

"FREE SUGAR IN 1920" PLAN GOES TO SENATE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS TONIGHT

BROUSSARD OPPOSES PLAN OF SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE; SIMMONS SPEAK IN ITS FAVOR

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—Whether or not sugar shall go on the "free list" on May 1, 1920 is now before the senate Democrats as a whole and tonight they will probably reach a decision as to their attitude.

One caucus was held by the Democrats of the upper house this morning and another will be held tonight.

The Kitchen bill, repealing the present free-sugar clause of the tariff law, was up for discussion, together with the proposals of the senate finance committee to extend the period before free sugar takes effect to May 1, 1920, and the simultaneous proposal to raise the tariff to 1.50 cents a pound.

Senator Simmons, chairman of the finance committee, spoke at length, favoring the extension until 1920, with the additional duty.

Senator Broussard of Louisiana spoke against limiting the period of extension and urged that an unqualified repeal bill be passed. Senator Martine of New Jersey opposed all the propositions before the caucus, insisting that sugar go on the free list "as promised by the Democratic platform."

No conclusion was reached on any of the points involved. The caucus will reconvene at 8 o'clock tonight.

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NEW JERSEY MAN WHO INSISTS "FREE SUGAR"



Senator James E. Martine of New Jersey.

Trying to Get Villa Into Trap, Then Run Him Into The Open

EL PASO, Tex., March 27.—U. S. cavalry is today seeking to entrap Gen. Villa and the small band of men with which he is reported fleeing to the mountains.

South of El Valle the forces are sealing the trails leading to the mountain passes, hoping to prevent the escape of the outlaw chief.

Once the outlets of the Nacimiento country are barred cavalry will comb the entire section in an endeavor to "flush the quarry" into the open.

Villa is said to have turned toward the Sierra Tarahumara foothills, toward which three columns are pursuing.

Submarine Issue is Again Taking Grave Turn

RELATIONS WITH GERMANY GROWING TENSE WITH ACTS

Incidents of Sussex Explosion and Englishman Sinking Change Situation

POSSIBILITY U. S. WILL BREAK DIPLOMATICALLY

Each Day is Adding Several Vessels to Victims of Under-Sea Raiders

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—With the news last Saturday of the explosion which crippled the British steamer Sussex, a number of lives being lost, and the torpedoing of the British steamer Englishman with reported loss of life, the submarine situation is taking a grave turn toward a serious crisis.

The situation is viewed with utmost gravity by the Washington officials. The possibility of a severance of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany is discussed, if it is shown conclusively that the Sussex and the Englishman were torpedoed.

Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign affairs committee, conferred with the president today and agents of the government are gathering all possible details.

Consular Agent William Whitman at Boulogne repeats in a report to the state department the French statement that a piece of bronze resembling part of a torpedo has been found on the Sussex, which was towed to port crippled.

MORE SUBMARINE VICTIMS

LONDON, England, March 27.—Eleven are known to be dead in the sinking of the Atlantic Transport Company's liner Minneapolis in the Mediterranean sea yesterday.

The French steamer Hebe, the British steamer Cerne and the fish-carrying small vessel Khartoum of Hull have been sunk in the war zone. No casualties occurred in the sinking of the Hebe and the Cerne, but it is believed that nine were lost from the Khartoum.

A Lloyds despatch says that the British steamer St. Cecilia, from Portland, Maine, struck a mine and has been partially wrecked.

George Crocker of Fitchburg, Mass., sustained a fractured skull in the explosion of the Sussex.

A wireless report from Berlin says that a German torpedo boat has been missing since the raid of Schleswig-Holstein. The aeroplanes failed, says the report, and two armed fishing steamers used as outposts were victims of the English.

The report continues:

"German aeroplanes attacked the English naval forces and scored a number of hits, damaging a destroyer."

