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TOLLS FIGHT NOW TO FORE

Repeal Bills Up In House And Senate.

Bryan to Explain Treaty Giving Fortification Rights With Nicaragua.

Washington, March 15.—Open debate on repeal of the toll exemption clause of the Panama Canal Act will begin late this week in the House, and a vote in that body on the Sims bill, to carry out the recommendations of President Wilson, is expected by Saturday night.

In the Senate an earnest effort will be made by Administration leaders to pave the way for early action on the issue by bringing it squarely before the Committee on Inter-oceanic Canals for consideration and report by the time the House has disposed of the subject.

Opposing forces in both houses are arrayed for the fight, the prospect being that the champions of toll exemption for American coastwise ships will lose when the roll calls have been taken in both houses. Representatives Adamson and Sims, in charge of the repeal forces in the House, are only doubtful as to the size of the majority their cause will have. They predict that it will be large, while Majority Leader Underwood and some of the Democrats who agree with him that it is an economic mistake to reverse the Nation's policy regarding canal tolls, insist that the vote will be close.

In the Senate, the return of Senator O'Gorman, chairman of the Committee on Inter-oceanic Canals, is awaited with interest in view of the fact that Senator Owen, a majority member of the committee, has introduced a bill similar to the Sims bill for the purpose of expediting settlement of the controversy as soon as possible. Senator Owen seeks to have the committee take the repeal bill up at once and pass upon it.

That the vote in committee will be close is certain and opponents of the repeal insist the majority will vote against the President's plea. In that event, there will be a minority report upon which the controversy in the Senate will hinge. Able Senator Owen in leading the Administration forces will be Senators Hoke Smith, of Georgia, and James, of Kentucky. Various polls of the Senate on the repeal question have indicated that the President will be sustained by a majority of from ten to twenty votes.

Another matter included in the foreign relations of the Government which it is planned to undertake this week for consideration is the pending treaty with Nicaragua, negotiated by the Taft Administration, which the present Administration is to have amended and ratified as soon as possible.

The Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate expects Secretary of State Bryan to appear for an explanation of the Administration's desires relating to the treaty which is designed primarily for acquisition by the United States of Nicaraguan canal rights and rights to naval station sites in the Bay of Fonseca in exchange for a payment of \$3,000,000 in gold.

By the terms of the treaty, as originally framed, Nicaragua would grant in perpetuity to the United States the exclusive rights for an inter-oceanic canal thru the San Juan River and the Great Lake of Nicaragua, or by way of any other route over Nicaraguan territory. Article 2 of the treaty proposes that "in order to facilitate the protection of the Panama Canal" and the rights contemplated in Nicaragua, Nicaragua shall lease to the United States for ninety-nine years the Great Corn and Little Corn Islands in the Caribbean Sea and rights to a naval base on the Gulf of Fonseca.

Early in the present Administration Secretary Bryan proposed to the Senate committee that the treaty be amended in such a way that the United States would secure virtual control of Nicaragua thru a protectorate similar to that exercised over Cuba. He would add to the treaty

features similar to the "Platt amendment" relating to Cuba. To this proposal there was considerable opposition in the committee, and it is expected to be revived now.

McCombs Declines Position.

Albany, N. Y., March 16.—William F. McCombs, chairman of the National Democratic committee, has declined Governor Glynn's offer of nomination to a position on the First District Public Service commission. The reason given was that he desires to practice law. McCombs has been active in the furthering of the governor's reorganization plans for the Democratic party in this state, and has been regarded as the personal representative of President Wilson.

The Stratfords Coming.

The Stratfords, musicians and expert entertainers and the last of the present season's Hartford College Lyceum attractions, will appear at the College next Wednesday night, March 25.

The fact that this company was coached and instructed by Elias Day is a great feature in its favor.

The greatest good fortune that can come to any lyceum company is to be organized and coached by Elias Day. For years he has given his great coaching ability to the production of the best in the lyceum, both in music and entertainment. He has been especially fortunate in selecting the members of this company. Each is well adapted to the place he fills. As a company they are talented and versatile.

The program will be of interest to the whole audience. Whether vocal music, instrumental music, or entertainment is preferred, no one will be disappointed. There is variety and quality to satisfy every demand.

Reserved seats on sale by the Ohio County Drug Co.

CARRANZA MISSING MORE THAN WEEK

Probably Wants to Know Villas Attitude Toward Him.

Douglas, Ariz., March 16.—General Carranza, "first chief" of the Constitutionalists has not been heard from since he left Agua Prieta last week. He was expected to reach Onitza Pass between Sonora and Chihuahua states today. In the meantime there are many unconfirmed rumors that Carranza intends to camp in the mountains and remain out of communication with the border until he learns of Villa's attitude toward him. He is also said to be desirous of keeping out of touch with the United States for a time.

