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PRESIDENT FIRM FOR REPEAL OF TOLL EXEMPTION

Wilson to Issue Message on Subject —Repudiates Democratic Platform Plank—New Haven Wreckage Debated in Senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Congress today considered President Wilson's recommendation for the repeal of the toll exemption provision of the Panama canal law. The president's recommendation practically repudiates one of the planks in the democratic platform through which the Baltimore convention went on record as favoring the law.

Administration leaders were sure today that the house would act promptly in the matter, despite the fact that a number of democrats are avowedly opposed to the president's wish. It was believed President Wilson soon will deliver a message in person to congress on the subject.

The senate debated today the alleged "looting" of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad.

A resolution demanding the names of those profiting "by the wrecking of the corporation" was pressed by Senator Norris of Nebraska. He discussed Inter-State Commissioner's Prouty's statement that "$12,000,000 had disappeared into thin air." Norris also read quotations from various newspapers which asserted that "J. P. Morgan and company got the money."

"If the five or six men who looted the road were wearing stripes behind prison bars," said Senator Borah of Idaho, "it would have a tremendous moral effect on the country."

NAVAL SCANDAL TO CAUSE FALL OF JAP MINISTRY

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 6.—The following cablegram was received here today by the North American Times, a Japanese publication:

"Tokio.—The downfall of the present ministry seems imminent. It is feared that there will be a repetition of the public disturbances which occurred last year, on account of the feeling which has been aroused over the naval graft scandals. The expressions of the public have become so bitter that even Inuksi, leader of the Kokumin party, one of those opposed to the present ministry, could not longer keep silent, and he yesterday openly attacked the government. The three parties opposed to the present ministry, the Kokumin, the Doshikai and the Chinseikai, united against the Seiyukai party yesterday and decided to introduce a resolution declaring the disability of the present ministry.

"The Seiyuksi party will oppose the resolution on the ground that work of the investigating committee is not complete. The resolution may be rejected, but in any event there will be a great public demonstration at Hibiyis park and about the parliamentary buildings today.

"At a meeting of the Constitution Protection league yesterday at Seiyoken, Inukai and Osaki made speeches which were enthusiastically received. Dr. Mitake and Toyama also spoke at the Y. M. C. A. hall and it is believed that the excitement aroused by these messages will result in the downfall of the present cabinet.

PETITIONS FILED FOR MARION ROAD ELECTION

SALEM, Or., Feb. 6.—Petitions calling for an election to vote on a bond issue of $850,000 for the building of permanent roads in Marion county is on file today with the county clerk. The election will probably be called, as soon as the signatures to the petitions are verified.

25,000 PEOPLE SEE FUNERAL OF FAMOUS ACTOR OF THE GHETTO

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The funeral of Ziegmund Mogulesko, the famous Yiddish comedian, was held here today. More than 25,000 persons followed the coffin from the Hebrew Actors' club to the National theater. Mogulesko's last request was that his associates should sing some of his famous comic songs at his funeral. Several tried to comply, but broke down before the songs were finished.

SPOTT JAILED FOR ESCAPADE WITH DIGGS AND GIRL

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 6.—The preliminary hearing of Maury I. Diggs and Walter Gilligan, accused of attacking Ida Pearring, a girl of 17, according to her own account, was not scheduled for resumption before Police Judge Crist until 2 p. m. today, but Paul Spott, arrested yesterday in connection with the same affair, was in court this forenoon.

His bail, like that of Diggs and Gilligan, had been fixed at $10,000, and as Spott could not give it, he spent last night in the city jail. It was his first experience of the kind, and he admitted candidly that he found it exceedingly unpleasant.

The complaint against him, Prosecutor Oppenheim said, when he was brought into court, would not sworn to until some time in the course of the forenoon, so, after being told of his legal rights, Spott was returned to his cell, his formal arraignment set for tomorrow.

Dr. Leo Meininger, called in by Mrs. Pearring after her daughter's wild New Year's Eve, was slated to be the first of this afternoon's witnesses. He was expected to testify to the girl's condition when he saw her.

BOY SHOOTS BABE IN PLAYING HOLD-UP

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 6.—Angered, it is said, because little Edgar Congdon, aged 5, failed to "put 'em up" with satisfactory alacrity when ordered, Harry Wright, 16, playing "bandit," fired a bullet from a revolver into the baby's chest. Harry was arrested and is being detained at the juvenile ward of the city jail today. He claims the gun was accidentally discharged, and denies the smaller child's statement that he was playing "hold-up."