The following cablegram from official German sources was received today:

"According to news from various sources, which news is now confirmed, there was a sea engagement on February 29 between the German auxiliary cruiser Greif and three English cruisers accompanied by an English destroyer. The Greif during the engagement torpedoed and sank one large English cruiser of about 15,000 tons. The Greif blew herself up finally.

"Of the Greif's crew about 150 were taken prisoner by the English but their names are not made known. The English authorities keep the strictest silence concerning the event and cut off their prisoners from all communication with the outer world. Measures against this procedure have already been begun."

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

Following are the closing prices of stocks on the New York market today, sent by the Associated Press over the Federal Wireless:

	Today	Saturday
Alaska Gold	20 1/2	20 1/2
American Smelter	100 1/4	101
American Sugar Rfg.	110 1/4	110 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	130 1/2	130 1/4
American Copper	80	80 1/4
Atchafson	103 1/2	103 1/4
Baldwin Loco.	105 1/2	104
Baltimore & Ohio	98 1/4	98 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	46 1/2	46
Cal. Petroleum	22 1/4	22 1/2
Canadian Pacific	168	167 1/2
C. M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	94 1/2	94 1/2
Colo. Fuel & Iron	45 1/4	45 1/2
Crucible Steel	87 1/2	88 1/2
Eric Common	37 1/2	37 3/4
General Electric	143 1/2	147 1/2
General Motors	48 1/2	48 1/2
Great Northern Pfc.	121 1/2	122
Inter. Mar. N. J.	110 1/4	110
Kennecott Copper	55 1/2	56
Lehigh R. R.	77 1/2	77 1/2
New York Central	105 1/2	106 1/4
Pennsylvania	56 1/2	56 1/2
Ray Consol.	23 1/2	23 1/2
Southern Pacific	98 1/2	98 1/2
Studebaker	142	141 1/2
Tennessee Copper	52	52 1/2
Union Pacific	133 1/2	134
U. S. Steel	84 1/2	84 1/2
U. S. Steel Pfd.	117	116 3/4
Wabash	81	81
Western Union	90	89 1/2
Westinghouse	65 1/4	65 1/2

*Bid. †Ex-dividend. ‡Unquoted.

GERMAN OFFICIAL CABLEGRAMS

The following cablegrams were received yesterday and today from official German sources:

"German Headquarters, Delayed Report of March 24.—In the Champagne district today and along the Meuse there were violent artillery engagements. West of Hautcourt the Germans added to their previous successes by gaining more trenches, the number of prisoners reaching 32 officers and 879 men.

SATURDAY.

"German Headquarters, Delayed Report of March 25.—On the west front the situation has hardly changed from yesterday. In the Meuse district especially lively artillery engagements have taken place during which Verdun was set afire by shells.

"On the east front the Russians attacked with fresh Siberian troops after a strong artillery preparation. The attack broke down under heavy fire and with large losses. Minor advances were made southwest of Jakobstadt, and southwest of Duennburg, being easily repulsed. All of the Russian attacks, repeated at night, likewise failed. In the district of Narocz lake the enemy only engaged in artillery fire.

"In the Balkan war arena the air attack was renewed, one enemy aeroplane being shot down in an air engagement and falling between the lines, where it was destroyed by artillery."

SUNDAY.

"German Headquarters Report, March 26.—On the west front yesterday it is stated that the explosion of a mine northwest of Vermales during the preceding night had much success, the crater being in the spot occupied by an enemy observation post. Several English observers were thus destroyed. Northwest of Neuville a small German detachment after successful mine explosions advanced for reconnoitering into an enemy position and returned as planned with a number of prisoners. In the Argonne and Meuse districts artillery fire was very violent today in some places.

"The night engagements included hand to hand fights in Caillette forest, southeast of the fort Douaumont and were successful for the Germans.

"The enemy did damage in their own positions by exploding extensive mines northeast of Celles, in the Vosges. The German position was unchanged.

"Near St. Quentin an English biplane fell undamaged into German hands. A French aeroplane after an air engagement fell into Caillette forest and was destroyed.

