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DENOUNCE ACTION AS MUTINY OF ARMY

Liberal Party in England Bitter Over Result

KING USED INFLUENCE

Westminster Continues a Seething Caldon Over Outcome in Ulster

London, March 24.—Westminster continues to be a seething caldon over what the Liberals now denounce as the "mutiny of the army aristocrats" against democratic government.

Before they left London yesterday the officers telegraphed to their brother officers in Ireland that they had found support "from the highest quarters" on their arrival at Curragh.

The throne, which traditionally has kept out of party controversies, is involved in the discussion as it never before has been during King George's reign or that of his diplomatic father.

More Light on Subject. The government has promised to throw more light tomorrow on recent history by giving parliament all the written communications with General Paget and officers who refused service.

Redmond Makes Statement. John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalist party, in a statement to the Associated Press today declared the question is whether the atmosphere is one of rebellion in its own ranks.

MUCH INTEREST SHOWN

Twenty-four County Farm Demonstrators and Other Specialists in Meeting at Fayetteville.

(Special Star Telegram.) Fayetteville, N. C., March 24.—The second day's sessions of the convention of the local and district farm demonstrators for Eastern North Carolina were marked by interesting talks and helpful discussions.

CONGRESS ON EVE OF BIG STRUGGLE

Complete Plans for Taking Up Sims Bill Today

FIFTEEN HOUR RULE

Resolution Will be Offered Today Limiting Debate to Fifteen Hours

Washington, March 24.—Congress is on the verge of the most vigorous legislative struggle that has enlivened its proceedings in many years—the contest over the administration proposal to repeal the provision of the Panama Canal act granting toll exemption to American coastwise ships.

Plans for taking up the Sims Repeal bill were completed in the House today and Democratic leaders on both sides of the issue have aligned their forces and prepared their arguments.

Representative Henry, chairman of the rules committee, proposes to submit a rule to limit general debate on the measure to fifteen hours. A vote on this rule when reported will, in a measure, test the strength of the opposing forces.

Preliminary to the debate which is certain to be most spirited, special attention was given tonight by Senators and Representatives to the major repeal bill submitted by Representative Adamson of Georgia, chairman of the committee on inter-State and foreign commerce.

This report which appeared in printed form today, points particularly to the fact that in reporting the Panama Canal act during the last Congress, the committee had commended uniformity of treatment for American coastwise shipping as accomplished by amendment.

"We do not disturb," he added, "by the taunt made for a purpose, that repeal would be trucking and yielding to foreign demands. A similar taunt could be hurled against any man or party who would yield to claims with contracts, or generous enough to promote friendly relations by according respect to consideration to views of the opposing party."

MADAME GAILLAUX GIVES HER REASON

Fears Consequences if Letters Were Published.

TELLS HISTORY OF DAY

Former Premier Declares That He Had Not Taken Part in Any Campaign Against Caillaux—Letters Not to be Published.

Paris, March 24.—"My fear of the consequences of the publication of some private correspondence in the Figaro led to my assassination of Gaston Calmette," Madame Caillaux told the examining magistrate today.

"I also had been possessed with the idea that my husband might be driven to commit the crime," she said, and so decided to do it myself.

Fifteen ringleaders among women prisoners in the Saint Lazare penitentiary who protested against the special privileges being accorded to Mme. Caillaux were placed in isolation cells today.

Mme. Caillaux then said she told Pierre de Fongueres, assistant minister of ceremonies at the foreign office, who telephoned to ascertain when she and M. Caillaux would attend the dinner that evening at the Italian embassy, to arrange to place at 2 o'clock she planned to give March 23rd at which the American ambassador, Myron T. Herrick and Mrs. Herrick were to be present.

The prisoner then said she made an appointment with her hair dresser for that evening, was manicured, visited her dentist, then drove to the minister of finance office and told her husband that Judge Minier had told her, "My husband was furious," she asserted.

