

Real Start Of Tolls Fight In House Delayed

The Opponents Of Exemptions Blocked The Measure Hours

Two Other Measures Given Precedence—Galleries Crowded During The Afternoon For Most Brilliant Battle During The Wilson Administration.

porting President Wilson's contention for a repeal. Delay in House. Just as both sides were preparing for the beginning of the struggle and House galleries were packed with an expectant crowd another delay cropped up. Although the river and harbor bill was in direct line to be speedily finished to make a place for the tolls repeal bill, Representative Fitzgerald one of the democrats fighting the repeal, brought up the conference report on the urgent deficiency bill. A conference report always is in order under the House rules, so that displaced the river and harbor bills which still had the right of way over the Panama bill.

WORLD FAVORS REPEAL.

Washington, March 26.—President Wilson declared today that the united protest of the people of the entire world was unanimously in favor of the repeal of the Panama tolls exemption.

SAYS SUGAR REFINING CO. IS MONOPOLY

Washington, March 26.—Complaint against the alleged monopoly of the American Sugar Refining Company and its effects on the Louisiana sugar industry were outlined today in a letter addressed to President Wilson and congressmen by Donelson Caffery of New Orleans, who was presented to President Wilson by Senator Thornton. After outlining the status of pending suits under the Sherman law against the American Sugar Refining Company the letter presents contentions against formulation of a settlement in the suit "which will leave the American Sugar Refining Company in control of the New Orleans market," and says that as some phases of the situation are not cognizable in any court the attention of congress should be brought to "this most obstinate, flagrant and cruel of all the trade conspiracies in the United States."

\$10,000 OPTION ON S. COLLEGE TAKEN UP BY F. F. JONES

Frank F. Jones, real estate, yesterday closed an option on the property on South College street, opposite the Cochran-McLaughlin store, part of the old Brevard Davidson place, owned before and during the war by the late Wm. Elliott White, of Fort Mill, S. C.

CLARKE SAID TO BE LEADING

By Associated Press. Little Rock, Ark., March 26.—Selection of candidates in yesterday's democratic primary for United States senator and representatives from the three districts in which there were contests still was undetermined early today. Incomplete returns indicated Senator Clarke was leading his opponent, William E. Kirby, associate justice of the state supreme court, by nearly 1,000 votes for the senatorial nomination.

THE PENNSYLVANIA LAYS OFF MANY MEN

Philadelphia, March 26.—Confirmation was had from officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad today of the report that the company within the last three months had laid off about 15,000 employes on lines east of Pittsburgh in carrying out its policy of general retrenchment. It was said about 40,000 of the remaining 125,000 employes had been placed on shorter time. Two hundred clerks in general offices here have been laid off within a day or two.

RHYNATA CHARGED WITH BANK ROBBERY

Atlanta, Ga., March 26.—Edward Rhynta, under arrest charged with attempting to rob the Atlanta state saving bank late yesterday, today was identified, according to police, by I. Steinberg, clerk of the Jefferson Loan Society, as the bandit who executed a clever daylight holdup at the office of that institution here on March 5. Rhynta disclaims connection with either of the holdups.

TWO FIREMEN PERISH IN SIOUX CITY

By Associated Press. Sioux City, Iowa, March 26.—Two firemen were killed and a number of guests were carried out of flame's reach when fire burned a quarter of a block containing Frank's hotel today. The damage was estimated at \$250,000.

WEATHER. Cloudy tonight and Friday with probably showers. Moderate east and southeast winds.

REBELS REPULSED AT EVERY MOVE SAY REPORTS

Possible Fate of Gen. Villa and His 12,000 Rebels Causes Anxiety—Last Reports Show Desperate Fighting at Gomez Palacio.

Report That Villa Was in Full Retreat is Discredited—Fact That All Dispatches Have Been Cut Off Causes Apprehension.

Juarez, Mexico, March 26.—At noon an unofficial report reached here saying an intermittent artillery duel was fought at Gomez Palacio during the night. There were no details.

For two days no definite word has come from the front. News despatches from Mexico City last night stating the war department had asserted Villa was in full retreat are not believed generally in Juarez but the report caused rebel officers to make further inquiries for news from the battlefield.

Manuel Chao, military governor of Chihuahua, haunts the military telegraph operator day and night in the hope of a message from Villa telling of the fortunes of war.

No explanation was offered by rebel officers of the fact that communication after the attack on Gomez Palacio began while it had come frequently during Villa's triumphant southward march.

Washington, March 26.—This message, sent from Mexico City last night, was received at the embassy here today.

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Luis Terrazas Said to be Doomed. El Paso, Tex., March 26.—General Luis Terrazas, sr., was anxious today over the fate of his son Luis, who it was reported, was condemned to die yesterday at Chihuahua unless he paid 500,000 pesos to the rebels. No direct word of the prisoner's fate was received today.

