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VOTE ON TOLLS REPEAL BILL EXPECTED TODAY

All Ears Strained for Clark's Speech in Congress Against Measure.

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

President Declares That Insinuations Made by Representatives in Reference to Administration Activities Highly Insultive.

Washington, March 30 .- On the eve of the vote in the House of Representatives on the repeal of American toll exemption in the Panama Canal act Congress today was completely absorbed in the controversy. Verbal artillery thundered throughout the day in both House and Senate.

While opposing forces were clashtol, President Wilson took occasion er rates from the shippers. to discuss the all-engrossing situation that what had promised to be a dignified contest over principles had degenerated into a fight upon the administration. While on the subject President Wilson characterized as "crowning insult of a number of in- | nopoly, Senator Bristow insisted. sults" in the debate, the declaration made a deal to repeal the tolls exemption with Sir William Terrel, secretary of Sir Edward Grey, British secretary for foreign affairs.

th the final vote on the neal bill in the House schedule for ate tomorrow, interest in the controversy revived, the closing speech of Speaker Clark in opposition to the repeal serving as the chief objective or foreign trade.' point of anticipation. Little doubt as o the result of the vote on the bill entertained by any one the majority for the repeal being variously estimated at from 30 to 75 votes. Clark Speaks Today

speculation as to the course of his ttack on the bill will take. His lends do not expect him to attack the President. Some Democrats be lieve that he will not refrain, however, from allusions to political en-

ate today was enlivened by Senator Jamemsm Hamilton Lewis, of Illinois, who pleaded for the President's cause, urging, however, a compromise giving the President authority to suspend

Senator Lewis aroused mingled as tonishment and curiosity among his colleagues by discussing the foreign relations of the United States and exlaining what he thought the Presiient might have referred to in his message on the tolls issue asking Congress to grant the repeal. He drew United | ridge, would happen should the States intervene in Mexico.

Referring to the Presidents' failure to specify what foreign relations prompted him to appeal for tolls exemption repeal, the Senator did not hesitate to give "what I feel may have been his reasons." He then en-States, beginning with the taking of

The Mexican Situation. Taking up the Mexican situation and Spain, and other nations, Senator Lewis dramatically declared:

down into Mexico with a view of exe- price of the elimination of Huerta. cuting the Monroe doctrine against these foreign nations who have statheory that we no longer had a right to execute the doctrine because of our past folloy, Japan promptly would is for a straight repeal without equivseize the Philippine Islands. would then seize Hawaii and then in condition would our country be? because of England influence the ad- were true. He replied: ministration in power the last ten "Of course, that answers itself. It years lent its aid to Japan against is just the crowning insult of a numnew in an offensive and defensive allance of life and death with Japan would not lose her opportunity. Rusin seizing Alaska and the north

The North and the South, protect Alaska and to the Orient to otect the Philippines. The army would be divided, one part in Mexico and the other part moving to our possessions to protect them. England feeling under those conditions no riendliness to us, and South America when under the administration of Colonel Roosevelt, we performed a Caesarian operation on Colombia and excised from her the government of Panama, only waits that it may duplicate the performance upon one equality defenseless on the south, near the Canal zone; furnishing supplies to the enemy and supporting the assault. In already imbued with a feeling that what a splendid condition we would to. stand. Sad, indeed, it is to contem-

ed floor and galleries thronged to a ernments of the United States and point which broke all records of at- Great Britain. tendance, listened to the arguments on the issue. The President was at-

supported and condemned. Attacks on the President brought Representative Walsh, of New Jersey, to his feet with a ringing defense The Democrats cheered his tribute to President Wilson vigorously.

The importance of the occasion was impressed on the spectators when shortly after the House met Repre sentative L'Engle, of Florida, a sufterer from rheumatism, was wheeled into the House in an invalid's chair and from the chair made a speech opposing the repeal. During the day Miss Eleanor Wilson, the President's daughter, and several White House guests, took places in the executive gallery of the House and listened to the debate for a time.

