Thousand Quit in Yorkshire Today and More Threaten

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

LEEDS, England, March 30.—Thirty-five thousand coal miners in Yorkshire struck today, demanding the introduction of a minimum wage. Thursday 135,000 more plan to quit.

SUFFRAGISTS AT DES MOINES

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

DES MOINES, Ia., March 30.—The Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conference opened for its third annual meeting, with several hundred women suffragists, including some of the most prominent leaders attending.

HINDUS FIGHT LAW.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 30.—Vancouver and Victoria Hindus have taken collections at their temples to provide a fund for the defense of Har Dyal, a Hindu professor, against whom deportation proceedings are pending in San Francisco. He is charged with plotting the overthrow of English rule in India.

THINK BANDIT IS SURROUNDED

Chas. Hopkins, Wanted at Mt Vernon, Wash., for Shooting Is Cornered

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

MOUNT VERNON, Wash., March 30.—The posse in search of a highwayman supposed to be Charles Hopkins, the tattooed bandit, who is suspected of having murdered Tony Gerb and of seriously wounding John Freeman Saturday, this afternoon has the supposed fugitive cornered near here.

FUSION IN NEBRASKA.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

LINCOLN, Neb., March 30.—Seeking a reunion of the conservative and progressive wings of the Republican party in this state, the two factions met in separate sessions and took up proposals to unite for the campaign next fall. It soon appeared that the two factions were not in an attitude of harmony with each other, each side being determined to make the other capitulate.

ASQUITH TAKES WAR OFFICE

English Premier Assumes Duties of Sec. Seeley—Army Leaders Retire

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

LONDON, March 30.—Colonel John Seeley, Secretary of State for War, resigned his Portfolio in the British Cabinet and his resignation was accepted by Premier Asquith. Premier Asquith himself has decided to take the secretaryship in place of Seeley.

Sir John French, Chief of the Imperial general staff of the British army, and Sir John Ewart, Adjutant General to the forces, also definitely resigned from the service today.

"Colonel Seeley's resignation has been accepted," was the expression employed by Asquith in announcing to the House of Commons that the war secretary would pay the penalty of his indiscretions in adding to the cabinet documents the two paragraphs which threatened to split up the cabinet. The first information received by the House that Seeley definitely had retired was when he entered the House and took a seat on the back benches instead of among his late colleagues. The later repudiation by the cabinet of the Seeley guarantees caused Field Marshal French and General Ewart to resign. Their resignations were made definite today. Having announced his intention to take Seeley's office, Asquith said he would retire from the House, in accordance with the law, "until it pleases my constituents to sanction my return."

The paragraphs which caused the crisis were written in a memorandum written by Seeley to General Gough and which contained the following: "The Government has no intention whatever of taking advantage of the right to maintain civil power in order to crush political opposition to the principles of the home rule bill.

NO TRACE OF ELMA BANDITS

SEVEN ESCAPE WITH $4250 FROM BANK IN TOWN NEAR ABERDEEN, WASHINGTON—BELIEVED STILL IN NEIGHBORHOOD.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 30.—Absolutely no trace has been found of the seven bandits who held up and robbed the Bank of Elma at Elma Saturday night. Every road in Chehalis county is guarded by posses today. The exact amount stolen from the bank was $4250. The sheriff said he was certain the posse had engaged the bandits in a battle near Satsop Saturday night. He believes the men have not left Chehalis county.

ARREST AT GARDINER.

Word was received at the sheriff's office that Deputy Smith of Gardiner had in custody a man named John Danelston, who was wanted in Eugene in connection with a bootlegging case. Sheriff Quine ordered the man brought out to Drain, where he will be taken charge of by officials from Eugene.—Roseburg Review.

CONCERNING PAYMENT OF TAXES

TAXPAYERS HAVE THREE PLANS TO CHOOSE FROM—BETTER PAY HALF AND TAKE THE CHANCES.

The Times has had so many phone and personal inquiries in reference to the article published the other day in reference to paying taxes that it advises all to pay the one-half before April 1 and take chances on the penalty. This seems to be the general opinion over the state as published in the state papers. One half to be paid before April 1 and the other half before September 1. This will provide sufficient funds for county and state expenses and will not work a hardship on the taxpayer. The state commission has the following three ways for the taxpayer to choose from:

One of Three Ways Open.

"In view of the present uncertainties in the situation, the final outcome of which the commission is entirely unable to foresee, the taxpayers must exercise their own judgment in making tax payments. Any one of three courses are now open to them:

"1. They can pay one-half of the taxes charged against them before April 1st, and take the chance on the final determination by the courts as to whether or not the penalties specified in the law will be collected on the second half to be paid prior to September 1st.

"2. They can pay all of their taxes prior to April 1st and remove all chance of penalties being charged.

"3. They can defer the payment of all their taxes, with the certainty of having to pay an additional 1 per cent for each month or part of a month that payment is deferred after April 1st and up to September 1st."

Judge Cleeton's Explanation.

Only those persons who have paid one-half of their taxes prior to April 1 will be relieved of the penalty of 1 per cent per month after March 31. Those persons who have not paid any of their taxes prior to April 1 will be subject to the penalty.

