

## OPPOSITION TO TOLL BILL COMMENCED IN SENATE UPON RECEIPT OF HOUSE MEASURE

**Chairman O'Gorman Does Not  
Expect to Call Committee  
Till Tuesday**

**Friends of the President Had  
Hoped That Meeting Would  
Be Earlier**

**Public Hearings Dispensed  
With to Prevent Delay of  
Senate Action**

Washington, D. C., April 1.—The administration bill to repeal the toll exemption for American ships in the Panama canal, which passed the house yesterday, reached the senate today and was promptly referred to the committee on interoceanic canals without debate.

Senator O'Gorman, chairman of the canals committee, who is marshaling the anti-administration forces, announced definitely tonight he would call a meeting of his committee next Tuesday.

Until then no formal consideration of the repeal measure, or proposed amendments can develop, although friends of the president hoped to have the canals committee meet earlier they decided to make no effort to induce O'Gorman to change his plans. They will insist, however, upon action within a reasonable time after the committee gets down to work.

That some members of the committee who oppose the exemption repeal desire to have public hearings on the bill is apparent, but the administration maintains such hearings were entirely unnecessary, as there could be no other reason for them, except to deliberately cause a delay.

## FIXES PENSIONS LATE DAY WIDOWS

**Bill Passes Houses That Would  
Provide for Soldiers'  
Families**

Washington, April 1.—Pensions for widows and minor children of officers and men who served in the Spanish war, the Philippine insurrection and the Boxer uprising in China would be authorized by the bill which passed the house today, 276 to 54. The bill will grant \$12 monthly to the widow of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor, and \$2 monthly for each child under 16 years.

## LINCOLN STATUE NORWAY IS NEARLY FINISHED

**Work That Will Be Presented  
by North Dakota Nearly  
Completed**

**Preparations for Unveiling  
in Norway Are Also  
Being Made**

North Dakota's gift to Norway on the occasion of the centennial celebration this year, a bust of Lincoln, is nearly completed, and word comes from the sculptor, Paul Fjelde, that the time has arrived when Lorado Taft, and Judge C. F. Amidon must pass judgment on this work, whether or not it is a true likeness of the great emancipator. These two men were appointed to decide on the merits of this sculpture after its completion before the bronze cast is made.

Inscriptive panels to go with this bust have already been completed by Mr. Fjelde and it is believed that these will be cast on bronze before the bust. The pedestal will be finished in Norway from Norwegian granite and will cost \$1,000 crowns, the money having been forwarded for this work

## CONFRONTED WITH HORROR WHEN SHE TRIED APRIL JOKE

St. Paul, Minn., April 1.—When Mrs. Patrick Connolly went to the home of her mother to call her earlier than usual as an April fool joke, early today, she found her mother dead from coal gas from the stove, and her own daughter, Sadie Connolly, aged 6, in a serious condition. The girl died tonight. Mrs. Connolly's brother and a roomer were unconscious and may die.

## FREIGHT RATES TO BE HURRIED

**Matter of Increasing Freights  
May Be Settled Sooner  
Than Expected**

Washington, April 1.—Whether the eastern railroads shall make a general increase in freight rates may be decided by the interstate commerce commission within a month.

That the case will be disposed of at a much earlier date than has been expected became apparent today, upon the commission's determination to hold continuous hearings until all the testimony is in, even though the railroad representatives cannot conclude their final statements tomorrow night, as was planned.

The rate case has been the subject of general discussion at the capital today, as the result of Senator LaFollette's action in introducing a bill to make unlawful any attempt to influence the proceedings before the interstate commerce commission except in accordance with the commission's regulations.

LaFollette will speak on the measure tomorrow.

### HOME DESTROYED.

Overheated Stove Cause of Bad Blaze Near Moorhead.

Moorhead, Minn., April 1.—An overheated stove started a fire in the residence of Peter Soenens, which resulted in a total loss of the building and furniture. The fire department worked with the blaze for more than two hours, but it had gained too great headway to be put out in time to save anything. Mr. Soenens and his family were asleep when the fire started and it was discovered barely soon enough to allow them to escape.

## MARKED IMPROVEMENT NOTED IN CONDITION OF MULTIMILLIONAIRE

Continued improvement was reported tonight in the condition of Frederick Weyerhaeuser, the multi-millionaire lumberman of Minnesota. He contracted a severe cold a week ago and symptoms of pneumonia followed. Despite his relapse of two days ago, he is now said to be recovering.