In the Senate Senator Owen read into the records a plank of the Baltimore platform denouncing ship sub-This, he said, was a flat contradiction of the plank favoring exemption in the Panama Canal and was the expression of Democratic doctrine for many years.

Senator Owen declared he favored repeal of the navigation laws giving American-owned and manned ships a coastwise trade monopoly. Under these laws, he declared, the companies had so divided the traffic among ing in oratorical flights at the capi- themselves that they extorted improp-Monopoly of Traffic.

Senators Bristow and Fall declared with callers, expressing keen regret that railroad domination of coastwise shipping through arrangement with Pearson syndicate, controlling the Tehauntepec Railroad, had created a serve banks are to be located. It is the anti-trust action brought against condition of monopoly in coastwise the general expectation here that the it late in 1912, and a decree against it traffic. The exemption provision of the canal act was aimed at this mo-

Representative Knowland, of Cali- of the Democratic Congressional Camfepma, that the administration had paign committee, one of the first speakers today, expressing regret that he had to differ with the President. declared that Great Britain had admitted the American right to exempt and has announced that any lists coastwise trade from payment of tolls. made previous to their official publia law "we will be forever stopped spite this fact there has been great from granting free transit through the canal to our ships in the coastwise

Representative Montague, of Virginia, vigorously supported the repeal. He declared that in interpreting the Baltimore platform pledge in favor of banks to be established. free tolls Democrats must choose between following the ancient Jeffer-than eight and not more than twelve ears will be strained for the son Democratic policy forbidding sub-Speaker tomorrow and there is much sidies and following the Republican doctrine advocating subsidies. choose the time-worn Democratic polley," he said. History of the treaties tions of the Clayton-Bulwar and may-Pauncefote treaties were reviewed by Mr. Montague in an attempt to show that equal treatment of all nations in the United State canal was a historic policy of this country Vigorous defense of Speaker Clark

was delivered by Mr. Sloan, of Ne-He declared the braska, Republican. shown no real administration had reason for the repeal. "We are told by the newspapers that the President does not propose reprisals against those who differ with him in this matter but we are also informed that the Speaker is to be

punished," he said. Representatives Bartholdt, Missouri, a vivid picture of dire things that Republican; Cline, Indiana; Seldom-Colorado; Gudger and Small, Carolina, and Goeke, Ohio, Democrats, spoke for the repeal, and Representative Hayes, of California, opposed it. Representative Lenroot, Wisconsin.

tered upon a recital of acts of ag- ner in which the matter had been pregression on the part of the United sented to Congress by the President Representative Knowland issued a statement tonight declaring that President Wilson had read his speech instead of some of the newspaper and reviewing the operations of the headlines, he would have known that United States in other lands and the he charged no trade or deal. He said interests in Mexico of England, France he merely called attention to facts concerning the visits of British representatives to Washington and asked Federal reserve board, which is to The very first moment we move whether the Panama Canal was the

Wilson Opposes Compromise. Mr. Wilson let it be known that he tioned themselves there upon the was unqualifiedly opposed to any the reserve board could change the compromise or amendments, such as organization committee's entire plan have been proposed in the Senate. He if it deemed it advisaable.

She ocation. The White House later authorized such conditions-our armies in Mex- quotation of what the President had ico, the canal not finished, no way to said in answer to the charge to the have a joinder of our navy—in what effect that the President had made a deal with Sir William Tyrrell, private "Russia with her grievances-she secretary to Sir Edward Grey, the who sent aid to the Union at a time British foreign secretary. The Presiwhen it was threatened-feels that dent had been asked if the charge