"The Russians yesterday did not repeat their attacks on the bridgehead at Jakobstadt and north of Vuday. Several advances undertaken during the day southwest and south of Duennburg already have broken down a considerable distance from the German barricades.

AIR ATTACK FROM SEA.

"From two ships which were accompanied by a cruiser squadron and a flotilla of destroyers off the Baltic coast yesterday morning five English hydroaeroplanes started for attack against the German aeronautic establishments in northern Helwig. North of Lens three of them, among which was a battle aeroplane, were forced to land because of the fire of the aircraft defense guns on and about the island of Sylt. The inmates, who were taken prisoners, were four English officers and one non-commissioned officer. Bombs were thrown only in the district of Hoyer watergate and no damage done."

PORTION OF CITY LIKE TINDER BOX, ONLY DECLARES

Fire Insurance Expert Says Honolulu Should Have Salt Water Emergency System

FIRE TUG ESSENTIAL TO PROTECT WATER FRONT

Sprinkler System Would Reduce Rates, and Gravity is Preferable to Pumping

This is what Clifford Conly, superintendent of agents, representing George H. Tyson, general fire insurance agent, thinks Honolulu should have in order to reduce fire hazard to a degree compatible with that in other cities of the size.

A salt water emergency pipeline system, to be used only when a conflagration is imminent.

A fire tug to protect territorial wharves and shipping.

A gravity water system in place of the present battery of pumps.

Sprinkler installations in large stores and office buildings.

Needed as Auxiliary.

Although Mr. Conly has been in Honolulu only six days, having come from San Francisco in the Manoa, he sees the above fire protection features as a suitable and desirable auxiliary to the new Seagrave motor apparatus recently purchased by the city.

"I am here looking over the insurance situation on the islands," says Mr. Conly today, "and shall probably go over to Hawaii some day this week."

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FERN FILES FOR DELEGATE; MAY BE FALL TARGET

McCandless Democrats Say He Has Now Aligned Himself With Pinkham Wing

PROMISE RETALIATION IF HE RUNS FOR MAYOR

"Joe" Puts Over His Nomination Papers at Last Minute Saturday Night

Ex-Mayor Joseph J. Fern is aligned with the "McCandless-Pinkham" wing of the Democratic Party on Oahu, and the McCandless Democrats are serving notice upon him that he is likely to be fought by them if he runs for mayor next fall.

At five minutes to eight on Saturday night the ex-mayor filed as a candidate for delegate to the national convention at St. Louis. Three delegates are to be elected from Oahu, and the McCandless wing already had its candidates picked—L. L. McCandless, M. C. Pacheco and Jesse Ululhi.

There was no place for "Joe" with this group, but an open place existed on the slate of the McCarthy-Pinkham faction, or "insurgents" as the McCandless Democrats call the adherents of the governor. So by filing for a place Fern put himself where the McCandless forces say he is lined up with the Pinkham Democrats and they say today that he will answer for it next fall, when he is expected to run for mayor.

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WHITEHOUSE IS FIRED FROM JOB IN CITY OFFICE

Former City Engineer No Longer Drawing \$200 a Month as Collins' Assistant

L. M. Whitehouse has been notified that his position with the city has ended. City Engineer George M. Collins has written to him and told him that after May 1 his name will be removed from the payroll of his department, where it now stands opposite the entry "assistant engineer, \$200."

Rumor that this action would be taken has been going the rounds of the city hall offices for the past week. Questioned this morning, Collins admitted that the letter had been written, but refused to give the reasons for his action. Whitehouse was not at home and could not be reached by telephone.

Since the first of the year, when Collins succeeded him as city engineer, he has seldom been in his office. From January 1 to the middle of February he was on the payroll as consulting engineer at \$300 a month, the same salary he had when he was city engineer. Collins has been drawing but \$225.

Later Made Assistant.

Then he was made an assistant engineer by Collins at \$200 a month. A desk was placed in Collins' office for him and he was given some of the engineering on the improvement projects to do.