Edgar is laid up at home, although strangely, only slightly injured.

MOVIES IN CHURCH IS LATEST ATTRACTION

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 6.—"Movies" in the church is the very latest innovation to be adopted here. "Pilgrim's Progress" will be presented Sunday afternoon at vespers service in the First Congregational church in moving pictures. The photoplay actors in the cast are all celebrities and the great Salvini is seen in the role of the Christian.

GERMAN STEAMSHIP SEIZED FOR REFUGEES

BERLIN, Feb. 6.—The kaiser's diplomatic representative at Mexico City today requisitioned the German steamship Yipiranga to take Germans from Tampico in case of necessity.

DECISIVE FIGHT TO RULE MEXICO SEEMS AT HAND

Huerta Likely to Take Field in Person Within the Next Ten Days—Will Assume Aggressive at Once—Reports About O'Shaughnessy Denied

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The Mexican embassy and the rebel junta here announced simultaneously today that the decisive struggle between President Huerta and the constitutionalists was at hand.

Huerta probably would take the field in person within ten days, it was stated at the embassy. He would assume the vigorously aggressive at once, and there was no question that he would stamp out the rebellion in short order, according to this account.

The capture of Mazatlan, reports of which the rebel junta accepted as fact, it was declared at constitutional headquarters, would speedily be followed by the fall of Torreon and Tampico, and inside of thirty days the rebels would be in control at Mexico City.

Rumors Are Denied

Persistent reports were current that Huerta would hand his passports to American Charge d'Affaired O'Shaughnessy, at Mexico City, and that John Lind, President Wilson's personal representative, would be expelled from Vera Cruz "for pernicious activity against the government." But there was no confirmation of these reports.

Indeed, Charge d'Afaires O'Shaughnessy informed the president by wire that there seemed to be no ill-feeling in Mexico City as a result of the embargo order. He confirmed, however, the story that Huerta was preparing to take the field in person and added that the federal army had been considerably increased by conscription.

It was denied on high authority that President Wilson is considering intervention at last.

Intervention Not Considered

"The warring factions," said an official in close touch with administration plans and policies, "will be left to fight it out without interference."

Another report was that the rebels had floated a $25,000,000 loan, and that the money would be spent in buying siege-guns and perhaps gunboats.

GIRL STRIKE LEADERS ARRESTED FOR PICKETING

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Miss Carrie Alexander, president of the Waitresses' union here, was arrested today while leading a number of girls engaged in picketing Henrici's restaurant in an effort to unionize loop district cafes and restaurants. She struggled with three policemen, who dragged her to police headquarters and charged her with disorderly conduct. Bail for Miss Alexander's release was furnished by Secretary Nockels of the Chicago Federation of Labor.

Twelve girls, including Miss Alexander, were arrested for picketing. All were released on bail. Four girls were arrested twice during the morning. Each time they stood outside and shouted: "Don't eat in there!" to patron's of Henrici's restaurant. Bail was furnished and they returned to the restaurant, promising to repeat the performance all day.

DOWNWARD MOVEMENT ON STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Stocks opened with a downward movement in progress today. Nearly all issues traded in were lower, and selling orders were greatly in excess of offers to purchase. Some support was offered later, and on a limited demand for Union Pacific, New Haven and Reading a better tone developed. Trading was not large. Bonds were firm.

The market closed quiet.

LITTLE MR. NOBODY LEFT UPON DOORSTEP FINDS HAPPY HOME

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 6.—Mrs. Ferni Gardner found a pretty boy baby carefully tucked in a basket, peacefully slumbering on her doorstep here early today. A note pinned to the basket read:

"This is little Mr. Nobody, born January 29, 1914, at 9 p. m. I trust that those who may care for this baby will have happiness always."

Mrs. Gardner recently lost a baby and was delighted when she found the gift.

WEST ANNOUNCES SUPPORT OF BROWN FOR STATE ATTORNEY

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 6.—As a reward for his co-operation with the governor in running down liquor law violators in Douglas county, Governor West today announced he would support District Attorney George Brown of Roseburg in his race for the republican nomination for attorney general.

"I intend to support Brown regardless of the ticket he will be on," declared the governor. "When my office needed help in cleaning up law violators in Southern Oregon, Brown didn't let politics interfere with the performance of duty, and I'm going to be as liberal as he was by putting aside politics and show my appreciation of an official who was ready to go down the line with this office in enforcing the laws."

