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WILSON SENDS ULTIMATUM TO SPEED SENATE

President Asks Senate Committee to Promptly Report Upon Repeal of Canal Toll Exemption Measure by House Approved.

Administration Figures on Sixteen Majority—Amendments to Be Offered by Norris and Poindexter.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—An ultimatum was conveyed from the white house to the members of the senate canal committee today to the effect that unless the Panama canal toll repeal measure is reported promptly the administration's supporters will summarily force the committee's hand.

In the meantime the decks were being cleared for a fight expected to eclipse the one in the lower house. It was admitted at the white house that the administration's entire foreign policy hangs in the balance.

Delivered by Owen

The delivery of the white house ultimatum was preceded by a conference between President Wilson and Mr. Owen of Oklahoma, the chief of the senate's spokesmen on the floor of the upper branch of congress, and it was through Owen that the administration's message was conveyed to the senate committee.

The committee would be given a day to consider the Sims resolution, said. At the expiration of that time, if no report was forthcoming, the president would move that the committee be instructed to present the measure to the senate.

Favor Prompt Action

"I have a right," said Owen plainly to O'Gorman, "to assume that the resolution will be reported in a reasonable time."

The senators generally unquestionably favored prompt action. All understood the situation fully, and it seemed to be agreed that nothing could be gained by delay. Some of the administration's friends have, indeed, suggested a postponement of the senate vote until after the November elections on the ground that the country would thus be enabled to express its views on the canal tolls proposition, the president, however, vetoed this plan. It was said he expressed the opinion that if the Rubicon was to be crossed it would be absurd to stop in midstream, an object of attack from both shores.

Administration's Majority

The administration's understanding was that it had 56 to 60 sure supporters in the senate and not more than 30 were definitely opposed to repeal.

The president, it was said, was hopeful that the lawmakers would agree the question at issue was so simple and clear that they would deem extended debate unnecessary.

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MISSING CHILD KILLED BY HORSE BURIED ON FARM

PHILADELPHIA, April 1.—The police were waiting today to hear further from the anonymous letter writer who informed them Tuesday of the death of 7-year-old Warren McCarrick, missing since March 12, from a horse's kick on the head.

The letter's author said he was a farmer near town; that the child ran under his horse's feet after his hoop and was instantly kicked to death. Fearing he might be blamed, the writer stated, he buried the body on his farm, but promised to reveal the spot if assured he would not be punished.

Detective Captain Cameron made the necessary promise through the newspapers, provided the letter writer's story was true, and the man was momentarily expected to appear at police headquarters.

MILEAGE GRAFT CONGRESSMEN TO BE CUT OFF

Appropriations Committee Vote to Abolish Perquisites and Substitute Actual Traveling Expenses Instead of Twenty Cents Per Mile.

Abolition of Mints and Assay Offices at Boise, Helena, Carson City and Salt Lake Favored.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—In reporting to the house the legislature, executive and judicial appropriation bill, aggregating \$26,000,000, the appropriations committee voted today, among other things, abolition of congressional "mileage graft."

As a substitute, a plan was proposed whereby senators, representatives and their families would be allowed actual traveling expenses to the capital at the beginning of each session of congress and back to their homes at its end. The lawmakers are now allowed 2 cents per mile.

The bill provided for abolishing the mints and assay offices at Boise, Helena, Carson City and Salt Lake City, and recommended a reduction in the number of employees in the Seattle assay office.

A \$25,000 annual traveling allowance was made to the president; \$1,000,000 was provided for collecting the income tax and the commerce department was granted \$75,000 to develop foreign trade, \$100,000 to investigate general trade conditions, \$50,000 to inquire into production costs and \$50,000 to promote South and Central American commerce.

WITHERSPOON TO SUCCEED WOOD AS CHIEF OF STAFF

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Major General William Witherspoon will succeed Major General Leonard Wood as chief of staff of the United States army April 22, Secretary of War Garrison announced today.

Witherspoon is now Wood's assistant. In turn, Brigadier General H. L. Scott will become Witherspoon's assistant. Witherspoon will serve as chief of staff until November, when he will retire.

Wood will take command of the department of the east with headquarters at Governor's Island, N. Y.

JUDGE ROSS REFUSES BEQUEST FROM WIFE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 1.—In a formal notice on file today United States Circuit Judge Erskine M. Ross declines a bequest of 58,400 shares of stock in Arizona gold mines made to him in the will of his late wife, Ida Hancock Ross.

In declining the stock Judge Ross said he had no intention of contesting his wife's will, under which her sons, Gailan Hancock, is made the principal heir.

The stock, which at the time the bequest was made, gave promise of great value, is said now to be worth about \$15,000.

IMPOSE FINES FOR INFLUENCING DECISIONS

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Senator La Follette introduced in the upper house a bill imposing \$2000 fine, a term in prison, or both, upon persons who try to influence the interstate commerce commission in its decisions. He intimated that attempts of this kind were made in connection with the eastern railroads' request for permission to increase rates.

