

CONGRESS WILL RESUME FIGHT ON CANAL TOLLS

Majority Sentiment in House Opposes Clause Which Exempts American Coastwise Ships

TWO CHAIRMEN LEAD OPPOSING FACTIONS

O'Gorman May Lead Debate Against Amendment of Recent Act

(Special Dispatch to The Call)
WASHINGTON, June 5.—With renewed intensity the fight over the tolls provision in the Panama canal act is to be resumed in congress before the end of the present session. The matter may be settled diplomatically, or it may be disposed of by the house of representatives and the senate making an agreement to repeal the clause in the Panama canal act which provides that American ships shall not pay to go through the canal.

Either of these methods of settlement will take a long time. Diplomacy is necessarily a slow and cautious method and the best informed men at the capital seem to think that the differences of opinion in the senate and house can not be reconciled without a hard fought struggle.

Representative Adamson, chairman of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce, has his committee in working shape now. Representative Adamson is unalterably opposed to free tolls for American ships, while Senator O'Gorman, chairman of the senate committee on interoceanic canals, is strong for free tolls. Between these two, therefore, there is bound to be a hard tug of war.

It is understood that the majority of sentiment in the new house of representatives favors repealing the section of the canal act which exempts American coastwise ships from the payment of tolls. President Wilson also is thought to take the same view, but Senator O'Gorman is willing to lead the fight against any attempt to eliminate the clause of exemption.

TREATY RENEWAL IS DELAYED IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, June 5.—Upon objection of Senator Chamberlain, who contended that a renewal of the arbitration treaty with Great Britain might compel submission of the Panama canal tolls controversy to The Hague, the senate late today temporarily postponed action on renewals with Great Britain, Spain and Italy.

Renewals of these treaties, all three of which have expired within the last few days, were favorably reported today by the foreign relations committee, and the senate went into executive session to consider the treaties with Great Britain and Spain were promptly ratified, but when that with Great Britain was reported Senator Chamberlain objected. After some discussion it was agreed that if one was to be held up even for a short time the other treaties should not be ratified, and by unanimous consent all went over.

It was not believed tonight that any of the three treaties would be held up long, although there may be some debate in executive session when they are taken up again.

Senator Chamberlain is author of a resolution now in a pigeon hole of the interoceanic canals committee, abrogating the Hay-Poinsett and Clayton-Bulwer treaties under which Great Britain and the United States agreed concerning the construction of the Panama canal.

THREE INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY

Postal Clerk, Berkeley Gardener and Ex-Convict Expected to Plead Guilty Today

Ernest Frost, formerly a clerk in the stamp department in the main post-office, was indicted by the federal grand jury yesterday for embezzling \$24.58 in postal funds. William H. McCowan, a gardener in Berkeley, was indicted for mailing an obscene letter to Mrs. Florence Hubbard, 2491 Thirteenth avenue, Oakland. H. L. Sorensen, released from San Quentin three months ago, was indicted for counterfeiting.

Since McCowan's arrest the police say they have discovered that he wrote the anonymous letters to Chief Volmer of Berkeley that resulted in the arrest of Harry Kleinschmidt for murder several years ago. Kleinschmidt eventually proved his innocence and was released. It is understood that the indicted men will plead guilty before Circuit Judge Morrow this morning.

THINKS SENATE CAN NOT TOUCH PATERSON CASE

Movement to Include Textile With Coal Fields Situation Inquiry Will Probably Fail

WASHINGTON, June 5.—A movement to include in the senate investigation of the West Virginia coal fields situation an inquiry into conditions among the striking textile workers in Paterson, N. J., appeared here today. A petition addressed to President Wilson and congress asking for an investigation of conditions in Paterson was brought to Washington by Frederick C. Howe, director of the Peoples Institute of New York. It was signed by a score of prominent sociological workers.

Senator Martine of New Jersey, one of the members of the subcommittee charged with the West Virginia inquiry, declared he believed the federal government could do nothing in regard to the Paterson situation.

DYNAMITE CASE TO JURY

Famous Conspiracy Action in Boston Will Be Ended Soon

BOSTON, June 5.—The dynamite conspiracy case, in which President William M. Wood of the American Woolen company, Frederick E. Atteaus and Dennis J. Collins are on trial charged with "planting" explosives at Lawrence to discredit the textile strikers in 1912, will be given to the jury tomorrow.

MONEY ORDER BRANCHES

(Special Dispatch to The Call)
WASHINGTON, June 5.—The post-offices in Idaho-Id. Berry Creek, Big Creek, Eyreidon, Montebello, Ricardo and Rough and Ready, Cal., will become domestic money order offices.

WILSON AX OVER RALSTON Treasury Aids Ousted, Is Report

San Francisco treasury officials who are believed slated to lose positions to make room for democrats.



WILLIAM C. RALSTON, collector of the port, who is believed slated to lose his position to make room for democrats.

