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REPEAL BILL PASSED BY THE HOUSE

President Wilson's Plea Supported by a Majority of 86 at Close of a Stirring Day

BUT 54 DEMOCRATS RECORDED IN OPPOSITION

Final Rollcall Showed 220 Democrats With President, 25 Republicans and Two Progressives—Vote Follows an Impassioned Plea Against Repeal by Speaker Clark—Long Fight Likely in Senate Committee Led by O'Gorman.

Washington, March 31.—The house of representatives tonight after one of the most spectacular legislative struggles in the history of the nation, voted to repeal the provision of the Panama canal act exempting American vessels from the payment of tolls. The vote on the repeal bill was 247 to 161, a majority of 86 votes in support of the personal plea of Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States. This verdict on the issue which has absorbed congress for many weeks, came at the close of a stirring day, made memorable in the annals of the house.

It was built primarily and almost entirely for our own benefit, and secondarily for the benefit of the world. We would rather see the canal walled up than give Great Britain control of it. It had rather see it filled up with granite blocks than to yield one iota of control over it to any foreign nation. This was the signal for the opponents of tolls repeal to open up their strongest batteries of applause. When he had finished he had addressed his position, the president whom he opposed, expressed admiration of his colleagues with whom he differed on this question, and those who had assailed him and sugar-coated instead of tarting the situation. As he walked from his place the cheers arose an immense, Democrats, Republicans, progressives alike, and cheered him.

220 Democrats Stand by Wilson. Tomorrow the bill goes to the senate, where the fight will be renewed with all the vigor and determination that attended the passage of the bill. On the final vote, 220 democrats in the house stood by the president, giving him an overwhelming majority. Twenty-five republicans and two progressives voted to sustain the president. Fifty-two democrats followed Speaker Clark and Leader Underwood to defend in their statements the repeal. The president was wrong in his decision that toll exemption for American ships is a violation of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty with Great Britain.

When order could be restored, Representative Adamson took the floor to close the long debate. Representative Adamson devoted himself largely to a denunciation of toll exemption as an economic policy, charging that it was a "mock subsidy" to special interests which have lobbied steadily before the interstate and foreign commerce committee of the house for seven years.

Cheers for Speaker Clark. Nothing, it seemed, could stem the tide of administration success. Speaker Clark, for nearly twenty-two years a member of the house, in the closing speech of his life to foretell what he termed "unquestionable degradation of the nation." In this he failed, but he did smooth over the battle with the kindly words for his adversaries, praise for President Wilson and an unequalled denial of the repeal. He departed on his own behalf. When he had closed the debate for the opposition to the repeal, with an impassioned argument in which he often departed from his prepared speech, the speaker was triumphant in defeat, for the entire house was defeated by a vote of 247 to 161. An abstract of his speech is printed on page 16.

Confusion During Final Rollcall. Republican Leader Mann demanded a rollcall. The vote of 247 to 160 was greeted with cheering, which had scarcely subsided when the speaker, Shagnessy of Rhode Island secured recognition and presented the motion to adjourn. The rollcall was held at 11:15. The vote was 247 to 160. A recapitulation of the vote showed as follows: 247 yeas, 161 nays.

Fight Likely in Senate Committee. In the senate the bill is referred to committee on inter-oceanic canals, of which Senator O'Gorman of New York, a vigorous opponent of the measure, is chairman. It is believed that he said he would call a meeting of the committee at once to consider the bill. There will be a fight in the committee is certain. How long the bill will be there cannot be predicted, but administration senators propose that a vote should be taken by the committee within a reasonable time. Senator Owen is leading the fight for the president in the senate. The committee will have many proposals before it, several of them in the nature of compromises, some of them resembling a motion of house minority today to re-commit the repeal bill, and to repeal the exemption clause with a declaration that the United States should have complete sovereignty over the canal. This motion in the house was defeated by a vote of 247 to 161. It will be the aim of administration senators to have the repeal reach its final vote within two or three weeks.

How Parties Lined Up. On this vote 220 democrats deserted their chosen leader, to answer to the personal plea of President Wilson. With them were 25 republicans and two progressives. With Speaker Clark and Leader Underwood were 161 democrats and 17 republicans and 2 progressives making up the 161 negative votes.