"Of course, that answers itself. It er. Russia, remembering this wrong, ber of insults which have been entered in this debate. This whole tihng reminds me of a story I used to be found of telling of a very effective desia with her grievance promptly would | bater-I need not say where this happened-who sent a challenge down into a county very hostile to him, to debate. The people down there did not united, would sail to the North Sea to like the job very much, but they put up the man they liked best and who was generally put up on such occasions, a great big husky fellow whom

they all called Tom. The challenger was given the first hour of the two hours allotted to the debate and he hadn't got more than half way through his speech when, it

enemy and supporting the assault. In ingly answered that he did not need and the Valentine anti-trust act, of

Senator Lewis appealed to Congress Grey, British foreign secretary, in the trust the President, hoping that the House of Commons today denied the writ by judge Dillon will force the trust the President, hoping that the House of Commons today denied the writ by judge Dillon will force we may return to the doctrine of a published allegations that the action him into court to resist the Phelps f Panama canal tolls was the result Again today in the House a crowd- of an understanding between the gov-

tendance, listened to the arguments on the issue. The President was attacked and defended by vigorous orality.

The campaign policy of the administration was derided and commended. The economic policy of granting American vessels free tolls was alternately steady. The economic policy of granting American vessels free tolls was alternately steady. The president was attached and the arguments of the under the terms of the under the te ican vessels free tolls was alternately saying so."

tricts Are Finished.

ANNOUNCEMENT

After Three Months of Consideration Federal Committee Has Completed Plans and Only Few Details Remain.

Washington, March 30 .- After three months of consideration, the reserve bank organization committee-Secretaries McAdoo and Houston and Comptroller of the Currency Williamscharged with laying the ground work for the new currency system is about ready to define geographically the limits of the Federal reserve districts into which the continental United the cities in each district where rewill be made about April 1st for the tle remains to be done.

The committee has taken precautions to keep its conclusions secret, interests here in the doings of the committee and volumes talked by those in official life who are now entirely within the inner circles. Opinion is not unanimous among those persons as to the number of permits the establishment of not less banks. There is apparently little ground for believing that the commit tee will name only eight cities, and many persons are confident that they will select the full number allowed canal and various construc- The expectation seems to be general that there will be at least four cities on the Atlantic seaboard. In this section Boston, New York and Philadelphia have been named many times and Richmond and Atlanta, Baltimore and Washington have been put down on many of the unofficial lists. Between the Allegheny Mountains and he Rockies many agree that Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City are practically certain to be chosen and many add Minneapolis, Cincinnati and New Orleans or Dallas, Texas.

One On Pacific Coast. Persons who have figured their lists argely on the resources of the nabanks which are to become tional members of the reserve system, believe one bank will be located on the Pacific coast, at San Francisco. There have been doubts in minds of some persons as to the number of banks to be set up in the South. Atlanta. New Orleans, Richmond and ouisville have been active in an attempt to secure a bank, but the committee has been reminded by others that the South, east from the Mississippi, is still a borrowing country. Ac- evidence to the attention of the Decepting this statement as true, some partment. persons in their prophecies have limited their lists to ten. They declare that this would allow for natural expansion in the South and permit the establishment of a bank there later.

A fact that has notbeen emphasized in the unofficial reports, is that the manage the new system has authority under the law to change the districts and the cities whenever it sees fit. Al though it seems at present unlikely

Ohio Judge Issues Alternative Writ Ordering Attorney General to Start Proceedings.

Columbus, O., March 30 .- Judge Dillon, of the common pleas court late today granted an alternative writ ordering Attorney General Hogan to institute proceedings to oust the Standard Oil Company and its subsidiaries, including the Imperial Oil Company, of Canada, from doing business in Ohio. The case is set for hearing

The suit to compel Attorney General Hogan to file ouster proceedings the latter's trial. was instituted several days ago by George H. Phelps, an attorney of Sir Edward Grey Denies. ed after an investigation that he would not institute the proceedings demand-

DIED AT INSPECTION.

National Guardsman at Gastonia, N C., Drops and Expires. dying instantly of heart failure.