Washington Hears Entire Force Is Asked to Resign to Make Room for Democrats

(Special Dispatch to The Call)
WASHINGTON, June 5.—The action of the president in asking, through Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, for the resignation of Collector Stratton in San Francisco, his action in removing the collector in Philadelphia and his removal of other officials indicated his purpose of reorganizing the service with none but democrats on guard, and the Californians began to inquire what the prospects were for other treasury officials in San Francisco. It was reported here today that they have all been requested to resign at once.

That the reorganization of the customs service of San Francisco as well as other parts of the country will probably be deferred until January 1 was indicated following the action of the senate commerce committee today, which voted to report favorably a bill to defer the customs change until that date. The action of the committee was in accordance with the recommendation of Secretary McAdoo.

McKINLAY TO QUIT WITHOUT A FIGHT

Instead of resisting the mandate of President Wilson in asking for his resignation, as was expected, Duncan McKinlay, surveyor of the port, yesterday started to draft his resignation and today it will be mailed to Washington. Customs Appraiser John G. Mattos, whose resignation was also asked for through Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, will comply with the request before the end of the week.

There was a gloom over the customs house when General George Stone, naval officer of the port, Surveyor McKinlay and Appraiser Mattos arrived yesterday morning. For a time there was talk of resisting the behest of President Wilson and a conference was sought with Collector Stratton. It was

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MAYOR REQUESTS CHIEF TO REPORT

Seeks Light on Alleged Assaults During Power Company Trouble

Mayor Rolph has asked Chief of Police White to make an investigation and report concerning the alleged acts of violence called to his attention by General Manager John A. Britton, of the Pacific Gas and Electric company, in connection with the strike.

Britton cited 11 cases of assault claimed to have been committed by strikers and sympathizers, in which men employed by the company and others were more or less severely injured.

A typical case is that of a consumer named Brandhorst, who was attempting to make a service connection with his home, 1957 Mission street. He was set upon by a gang, thrown from a ladder, two of his teeth kicked out and various wounds and bruises inflicted.

Mayor Rolph in writing to Chief White, says that it is unnecessary to add that it is incumbent upon the chief to preserve peace, law and order.

The strike situation will be discussed at length in the San Francisco Labor council tonight, when it is expected that the vote by the members of the executive committee of the American Federation of Labor, as to whether the gas workers should go out or not, will be announced.

P. H. McCarthy, president of the Building Trades council, received a telegram from the American Federation of Labor yesterday, urging him to use his influence to prevent the gas workers from breaking their agreement with the gas and electric company.

Paul Scharrenberg, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, wired the American Federation of Labor yesterday that the gas workers have no working agreement with the company.

The district council on last Wednesday night decided that steps should be taken to have the members of Local No. 151 of Electric Workers return to the McNulty faction of the electricians.

MAN RUNS INTO LIGHTNING BOLT

Shaft Strikes Ground Beneath His Feet and Lays Him Unconscious

(Special Dispatch to The Call)
ROCHESTER, Nev., June 5.—Because he was running, and at the time both legs were in the air, Gus Robertson, a plunger miner of the Rochester district in the Humboldt range, was not killed.

Robertson was caught in a storm on Nenzel mountain and was making for cover when a bolt of lightning struck and he was thrown to the ground. He lay stunned for perhaps an hour, and when he regained consciousness his left side was a mass of bruises, his legs were useless and he was blind in both eyes.

After an hour of utter helplessness his sight returned in a small measure and he could creep along the ground. He made his way to the nearest camp, where he received medical attention.

The physician said that the severe drenching he received after being felled by the lightning aided in assisting the electricity to escape from his legs. Robertson has completely recovered.

He attributes his escape to the fact that he was running at the time of the bolt and that he was jumping over sagebrush. Had his feet been upon the ground he believes he would have been killed instantly.

The road leading into Rochester canyon, below the lower town, has been washed out for a considerable distance by a cloudburst, the water carrying debris and dirt over the highway and rendering it impassable. Travel into the new mining camp is not blocked, however, as a higher road is being used.

Twice Struck by Cloudburst

(Special Dispatch to The Call)
SEVEN TROUGHS, Nev., June 5.—Another cloudburst broke over this camp and swept down the canyon through Mazuma without damage. Scarcely a year ago Mazuma and a portion of Seven Troughs were destroyed by a cloudburst, which took 12 lives. The cloudburst of last evening came without warning and followed the same channel as that of last year. The

BABY'S NAIL KILLS MOTHER

Playful Scratch on Lip Proves Fatal to Chicco Woman

CHICO, June 5.—A playful scratch made on her lip by her baby several days ago resulted in the death today of Mrs. Elmira Meenes, 22 years old. Blood poison developed and the mother's entire body was soon affected.

SIoux CITY, Ia., June 5.—The strike in the Cudahy and Armour & Co. plants, involving 1,500 men, was settled today, the common laborers being granted an advance from 19 to 20 cents an hour, which they demanded.

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