FEDERAL SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT. Sir Edward Grey's Proposal for the British Isles.

London, March 31.—A parliamentary writer observed a few days ago: "This amazing government seems to thrive upon its blunders," and the net result of the vote was a defeat of 247 to 161. It will be the aim of administration senators to have the repeal reach its final vote within two or three weeks.

Clark Frequently Applauded. It was a rare political setting that this through witnessed. Standing behind him were the republican Democratic members cheered him to the echo, was the silver-haired speaker, with resolution beaming on his countenance. He was often cheered by order, was Mr. Underwood. At the outset Mr. Clark read his address, but soon he got into his old-fashioned oratorical swing and was hammering home with sweeping gestures his deliberately delivered words. When he praised the patriotic motives of President Wilson, again he was interrupted by applause. His emphatic declaration that with those who charged him with attempting to disrupt the party, "the wish was father to the thought," a member on the most but applauded him.

Viscount Morley's decision not to resign as lord president of the council practically ended, with the advantage retirement from politics, and the party would regret to see the veteran statesman retired under a cloud.

VICTORY FOR THE NAUGATUCK FIREMEN. Board of Wards Rescinds Its Vote Ousting Them.

Naugatuck, Conn., March 31.—The long controversy that has been waged between the board of wards and the Naugatuck fire company, is now practically ended, with the advantage resting with the firemen. The board of wards at its meeting tonight voted to rescind its vote of August 2, ordering the fire company to vacate its premises. The board also endorsed the list of officers of the company and its by-laws, and voted to meet the expense of the injunction proceedings. It is now probable that the injunction which the fire company secured against the board, against being ousted from quarters, will be formally withdrawn at the next session of the superior court.

So far as the gentleman from Georgia is concerned, I say "who by, don't bother me, I say, don't bother me!" The house listened attentively to the speaker's argument against the tolls repeal, his assertion that he believed the president was mistaken, his argument that the Canadian Pacific railway would most profit by toll exemption and his eloquent appeal against yielding anything to Great Britain. He built the Panama canal, the speaker shouted in the climax of his speech. We built it on American soil.

Cabled Paragraphs

Famous Artist Dead. London, March 31.—Sir Hubert Von Herkmer, the famous artist, died today at the age of 65. Composed "God Save Ireland." Dublin, Ireland, March 31.—Timothy Daniel Sullivan, an Irish patriot and author of "God Save Ireland" died here today in his 87th year. Italian Aviator Killed. Turin, Italy, March 31.—An Italian army aviator, Lieutenant Griffo, was killed today while attempting a somewhat with an aeroplane. New Altitude Record. Johannisthal, Germany, March 31.—The German aviator, Hans von Seeckt today established a new aeroplane record for height, reaching an altitude of 20,554 feet. The previous record was held by Legagneux, who ascended 20,295 feet last December at St. Raphael.

Federals Still Hold Torreon

FALSE REPORT OF ITS FALL REACHES JUAREZ.

EXCITEMENT CREATED

Telegraph Operator With Villa Refuses to Accept Messages of Inquiry—Carranza Issues a Statement.

Juarez, Mexico, March 31.—This city was thrown into a state of high excitement tonight when it was reported that Torreon had fallen. The report failed of verification or denial. The federal official telegraph operator, Gomez Palacios, asking General Villa if the news was true. The operator thereupon refused to transmit any message of any kind.

Purport of Reports. General Carranza said he regretted that he could not confirm the report, and that he would be glad to do so if the first report was that Marion Letcher, United States consul at Chihuahua, had transmitted to W. J. Bryan, secretary of state, a report from General Carranza, vice admiral, who has been at the front with Villa as a representative of the United States. Carranza was captured at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. On the heels of this news reports of a conference in the offices of the Mexican and Northwestern railroad here that the capitulation of the federals was officially announced.

Messages of Inquiry Declined. The rumors spread rapidly, and in a few moments the streets leading to the telegraph office were jammed with people. There was a stream of interested persons pouring in from El Paso, and orders were issued that all be searched for weapons. Those which were allowed to reopen last night, were again closed.