## BEGIN WORK ON CULEBRA SLIDE

Panama, April 1.—The dipper dredge, Gambon, which recently arrived here, began work on the slides at Culebra today. All the steam shovel work has been discontinued. The cut through the slide is now 200 feet wide and 30 feet deep.

**PAYS FRISCO'S INTEREST.**  
St. Louis, April 1.—Obeying orders issued by U. S. Judge Walter H. Sanborn, the receivers of the Frisco railroad today pay the interest due, amounting to \$335,510. The amount was distributed between the main system and its subsidiaries.

## HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS WILL BE ABOUT AMOUNT OF NEW RESERVE BANKS' CAPITAL

**This Amount Is Arrived at  
From Last Report of 7,494  
National Banks**

**Each of the National Banks  
Must Subscribe to District  
Reserve Bank**

**These Figures Will Stand for  
a Starter Unless Plan Is  
Changed**

Washington, D. C., April 1.—The new federal reserve banking system will start business with a total authorized capital of about \$100,000,000 for all the reserve banks no matter how many institutions the organization decides to set up.

This was apparent tonight when the figures were made public from all the national banks responding to the last call of the comptroller of currency made March 4.

The statement issued giving these figures will be the last before the formal launching of the system unless the organization changes its present purpose and delays the announcement of reserve districts cities, the total and surplus of the 7,494 national banks reporting being given at about \$1,788,000,000.

Under the reserve act each national bank must subscribe 6 per cent of its capital and surplus to the capital of the reserve bank of its district, and 6 per cent of this total would be about \$107,000,000.

### WAS NO CEREMONY.

Panama, April 1.—Colonel George Goethals became governor of the canal zone today. In conformity with his own wishes, no ceremony marked the occasion.

## CONTRACTORS LOOK FOR AN ACTIVE YEAR OVER THE STATE

**GOVERNOR ANXIOUS  
TO SETTLE STRIKE  
OF COAL MINERS**

Colliers, W. Va., April 1.—Governor Hatfield has asked the striking miners, formerly employed by the West Virginia and Pittsburgh Coal company, and the company, to name representatives on a board of arbitration which will consider means of ending the strike which has been in progress since September, it was announced tonight.

### QUINCY WHIG HAS NEW PUBLISHER.

Quincy, Ill., April 1.—The Quincy Whig, 75 years old and the oldest morning daily in the Fifteenth Congressional district of Illinois, passed into the hands of Frank C. Balch of Chicago, publisher of the Home Magazine (monthly) today. Mr. Balch recently bought the paper. It will remain republican in politics.

## OHIO COAL MINES STAY SHUT DOWN

Columbus, O., April 1.—The Ohio bituminous coal mines will not resume operations tomorrow after the "eight hour day" holiday of today, according to the operators who said tonight they had decided to stand by their decision to suspend operation at least until the new wage scale was agreed upon. No attempt has been made on either side to effect a new working agreement, the miners having signified their intention to mark time until the result of the referendum vote is known.

### HARVARD'S SPRING FOOTBALL PRACTICE.

Cambridge, Mass., April 1.—Spring football practice began here today, under the direction of Capt. Brickley, and will continue for three weeks.

## JURY IS PICKED TO TRY GANG OF 6 WHO ASSAULTED WOMAN

Kansas City, Mo., April 1.—The jury to try Vic Gueringer, charged with being a member of a gang of 6 men who attacked Mrs. Gertrude Shidler, in a downtown rooming house, was selected tonight. Taking of testimony will start in the criminal court tomorrow. Mrs. Shidler will probably be called to tell of her treatment at the hands of the gang.

## WOOD SUCCEEDED BY WETHERSPOON

**In Accordance With Custom  
First Assistant Becomes  
Chief of Staff**

Washington, April 1.—Major General William W. Wetherspoon, now assistant chief of staff of the army, has been selected to succeed Major General Leonard Wood as chief of staff at the end of Wood's term, April 22.

Brigadier General Hugh Scott, commanding the troops at Fort Bliss, Texas, will be assistant chief of staff. Wood will assume command of the eastern department, with headquarters at Governor's Island, New York. The appointment of Wetherspoon has been fully expected, as it was in accordance with the practice which has obtained some years past, that of promoting the assistant chief to first place.

## Much New Construction Prom- ised in North Dakota for Season of 1914

North Dakota contractors expect a prosperous season. New contracting firms are being organized, one of the most recent being the Mandan Construction and Building company, which will operate largely in Morton Mercer and Oliver counties.

