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O'GORMAN'S COMMITTEE GETS THE REPEAL BILL

Meeting Called for Nex. day by Chairman to Consider Measure.

OWEN AT WHITE HOUSE

Oklahoma Senator Confers With President Wilson-Delay by the Committee Will Not be Tolerated.

Washington, April 1 .- The administration bill to repeal tolls exemption tor American ships in the Panama canal, which passed the House yesterday amid spectacular scenes, reached the Senate today and was referred promptly to the committee on inter-oceanic canals without debate.

Senator O'Gorman, chairman of the Canals committee, who is marshaling the anti-administration forces, anno formal consideration of the repeal ready recommended for the job. measure or proposed amendments can develop. Although friends of the President had hoped to have the Canals committee meet earlier, they decided to make no effort to induce Senator O'Gorman to change his plans. They will insist, however, upon action with-

tee gets down to work. Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, ma-House early in the day and conferred the emphatic declaration that friends of the repeal bill would not submit unnecessary delay in preliminary consideration of the bill and flatly declared that the gauntlet of committee discharge would be hurled-should an attempt be made to impede the progress of the measure.

That some members of the commit tee who oppose exemption repeal de sire to have public hearings on the ill was apparent later today, but administration supporters insisted that such was entirely unnecessary and that there could be no other reason for them except deliberately to cause

No Public Hearings. "Public hearings on this issue are

innecessary," said Senator Owen to-"and would unnecessarily prolong this controversy, which is a clean cut issue and thoroughly understood by every Senator. We are entitled to get away from Congress early this time, and intend to go it if possible. Senator O'Gorman has said repeatedly there would be no unnecessary delay in the committee in considering the bill, but it is expected that requests will be made of him to grant

On this the committee may be force ed to act and it would be considered as a test on the real issue. Just how stands is uncertain both sides claiming a majority of one An unfavorable report on the bill would be followed by a minority report and this would bring the controversy before the Senate on a motion to adopt the minority report. Many complications are possible in

the situation even before the committee because there are half a dozen pertaining to the tolls question before the committee. That there will be a persistent effort made to amend the repeal bill as it passed House is certain, but friends of he President declare that nothing but hat repeal of the toll exemption will accepted. In support of this they claim a safe majority. Many polls of the Senate have been taken, Democrats and Republicans included, but have been incomplete. Estimates of the majority in favor of the repeal vary from two to 24.

Resolution Introduced Today Senator Norris, of Nebraska introduced a resolution which would provide for arbitration of the treaty pute in the tolls controversy and Senator Poindexter submitted another to provide for postponement of consideration of the tolls issue until Presdent Wilson submits details, in confidence if he chooses, as to foreign relations to be affected by toll exempon repeal. No action was taken on. either resolution.

The corrected count of the vote in the House yesterday repealing the exaption clause as announced in the ongressional Record today is 247 for the repeal and 162 against it—a maity of 85 for the administration. The count as announced last night was 11 votes against it. The name of Representative Dyer, Republican, of Louis, who voted against the re-

peal, was omitted in the list. The President today had no comment to make on the result in the House, but let it be known that he cherished no ill feeling toward those tho, expressing their convictions, opposed the repeal. There was no comment made on the speech of Speaker

The resolution introduced by Sena tor Poindexter, follows:

Resolved by the Senate that the President is hereby respectfully refeared would be published. M. Barton in his message, and resolved further, that action on the bill for the repeal of the tolls exemption clause of the Panama Canal Act, and all consideration thereof by the Senate or sideration thereof by the Senate or by the Senate committee on inter- A. C. L. STOCKHOLDERS Oreanic canals be deferred until the information called for by this resolu-tion can be obtained."

In his preamble Senator Poindexter asserted that the action was based on an admission by the British embas-Richmond, Va., April 1.—Atlantic sy that the United States had the right to exemp its coastwise shipping, and the statement in writing of the British foreign minister that many material provisions of the Hay-Panama canal because the particular of the 4 per cent. See a super canal see as a super canal s

Still Stands for Gouverneur for Collector.

While Mr. Simmons is Equally Insistent Upon the Appointment of Col. Taylor-Rabbit's Foot for the President.

(Special Star Telegram.) Washington, D. C., April 1 .- At a conference between Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Senator Simmons today the question of who shall be appointed collector of customs for the port of Wilmington was discussed at great length. It developed that Mr. McAdoo was still strongly in favor of the appointment of his personal friend, M. F. H. Gouverneur, and that nounced definitely tonight that he Senator Simmons was equally as inwould call a meeting of the commit-tee for next Tuesday. Until that time Col. Walker Taylor, whom he had al-

Senator Simmons told the Secretary that he would not even listen to the discussion of any other man for Collector Keith's job; that Col. Taylor was his choice and was fitted in every way to fill the office to the satisfaction of every one. The senior Senator in reasonable time after the commit- explained to Mr. McAdoo that the appointment of a collector at Wilmington was his patronage and that he ority member of the committee, who had, after careful consideration, dewill lead the fight in committee for cided that Col. Taylor should have the administration, visited the White the place.