Nogales, Ariz., March 16.—On account of alleged lack of sympathy personally with General Carranza, Ricardo Gayou, Constitutionalist consul here, to-day was summarily dismissed. He will be suspended by E. V. Anaya, of Tucson.

This is the latest development in the anti-Carranza plot which is said to have been formed here recently. Gayou said he supported the cause until now, and it was reported it was feared he might join with Carranza's opponents.

Mmanuel Bonillas, ex-minister of Fomento in the rebel provisional cabinet was liberated to-day. He and Alberto Pena, former Mexican senator were arrested Saturday charged with conspiring against Carranza. Pena was not released.

Opposition to Carranza is developing, and it is said here and reported that only his friends are allowed to hold office.

Consolidated Meeting.

Arrangements are being made for a great meeting of Ohio County members of the Consolidated Tobacco Growers' Association at the court house in Hartford Saturday, March 21st at 10 o'clock a. m. Bradley Wilson and other speakers will be present. It is hoped that all members will be present.

M. T. WESTERFIELD, Co. Chmn.

Wire Fencing.

The famous Kitchman woven wire fence, and barbed wire, can be had in most any style that you may be in need of at Likens & Acton's.

MISS FANNIE EVANS PLUNGES TO DEATH

Daughter of U. S. District Judge Falls From Window.

Louisville, Ky., March 16.—Miss Fannie Louise Evans, 38, only daughter of Judge Walter Evans, of the United States District court, plunged to instant death at 8:05 o'clock yesterday morning from a third story window in the Wessinger-Gaubert apartments, to the concrete pavement 30 feet below.

The body was picked up a few seconds later by residents of the building who witnessed the fall. The body, clad in night clothing, was crushed by impact on the paving and the neck was broken. According to Dr. Ellis Duncan death was instantaneous.

Although several persons saw the fall of the body, no one witnessed the plunge from the window. Among the first to reach her side was J. Lithgow Smith, of the Fidelity and Columbia Trust company, who has apartments in the building. Dr. Cuthbert Thompson was summoned but when he arrived life was extinct. A small crucifix was found beside the body.

Judge Evans was notified of the tragedy by Mr. Smith. He is prostrated with grief.

She had been in a nervous condition for about two years. During the last few days her condition had been worse than usual. Allie G. Ronald, clerk of the Federal court, who acted as spokesman for the family said Miss Evans fainted twice Friday night and in falling cut her arm in two places.

Miss Evans, who has always been delicate in health, according to her intimates, had suffered from nervous trouble ever since the death of her mother many years ago.

For the last two years, however, friends say, since she underwent an operation for appendicitis, her condition has been more serious.

Thursday afternoon, however, she seemed much better. Friends, who met her at a reception, congratulated her upon her seemingly improved condition. They say she seemed more cheerful than she had been for some time.

Miss Evans retired Saturday night feeling badly. Judge Evans did not see her again until the body was found on the paving yesterday morning. The time when she arose is not known, but is presumed to have been shortly before the accident as she had not dressed for the morning.

The tragedy threw a pall over the residents of the fashionable Wessinger-Gaubert apartment. During the afternoon the Evans' suite was visited by scores of friends who called to express their grief over the calamity. Only most intimate friends were admitted however, and of these, but a few saw Judge Evans personally.

Miss Evans was born in Louisville. She lived here all her life with the exception of about eight years which she spent in Washington, while her father served in congress and as commissioner of internal revenue.

The funeral which is to be private, will be held at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon in the Evans' apartments. The Rev. Edward L. Powell, pastor of First Christian church, of which Miss Evans was a member, will officiate.

The pallbearers are Dr. William Bailey, Dr. Cuthbert Thompson, Geo. Brent, Dr. David Morton, Allen Leathers and James Backner.

Administratrix Notice.

All persons having claims against the estate of Dr. S. J. Wedding, deceased, are hereby notified to present them to me properly proven on or before June 1, 1914 or they will be barred. Also, those knowing themselves indebted by note or account to said estate are requested to settle by leave date.

MRS. MINNIE W. WEDDING, Administratrix.

Hartford, Ky.

For Sale, Cheap

One J. I. Case 16-horse traction engine, near Calhoun, Ky.; also one J. I. Case 25-horse traction engine, near Bowling Green, Ky. These engines are second-hand, but almost as good as new. See J. G. KROWN, Hartford, Ky.

SKELETON FOUND IN ARMY CLOSET

Injustices of U. S. Military Service Sharply Criticized.