Geographical Limits to Dis-Record Week Promised for Will Add Burden of War De-Department of Justice.

SOON SEVERAL CASES ARE UP RESIGNS FROM HOUSE

Expect to Reach Settlement With the Metropolitan Tol. 1000 Company Before End of Week-Elgin Board of Trade Case.

Washington, March 30. - Unless here is some unexpected hitch in the plans of the Department of Justice, this promises to be a record week for activities under the Sherman antitrust act.

States are to be diveded for banking politan Tobacco Company of New purposes, and at the same time name York, or that company will be the ob-Board of Trade will cease to defend announcement of these conclusions will be recorded at Chicago and a final report on the facts in connection with the charge of violation of the Sherman Representative Doremus, chairman committee is known to have reached Act, in the case of the United Gas Ima point in its deliberations where lit- provement Company, of Philadelphia, is expected. It also is regarded as probable that final disposition will be Viscount Morley, Col. Seely and Gen- eligible. made of the report of the investiga- erals French and Ewart all visited tion into the alleged Wannamaker the King during the day. Customs undervaluations.

the Smelting Trust is in the hands of Gen. Sir John Ewart, adjutant genereral McReynolds, in charge of trust nations in spite of the army order prosecutions, and it was said that Mr. issued Enday, which Viscount Halaration of the usual bill in equity ask-ing for the combine's dissolution. on which the generals might stand with consistency and honor.

Negotiations in Progress.
Negotiations between officials Attorney General McReynolds is convinced that these companies are act, and the bill against them is ready States District Ataliney Wilkerson at Chicago, is near the end of conferences with representatives of the Elwill be discontinued. Partial reports have been received

at the Department of the investigation into the United Gas Improvement Company, but a final report of the facts as founded by a department agent has not been made. Complaints against the company have alleged that t monopolized the field of gas fixtures. The department is expected to drop the Wanamaker Customs duties case The matter has dragged along for several months, but it was said tonight that further action against the former postmaster general or his son, Rodman Wanamaker, will not be undertaken by the department. Mr. Wanamaker turned over to the government about \$100,000 a year ago, in payment of duties which the government failed to collect in a long period of years Another investigation brought more

Convicted Negro Declares New Affidavits in Frank Case Are False. Claims Innocence.

Atlanta, Ga., March 30 .- "If those negroes who have made damaging statements against me will face me, I will show them that they are speak- CLAIMS SON IS UNBALANCED ing falsely."

This was the declaration here today of James Conley, the negro convicted as accessory to the murder of Mary Phagan, 14 years old, regarding recent affidavits made in connection with efforts under way to obtain a new trial for Leo M. Frank, superintendent of the National Pencil Company, under sentence of death for the girl's murder. Conley was sentenced to one year's

imprisonment in connection with the He testified at the trial of Frank that the latter killed the girl superintendent in disposing of the body in the factory basement. The negro was employed as a sweeper in the factory.

Emile Selig, father-in-law of Leo . Frank, died suddenly here today. He was a retired business man, aged He was a witness for Frank at

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banking system.

reached before adjournment. officers to serve against the Ulster volunteers. The Premier will himself take charge of the War Department taken today by her parents to her night seemed bright. steady. Rosin quiet.

partment to Other Duties.

Announcement of Premier Comes as a Surprise to All Parties-Irish Members Are Letting British Fight It Out.

London, March 30 .- After all the many solutions of the government erisis, which had been proposed and discussed, Premier Asquith announced a solution to the House of Commons today which none of the prophets had suspected or even expected. According to present plans, work on The Premier himself, will assume the complaint against the so-called burden of the war office in addition to He will resign from the House at this critical stage, when the second readject of an anti-trust action; the Elgin ing of the home bill is about to be taken up and will appeal for re-election to his constituents in East Fife, Scotland, within a few days.