FIGHTING STILL CONTINUES AT TORREON WITH MEAGER REPORTS

No Word Received From Battle Today and Think it Still Continues

O'SHAUGHNESSY GIVEN AID AT MEXICO CITY

Ill-Health of U. S. Representative Results in Appointment of Assistant

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

JUAREZ, March 30.—No reports from Villa at Torreon were received this morning and it is assumed that the fighting still continues.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

EL PASO, Tex., March 30.—That Villa's army was not defeated at Torreon, at the least having an upper battle, was the opinion expressed by foreign refugees from Mexico. A mining man from Parral said that city was overcrowded with the rebel wounded. Among the arrivals from Chihuahua were two Americans, who reached there from the front Saturday. They are quoted as saying that the rebels are by no means having the successes reported. Telegrams from the Mexican consul at Eagle Pass, who said the information came direct from Torreon, reported that the rebels had been drawn into traps in the bull ring and smelter at Torreon and mines had been exploded under them. Rebel officers here confessed they were at sea over the situation.

AID FOR O'SHAUGHNESSY.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 30.—The continued ill health of Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy of the American embassy in Mexico City has made assistance necessary and Warren D. Robbins of Massachusetts has been selected to act as second secretary. The nomination will be sent to the Senate soon and Robbins, now in this country on a vacation from the French embassy, will go to Mexico City.

FRESHET WILL FOLLOW RAIN

Nearly Three Inches Has Fallen Since Saturday Morning—Quick Changes

Coos Bay has been experiencing March's many varieties of weather the past two or three days in addition to an unusually heavy rainfall. Thunder and lightning last night followed a heavy shower and cold which brought some sleet and hail.

In the forty-eight hours ending this morning at 4 o'clock, 2.82 inches of rain had fallen in Marshfield according to the government records. This makes the total rainfall here since the first of last September 56.25 inches or 3.78 inches more than for the same period of the preceding year.

Will Aid Loggers

All of the streams in this section are rapidly rising and some unusually severe freshets are threatened if the rain continues another day or so and especially if the weather should quickly turn warm. The warm weather would add the snow in the mountains to the swollen streams, causing unusual rises.

The freshets will be a boon to the loggers, especially to the Smith-Powers company as they have many million feet of logs in the headwaters of the Coquille and Coos River which they have been desirous of getting out. It is believed that they will be able to float out practically all of them and a strenuous effort will be made to do so.

Big Drain Box Breaks.

The big drain box in Mill Slough was working fine, taking care of the immense rainfall until yesterday, when a break occurred about 100 feet west of Broadway. City Engineer Buckingham said that the break would be repaired at low tide tomorrow.

TO RUN FOR COUNTY CLERK

Fred Kruse Will Seek Republican Nomination—Watkins to Run

Fred Kruse today announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for county clerk. Mr. Kruse was born and reared in this section, having for years made his home at the home ranch on Isthmus Inlet and later been connected with the Smith-Powers Logging company. He is a brother-in-law of J. Albert Matson of Marshfield. He announces that he will endeavor to give the county a most businesslike administration of the office. He is planning to spend most of his time campaigning in the Coquille Valley, where he is not so well known. His entry makes a three cornered fight, the other aspirants being Deputy Clerk Ray Watson and Mayor F. E. Allen of Marshfield.

Others to Run.

George Watkins, the well known Marshfield attorney, is circulating his nominating petitions as a Republican candidate for state representative from Coos county. It was reported a while back that Mr. Watkins would run on the Bull Moose ticket, but this was erroneous.

T. M. Dimmick is circulating his nominating petitions for the Republican nomination for county treasurer.

Coroner Fred Wilson so far is the only aspirant for the coroner's office, although it is reported that the Democrats will have a candidate in the field.

COQUILLE SISTERS MEET FIRST TIME

MOLALLA, Or., March 30.—Mrs. C. A. Moomaw, of Molalla, and Mrs. Caspar Oleson, of Astoria, Or., sisters, met here last week for the first time in their lives.

Mrs. Moomaw was born in Coquille 29 years ago when her sister, the present Mrs. Casper Oleson, was five years old. At that time the mother died and the family became scattered. The sisters have been in correspondence several times since, but never met until last week.

ASHLAND—The first home-grown strawberries were picked on St. Patrick's Day. Only a few were ripened.

DR. M'CORMAC VISITS HERE

Former Resident Returns From Berkeley for Short Stay—South Growing

Dr. J. T. McCormac arrived here on the Nann Smith from Berkeley yesterday to spend a week or ten days on the Bay. He is looking well and is feeling fine. He is as much of an enthusiast as ever over Coos Bay and its future. Mrs. McCormac is feeling fine. Their son, Fred, who is now in the University of California, is training for the crew there. Mrs. French, their daughter who is now living in northern Oregon, is spending a few weeks at Berkeley.

He says that San Francisco and the other Bay cities are enjoying a rapid growth, many new business blocks being under construction and hundreds of new homes being built, the latter being especially noticable on the Oakland and Berkeley side.

Rapid progress is being made on the Exposition buildings and grounds and the fair promises to exceed expectations as to its size and grandeur.

He receives many inquiries about this section of Oregon from prospective settlers.

BOY ADMITS KILLING GIRL

Jean Gianini Confesses to Murder of Little Falls School Teacher

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

LITTLE FALLS, N. Y., March 30.—Jean Gianini, under arrest for the murder of Miss Lydia Beecher, the young school teacher who was found beaten and stabbed to death, has confessed his guilt, according to the district attorney. Gianini said he had asked the teacher to go with him to see his parents about his re-instatement in the Poland high school, from which he had been expelled at her instigation. Before their arrival she became frightened and insisted on returning. He hit her with a wrench and then stabbed her to death.

BAKER CITY—Baker fans have pledged $1400 for a baseball team.