TATOOED BANDIT KEEPS QUIET ON TRIPLE MURDER

Cool and Defiant, Charles Hopkins, Suspected of Killing Three Men, Refuses to Answer Leading Questions—Promises Straight Story.

Fears Lynching by Crowd—Asks for an Even Break—Is 25 Years Old and From Chicago.

MOUNT VERNON, Wash., April 1.—Cool and defiant, Charles Hopkins, suspected of three murders, lay on his cot in the Skagit county jail this morning and skillfully guarded himself against leading questions by newspaper men. He said he slept well last night and enjoyed the jail cooking. He admitted that his name is Charles Hopkins and said he would not deny nor affirm the charge of a murder lodged against him.

"I guess it's murder they have me charged with," he said, "although I don't exactly know. No, I won't say that I did or that I didn't do the killing. I don't care to discuss this thing until after I have had a preliminary hearing. After that I'll tell you the straight of it."

"I was all in when they got me, that's all there was to it."

Hopkins said he was 25 years old and that his parents live in Chicago.

When the curious ones crowded into the courtroom and corridors for a glimpse of the fugitive, Hopkins, who was being stripped by deputies, moved uneasily and gazed terror-stricken at the crowds in the streets below.

"No chance of a lynching is there?" he asked. "All I want is an even break," he concluded.

INSURANCE POLICIES NOT CONSTRUED LITERALLY

PORTLAND, Or., April 1.—Insurance policies are not to be construed to the letter, according to a decision rendered today by Circuit Judge Cleeton, giving judgment for \$100 to George C. Moore against the Aetna Life Insurance company for the loss of all of his left hand, except the thumb, by a shotgun accident. The company denied the right of the plaintiff to \$1000 insurance for the hand on the ground that the policy made necessary the amputation of the hand at or above the wrist. Physicians testified that the thumb might as well be removed as far as its utility was concerned.

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ENGLISH ARMY HEAD WHO RESIGNED.



Field Marshal Sir John French, chief of the Imperial General Staff of England, is one of the officers who tendered his resignation as a result of President Asquith's repudiation of the assurances given to the army officers that they will not be ordered to serve against the Orangemen of Ulster.

THREE AVIATORS MEET DEATH IN MID-AIR ACCIDENTS

RHEIMS, France, April 1.—Three aviators were killed here today in two separate accidents. They were: Emile Vedrines, brother of Jules Vedrines, the famous flying man; Pierre Testuclat, a well-known member of the French Aero club; Clement Avigny, a passenger in Testuclat's machine.

Vedrines met death while trying to loop the loop with a monoplane. He fell 100 feet and was killed instantly. Later in the day the aeroplane in which Testuclat and Avigny were flying plunged toward the earth from a height of 300 feet and struck a pylon, whereupon the petrol tank exploded and machine and aviators crashed to the ground, flaming. It was believed both men were killed by the collision with the pylon.

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GOVERNOR RESTORES CITIZEN RIGHTS TO NEWSPAPER MAN

BALTIMORE, Md., April 1.—Rights of citizenship were restored today by Governor Goldsborough to Harry S. Hayward, who put in seven years as a humorist and editorial writer on the Daily News of Cumberland, Md.

Hayward disappeared from Cumberland just after receiving an anonymous letter in which the writer threatened to make known the fact that he had served seven years in the penitentiary. Hayward left the following note to the editor of the News:

"I got on a tear for sometime after my home life was broken up and landed in the Maryland penitentiary for the crime. I was as gully as Hell but it was all a spell of years of foolishness, as it is really not a part of my nature to be a criminal. The law has nothing whatever on me. I paid and vindicated myself with nearly seven years of straight work, as you know."

A concerted effort was being made today to find Hayward and induce him to return to Cumberland.

JAPANESE WAR TALK DECLARED ABSURD

NEW YORK, April 1.—Commenting here today on the speech delivered in the senate Monday by Senator Lewis of Illinois on the free canal tolls proposition, Dr. Shoshuk-sato, dean of the college of agriculture in Tohoku imperial Japanese university, said:

"War between the United States and Japan is out of the question. Even if it did come, Japan would not seize the Philippines. We don't want them."

"Japan feels friendly toward America and it is simply absurd for anyone to suppose that Japan is lending money to Mexico."

SEND OREGON MILITIA TO PANAMA FAIR

SALEM, Or., April 1.—Congress is to be asked to make an appropriation to enable the naval militia of the country to participate in the ceremonies attending the opening of the Panama canal and exposition in San Francisco next year. Secretary of the Navy Daniels advised governor West in letters received today that it is understood unofficially that the Naval Militia association of the United States is preparing to take the matter up with congress at the proper time.

TORREON STILL IN POSSESSION FEDERAL ARMY

Conflicting Reports From Front—Rebels Claim Victory, While Federals Claim Serious Defeat for the Rebel Forces.

Strenuous Efforts to Relieve Besieged City Underway, State Dispatches Received at Juarez.