No member of the Irish Nationalist party, of which Jonn E. Redmond, is the head, uttered a word in the House. The Irishmen are letting the English fight it out alone. Premier Asquith, Field Marshal Sir John

G. C. Todd, assistant to Attorney Gen- al, declined to withdraw their resig-Todd will begin immediately the prep dane cleverly framed as a platform Blackman, grade 83.10; Fred G. Eawith consistency and honor. It thus became impossible for Col J. E. B. Seely, who was co-signor with

the department and representatives of them of the assurances to Brig. Gen. the Metropolitan and other tobacco Gough, that the army would not be used to suppress the Ulster opposition to home rule, to retain the secretaryship of war. His resignation, thereoperating in violation of the Sherman fore, was accepted, after he had been for some days under fire from the to be filed at once, if negotiations fail newspapers of his own party which According to reports here, United insisted that he must go Morley Expected to Withdraw.

Viscount Morley, of Blackburn, lord gin Board, by which the suit against it partner with Col. Seely in drafting the offending paragraphs of the document stands in the same position and his withdrawal from office is expected to-

morrow. These were the events in today chapter of the continued story which is keeping the country at the highest The present situation is remarkable in that the government nominally wil be without a Prime without a leader in the House of mons until the by-election is held in East Fife. The writ for the election must give eight days' notice and probably will be issued tomorrow. The only practical loss to the party will be Mr. Asquith. He will preside over the cabinet meetings and direct maneuvers in the House of Commons from an unofficial seat while Reginald McKenna, the Home Secretary, and Winston Spencer Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, will under-study him as house leader. "Oh, I'll be handy if 'm wanted," Mr. Asquith remarked to Andrew Bonar Law, of the opposition, who thought that the home rule bill could not proceed in the absence of the Premier.

Asquith Consulted No One. Mr. Asquith apparently consults no one except the King before his bold decision. His colleagues in the cabinet seemed to be as surprised as the other members of the House when he revealed his plans. Mr. Asquith is already First Lord of the Treasury, (Continued on Page Eight.)

Legal Battle Begun for Freedom of Boy Accused of Murdering His Teacher With Wrench.

Little Falls, N. Y., March 30 .-Charles Gianini today began a legal fight to free his son Jean, accused of murdering Miss Lydia Beecher, a in the factory and that he aided the young Poland (N. Y.) school teacher, whose bady was found Saturday in the woods near that town. An alleged confession by the boy, who was a pupil of Miss Beecher, today was plac- he could. Miss Tyler was confident, ed before the grand jury. The elder as she left the White House, that she Gianini said the accused youth was mentally unbalanced. Gianini says in his confession, disclosed today, that tive Holland. Once, in the Roosevelt he had asked Miss Beecher to go with administration, a successor to Miss ing and that General Refugio Velasco, him to see his parents in regard to his reinstatement in the Poland High office.

administration, a successor to Miss the Federal commander, had made a conditional offer of surrender. This office. The Federal reserve banking com-mittee has nearly completed plans for polled at the young woman's instignthe launching of the new currency pelled at the young woman's instiga- DEATH OF GUNMEN tion. Before their arrival Miss Beech-Speaker Clark will deliver his er became frightened, he said, and inspeech in Congress against the bill sisted upon returning. Glanini de-Panama Canal Act today. A vote on clares he then hit her with a wrench which he had concealed in his pocket, Albany, N. Y., March 30.—The and knocked her down. Then he beat chances that the four men waiting the measure is also expected to be which he had concealed in his pocket.

in addition to his many other duties. home in Sennett. Before his departure H. Michael Kringle, their attorney, New York markets, Money on call her father, Rev. A. W. Beecher, vis. filed their petition for a rommuta-

Hopes Progressive Meeting May Result in Some Good-Returns to Washington.