A pretentious school building for which estimates are being sought will be erected at Cooperstown and the bids will be opened April 3. Bids will be opened at Ashley April 7 for a new school there.

In Fargo a central market building will be constructed and a grand stand and bleachers for the Northern league ball games will be erected in the Fargo college stadium. Bids for the federal building at Wahpeton will be opened May 5. Sidewalks and crosswalk construction is being advertised for by the city auditors in Ellendale, Fessenden and Veda.

The county auditors of Wells, Burleigh, Kidder, Traill, Logan and Benson counties have advertisements for road construction. New bridges of concrete, wood and steel, bridge approaches, metal culverts and other work of that nature.

Lakota will erect a city hall large enough to accommodate the fire department. The bond issue was endorsed by the voters. A Masonic Temple to cost \$35,000 will be constructed at Devil's Lake.

An \$18,000 Methodist church will be erected at Edgeley.

Grain elevators are to be constructed at Alexander, Arbergard, Wafford, Kioten and Willow City.

### CANADIAN TARIFF CUT FOR FARMERS.

Ottawa, Ont., April 1.—The Canadian government put into effect today a substantial reduction in duties on agricultural implements. On binders, reapers and mowers the duty is lowered from 17 1/2 to 10 per cent.

### CHAMBERS JOINS KATY.

Fort Worth, Texas, April 1.—J. M. Chambers, assistant general attorney for the Fort Worth & Denver railroad, was made assistant general attorney of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas today.

## VILLA SAYS HE HAS NOT AS YET TAKEN TORREON

**Replies to Congratulatory Mes-  
sage Sent Him Regarding  
the "Fall"**

**Is Confident He will However  
Obtain Complete Triumph  
Over City**

Juarez, Mex., April 1.—Late this afternoon the reports that Torreón had fallen were definitely laid beneath the sod upon a receipt of a denial direct from General Villa. His telegram was based on a message of congratulations on the "fall" of Torreón, despatched to him yesterday by Colonel Fidel Avila, chief of arms of the Carrison here. Villa's message read:

"While I have taken part of Torreón the struggle is not yet completed. I expect to obtain complete triumph, of which I'll advise you."

Details of the struggle received today were brief, showing the relative positions of the contending forces had not changed to any extent in the last five days. Whether the force of Gen. Joaquin Maas, marching to the relief of the federals at Torreón, had yet engaged that of the rebel, General Herazant, who went to meet him, is unknown.

The report that a train load of Maas' soldiers had been blown up was unconfirmed.

## ARREST FOLLOWS COLLEGE RUMPUS

**Popular Yale Student Con-  
fesses to Committing As-  
sault With Bolts**

New Haven, Conn., April 1.—Stanhope Wood Nixon, son of Lewis Nixon, the ship builder and a prominent member of Tammany Hall, who succeeded Richard Croker as the head of that organization, was arrested tonight, charged with assaulting Edward M. Everett, chief engineer of the Southern and New England Telephone company, October 22 last.

Nixon is a junior of the Sheffield scientific school of Yale. Everett was struck from behind with a club and rendered unconscious. On the night of the assault there was a student outbreak and iron bolts were being hurled through the windows of homes.

The police say some of the bolts were found in Nixon's room, and he confessed today, saying he had been drinking on the night of the assault. Nixon is one of the most popular men in college, and a member of the varsity crew squad. His arrest caused a great surprise at Yale.

### NEW SCHOOL SYSTEM.

Gov. Hanna Addresses Meeting and Urges Consolidation.

Pittsury, N. D., April 1.—Governor L. B. Hanna addressed one of the largest crowds ever assembled at this place, when the farmers and the townspeople met to boost for a consolidated district school. Several other matters came up at this meeting which were discussed with much interest by those present. The governor made a fine impression on his hearers.

## ASQUITH GAINS IN POPULARITY

London, April 1.—A remarkable pacific spirit has come over the political situation. It is almost certain that Asquith will be returned to parliament unopposed. Feeling in favor of a settlement on a federal basis is gaining ground. The unionist, Sir Mark Sykes, made a strong appeal for such a settlement during the debate on the home rule bill today. The younger members of the unionist party, and the older members of the liberal side, are working hard to secure a settlement of the home rule question by consent.

### THE WEATHER.

Dakotas and Minnesota—Fair Thursday.