Employees and others about the city hall say that he has opened the desk but once or twice since it was placed there. Gossip has it that he was reminded several times that if he was to continue to draw his salary he must do some work but that day after day has passed without his appearance.

Whitehouse had been city engineer for several years, but was displaced January 1.

GERMANS PLAN REVOLT AMONG FRENCH TROOPS

(Special Cable to Nippu Jiji.)

TOKIO, Japan, March 27.—That the native population, more particularly the native troops in Indo-China, is growing hourly more and more restless toward the French authorities is the gist of the press despatches reaching here today. An open uprising is expected at any moment.

According to the information available here now several Germans are desperately engaged in agitating amongst the natives against the French. How these Germans eluded the French authorities and gained safe entry into the French possessions is a mystery yet to be solved.

The German agitators at any rate have been successful in their mission so far as the native population is concerned and the conditions of uneasiness now are reported to prevail there with every indication pointing toward an early rebellion.

Only Four Men Remain of 1128 In His Regiment

"Lonesome Pine" at Anzac Cove is Where Maj. Tubb Won Coveted "V. C."

Major F. H. Tubb is a through passenger on the Oceanic liner Sonoma today. Which wouldn't mean a great deal were it not for the fact that he is one of four Australians surviving from a regiment of 1128 men wiped out on the bloody slopes of Anzac Cove in the Dardanelles campaign. He wears a Victoria cross medal for bravery there.

"The Hero of the Fight at Lonesome Pine" is the title by which passengers on the liner know the major "Lonesome Pine" is a section of Anzac Cove. An attempt was made to capture it. The Australian regiment of which Major Tubb was an officer charged the position beyond which the Turks were strongly entrenched.

Men fell by hundreds. After most of his regiment had fallen, Major Tubb rallied 150 men remaining and concluded the assault, driving the Turks from "Lonesome Pine" and winning the coveted "V. C." for his heroism. This decoration is awarded only for extreme bravery in the face of great danger. Major Tubb was shot twice and severely wounded.

Major F. V. Hogan, another Dardanelles survivor, is a through passenger on the steamer returning with Major Tubb.

INSPECTION OF STAFF OF GUARD TONIGHT BY COL. CHARLES S. LINCOLN

Inspection of the National Guard department staff will be held in the armory tonight by Col. Charles S. Lincoln, representing the federal government.

Those who will be inspected are: Brig-Gen. Samuel I. Johnson and Maj. Laurence W. Redington of the adjutant general's department; Maj. Charles W. Ziegler, inspector general; Maj. I. M. Stainback, judge advocate; Lieut.-Col. Charles B. Cooper and 1st Lieut. Wah Lam of the medical corps; Maj. John W. Short, Maj. J. D. Dougherty, Capt. Henry Van Gieson and Capt. L. G. Blackman of the quartermaster department and Maj. Camara, ordnance department.

HOUSE ADOPTS 'LITERACY TEST'

(Special Star-Bulletin Cable)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—The "literacy test" of the new immigration bill was adopted in the house today by a vote of 225 to 82.

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DEMOCRATIC FIGURE DIES AT WASHINGTON

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—Thomas Pence, secretary of the Democratic national committee, died today of pneumonia. The president expressed deep regret at his death, as did Postmaster-General Burleson and the president's secretary, Joseph T. Murphy. Pence has directed the detailed political work of the administration since President Wilson took office.

FAIRLY QUIET AT VERDUN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

PARIS, France, March 27.—No infantry action took place at Verdun today, the situation being calm.

East of the Meuse artillery violently bombarded Vaux, but the west side is relatively quiet.

GEN. OTIS IMPROVES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 27.—Gen. Harrison Gray Otis, who has been ill with low-grade pneumonia, is out of danger.

FRENCH TRANSPORT SUNK?

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

BERLIN, Germany, March 27.—An Athens despatch says that a French transport at Saloniki with troops struck a mine and sank. Seventy-three were rescued. The despatch is to the Overseas News Agency.