Washington, March 26.—The state department had only a report from El Paso that up to yesterday afternoon reports were "still undetermined."

Other dispatches reported there was absolutely no foundation for stories that danger threatened five Americans in the Tiahuanillo district of Coahuila. Consular representatives report all foreigners within territory under constitutional control are being protected.

Rebels Repeatedly Repulsed. El Paso, Texas, March 26.—That the rebels have been repulsed every time they have taken the offensive at Gomez Palacio was the assertion made today by Miguel Diebold, inspector of Mexican consulates. He exhibited

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Use "The Want Ad Way". Telephone "Trust" Dissolved. Portland, Ore., March 26.—The so-called telephone trust by which the Bell system dominates the lines of Washington, Oregon and Idaho was dissolved without a fight here today when a decree accepted by the telephone interests and conceding the government's demands was entered in the federal court.

Head Of The British Army Has Resigned

messages from Mexico City as his authority. One message declared the rebels had not approached Torreon proper but had their hands full at Gomez Palacio, three miles distant. He asserted the federals were about to take the offensive.

EARTHQUAKE CAUSED PANIC AMONG PEOPLE

By Associated Press. Messina, Sicily, March 26.—A shock of earthquake accompanied by a violent storm caused a panic today among inhabitants of this district, most of whom fled to the open country. When the storm subsided it was found the damage was insignificant. There were no casualties.

STATUE OF BARRY PLACED IN FRANKLIN PARK.

By Associated Press. Washington, March 26.—The statue of Commodore John Barry, cast in bronze from a full size plaster model by sculptor Boyle was placed today in Franklin Park. Civic and military honors will mark its dedication in May.

DEM. CONVENTION FOR JUNE 17

By Associated Press. Raleigh, March 26.—The Democratic State Convention will be held in Raleigh June 4th, instead of June 17th. The change was made yesterday at a called meeting of the state democratic committee, because of a conflict in the original date with other conventions in Raleigh.

FUNDS RAISED FOR CONFEDERATE REUNION

By Associated Press. Jacksonville, Fla., March 26.—The finance committee of the Confederate reunion organization announced today that ample funds to carry out the reunion plans and festivities on an elaborate scale have been obtained. Twenty-three thousand dollars have been paid in with \$7,000 more pledged and fully \$15,000 in sight. It looks as if more than \$50,000 will be raised if that amount is needed. Today is "button day" and the women are selling them on the streets at \$1 each and meeting with great success. Adjutant General Forrest declares the reunion will be one of the grandest in the history of the South.

KENTUCKY BALL TEAM GOES ON STRIKE

By Associated Press. Lexington, Ky., March 26.—The baseball team of the State University went on strike here today because of an announcement that the spring schedule had been cut from fourteen games to twelve. The boys insisted the entire schedule be cancelled if the two games in dispute are not played.

ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

By Associated Press. Washington, March 26.—Elections for a president of the Dominican republic to succeed Provisional President Bordas are to be held April 1 and 2 at the constitutional assembly of the republic having fixed that time according to a cable to the state department today. The assembly was appointed sometime ago to revise the entire Dominican constitution and is still at work.

BURKE'S MAJORITY IS INCREASED

Pierre, S. D., March 26.—The entire majority republican state ticket headed by Governor Byrne was nominated in Tuesday's primary election, according to returns today from all parts of the state.

Premier Asquith Confronted With A New Crisis

WANTS U. S. CRUISERS USED IN NEW STEAMSHIP LINE

By Associated Press. Washington, March 26.—With the aim of developing transportation communication between the United States and South America, Senator Weeks of Massachusetts today introduced a resolution requesting the secretary of the navy to prepare a plan for establishment of naval cruisers to ply between New Orleans, New York and Valparaiso, Chile and intermediate points. The resolution designates the cruisers Columbia and Minneapolis and the scout cruisers Salem, Chester and Birmingham.

Information about the time required for round trips, the ship's passenger, mail and freight capacity and estimated cost of the proposed service are requested.

"At the present time South American mails are sent at long and sometimes irregular intervals and all American mails south of the equator are carried in vessels sailing under a foreign flag," said Senator Weeks, explaining his resolution. "It is the purpose of this resolution to call for information which it is believed will justify using fast cruisers of the navy as a main line to Valparaiso via the Panama canal."

Senator Swanson said he was in favor of the resolution but he insisted the ships should start from Norfolk, Va., as well as from New York and New Orleans.

Mr. Weeks said the vessels he named were practicable only for scouting service in war time and in peace were not useful because they lacked guns available for training service. He said he was opposed to government ownership of transportation lines, and, if later on, private capital undertook the operation of a line over the Southern route he would be inclined to withdraw the federal vessels.

Senator Jones wanted information about lines from the Pacific coast to Eastern South America.