That something was wrong with the news, was suspected among rebel officials were observed among the seekers for information. Sundry and in some cases, Carranza's office, shaking their heads, and went to the telegraph office. Here, too, verification was lacking, and finally Alfredo Gonzalez Garza telegraphed direct to General Villa, only to be informed by the operator that his message could not be handled.

Telegrams from Carranza. The whole incident left the impression that something of importance was taking place in the south, and it was hoped that official announcement of victory was merely being delayed for some purpose. A telegram from Carranza, sent this morning and given out this afternoon, refuted the report that Carranza had surrendered. Carranza had been in a few hours. Another telegram from Carranza, sent this morning, said that he was meeting with desperate resistance in attempting to take the general barracks, the last position held by the federal forces. The dynamite buildings in the neighborhood so that he could bring his artillery into play.

TORREON NOT TAKEN.

Gen Carranza, However, Has Reason to Hope For Its Early Capture.

Juarez, Mexico, March 31.—General Carranza stated positively at 8 p. m. tonight that while there was every reason to hope for the early capture of Torreon, the town had not yet fallen and that the position of the troops has not materially changed in the last 24 hours.

HERO AT HARTFORD. Leaped Into River From Second Story To Save a Child.

Hartford, Conn., March 31.—Alexander Garlejewski, 15 years old, leaped from a second story window from his home Monday afternoon and then plunged into the Park river, and was rescued after a hard struggle, four years old Jan Strak, who had fallen into the water. The boy was going down for the last time when Garlejewski grabbed him by the hair and swam with him. News of the rescue did not become known until today.

BANDIT CAPTURED WHILE SLEEPING.

Killed Man and Wounded Another After Holding Them Up.

Bellingham, Wash., March 31.—Charles Hopkins, known as the tattooed bandit, was surprised and arrested early today at Van Horn, in the upper Skagit river, by Marshal Joseph Glover of Everett, a posse of citizens. He was asleep when caught.

OBITUARY.

Congressman William Richardson. Atlantic City, March 31.—Representative William Richardson of Alabama died today from general debility. He was 74 years old. He had not been able to attend any sessions of the present congress. He succeeded General Wheeler as representative in congress from the Eleventh Alabama district in 1909.

Steamship Arrivals.

Brow Head, March 31.—Steamer Kursk, New York for Rotterdam and Lihau. London, March 31.—Steamer Aulana, Boston and Portland. Marseilles, March 31.—Steamer Germania, New York for Genoa. Bremen, March 31.—Steamer Kronprinzessin Cecilie, New York. Dover, March 31.—Steamer Zealand, New York. Barcelona, March 27.—Steamer Buenos Aires, New York. Trieste, March 27.—Steamer Oceania, New York. Palermo, March 27.—Steamer Cleveland, Bombay, etc., for New York (and provided).

\$1,050,000 for Rockefeller Institute. New York, March 31.—The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research announced tonight that John D. Rockefeller had added \$1,000,000 to the general endowment fund of the institution, to be devoted to the study of animal diseases, and that James J. Hill had pledged \$50,000 to be used specifically for the investigation of hog cholera.

An Entire Federal Force Wiped Out.

Mexico City, March 31.—It was learned today that the 400 federals who were killed or wounded north of San Luis Potosi Saturday last comprised practically the entire force commanded by Enrique Pezet. They were led into a position where they were forced to fight rebels estimated to number 2,000. The rebels now control that district, effectually preventing the resumption of railway traffic to the north.

Mines Suspend, 30,000 Men Out

OHIO COAL OPERATORS CEASE OPERATIONS.

DUE TO A STATE LAW

Places Them in Unfair Competition With Operators of Other States—Hope for Repeal of the Law.

Columbus, O., March 31.—On the eve of a miners' holiday—the anniversary of the establishment of an eight hour day in this state—nearly 30,000 Ohio miners tonight quit work for an indefinite time. The mines were closed in response to an order issued yesterday by the coal operators. How long they will remain idle was still a matter of speculation tonight, but close observers of the situation are of the opinion that the controversy is not as near a hopeless crisis as is generally believed.