Washington, March 15.—The ill seems to be off at the war department.

All sorts of unpleasant facts about the injustices and cruelties of our military system are leaking out.

The latest disclosure, following the Coffman and George cases, is that of Private Howard Johnson, formerly of Troop K, First Cavalry. The case bears anything so far disclosed. Private Johnson is serving a sentence of five years at hard labor in the Military Prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, after having been dishonorably discharged and forfeiting all pay and allowances due him. It is almost unbelievable, but the offense charged against this soldier and of which the military court found him guilty, was that "having been ordered to decap fire shells," he "did throw away a number of the shells given him to decap."

For this crime he was charged with "conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline," and also of "disobedience of orders," in that "having received a lawful command from his superior officer, Second Lieutenant John F. Wall, to decap fire shells," he "did wilfully disobey the same." This is what happens when a private offends a Second Lieutenant.

The other side of the system is shown up in the case of an offense of a Second Lieutenant against a private, Second Lieutenant John F. Brown, of the Philippine Scouts, was brought before a court martial at Fort Santiago, Manila, P. I., and charged with the following: "Openly and publicly maintaining improper and illicit relations with one Martina Camarino, a Filipino woman, the sister-in-law of Private Ysabelo Beltran, Forty-third Company, Philippine Scouts."

He was further charged with fraud in issuing worthless checks, with conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in allowing forage animals under his charge to go without food for three weeks, and with embezzlement of United States funds. He was found guilty on all the charges, excepting certain words in the charges. His sentence was as follows: "To be dismissed from the service of the United States."

Private Johnson refused to decap some fired shells. Five years at hard labor in a military prison, dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

Second Lieutenant Brown maintained improper relations with a soldier's sister-in-law, issued false checks, starved Government cattle, embezzled Government money: Dismissed from the service.

That is the kind of military "justice" which is making it hard for Uncle Sam to recruit men for military service, even with the titles full of unemployed and hungry men. That is why the army is manufacturing criminals, convicts, physical wrecks and undesirables.

Conditions in Mexico.

Bishop McConnell of the Methodist Episcopal Church has just returned from Mexico and has made a statement as to conditions there emphasizing the hopelessness of restoration of peace by the efforts of either Huerta or the constitutionalist leaders. He says that Huerta's military force must restrict its efforts to guarding the railways, which are the object of rebel attacks. In Mexico City and surrounding country there is no evidence of war, except the presence of the soldiers. The soldiers are undersized and apparently poorly disciplined. Their poor marksmanship is becoming a matter of proverb. Railway transportation has become a serious problem. The railway which has not suffered from dynamite is regarded as fortunate. One railway employe remarked to the bishop: "Our line is lucky. They merely shoot at our trains and do not blow us up with dynamite."

In the interior the depredations of bandits prevail the country, robbing and burning, without special hostility to any class of citizens or foreign residents, but actuated apparently by

cupidity and sheer wantonness. Most of these raids happen at night, and, while the identity of the bandits may be surmised, there is no clear proof as to who they are. It is suspected that men who pose as laborers by day are bandits at night. In the Northern part of the country the identity of the bandits is not so much secret.

Bishop McConnell, while not expressing his own views of the outcome, says that he interviewed all classes of citizens and that they are generally hopeless of any solution of the problem locally. While suggestion of intervention by any foreign power would have horrified Mexican citizens a year ago, and while few of them would welcome such intervention now, the bishop says that they expect it as the only solution. When questioned as to whether they look for this intervention by the United States alone or by the United States in concert with European governments or with Latin-American countries, Mexican citizens shrug their shoulders and say, "Quien sabe?" The bishop says that while Huerta is regarded as a heavy drinker, Mexicans do not regard him as a drunkard and do not consider that he was an active participant in the assassination of Madero. They look upon Villa as an unprincipled bandit and Carranza as an impractical dreamer. The bishop's summary of the situation would indicate that the watchful waiting is not all on this side of the Rio Grande.—Globe Democrat.

Cheap Rates to Louisville.

Excursion fares to Louisville, Ky., and return. Account Conference for Education in the South April 7 to 10. On April 5th and 6th the L. & N. will sell round trip tickets Hartford, Ky., to Louisville, Ky., for \$3.35 for round trip tickets limited April 14th, 1914.

H. E. MISCHKE, Agt.

VERDICT FOR BOTH DEFENDANTS

Miss Copeland and Turk Discharged By Jury at Mayfield.