(Special Star Telegram.) Washington, D. C., March 30.-Senator Furnifold McLendon Simmons, who has been recuperating at his country home near Newbern, returned to Washington today. Senator Simmons appears to have been much benefitted by his sojourn in the country and he says he feels much better. Senator Simmons said he had not tried to keep up with politics since he left Washington and therefore did not know much about the progressive meeting which is to be held in Raleigh | Roberto V. Pesquira, confidential smelting trust will be begun; a settle-ment will be reached with the Metro-He will resign from the House at this lever that he saw no objection to the ever, that he saw no objection to the meeting and he hoped it would result in some good to the State.

Fourth Class Postmasters. Representative Godwin has received the following rating for fourth class postmasters in the Sixth district from the Civil Service Commission: East Arcadia, Bladen county, Mrs. Hattie S. Trust, grade 82.90, only eli-

Castle Haynes, New Hanover county, Edward R. Jones, grade 79.10, only Coats, Harnett county, Reuben O.

Stewart, grade 86.50, only eligible. Cooper, Cumberland county, Daniel Mathews, grade 64.40. Elkton, Bladen county, Miss Vida Davis, grade 52. Clarendon, Columbus county, Mrs. Mollie L. Harrelson, grade 67.20. Bule's Creek, Harnett county, J. F.

on, grade 82.70; Conrad F. Wagstaff, Fair Bluff, Columbus county, Roscoe C. Tucker, grade 88.70; Mrs. Rosa-lie A. Tucker, 86, only eligible.

COAL MINERS VOTE TO WALK OUT TODAY Men in Ohio and West Virginia Will

Columbus, Ohio, March 30 .- Nearly every coal mine in Ohio will shut down tomorrow throwing more than then is reported to have burned sev-35,000 men out of work for an indefimade here tonight at the close of a meeting of coal operators of the Hocking Valley Jackson county Pomoroy, Crooksville and Zanesville coal fields in Southern Ohio. The decision of the Southern Ohio operators to close their mines is the same action as that taken by the Eastern Ohio operators at Cleveland Saturday. The reason for the action according to E. A. Cole, of Columbus, Ohio, an operator, is that the operators "cannot run the coal mines without knowing what the coal will cost. Failure of the operators and miners to agree on a new wage scale brought about this condition, he added.

Wheeling, W. Va., March 30.-Al the 10,000 union coal miners of the Eastern Ohio coal fields in Belmont and Jefferson counties will walk ou tomorrow night, pending the negotiation of a new wage scale for the dis trict, to take place of the scale which expires April 1st, according to announcement here tonight officials of the United Mine Workers of America It is reported the unorganized miners of the West Virginia Panhandle which is under the jurisdiction of the Ohio sub-district, probably will go out with the Ohio miners. It is now believed that West Virginia, other than the Panhandle, will not be affected.

WILSON WILL LOOK INTO MISS TYLER'S CLAIM

Grand Daughter of Former President May Continue In Courtland Office.

Washington, March 30.-President Wilson today promised to inquire per-sonally into the case of Miss Mattie Tyler, grand daughter of President who appealed to him to continue her as postmaster at Courtland, Va. Postmaster General Burleson re cently appointed B. A. Williams, who has his commission but has not taken

charge. Miss Tyler charged that a "clique of Virginia politicians" had displaced her, and that if civil service were to be applied, Miss Sadie Cole, her assistant who ,she said, headed the list on examinations, should be appointed. The President promised to do what would not be displaced. The postmaster general acted on

the recommendation of Representa-

MAY BE DELAYED. Condemned Men May Be Given Re-

spite Until After Becker Trial. Premier Asquith announced a solu-tion to the recently developed trouble in England over the refusal of army officers to serve against the Ulster

ed the petition closely.

SIMMONS SEES NO OBJECTION Several Bands of Fugitives Intercepted by Rebels and All Put to Death.

NO NEWS FROM FRONT

Friends of Both Sides on Border Are Eagerly Awaiting Outcome of Fighting at Torreon-Washington Surprised.