Six other operators in the state, it is said, will continue operations until the miners have taken a referendum vote on the wage scale sent back to them by the operators.

Members of the executive committee of the Ohio district of the United Mine Workers of America were in conference here today, but declined to make any statement at the close of the day's proceedings. Miners Blame Operators. If the suspension of operations actually becomes seriously prolonged, labor leaders asserted that the blame for it will fall upon the operators, as the miners had expressed their willingness to continue work under the old scale until the result of their referendum has been determined.

DUE TO NEW LAW.

Places Operators in Unfair Competition With Those of Other States.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 31.—With few exceptions every coal mine in Ohio was closed down for an indefinite period at the end of work today. Local coal operators estimate that 50,000 miners were thrown out of employment at the last session of the Ohio legislature a law was passed providing for the payment of miners on a run-of-mine basis, instead of the screen plan which has always prevailed in this state. This law is the cause of the shutdown, because, although it does not take effect until tomorrow, it does not take effect until tomorrow, until conditions resulting from the law become settled.

While the state law provides that Ohio operators shall pay their miners for coal, the operators of other states, who are not bound by the same law, are able to sell their coal at a lower price than the Ohio operators. This is a serious disadvantage to the Ohio operators, and they are expected to demand that the Ohio operators shall pay on the same basis as the other states. The operators have agreed that their only course is to suspend business until the law is repealed.

The miners had signed their readiness to accept the new law temporarily, but the operators rejected the plan. The miners have fought for an anti-screen law for the past thirty years.

FREEMAN MAY NOT HAVE A NEW TRIAL.

Right of Court to Grant It Questioned by Government.

Washington, March 31.—The United States government, it was made known today by District Attorney H. M. Marshall, is questioning the right of Judge Mayer of the federal district court to grant a new trial to Albert Freeman, charged with the murder of a woman. The government is still pending before the United States circuit court of appeals. The moot point of jurisdiction will be considered by the government before the United States supreme court, it was declared.

Freeman, Julian Hawthorne and Dr. William J. Morton were convicted by the federal district court of defrauding investors through the mails in the stock of the Hawthorne Silver and Iron Mines, Limited, and of other advertised undertakings.

Hanged Herself in Attic.

Thompsonville, Conn., March 31.—Despondent because of a nervous illness, according to reports, a woman, Mrs. Lawrence Klein hung herself in the attic of her home late today. When her husband came home he found the body hanging from a rafter. Mrs. Klein was 52 years old, and was a former resident of New Haven. She was survived by her husband and three sons.

Through Canadian Far North.

Toronto, March 31.—A four thousand mile trip through the Canadian far north in the interest of science and a meeting with Vilhjalmur Stefansson early in July are planned by John Patterson, physicist of the meteorological service of Canada and representative of the international meteorological committee.

Kicked by a Horse, May Die.

Hazardville, Conn., March 31.—William Gaskell is believed to be dying tonight as the result of injuries received yesterday when he was kicked for five hours by a horse. He was lodging in the woods near here and was stooping under his team when he received the kick. His skull was fractured.

5,000,000 Pesos for Huerta.

Mexico City, March 31.—The government today announced that it had loaned to the banks of the fifty million pesos loan arranged.

Steamers Reported by Wireless.

Sisacost, Mass., March 31.—Steamer Noordam, Rotterdam via Halifax for New York, signalled 240 miles east of Sandy Hook at 3:20 p. m. Dock 9:30 a. m. Wednesday.

Condensed Telegrams

John Chancellor Crafts of Brighton, Mass., left a \$1200 annuity and \$720 outright for the upkeep of "Pete," his pet dog.

John N. Parsons, a Progressive, was named yesterday by President Wilson to be postmaster at Springfield, Mass.

The Powell Opera House building and the Powell store adjoining at Milton, Vt., were burned yesterday with a loss of \$25,000.

Experiments for the Weighing and measurement of the moon are being conducted by scientists at the University of Chicago.

The Steamer Winifredian, from Liverpool, arrived yesterday at Boston from Liverpool was struck by lightning when in mid ocean on March 26.

