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President Wilson States Position on Panama Canal Tolls.

WANTS EXEMPTION ACT REPEALED

Administration Leaders in House Think President's Views Will Be Readily Complied With.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 5.—President Wilson today announced that he would endeavor to have repealed at the present session of congress that provision of the Panama Canal act which exempts American coastwise ships from the payment of tolls. He made his position clear to callers today in unequivocal terms.
The President believes that the Hay-Pauncefote treaty with Great Britain guarantees equality of treatment to all nations, including the United States in the matter of tolls and that the United States is in honor bound to charge American vessels the same tolls it imposes upon boats of foreign nations. The President expressed upon his callers that he would use every legitimate influence at his disposal to have the exemption clause eliminated from the Panama Canal act.
This announcement was expected by administration leaders at the capital. The President's views will be carried out in the house with little difficulty, according to Representative Adams, chairman of the interstate and foreign commerce committee. He tonight said congress undoubtedly could act quickly by a "straight out repeal."
Senate's Action Uncertain.
Not so certain, however, are some of the Democratic leaders in the senate that the president will be sustained in his views on this question, which has agitated American relations with Great Britain for several years and has been a subject of internal controversy since the passage of the Panama Canal act in August, 1912. Senator O'Gorman, chairman of the inter-oceanic canal committee, which had charge of the bill, and who led the victorious fight in the senate to exempt American coastwise vessels from tolls, tonight declared his purpose to stand by his convictions and fight the President's desire.
O'Gorman's Own Opinion.
The President's announcement grew out of a report that he did not seek action at the present congress. Senator O'Gorman, on leaving the White House yesterday, said he had discussed the question usually with the President and expressed the view that congress do little else at the present session besides passing the trust bills and appropriation measures. The President sought to make clear today that this was Senator O'Gorman's own impression of the legislative situation, but that so far as he was concerned, he earnestly hoped for action at the present session.
The Diplomatic Developments.
There have been no developments on the diplomatic side of the controversy since the last of Sir Edward Grey was received in the closing days of the Taft administration. Great Britain since then has not pressed for any reply, which circumstances generally has been taken to mean that intimations of President Wilson's friendly attitude toward the British contention had been conveyed to the London government. President Wilson's final decision followed more than a year of careful study of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty against the exemption. He always had been opposed to ship subsidies and intimations of this attitude began to come out while he was president.

ON PRIMARY REFORM BILL

Diverse Opinions on a Needed Law to Pu- rify Elections.

HOUSE DEBATES FOUR MEASURES

After Spending Most of Yesterday in Discussion the Debate Will Be Resumed on Monday.

Special correspondence.
Columbia, Feb. 5.—At its morning session the House spent its time in debating the four bills whose object is to reform the primary elections in the State and the two bills intended to wipe out houses of ill repute.
There is a disposition on the part of the members of the House to take some steps toward preventing fraud in primary elections, but the opinions as to how this shall be accomplished are as diverse as the points of the compass.
The Judiciary committee's substitute primary bill was championed by Mr. Stevenson this morning. The bill provides for a county board of registration who shall put the names of the voters at each precinct in two books, one to be filed 30 days before the election with the clerk of court and the other to be used as a club roll at the voting precinct. The bill places no restrictions around the registration of voters for the primary other than those already required.
Governor's Ideas Embodied.
Mr. Stevenson said that he had written the bill in conjunction with the Governor and that practically every idea of the chief executive advanced was embodied in the bill.
Mr. Wood of Spartanburg, said to be the whip of the administration, in the face of Mr. Stevenson's assertion, advocated the enactment into law of the rules passed by the last Democratic convention.
Many of the members spoke in favor of the substitute bill with various amendments. The one offered by the committee or privileges and elections would require the presentation of a poll tax receipt at the box which would be stamped by the managers to certify that the holder had voted to prevent him from voting again.
Vice Bill Debated.
The debate on the Sanders bill to enjoin and abate houses of ill repute and the substitute bill which prohibits the transportation of females for immoral purposes and is identical with the Mann white slave act was begun at noon and ended at 7 o'clock by agreement to recess from business until 8 o'clock tonight. Many phases of the vice problem were discussed on the floor of the house.
At the Night Session.
Debate was resumed in the House tonight on the primary election reform bills.
Mr. Fry of Laurens and Mr. Moore of Abbeville, opposing primary reform, both held that the primary was above reproach.
Mr. Liles of Orangeburg, advocating primary reform, said that he had heard that the Governor himself admitted that 20,000 fraudulent votes were cast in the last primary election.
The House did not reach a vote on the primary reform bills but adjourned debate upon them until Monday night.
The Senate spent the night debating the warehouse bill.