Juarez, March 30 .- The rebel and Federal forces at Torreon are still engaged in battle, it was learned tonight. This information came from agent of the constitutionalists in the United States, who recently arrived

here from Washington. Eagle Pass, Texas, March 30.—Refugees who reached Piedras Negras, Mexico, from the vicinity of Monclova today, reported that Gen. Murgia's command of Constitutionalists had intercepted several bands of fugitive Federal volunteers from Torreon and killed them to the last man. No estimate was given of the casualties. Murgia is operating between Monterey and Torreon and is reported to have isolated the oTrreon garrison

from all communication with Mexico City, and with Federal forces at Monerey and Saltillo. There has been no communication between Eagle Pass and Torreon over the government telegraph lines for five days. All railroads into Torreon from the east have been cut. Gen. Joaquin Maas, who went to reinforce Gen. Velasco at Torreon, made the rip overland in armored automobiles

with his 800 men. Murgia commands a strong force of Constitutionalists which, while taking no part in the attack on Torreon, been working to prevent any as sistance reaching the Federals in the beleaguered city. He recently captured Monclova, confiscating large supplies in the railroad warehouses there, and proceeding south, and com-munication with Monterer from Ple-dras Negras at Espinazo, ten miles above Reata, a junction point leading to both Monterey and Torreon. eral bridges on railroad which had been carrying supplies to both places. Numerous small bands of Constitutionalists have arrived around Mon-

Villa Practically in Control.
Washington, March 30.—Over a special leased wire between Washington and El Paso, Mexican Constitutionalist officials exchanged reports on the military and financial conditions of their cause. Felicitos Villareal, minister of finance in the Carranza cabinet, sat at the Washington end of the wire, while Roberto V. Pesqueira, Washington agent of the Constitutionalists, and Senor Zubaran, minister of Gobernacion, were at El Paso. After the conference it was said that Gen. Villa had practical control of the situation at Torreon and that the financial status of the movement was growing better dally. It is believed the reports sent by real were for the benefit of Gen. Carranza, who has just arrived at Juarez.

Rebels Capture Steamer.
Douglas, Ariz., March 30.—The Spanish steamer Bonila, carrying 900,-000 pesos with which to pay the Federal garrison at Guaymas, was captured Saturday by Constitutionalists off Topolobampo, according to official dispatches received here Constitutionalist Agent LeLevier. The money was confiscated and the vessel sunk. The captain and crew were held for trial on the charge of having aided the Huerta government.

The same dispatch confirmed ear-

lier reports of the capture and sink-

ing of the steamer Carmen, of the

Compania Navira Del Pacifico. Insurgent officials today denied the eports that the gunboat Tampico, which they captured recently from the Federals, would be dismantled. They said the vessel which was waiting for coal, was engaged in scouting around Topolobampo, with orders to capture all vessels found carrying men and supplies for the Huerta government.

No News From Front. Juarez, March 30.—No reports of a convincing nature were received today from the front. What purported to be a telegram from Major Roque Gonzales Garza, said the taking of Torreon was a matter of hours, but it was recalled that last Saturday night General Villa thought it was a matter of minutes.

Later General Manatel Chao stated that General Carranza had received a telegram from VHIa to the effect that the rebels had taken all positions in Torreon except the main barracks, which the Federals still were defend-Meanwhile the Federal sympathizers on the El Paso side were deriving great comfort from telegrams said to have come from Torreon and the City of Mexico. These had it that the rebels had been put to disorderly flight from Gomez Palacio, Torreon and Ler-

No newspaper dispatches were re-ceived. The embargo on sale of liquor was removed but the restriction against persons entering the city after 10 o'clock at night remained. The Carranza commission appointed to investigate the death of William S. Benton will not be ready to report for sometime as Dr. Larra is at Chihuahua assisting in the care of the wounded.

Surprised at Endurance. Washington, March 30.—Army officers here are much surprised at the endurance shown by the raw and undisciplined Mexican troops on both sides in the fighting around Torreon.

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