The Day of the Old-Fashioned revival is over, in the opinion of the New York Episcopal Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The Factory of the Phoenix Lumber company at Lehigh, Pa., was burned yesterday with a loss of \$25,000.

Rather Than Face the Ordeal of a court trial, Miss Marie Grill, of Cleveland, has asked to have her \$50,000 breach of promise suit dismissed.

William G. Grieve, a prominent dry goods merchant of Waterbury, and his wife, died yesterday of pneumonia.

High School Students in New York State, who have been studying the examination in geometry misspelled the word "isosceles" 56 different ways.

Growers of Pecan Nuts in Crisp county, Georgia, have grafted pecan trees on young hickory trees to meet increasing demands for the pecan nut.

Representative Finley H. Gray was renominated for congress at Cambridge City, Ind., yesterday by the democrats of the sixth district without opposition.

William R. Baum, aged 30, a mail clerk in the Harrisburg, Pa., post office, was arrested yesterday charged with having stolen \$20,000 from the mails.

John B. Koesters yesterday was found guilty of the murder of Mrs. Emma Kraft, of Cincinnati, and his punishment fixed at life imprisonment.

Walter C. Emerson was named as progressive candidate for congress in the first district of New Hampshire yesterday. Wheeler in the second district yesterday.

The Report that the Strawberry crop had been damaged to the extent of \$8,000,000 has been exaggerated. The loss from cold will probably not exceed \$250,000.

Frank Syracuse, the Lepus who escaped from the Chicago penitentiary last week, was located at Clymer, Pa., a small village, placed in quarantine and again escaped.

Investigation of the Sugar beet industry in the United States has begun. The first stages of the investigation will determine whether the industry has been injured by the new tariff.

"Billy" Sunday, the "Baseball Evangelist" is being sued for \$25,000 damages by Charles H. Bell on account of alleged defamatory remarks by Sunday in a sermon at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Right Rev. William Woodruff, Niles, D. D., bishop of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of New Hampshire since 1879, died at the bishop's house in Concord, N. H., yesterday.

Figures Received Yesterday from the primary election last week show that Senator E. Clark has won in the United States senatorial race in Arkansas over Judge William E. Kirby.

The New York Board of Aldermen yesterday passed an ordinance making it a misdemeanor to publish false and malicious advertisements in either a newspaper or on bill boards or circulars.

Rev. James Rowe, who is said to have raised more money to pay the indebtedness of small Methodist Episcopal churches than any other man, died suddenly yesterday at his home at Chicago.

Twenty Masked Men yesterday took Adolfo Padilla, charged with murdering his wife, from the Santa Fe N. M., jail to the nearest street corner and stabbed him repeatedly. He probably will die.

Gladys Polkey, aged 14 years, accused of making four attempts to burn the dwelling at Haverhill, Mass., in which her family lived, was yesterday ordered committed to the State Industrial School at Lancaster.

Mrs. Lillian B. Shuman yesterday obtained final decree of divorce from her husband, George H. Shuman, son of A. Shuman, a millionaire merchant of Boston. The decree carries with it alimony of \$200 a month.

Relatives of Morris Karp, who disappeared from Stamford last Sunday night, advanced the theory that he might have been spirited away in the belief that his mother would pay a ransom to have him returned.

A Resolve for a Constitutional Amendment prohibiting the appropriation of public money for sectarian purposes, was favorably reported in the Massachusetts house yesterday by the committee on amendments.

A Letter Urging Delay in the proposed action of the Maine Central Railroad management in increasing the mileage rates in Maine was sent to President Morris McDonald of the railroad yesterday by Governor Haines.

Benefactor of her Murderer

MISS BEECHER'S ATTITUDE IS SHOWN BY LETTER.

DISLIKED SCHOOL WORK

Teacher Thought He Could Be Benefited by George Junior Republic—Did Not Consider Him Bad Boy.

Auburn, N. Y., March 31.—New light was thrown on the murder of Lydia Beecher, near Poland, Herkimer county, last Friday night, in the text of a letter which she wrote to the George Junior Republic, a charitable institution, which she had founded. Lydia Beecher, who said his sister had nothing at all to do with Jean (Gianini) the confinement in the common school, but that she was interested in him because he was backward, and she wanted to help him make a man of himself and suggested that he go to the Junior Republic.