## MISSOURI SLOPE EDUCATORS CONVENE AT BISMARCK FOR ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEET

## MACHINE BURNS IN AIR CAUSES DEATH OF THREE AVIATORS

Rheims, France, April 1.—Emile Vedrines, a brother of Jules Vedrines, the famous aviator, was killed in a fall while making a flight today. Although he was not as well known as his brother, he was an experienced aviator. The later and two other aviators, Pierre Leon Testulat and Clement Avigny, were killed when the machine caught fire in midair, causing the machine to collapse.

## DEATH CLAIMS RUBE WADDELL

**Eccentric Ball Player Answers  
Summons After a Long  
Illness**

San Antonio, Texas, April 1.—Rube Waddell, the famous left-handed pitcher, died here today. He had been ill for months with tuberculosis. Waddell was one of the greatest pitchers and was noted nearly as much for his eccentricities as for his ability as a ball player.

In the 17 years he spent in professional baseball he held positions with 12 teams, and, including "return engagements," had 4 jobs. His longest term was with the Philadelphia Americans, where, under Connie Mack's watchful eye, he pitched winning ball for half a dozen seasons.

Inability to keep him in condition discouraged most of the other managers and was indirectly responsible for Waddell contracting tuberculosis.

## BIG CONCERNS CONSOLIDATE

Duluth, Minn., April 1.—The organization of American manganese manufacturing company, with authorized capitalization at \$12,000,000, into which will be merged the Cuyuna-Mille Lacs Iron company, the Cuyuna-Duluth Iron company, and one of the largest independent furnace concerns in the east, was announced today.

## FARMERS' INSTITUTES OVER THE STATE WERE A SUCCESS

**Democratic Leader Predicts  
His Days of Supremacy  
Are Short Lived**

**An Interesting and Profitable  
Season in North Dakota  
Just Ended**

A very interesting season of farmers' institute work has just closed in North Dakota. Never before have larger nor more eager audiences greeted the institute lecturers. The methods of former years have been followed in large degree, that is, in no instance has a set program been arranged beforehand. In every case the farmers in attendance have suggested the topics for discussion. In all cases these topics have been practically the same.

Corn, alfalfa and cattle have been the headlines. In not one of the half hundred institutes have these three big topics failed to hold a prominent place on the program. These three topics may be said to tie for first place in the contest. Silos and ensilage hold second place, with pork production running

**Sixteen Counties in This Sec-  
tion of State to Be Well  
Represented**

**Excellent Program Has Been  
Prepared for Meeting Held  
Here Two Days**

**Sessions Will Be Held in High  
School Auditorium Starting  
This Morning**

A large number of teachers and others engaged in educational work are gathering in Bismarck for the annual convention of the Missouri Slope Educational association, which, for the first time since the organization was formed, is being held in the capital city, commencing this morning at the High School auditorium. The convention will continue today and tomorrow.

Sixteen counties of the Missouri Slope are contained in this southwestern sectional educational organization, and each of these counties promises to be well represented. There is general regret being expressed among the educators already arrived in the city over the serious illness of County Superintendent Yig-ness of Burleigh county, who submitted to a serious operation yesterday afternoon, and who was to take an active part in the proceedings. City Superintendent C. C. Root is taking up Mr. Yigness' part in addition to his own share, and has succeeded

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## DIVORCED, MUST DEFEND HOME

**Diamond Merchant Loses His  
Wife But Will Fight to  
Keep House**

Minneapolis, Minn., April 1.—Mrs. Louise Ida Von Klein late today was granted a divorce in district court from Edmund E. C. Von Klein, a former Minneapolis diamond merchant, now in Portland, Ore., is held on bignamy and grand larceny charges. Immediately after the granting of the divorce former Mrs. Von Klein was made a defendant in a suit, begun by Von Klein's attorneys, in which Von Klein seeks to recover the home of the couple, which had been deeded to the wife.

## POLICE COMMISSIONER OF NEW YORK CITY HAS HANDS IN RESIGNATION

New York, April 1.—The resignation of Douglas McKay as police commissioner has been in Mayor Mitchell's hands since Friday, it became known tonight. McKay declined to give his reasons for resigning. It is assumed he wishes to re-enter private business.

## GERMANY HONORS BISMARCK.

Berlin, April 1.—The birthday anniversary of Prince von Bismarck, one of Germany's greatest statesmen, was celebrated here today. Wreaths were carried to his tomb and speeches were made at meetings held under the auspices of various patriotic societies.

OHIO MAKES BRICK.  
Columbus, O., April 1.—Ohio began today to manufacture the brick to be used in the construction of state buildings. Penitentiary prisoners are employed. The first state made brick will be for the board of administration building on land at the Blind Institute here.

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