"We are limited to the number of ships we have on hand and must select the most promising routes at first," responded Senator Weeks.

The resolution was referred to the naval affairs committee.

"That is a matter which may be properly considered when the service is once established and we are assured of our legitimate share in South American trade," said Senator Weeks.

WAREHOUSE COMMITTEE HAS MEETING—PARTY LEFT FOR NEW YORK

There was a meeting of the organization committee of the Duke war housing plan last night at the Southern Manufacturers' Club, at which those present were Mr. Stuart W. Cramer, chairman of the committee; Mr. John A. Law, of Spartanburg; Messrs. Chas. Webb, J. D. Harris and Lewis W. Parker, of Greenville; Mr. J. D. Hammett, of Anderson; Mr. C. E. Hutchison, of Mt. Holly, and Messrs. C. B. Bryant and C. C. Moore, of Charlotte.

The meeting concerned itself mostly with the further discussion of plans of organization and the appointment of a committee to go to New York to consult further with Mr. Duke and certain other New York financiers with regard to the details of the plan. Messrs. S. W. Cramer, Lewis W. Parker and J. W. Cannon, the latter of Concord, were appointed on the committee to go to New York. The committee left last night on Southern train No. 32 for New York, accompanied by Mr. C. B. Bryant, who is secretary of the American Manufacturers' Association, and who acted as secretary of the meeting here when the Duke plan was explained.

The Statement of Premier Asquith that All Army Officers in Ireland Must Obey All Orders May Lead to Many Resignations, it is Said.

Reports State That Field Marshal French and Adjutant General Ewart Had Also Resigned—No Action on Resignations Taken Yet.

By Associated Press. London, March 26.—Premier Asquith faced a new crisis today by the resignation of Field Marshal Sir John French, chief of the imperial staff and virtual head of the British army.

Other leading army officers were expected to hand in their papers as a direct outcome of the repudiation of the guarantees given to army officers in Ireland. The premier yesterday declared these guarantees were not sanctioned by the cabinet. Colonel Seely, secretary for war, subsequently resigned but the premier refused to accept his action.

The result of a meeting of the principal commanding generals of the British army was awaited with anxiety by the public and in political circles today, as it was thought they might take some step which would virtually disrupt the army administration.

In North Ireland where the controversy between nationalists and unionists has been the cause of so much difficulty to the British government, there was no disturbance today.

Chief of Army Staff Resigns. London, March 26.—Field Marshal Sir John French, chief of the imperial staff of the British army, resigned his commission today.

The field marshal, who was one of the signatories of the memorandum to Brigadier General Hubert Gough giving guarantees to the army officers that they would be ordered to fight the Ulster unionists, regarded the repudiation of the document by the government as a slight on himself. For that reason he resigned.

London, March 26.—Although it was generally conceded today that Premier Asquith had regained the upper hand in parliament, the government is by no means altogether out of trouble. It still has to deal with army officers in Ireland under the new conditions established by the premier's speech in the house of commons yesterday.

Brig. Gen. Gough declared that this will mean wholesale resignations and disruption of the army.

The premier's speech won back the support not only of the liberals but of the Irish and labor members of parliament by the stand it took on repudiating the guarantee given to the mutinous army officers that they might decide whether they would serve against the Ulster unionists.

It is now asserted that as soon as the government formally withdraws the guarantees given by Colonel Seely, secretary for war, and Field Marshal Sir John French the officers will again resign their commissions and as one of them said: "This time in earnest."

There is also to be settled the question of what the army council will do.

Brig. Gen. Gough, commander of the third cavalry brigade, said today: "If Premier Asquith withdraws the guarantees he will have to throw over the army council and the government will be faced particularly with disruption of the army."

The liberal press in the provinces, while endorsing what Premier Asquith has already done, insists that he must go farther and actually withdraw the guarantees given to the officers.

These newspapers say the premier must make it quite plain to all officers of the army and navy that they must under all circumstances obey orders.

Many liberals, too, think Premier Asquith should have accepted the resignation of Colonel Seely, for he always has been suspected of being really more unionist than liberal in his sympathies.

The Liverpool Post, a liberal newspaper, says that the month of June is given as the latest date for a general election. It intimates that as a result of the intervention of King George an agreement has been reached by the unionists and the liberals under terms of which the home rule bill shall be passed with the understanding that a general election shall follow. "The only thing not absolutely settled in the agreement between the parties," says the newspaper, "was whether the plural voting bill also should be passed. The difficulties in regard to this latter bill are likely to be surmounted, however."

Expect Resignations. Opinion prevailed in military circles today that the resignations were imminent of Field Marshal Sir John French, chief of the imperial general staff, and Lieut. Gen. Sir John Spencer Ewart, adjutant general to the forces. This was regarded as the most likely. (Continued on Page Eleven.)