EMBARGO LIFTED TO PERMIT FINISH FIGHT

VERA CRUZ, Feb. 6.—John Lind was quoted here today to the fact that President Wilson lifted the embargo on arms shipments from the United States into Mexico to let the federals and rebels "fight it out," and demonstrate which really was the stronger. Lind did not make the statement for publication, but was said to have explained matters in conversation with a personal friend.

The federal gunboat Zaragoza, with steam up, was awaiting momentarily expecting orders to sail from here for New Orleans to buy arms and ammunition.

$30,000 GOLD BULLION UNCOVERED IN KANSAS

LARNED, Kan., Feb. 6.—Gold bullion estimated to be worth $30,000 was uncovered in Hodgeman county today, according to reports received here today. Yesterday bullion worth $6800, was found.

It was believed Colorado miners cached the gold during the Indian massacre of 1865. More than $900,000 worth of bullion, it is said, was buried at that time. Ranchers, fearing an inrush of goldseekers, are guarding their lands.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR CONFERS WITH WILSON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Sir Cecil Erhut Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, conferred at the white house this afternoon with President Wilson. It was understood that the Mexican situation and the Panama canal tolls question were discussed. It was also reported that Sir Cecil assured the president that the British government was hopeful of arranging a new arbitration treaty with the United States soon.

BLIZZARD GRIPS MIDDLE WEST TEXAS TO LAKES

Coldest Wave of Season Sends Mercury Below Zero Line—23 Below in Colorado—Heavy Snows in Minnesota and Illinois.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Railroad traffic throughout the middle west was hampered today by one of the worst blizzards of the winter. Zero weather was predicted for Chicago tomorrow. A heavy snowfall delayed streetcar service here. A gale was blowing from the northwest.

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 6.—Nebraska was shivering today in the coldest weather of the winter. The temperature here was 6 below zero at noon and a drop to 10 below was expected tonight. Suffering among the poor was intense.

Other Nebraska below zero temperatures follow:

Chadron, 29; Scott's Bluff, 20; Valentine, 18; O'Neill, 16; Long Pine, 15.

FORT LUPTON, Colo., Feb. 6.—Greeley and Fort Lupton were two of the coldest spots in the country today. The mercury here registered 28 below and Greeley reported 20 below.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 6.—A terrific blizzard, accompanied by several inches of snow, swept St. Paul and vicinity today. Zero weather was predicted for tonight.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 6.—Texas suffered today from the most severe blizzard of the winter. At Amarillo the mercury tumbled from 65 degrees above last night to zero this morning. Many other towns reported drops of forty degrees within two hours.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Warnings that a cold wave would strike the entire eastern coast within twenty-four hours were issued here today by the government weather bureau.

MOB RULE REIGNS IN HAYTIEN REPUBLIC

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The state department was notified today by Captain Bostwick of the cruiser Nashville that General Theodore had lost control of the rebel troops at Cape Haitien. Eighty additional American marines, Bostwick said, were landed today to protect foreigners.

Mob rule prevailed and scores of homes were pillaged and burned.

Wholesale rioting was feared.

SIX KILLED WHEN STEAM MILL BLOWS UP

MANCHESTER, Ky., Feb. 6.—Six persons were killed and several others injured in an explosion today at a steam mill at Urban, near here.

The dead are Thomas Sayer, John Link, Robert Mayer, Robert Sampleon, Fred Pennington and an unidentified man.

MURDER CHARGE DISMISSED AGAINST LOS ANGELES MAN

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 6.—Police Judge Chambers today dismissed the charge of murder against John H. Grondin, a druggist, who was accused of poisoning his wife.

Chambers said that the evidence against Grondin, which was wholly circumstantial, was insufficient to hold him for trial. Deputy District Attorney Shannon declared that he will continue to investigate Mrs. Grondin's death.

HENSON NOMINATED AS POSTMASTER AT DOUGLAS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The nomination of John F. Henson to be postmaster at Douglas, Ariz., was sent to the senate today.

SWEDISH PEASANTS PLEDGE SACRIFICES TO BUILD LARGER NAVY

STOCKKHOLM, Feb. 6.—Thirty-one thousand farmers and peasants marched here today and encamped near the palace. King Gustave addressed the gathering when they demanded a larger navy and pledged themselves to make the necessary sacrifices to raise the money.

The farmers and peasants are exercised over the possibility of a clash with Russia. Dr. Helin, the explorer, also predicted possible trouble with Norway.