McAdoo Insists. Mr. Simmons that Gouverneur was the man whom he wanted to have He said he was a personal friend to Mr. Gouverneur, and had a personal interest in seeing him aphould succeed Keith and the senior Senator left the Treasury Department under the impression that Taylor would certainly get the place. gave out an interview tonight in which he declared there was not the slightest doubt about Col. Taylor's being

Col. Taylor will be in Washington n a few days and will be presented to Mr. McAdoo. State Certain of Road Money

Senator Simmons paid another visto the Postoffice Department and when he left stated that he had secured a definite promise that the \$20, 000 Federal road money which had been withdrawn from the State would again be placed at the disposal of Governor Craig. It is now believed that Mocksville-Statesville highway will be designated and part, if not all of this appropriation, used on this

John F. Broughton, of Garner, the man who stood the highest examination for the postmastership at his home town, was here today. Broughton declared that nearly every one in he State is delighted over President Wilson's toll victory.

Rabbit's Foot for Wilson. Representative Godwin has received letter from Robert Tatum, of Rankin, in which a rabbit's foot was in-

(Continued on Page Two.)

Investigation of Matter That Led to Killing of Editor by Mme. Caillaux Finished.

Paris, April 1.-The commission investigating the reasons for the postponement of the trial of Henri Rochette, charged with extensive swindling, finished its hearing today. Its report will be submitted to the Chamber of Deputies tomorrow.

The report said in part: "The course of M. Caillaux and the ntervention of M. Monis constitute a most deplorable abuse of influence Their act, however, was not of corrupion, since they were personally disin-

The commission expresses regre that M. Fabre, the public prosecutor, did not have the courage to resist at the time he declared himself humiliated over the order to postpone the Ro-

chette case. The action of M. Bidault de L'Ive president of the Court of Appeals, also s criticised. The commission declared it has been unable to discover how the Fabre report reached the hands of M. Barthou and M. Briand, who also are the object of caustic criticism. Several deputies gave notice that

they will speak on the report tomor There were several dissenting votes Claims Testimony Fake. Paris, April 1.-Louis Barthou, for mer premier, today declared Madame

Caillaux's testimony false when she dested to inform the Senate, in condence, if he so desires, what are the mamed matters of 'pearer senate him letters which Madame Caillaux Spanish-American war, the Philippine Spanish-American war unnamed matters of 'nearer conseHim letters which Madame Caillaux Spanish-American war, the Philippine system will start business with a tohim letters which Madame Caillaux insurrection and the Boxer uprising of greater delicacy' referred feared would be published. M. Bar. to in his message, and resolved further, that action on the hill the his message are the hill the highest the high

AUTHORIZE BOND ISSUE.

Two Hundred Million to Close Mortgage-Other Purposes.

Hold Continuous Hearings.

ROADS

sion Will be Devoted to Pending Case Until It Is Completed, Is Report.

washington, April 1.-Wnether Eastern railroads shall make a general freight rate increase may be decided by the Inter-State Commerce Commission within a month. That the case would be disposed of at a much earlier date than had been expected became apparent today with the commission's determination to hold coninuous hearings until all testimony s in even, though railroad representaives cannot conclude their final statements tomorrow night as planned. Recent developments tending to

show the necessity for quick disposiion almost wholly to the rate ques-The case may be submitted upon briefs, with little, if any, oral argument. The rate case was the subject of general discussion at the capital today as the result of Senator LaFollette's action in introducing a bill to make unlawful any attempt to nfluence proceedings before the Inter-State Commerce Commission except n accordance with the commission's egulations.

Condition of Roads. W. H. Williams, third vice presient of the Delaware & H

ing before the commission. ended by the railroads during the ast six years for additions and bet terments." he said. stantially \$600,000,000; and to earn 4.10 per cent on this amount would require additional receipts of \$78.544. sufficient funds, their credits must be improved, and this can only be accomplished by a larger excess of current earnings over the current cost of operation and taxes.

here has been a money increase the interest return demanded of investment securities and railroads forced to meet growing competition in the investment field The ability of the railroads to secure new capital has been impaired by the reduction of the factor of safety of investment.