Miss Beecher's Letter. Miss Beecher's letter says in part: "I have you room for one more citizen, a boy of your Republic, who had been one of my pupils last year, and one of my most interesting boys. The letter which he wrote to me, has been tried to do what he could for me. He dislikes school work. He got a working certificate with his father's consent and not work in the mills four miles from here. He became restless. I don't know what the trouble was, but he got \$5 and started somewhere away from home. He was later caught and sent to Utica. On his return here he had nothing in view.

It he could get in some place like the George Junior Republic, where he would receive a little kind treatment as well as hard work, it would be fine for him. He responds to kindness very readily. He has a good nature and other fine qualities that would develop if he only had a little guidance to show him that having stolen \$200 amount to something if he chooses to.

Talked With the Boy. "I had a little talk with Jean tonight and he seemed to be quite interested when I explained to him that I could do what was expected of him." Gianini is held in the Herkimer county jail on the charge of murdering Mrs. Beecher. A funeral was held in Senett, near here.

REPORT OF MISHAP TO COL. ROOSEVELT. Not Credited, However, at His Offices in New York.

New York, March 31.—What appeared to be a round-trip revival of the rumor that some mishap had befallen Theodore Roosevelt in Brazil received no credence at the colonel's offices here today. A vague dispatch, which seemed to come from Peru, said that alarm was expressed there for his safety.

Frank Harper, Colonel Roosevelt's secretary and officer, who naturally would receive first information in the circumstances pointed out that the whereabouts of the party, as reported in the dispatch, did not indicate that telegraphic advices from the colonel could hardly reach Peru at this time. They assumed that the rumor was likely to prove a recurrent one based on the canoe overturning incident, which caused a flurry when published here on March 22.

BIG SHAKEUP IN POLICE FORCE AT NEW HAVEN. Three Captains Are Retired and Are Succeeded by Sergeants.

New Haven, Conn., March 31.—There was a big shakeup in the police force here today. The board of police commissioners placed three of the four captains on the retired list, promoting three sergeants and officers, who naturally raised three patrolmen to sergeant's rank.

The three captains retired are Tripp, Brown and O'Brien. They have been connected with the department for many years. The new captains are Spencer, Hagan, Tierman and Walsh are new recruits.

The Anthracite Coal Octopus.

Trenton, N. J., March 31.—The assembly coal investigating committee submitted a report to the house today in which it is charging that the anthracite control 87 per cent of the total anthracite mined; that there is a general combination between these companies to fix prices, and that the coal sales companies are owned and controlled by the railroads and are devised by the carriers for the purpose of technically avoiding the commodities clause of the Hepburn railroad act.

Federal Reinforcements Cut Off. Eagle Pass, Texas, March 31.—American reinforcements arriving here today from the Mexican interior reported that the constitutionalist force under General Murguia had repulsed Colonel Acosta and 300 federal reinforcements who were trying to enter Torreon. The fight took place between Monterey and Torreon and resulted in the federals withdrawing toward Saltillo.

Not Guilty of Being Spy. Brownsville, Texas, March 31.—Bernardo Calero, brother of the former Mexican ambassador to the United States, Manuel Calero, was found not guilty of being a federal spy by a constitutionalist court martial at Matamoros today. General Pablo Gonzalez is expected to give Calero the freedom of the city without the privilege of leaving Matamoros. Calero was arrested last January.

\$268,112 for Siegel Property. New York, March 31.—A total of \$268,112 or \$70,412 more than had been offered in the best of the private bids made two weeks ago, was realized today at a public auction sale of the merchandise and fixtures of the Fourteenth street store, one of the bankrupt enterprises in this city.

Mrs. Nordica Still Ill. Thursday Island, Queensland, April 1.—Mrs. Lillian Nordica, who developed pneumonia last January after the steamer Tasman, on which she was a passenger, went ashore in the Gulf of Papua, sailed from here today on the steamer Hokitika. Mrs. Nordica is still greatly prostrated and took passage on the steamer against the advice of her physician.