"He exclaimed: 'Then there is nothing else for me to do except to go and break his neck.' I did not doubt at that moment that my husband intended to commit some act of extreme violence."

MILITIA PATROLS BURNED DISTRICT

Durham Fire Loss Estimated at One Million.

DUKE HEAVIEST LOSER

Flames Raged Unchecked for Three Hours in Heart of Business District of the Tobacco Manufacturing City.

(Special Star Telegram.) Durham, N. C., March 24.—Stocks of two additional stores were ruined by water when fire, reviving tonight, broke out in the basement of the Carlton-Hackney Seed Co. The fire spread to the adjoining building occupied by the Bird-Upper Grocery Co. The flames soon were suppressed but the stocks were ruined.

This makes seventeen business houses destroyed besides a hundred or more offices ruined. Estimates Stand at a Million. Durham, N. C., March 24.—Fire which originated shortly before last midnight and raged unchecked for three hours, did damage estimated at \$1,000,000 in the center of the business section here.

The flames originated on the second story of the Duke building. According to the best information available the point of origin was near the elevator shaft. The fire first was discovered at 11 o'clock. Firemen had been at work but a few minutes when a water main burst, rupturing the pressure on that day the apparatus was practically useless.

The heaviest losses were to owners of buildings. Many merchants were able to rescue a great part of their stock but occupants of offices in the Duke building lost many valuable records and equipment of various sorts. Several law libraries were burned.

Business in Durham Suspended. Durham, N. C., March 24.—Practically all business was suspended in Durham today on account of the devastation of the business district by fire. Crews of wreckers were hard at work all day in tearing down the standing walls of wrecked buildings.

Money on call steady 1 3/8 to 2 per cent; ruling rate 1 7/8; closing 1 7/8 to 2; time loans weaker. Flour firmly held. Wheat steady; No. 2 red 1.05 1/2; No. Northern Duluth 1.03 1/4. Corn steady. Rosin and Turpentine steady. Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 13.50; golf 13.75.

SENATE TAKEN UP TRUST PROBLEM

Will Act Before the House Completes Bills

ON TRADE COMMISSION

Will Have More Power According to Measure Going Before the Senate—Hearing Will be Re-Opened Thursday.

Washington, March 24.—That trust legislation, long under consideration by committees in both branches of Congress, will be considered in the Senate independently of House action was practically assured today after a meeting of the Senate inter-State commerce committee. The committee is drafting a single bill to embrace all features of proposed regulations to supplement the Sherman law.

It is probable, according to Senators particularly interested in the pending legislation, that the Senate will take up the subject for general debate before the House committee have completed the bills upon which they have been engaged. Senator Newlands, chairman of the Senate committee said tonight that no part of the proposed legislation will be reported from the committee until all features have been embodied into one bill and he predicted that this measure would not require extended debate in the Senate.

Today the Senate sub-committee renewed consideration of the language of provisions to be incorporated in the anti-trust bill which would prohibit forms of holding companies held to be injurious. This it was said, would differ materially from the separate bill to regulate holding companies recently introduced in the House.

Hearings on the anti-trust bills will be re-opened Thursday by the House Judiciary committee at the request of Representative McCoy to allow William H. Ingersoll, of New Jersey, a watchmaker, to discuss price fixing. No other witnesses will be heard.

Inter-State Commerce Commission Issues Official Statement—Railroads Ask More Time to Show Cause. Washington, March 24.—An official announcement issued today by the Inter-State Commerce Commission indicating the likelihood of the taking of additional testimony in the Eastern advance rate case as late as April 22nd, was accepted as making it quite certain that a decision of the case could not be expected before some time in May, at the earliest, and probably not until a short time before the commission adjourns for the summer, late in June.