WOMEN SPEND FRIGHTFUL NIGHT ON LAKE MICHIGAN

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Half frozen, two women spent seven frightful hours alone last night at the crib, two miles off shore in Lake Michigan, until, early today, a fire tug bucked its way through the ice and rescued them.

In the meantime three men companions of the pair were believed to have perished in the lake trying to reach the women in a rowboat.

The two gave their names as Mrs. May Smith and May Wade. They were about 25 years of age. They admitted that they spent yesterday at the crib, which is an intake through which Chicago receives part of its water supply. With them during the day were Crib Tender William Cannell, Jr., Stephen Varley, a Chicago commission merchant, Cannell's guest. They left to secure supplies.

FAIR PASSES CAUSE CLASH WITH SURVEYOR

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 6.—Government officials and officials of the Panama Pacific exposition clashed here today over the question of permanent passes through the fair grounds for men in the United States customs service. Surveyor of the Port Wardell was mad clear through this afternoon when informed by letter that the exposition would not grant the permanent passes his office requested.

"I have instructed my men," said Wardell late today, "to go through the exposition site any time of the day or night when their duties require it. If they are interfered with in any way, I shall have the persons who attempt to stop them arrested."

SAILOR GRANDE WINS BOUT WITH OTTO BERG

VALLEJO, Cal., Feb. 6.—Sailor Charles Grande of Vallejo holds today a decision over Otto Berg, the Astoria, Oregon, middleweight, as a result of their 20 round bout here last night. Grande scored repeatedly with a straight left and right cross, and had the better of 16 of the 20 rounds. Two were even and Berg had a shade in the other two, according to Referee Jim Griffin of San Francisco.

WHY WALL STREET TOLD TO THE SENATE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Stock speculation is of direct economic value because it furnishes countless men "epitomized judgment" on the actual value of securities and establishes prices, declared W. C. Van Antwerp, governor of the New York Stock Exchange, before the senate banking committee today.

SCHOONER BENEDICT ASHORE OFF NAGS HEAD

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 6.—The schooner Helen Benedict was reported today ashore off Nags Head, N. C. Wireless dispatches said her crew of nine men had been rescued.

REBEL ATTACK UPON TAMPICO BEGINS TONIGHT

Federals Stoutly Resisting, But Rebels Gradually Closing In Upon City —Tonight's Battle Expected to Determine Fate of City.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 6.—The rebels were fighting their way steadily closer and closer to Tampico today. They sought control of the railroad causeway, which is the only means of entering or leaving the city through the swamps which surround it on the land side.

The federals were resisting stoutly, but they evidently looked to see the rebels take the causeway and reach Tampico itself, for they were barricading the streets and making every preparation for a desperate last stand. Thus far the engagement has consisted of a series of hot skirmishes. It was believed the main battle would be on by tonight.

Four American warships lay off shore, ready to take off foreigners.

At the war office here it was stated the rebels had lost seventy men thus far. The officials did not specify the number of federals killed. Many federal wounded were carried into Tampico last night, however, from the suburb of La Puerta, where there was fighting yesterday.

The rebels were much better supplied with artillery than when they attacked Tampico last.

Officials of the Mexican government were still in an ill humor over President Wilson's removal of the arms embargo, enabling the rebels to import munitions from the United States, though insisted it would help the rebels little and hurt the federals not at all.

AUSTRALIA TO EXHIBIT AT PANAMA EXPOSITION

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 6.—A cabelgram from the minister of internal affairs of Australia received today by President Moore of the Panama Pacific exposition here stated that Australia had decided to participate officially in the 1915 fair and will spend $300,000 on a building. Architects will leave Sydney, March 7 for this city to superintendent its construction.

Australia is the third British dependency to announce its participation, Canada and New Zealand already having accepted the invitation to be represented.

LANE PLANS MEETING WESTERN GOVERNORS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—A conference between several western governors and Secretary of the Interior Lane here will be held in the near future to discuss the irrigation situation. Secretary Lane sent a letter today sugegsting such a meeting to the executives, of Oregon, Washington, California, Nevada, Montana, Arizona and other western states. No date for the conference has yet been fixed.

WOMAN WINS DOG BY DIVORCE SUIT

BUTTE Mont., Feb. 6.—A district court decree, entered here today, granted a divorce to Mrs. Jennie Mayes from her husband, Joseph, and gave her custody of their dog, Paddy.

DANISH ARBITRATION TREATY SIGNED BY BRYAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—An arbitration treaty with Denmark providing for the submission of any question in dispute to a commission which is allowed a period of one year to report, was signed today by Secretary of State Bryan.