A Wisconsin town is to have a school built like a theatre, with a moving picture outfit as an adjunct to education.

The Salt Textile Co. of Bridgeport has filed with the secretary of state a certificate showing an increase of capital stock in the sum of \$1,000,000.

THOUSANDS OF FILIPINOS SURE TO ASK TO BE MADE AMERICANS HERE

Rev. C. C. Ramirez Says Have Just Been Waiting Chance; Are 10,000 Males

Clemons on Saturday is the assertion of Rev. C. C. Ramirez, pastor of the local Filipino mission.

Mr. Ramirez says that there are now about 16,000 Filipinos, men and women, in Hawaii and that more are to come. His statement is borne out by the fact that 110 arrived here the latter part of last week.

"I believe that all the male Filipinos here are eager to become American citizens," he adds. "All along we have felt that we were entitled to the privilege and it is for this reason that a white flag, a large number of Filipinos filed their declarations of intention.

"Filipino immigration to Hawaii appears to be increasing. I am inclined to believe that the Filipinos will stay in Hawaii and not go to California to return to their own country."

Appears Bright and Early.

Eight and early this morning a Filipino appeared in the federal court clerk's office and stated that he wanted to take out his first papers. When he was informed that the proceeding would cost him \$1, he told the clerks that he would return soon and went out, presumably to get the dollar.

"District Attorney Horace W. Vaughan says today that he will not begin proceedings to have set aside Judge Clemons' order admitting Joseph Solis and Paulino de Guzman, Filipinos, to citizenship. He added that he would notify the department of justice of the decision and that the department probably would issue instructions to S. C. Huber, Hawaii's new district attorney.

Continuing, Mr. Vaughan said: "The decision of the supreme court of the District of Columbia in the Lopes case sustains Judge Clemons' views in the matter of the naturalization of Filipinos. The commissioner of naturalization at Washington wants the question settled by the supreme court as quickly as possible, and while I acted as attorney for the government in the matter I presented the views of the commissioner and contested the naturalization of Filipinos. To Avoid Controversy.

"I am inclined to think that the view of the commissioner is right, yet I do not want to start out on the bench in a controversy with my associate, Judge Clemons, and I hope the matter will be carried to the supreme court of the United States for a decision before I am called upon to express any judicial opinion on the question, especially as the judges here should have due respect for the decisions of their associates and should harmonize their decisions as much as they conscientiously can."

Since January 1, 1915, 30 Filipinos have filed their declarations of intention in the local federal court. Still Face Examinations.

No great number of Filipinos will

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YUAN EXPECTED TO RESIGN AS CHINA'S RULER

(Special Cable to Liberty News.)

SHANGHAI, China, March 27.—It is reported that Yuan Shih-Kai is willing to resign as president and seeks to make peace with the republican army. The recent victories of the revolutionists in Kwantung have caused much concern in Peking, and reports received from the capital state that there is fear that Canton will be captured by the revolutionists.

In a letter received from China, the writer in describing the Chinese situation to a local Chinese states that the revolutionary troops have the support of the majority of the people of China, and it is thought that with the taking of Canton the republicans will have an excellent opportunity to win the entire section south of the Yangtze-kiang river.

Nanking will be the new capital of China if the republicans succeed, is the statement of the writer, and in his opinion this will be a big benefit to China. He states that Peking is dirty and that there is an unhealthy atmosphere in that city, whereas Nanking is considered to be the cleanest city in China.

In selecting Nanking as the next capital the writer states that there is plenty of room in Nanking to plan a court, with ideal conditions for a grouping of modern government buildings, and in addition to this city will be more central than any other city in China which could be selected.

Another mail from San Francisco, 187 bags, will arrive tomorrow morning in the Matsonia.

In times of peace London contains 16 embassies and legations representative of foreign countries.

More than half of Sweden is covered by forests, only Finland having a greater proportionate area of timber.

Montana's record production of silver last year put that state in first place among silver producing states.