The railroads have requested the committee to afford them opportunity to present additional testimony as to their need of increased revenues; and also to offer evidence in rebuttal of the testimony introduced by those opposed to an advance in rates. The commission announced that it would begin to take the additional testimony on March 30th and 31st and that, if necessary the hearing would be completed on April 20th, 21st and 22nd. As Clifford Thorne, chairman of the railroad commission of Iowa, representative eight Western States in opposition to the proposed advance, is to present his views on March 30th and 31st, it is hardly possible that the hearings can be concluded until late in April.

BATTLE STILL RAGING IN AND AROUND TORREON

Report Current in Juarez That Federals Had Surrendered is Not Confirmed—Wires to the Front Hot With Official Messages and News of Fighting Meagre—Seven Hundred Federals Are Said to be Killed.

CHIHUAHUA, MARCH 24.—An official dispatch received at 5 P. M. today says fighting continues fiercely at Gomez Palacio. The rebels are said to have captured the stone railroad round house and to be fighting from it. The rebels claim that the Federal dead number 700. No report as to their own losses has been made public, but it is learned that they have at least 80 wounded.

Juarez, Mexico, March 24.—Roseate rumors and "official" reports of the onward sweep of Gen. Francisco Villa and his victorious rebels kept this city in a state of gratified excitement today, but the optimism was dashed somewhat by the receipt of an Associated Press dispatch from Chihuahua, quoting an official dispatch saying that fighting continues at Gomez Palacio. It was announced officially in the course of the morning that the city, three miles from Torreon, was taken last night at 8 o'clock, and that Villa had ordered supplies sent there direct.

Next came word that Gen. Eugenio Aguirre Benavides had captured two Federal couriers in Torreon itself. This information was conveyed in a private telegram from Col. Trenio, one of Benavides staff officers, to his brother in Juarez. At this there was further joy, but it was nothing to the excitement occasioned when Gen. Manuel Chao, military governor of the State of Chihuahua, and now in this city, greeted Gen. Carranza, received a private report that Gen. Velasco, Federal commander at Torreon, had surrendered.

Gen. Chao accepted the report with reserve, however, and telegraphed to Gen. Villa asking for confirmation or denial. After two hours he had received no reply. The dispatch from the Associated Press state correspondent at Chihuahua had something of a dampening effect on the spirits of the rebels and it gave rise to all manner of conjectures. It was the first direct news telegram of the day, but it was argued that the official report quoted in it did not necessarily disprove previous reports of fighting in Torreon, or even that Villa did not actually have Gomez Palacio in his possession last night.

The report might mean, it was conjectured, that the Federals as a part of the general battle, might have returned to Gomez Palacio and renewed the fight, while other forces were engaged in Torreon, three miles away. Conflicting Reports. Laredo, Texas, March 24.—Conflicting reports of the battle between Mexican Constitutionalists and Federal troops at Laredo today from the isolated scene of yesterday's engagement near Guerrero, 60 miles south of this city on the Rio Grande. Heavy losses on both sides were indicated. An official Federal dispatch came out in Nuevo Laredo, claimed Gen. Guardiola repulsed the rebels after nine hours' fighting and they took refuge in a narrow fire trap, surrounded with wounded, besides leaving many dead on the field. It was said many Constitutionalists deserted and fled to the United States during the fighting.

It was admitted Guardiola withdrew to San Ygnacio after the reported retreat of the rebels. His loss in killed, captured and wounded was given as 60 men. Constitutionalists reports were conflicting, but all claimed a substantial victory. The capture of Guerrero, which had been held by Guardiola, was a feature of the reports. It is regarded here as probable that both sides retreated with no material advantage about 1,500 men were engaged on both sides. Gen. Jesus Carranza and Antonio Villareal commanded the Constitutionalists. BRYAN ADVISES FLOOR ON S. NOT TO LOOK FOR SON. Eatonton, Ga., March 24.—Dr. J. Q. Nolan, of this city, who has asked the State Department at Washington to investigate the death of his son, Frank Nolan, at Tampico, Mexico, and who has considered going to Mexico himself to investigate, tonight received a telegram from Secretary Bryan advising against the journey. The message read: "American consul at Tampico wires that body of son can not be exhumed until expiration of five years. Advise strongly that you do not go to Mexico."