Mayfield, Ky., March 16.—May Copeland and Lucien Turk secured their freedom this afternoon, when a jury returned a verdict of not guilty. Both parties have been on trial for several days on the charge of having murdered Hugh Atchison, a farmer of Carlisle county last July. This is the second trial of the case, the first resulting in a hung jury.

The deceased married May Copeland's sister. She claimed that he had outraged her on one occasion in a bathroom at his home. She had never revealed this fact under fear of death, as she says that he threatened her, and that he would assault her any time he wanted to.

On the night of the killing Turk and Miss Copeland drove to Atchison's home. Miss Copeland got out of the buggy and went into the house. Atchison again attempted to ravish the girl, when she pulled the pistol and shot him in the dark. Turk, who was in the buggy waiting for Miss Copeland, accompanied the young lady home, and he did not know of the shooting until the next day, when the officers came to arrest him in connection with the crime.

Banquets, Dinners and Longevity.

Dinner and social functions are a conspicuous feature of Washington life. The new Senator or Congressman always feels that he must keep up the pace, but their older colleagues do not hesitate to send in their regrets now and then. One Senator whose young daughters make severe demands upon him as an escort to official functions, announced the first of the year that he had adopted Speaker Champ Clark's resolution as follows:

"I have cut out all dinners and functions except those I feel under obligations to attend in my official capacity."

"I have done this for two reasons, first, because I have not time to attend them. I have too much to do. Second, Mr. Spofford, so long Librarian of Congress, once told me that most public men and army and navy officers who died in Washington 'dug their graves with their own teeth'—a saying which I have taken to heart."—Joe Mitchell Chapple in National Magazine.

PROHIBITION PUT TO SLEEP

Senate Kills Motion to Take Up Bill.

Roll Showing How Senators Voted Or Dodged the Measure.

Frankfort, Ky., Mar. 17.—St. Patrick's day will go down in history, as the final day of the memorable 1914 session of the Kentucky legislature. The last day, which is probably one of the most important days of the session, has packed the halls and galleries. Many important measures that are in the hands of the rules committee will never see daylight again. One of these is likely the statewide prohibition bill, which by a vote of 15 to 15 was left in the hands of the rules committee, when a motion was tabled, as made by Senator Frost, to suspend the rules and take the statewide bill out of the hands of the committee. Unless the rules committee calls the bill out, which is considered now a remote possibility, it will not likely come up again. It is believed the bill is permanently defeated.

On the roll call, the following senators voted to table the motion: Messrs. Ashby, Hale, Booles, Besworth, Clay, Coburn, Durham, Ford, Hall, Helm, Hildreth, Holman, Knight, Moore, Robertson, Sanders and Speer.

Those voting against the motion were: Messrs. Antle, Arnett, Frost, Glenn, Hiles, Montgomery, Moody, Porter, M. O. Scott, R. H. Scott, Tunis, Vincent, Welsh, Williams and Zimmerman.

Those not voting were: Marshall, Henderson county; Salmon, Hopkins county; Overstreet, Daviess county; Bagnby, Lewis county. The other member, J. W. Berkshire, of Boone county, died during the present session.

The motion of Senator Huffaker to consider the taxation bill by changing the method of classification of property in the state, section by section, was adopted. The discussion of taxation measures can be prolonged indefinitely.

Representative Webb rushed over to the senate to inform it of the house action on the above bill, but he had hardly reached the senate when Senator Frost's motion to bring up the statewide bill was tabled.

Free Soup in Camden.

Much to its regret the Post-Telegram has had to chronicle the opening of a free soup house on the East Side. This is the first occasion since the memorable hard times of the Cleveland administration, we believe, that the necessity for public soup houses has been felt in Camden.

While under normal conditions the number of unemployed is greater at this season than at any other time of the year, there is unquestionably an abnormal dulness in the local labor market. It is the belief of many that this abnormal condition is due to the operation of the Wilson-Udlerwood Tariff and other Democratic legislation. But we cannot stop to argue this question while hunger stalks in our midst.

The duty of the moment is to relieve distress, provide food for the hungry and devise some sort of public relief work that will furnish employment to heads of families who now walk the streets in idleness and are compelled to eat the bread of charity.

The East Side soup house is a signal of distress. The problem of the poor and the unemployed calls for immediate attention. Later the voters may call to account the party that has brought this distressing condition upon the country.—Camden (N. J.) Post-Telegram.

A. S. of E. Notice.

The Ohio County Union of the A. S. of E. will meet at Hartford March 27, 1914 at 10 o'clock a. m. All poultry pledges are requested to be turned in at that date and all poles are requested to be present.

As this is the regular quarterly meeting a good attendance is requested. S. L. STEVENS, Pres. HENRY M. PIRTLE, Secy.