CHIHUAHUA CITY, Mex., April 1.—Torreon was not yet completely occupied by the rebels today, according to latest news from the front. It was stated that the federals were still fortified in certain sections of the city and that street fighting continued.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—"The rebels have been seriously defeated at Torreon," was asserted in a statement given out from the Mexican consulate general here today. "General De Moure, with 5000 fresh federal soldiers, from Saltillo, is near Torreon, at the rebels' rear."

"In several engagements at Monclova the rebels suffered 1000 casualties, besides 100 at Sierra Dearth."

"The rebel advance guard in the state of Tamaulipas has been annihilated."

EL PASO, Tex., April 1.—Strenuous efforts to relieve Torreon were being made today by the Mexican federals.

Yesterday's announcement, received at Juarez, of the city's capture by the rebels proved erroneous. How it came to be sent, General Carranza, who made it public, does not know. His theory was that General Villa thought he had overcome the last vestige of resistance and then found he was mistaken.

Not only were the federals still holding out, but confirmation was received of earlier reports that federal reinforcements were approaching the city by forced marches from the east. How many men there were or who commanded them was not known. Villa, however, detached two brigades to meet and attempt to stop the coming enemy.

UNEMPLOYED VICTIMS APRIL FOOL JOKE

CHICAGO, April 1.—A mob of more than 500 unemployed men congregated today in a cold rain in front of the Soo Line freight terminal as a result of a first of April joke perpetrated by an unknown person. Before the small army could be informed that they were victims of a hoax and that the report that the railroad wanted hundreds of workers were untrue, the mob surged against the steel gates, breaking the locks and poured into the yards.

"We want work," they shouted. The police reserves were called out and it required nearly an hour to clear the streets in the vicinity of the yards.

The men started for the yards when someone gave out a tip at employment offices along West Madison street that the railroad company needed hundreds of men for road-building work.

DIGGS' COMPANION'S FATE WITH JURY

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 1.—The case against Paul Spott, an Oakland plumber charged with attacking Miss Ida Pearring here last New Year's Day, was given to a jury this afternoon. Miss Pearring was the first witness today and repeated the story she told at Spott's preliminary hearing.

Maury L. Diggs, who, with Walter Gilligan, will go to trial May 20 on a similar charge, was an interested spectator. He kept his eyes riveted on Miss Pearring during her testimony.

TRADE BALANCE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT HEAVY

Balance of Exports 965 Cars as Against Balance of Imports of 431 Cars Three Years Ago—Shipments to Date Show Healthy Increase.

589 Cars of Apples and 434 Cars of Pears, Not to Mention Less Than Carload and Express Shipments.

The balance of trade in Rogue River valley's favor is greater than totals recently published by the Mail Tribune, states J. H. Mulchay, district freight agent of the Southern Pacific. From July 1, 1913, to February 28, 1914, there were 1296 cars of produce shipped out and 331 cars shipped in, leaving a balance of exports of 965 cars, as contrasted with a balance of imports totaling 431 for year ending June 30, 1911. The balance was really greater, because this does not include less than carload and express shipments. Mr. Mulchay gives the following totals to date from all valley points from July 1 to date:

Shipments from Rogue River valley, July, 1913, to March, 1914:

Medford—Apples, 359; pears, 373; peaches, 1; fruit, 10; potatoes, 17; total, 762.

Central Point—Apples, 79; pears, 33; potatoes, 2; total, 114.

Grants Pass—Apples, 37; pears, 10; peaches, 6; fruit, 1; total, 54.

Ashland—Apples, 40; pears, 1; peaches, 10; fruit, 19; vegetables, 1; total, 71.

Phoenix—Apples, 21; pears, 17; potatoes, 1; total, 39.

Talent—Apples, 34; potatoes, 3; total, 37.

Gold Hill—Apples, 17.

Rogue River—Apples, 2; vegetables, 1; total, 3.

Merlin—Peaches, 3.

Grand totals—Apples, 589; pears, 434; peaches, 20; fruit, 30; vegetables, 2; potatoes, 23. Total cars, 1100.

This does not include hay, grain, livestock and other produce shipped, or less than carload shipments.

Carload Shipments of agricultural products:

Commodity	Received	Forwarded
Apples	—	589
Pears	—	434
Peaches	—	9
Green fruits, mixed	—	43
Vegetables	3	3
Onions	—	3
Potatoes	2	23
Grain	23	11
Hay	—	91
Flour, feed	276	—
Cattle and livestock	23	48
Hogs	2	20
Sheep	2	12
Horses	1	4
Beans	—	—
Totals	—	1296

Carloads out over shipments in, 331.

SWAT THE FLY CAMPAIGN IS ON THROUGHOUT STATE

PORTLAND, Or., April 1.—Thousands of citizens, men, women and children, started out today on a ten days' campaign to rid the state of flies. Not only will the pestiferous insects be swatted vigorously, but their breeding places destroyed.

Commercial clubs and other civic bodies, along with the school children, are co-operating in the campaign. In Portland a particularly thorough plan of extermination is in operation. The school child that crushes out the lives of the greatest number of flies will be given a cash prize of \$25. A second and third prize of \$15 and \$10 respectively has also been offered. Ten pennants will be given, one on each day, to the school which brings in the most flies for that day.