Meagre advices received here are to the effect that Dr. Nolan died March 6th, after a brief illness. The father of the dead man desires a full investigation to determine the cause of his son's death. It also was desired to bring the body back here for burial. Little Known at Washington. Washington, March 24.—With the beginning of actual battle on the Mexican front, the attention of the army officers here find themselves deprived of a much desired opportunity to study the campaign through the eyes of military observers on the field. Since the United States has not accorded political recognition to either Federals or Constitutionalists, there is no way by which American officers can be detailed to view engagements as in ordinary wars. All that was made known officially to officers on duty at the War Department of yesterday's important movements in the neighborhood of Torreon was contained in a brief dispatch from an American consular officer that the Constitutionalists had captured three towns in the neighborhood of Gomez Palacio.

There has been no exhibition of real strategy at any time in this Southern campaign or, indeed, since the beginning of the present revolution, in the opinion of general staff officers. In the opinion of experts here, Gen. Villa's successes so far has been founded solely upon his ability to inspire his soldiers with desperate courage. Secretary Garrison today suggested to Gen. Bliss, in answer to the latter's telegram respecting the disposition to be made of the score of Constitutionalists soldiers driven across the Rio Grande by Federals yesterday near Del Rio, that it would be wise to keep this party separate from Federal soldiers detained at Fort Bliss. Ainey Resolution Today. The Ainey resolution calling on the President for information regarding the protection of foreigners in Mexico probably will come up in the House tomorrow. The foreign affairs committee is expected to report the resolution adversely. Secretary Bryan will appear before the Senate foreign relations committee tomorrow to discuss State Department matters, but it is understood there has been no arrangement for a conference on the Mexican situation. Governor Colquitt's offer of a reward of \$1,000 for delivery upon Texas soil of the Mexican desperado and murderer of Clemente Vergara has caused State and War Department officials serious concern, for international complications may be the result. The right of the Governor to offer a reward for apprehension of a fugitive is not denied by the officials. But in this case it is feared that the offer may lead to an attempt to kidnap the Mexicans and bring them into Texas, which would violate the extradition treaty between Mexico and the United States and afford the Mexican government ground for a demand for punishment of the kidnapers with all kinds of legal entanglements. Further reports on the incident near Del Rio, Texas, where Mexican Federals fired across the Rio Grande at American troops say more than 500 shots were directed at the soldiers, to whom fleeing Constitutionalists surrendered.

ACTION PREDICTED

To Permit Development of Alaska's Cool Fields

Legislation Will be Taken Up Promptly by Senate to Allow Advancement in Territory—Favorably Report Bill Today.

Washington, March 24.—Early action on legislation to permit the development of Alaska's rich coal resources was forecast today when the Senate public lands committee agreed to report favorably tomorrow the administration leasing system bill in amended form. With construction of a government railroad already authorized, leaders in Congress propose to remove restrictions as quickly as possible, so that development of the coal lands may be well under way by the time the road is in operation.

As perfected by the Senate committee the leasing system bill would provide for the leasing of mining rights only for indefinite terms. Under the bill 5,120 acres in the Baring river field and 7,681 acres in the Matanuska field will be reserved by the President to be mined by the government "when in his opinion the mining of such coal becomes necessary by reason of an insufficient supply of coal at a reasonable price" by the navy and government work "and for relief of oppressive conditions."