REUNION DATES ARE POSTPONED

of Confederate Veterans at Jacksonville Week Later.

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Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 5.—Acting upon the request of Gen. Bennett H. Young of Louisville, Ky., Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans, dates for the twenty-fourth annual Confederate reunion here were postponed from April 29, 30 and May 1 to May 6, 7 and 8. At a meeting here today of representatives of the veterans' association, railroad officials and members of the local entertainment committee.
Gen. Young's staff and business organizations throughout the country joined in the request that the reunion dates be postponed.

Women Are Against Liberty Bell's Journey

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Philadelphia, Feb. 5.—Mrs. Cora Rogers Beasley, president general of the National Society, Daughters of the Revolution, today presented to Mayor Blankenship a petition containing the names of the Liberty Bell from Independence Hall, Pa. Mrs. Beasley is not averse to sending the Liberty Bell to San Francisco, where it is wanted for the Panama-Pacific exposition. It said protests should be directed at any future trip after the proposed journey to the Pacific coast.

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Washington, Feb. 5.—An amend- ment by Senator Jones of Washington to the agricultural extension bill, which would insure to negro colleges of the South the administration of a portion of the funds proposed for farm demonstration work, today led to sharp debates in the senate over the racial question. Senator Jones for over three hours defended the principle of his amend- ment. The amendment, Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia, and Chairman of the Appropriation committee, should be left in the hands of the white man, who would "do more for the negro than the negro could do for himself." The ire of Senator Martin of Vir- ginia was aroused when Senator Jones read a paper he recently had prepared on the advance of the negro. He pic- tured the negro coming out of the civil war in a state of oppression and pov- erty. Senator Martin challenged every statement as inaccurate, asserting that the negro would be a great deal better off if the South were left to handle the question under the plan it had pur- sued than if they from far-off sought to meddle in the problem. Senator Sherman objected to this as an assertion that Northern senators were not capable of dealing with the question.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Robert Gunn Bremner, member of congress from the Seventh New Jersey District and editor of the Passaic Daily Herald, died today of cancer at a local sanitarium, where he had been undergoing radium treatment since last Decem- ber. He had been suffering from the disease for four years. Mr. Bremner was thirty-nine years old and married. Mr. Bremner came to a sanitarium here to try the radium treatment after physicians in his country and Europe vainly tried to cure him. It was found that the disease had made such inroads that the fight against death would be made with all the odds against Bremner. He was opti- mistic, however, and tubes contain- ing \$200,000 worth of radium were ap- plied to the growth. For a time the patient seemed to improve and mem- bers of his family frequently expressed the belief that he would recover. They clung to this hope until a few days ago, when he was seized with a striking spell. From that time on Mr. Bremner grew steadily weaker, although he several times rallied with strong vitality and powerful will. In his last days of suffering, Mr. Bremner still fought on and insisted that he wanted to go back to congress to fight for a bill to have a govern- ment owned radium institute so that this mineral could be at the disposal of the rich and poor alike. Warm Friend of President. Mr. Bremner was a warm personal friend of President Wilson, who was kept constantly advised of his condi- tion and who frequently sent him messages of sympathy and encour- agement. Representative Bremner's wife, three of his seven brothers and a sis- ter were at the bedside when the end came. The patient had been practi- cally unconscious since Monday, al- though there were times when he would talk intelligently. Since yester- day morning, however, he had been unable to articulate. Among his last requests as that to his brother, Leith, should take over the business of the Passaic Herald and look after the interests of his wife. The funeral services will be held at Mr. Bremner's late home, where the body was taken tonight.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Persons re- ported in official circles to be repre- senting the Mexican constitutional- ists are trying to buy from the United States discarded army rifles. Secretary Garrison said today he