The bill proposes that the unreserved lands be surveyed into forty-acre tracts or multiples thereof, the maximum being fixed at 500 acres for any tract. These are to be leased to competitive bidders, not more than one tract being included in any one lease. No land would be prohibited from acquiring under the act a greater coal supply than needed for their own use. The total average of contiguous land which one person or corporation may hold in the discretion of the secretary of the interior, would be fixed at 2,500 acres, and consolidation of small contiguous holdings would be permitted if the total acre involved were within that figure. The bill seeks to prevent interlocking interests in leases, by forbidding any person or interest to take or hold any interest as a stockholder or otherwise in more than one lease and provides that any interest held in violation of that proviso shall be forfeited.

OUTLINES

Congress is on the verge of one of the most vigorous legislative struggles in its history. The committee will report the Sims resolution to repeal the provision in the Panama Canal Act giving freedom from tolls to American coastwise shipping today. The fire which destroyed a whole city block at Durham early yesterday morning did damage amounting to \$1,000,000. Mme. Caillaux declared her reason for killing the editor of the Figaro was fear of the consequences should the publication of her letters to the press be made public. Early action on legislation to permit the development of Alaska's rich coal resources was forecast in the Senate yesterday when the Public Lands committee agreed to favorably report the administration leasing system bill. The Senate will not wait for the land to take initiative action on the anti-trust legislation. Villa's forces are sweeping on toward Torreon. An unconfirmed report reaching the border late last night was to the effect that the Federals have been submitted a time, extending perhaps over several days, will be taken up in oral arguments. Greensboro, N. C., March 24.—President Fairfax Harrison, of the Southern Railway, will be a guest of the Greensboro chamber of commerce Wednesday evening.

GODWIN EXPLAINS THAT SIXTH DISTRICT MIX-UP

Thinks Correspondent Had Columbus Primary Law in Mind.

(Special Star Telegram.) Washington, D. C., March 24.—Representative Godwin explained the mix-up over the report sent out from Dunn that the time had expired for candidates to file for Congress in the Sixth district, by stating that he had a recent legalized primary law enacted for Columbus county, which fixed March 12th as the last day to file notice of intention to run for office. Godwin says he has been notified that no one has filed against him in Columbus and perhaps this is the way the Dunn correspondent got mixed up. Mr. Godwin says that district executive committee meeting tomorrow and of course nothing could be done before that time. The matter is in the hands of the committee and he will make such arrangement as is felt necessary.

CAROLINA PHYSICIAN A SUICIDE IN WASHINGTON.

Dr. Oliver Kinsey, of Kinsey, N. C., Ends His Life.

(Special Star Telegram.) Washington, D. C., March 24.—Dr. Oliver Kinsey, 28 years old, of Kinsey, Cherokee county, N. C., committed suicide in the bathroom at a students' boarding house here this morning by inhaling gas and swallowing a quantity of poison. He was dead when two of his friends opened the bath room door. It is believed that the physician's mind had been unbalanced from worry. Dr. Kinsey had received an offer from the county authorities of Kings-ton, N. C., to fill a medical position there, it is stated, and he also had thought of entering the public health service, but was unable to decide which position he preferred.

ENDORSED BY MR. DANIELS

Proposed Progressive Mass Meeting, Foremost Thing a State-wide Primary for All Parties.

(Special Star Telegram.) Raleigh, N. C., March 24.—In a personal letter just received here, Joseph Daniels, North Carolina Democratic National Convention chairman and Secretary of the Navy, heartily endorsed the proposed progressive mass meeting of North Carolina Democrats and gave leave for the following to be said as coming from him: "In my conversation with the President with respect to this movement, he heartily endorsed the effort to put North Carolina in harmony with the movement manifest all over the country in behalf of measures calculated to improve the condition of the people. He expressed surprise that North Carolina had not been a leader in these matters. Mr. Daniels said further: 'My idea is that we should work for these progressive ideas which have stirred other States. The foremost thing is a State-wide primary for all parties to be held on a common day. This should replace the hybrid system we now have in operation. I think we should stress that tremendously. We ought to be certain that we get that in this year, and as many other good things as possible, including the proposed amendments to the Constitution.'