W. C. Wishart, statistician of the New York Central, testified concerning a railroad's cost of living. "Rates of pay for transportation have gone down sharply," he declar-

The consumer of today can secure more transportation for a given amount of goods than he ever could sell at declining prices regardless of cost of production. revenues have declined somewhat wages have risen 24 per cent, per unit of traffic, and other expenses and taxes about 12 per cent. per unit of

J. T. Wallis, general superintenlent of motive power of the Pennsyl vania, testified that the system was obliged now to pay far more for repairs, supplies and general maintenequipment than ever before

LaFollette Introduces Bill. Washington, April 1 .- Senator La-Follette today introduced a bill to make unlawful any attempt to influence any proceeding before the Inter-State Commerce Commission except in accordance with its regulations, and gave notice he would speak tomorrow presenting evidence of efforts to infuence the commission in connection with the Eastern rate case now pend

Senator LaFollette would not dis cuss his bill further than to say: "I desire to present some remarks apon the bill and some evidences of a hearing that is under way in this country that I believe to be the most serious in its prejudicial effect upon he work of the Inter-State Commerce Commission of anything that ever beore has been witnessed.

Several Senators, it was said today ave been told that the commission s being deluged with communications rom many sources urging an increase in freight rates. Senators and Representatives, it was said, had written to members of the commission on various phases of the subject. Senator LaFollette expects to discuss that fea-

Congress Votes to Pay Widows and Orphans of Men Who Fought In War With Spain.

widows and minor children of the case.

have married the soldier prior to the it is completed. passage of the bill. The pensions are | Col. George W. Goethals yesterday to be limited, however, to widows became governor of the Canal zone. without means of support other than In conformity with his wishes, no cer-Richmond, Va., April 1.—Atlantic their daily labor and an actual net emony marked the occasion.

VILLA DENIES THE

Commerce Commission to Telegram Received at Juarez As Chief of Staff of Army, Arthur J. Balfour, Carson and For All Reserve Banks in New is Very Definite.

ASK INCREASE DETAILS ARE MEAGRE HUGH L. SCOTT NAMED FOR SECOND READING STATEMENT IS ISSUED

Rebels Under General Herrera and Column of Federal Reinforcements.

Juarez, April 1 .- Reports that Torreon had fallen were definitely denied by General Villa late today. His telegram was based on a message of congratulations "on the fall of Torreon" dispatched to him yesterday by Col. rison here. General Villa replied as manding the troops at Fort Bliss, on a Federal basis is gaining ground. parent tonight when figures were follows:

"Gomez Palacio, April 1st, 1914. mas, Juarez.

"In reply to your message, I wish to state that while I have taken a part of the city of Torreon, the struggle is not yet completed. I expect to obtain a triumph, of which I will advise you. (Signed)
"GEN. FRANCISCO VILLA."

Details of the struggle reached here today were brief and showed that the relative positions of the contending forces have not changed to any extent in the last five days.

Whether the forces of Gen. Joaquin Maas, marching to the relief of the Federals at Torreon, have yet engag-No confirmation was reeived of the rumor that a train load f the soldiers of General Maas was column under command of General Maas was said to number 4,500 men. To meet him, it was reported, Gen-eral Herrera was detailed by General Villa. An engagement between these orces was expected hourly. Miguel Diebold, Mexican Federal consul at El Paso, made public a telegram from General Maas reading:

"Reported fall of Torreon untrue Deny all such report The message was dated today and purported to come from Satillo, just east of Torreon, by way of Eagle Pass,

Burgaw Case Settled by the Supreme Court.

Robeson and Sampson First Degree Murder Convictions Sustained. Register vs. Tidewater Power Co. Affirmed,

(Special Star Telegram.) Raleigh, N. C., April 1.-The North Carolina Supreme Court declines to disturb the order of the lower court in dismissing the restraining order in of the crime committed. He was conthe case of Moore and others vs. Cooper and officials of Burgaw to prevent the erection of the Confederate monument there on a specific site, the court holding that the monument being already erected there is no ground for

reviewing the matter. There must be an entirely new proeeding if effort is made to force renoval of the monument to the other ite being contended for

The court affirms the lower court in State vs.W.T. McKenzie, from Robeson county, in which the prisoner s under death sentence for first degree murder in the killing of his rother-in-law, Peter D. Jones, of scotland county, as the outcome ad feeling between members of the amily following the death of McKenzie's wife, who, the kin people insisted, had been mistreated by McKenzie.

Sampson County Case. Another first degree murder convicion sustained by the court is State vs. Hedrick Devane, from Sampson (Continued on Page Eight.)

OUTLINES

Senator O'Gorman, chairman of the Canals committee, has called a meeting of that committee for next Tuesday to consider the Toll Repeal bill which was passed by the House Tues day night. There will be no unneces sary delay.

Senator LaFollette has announced that he will disclose efforts to influence the Inter-State Commerce Com-Washington, April 1.-Pension for mission in the Eastern Railroads Rate The new Federal Reserve banking

charged soldier or sailor and \$2 month- Eastern railroad rate case within a age provided that the widow shall their entire time to the matter until sary by present business conditions.

CAPTURE OF CITY TO SUCCEED WOOD COMES UP MONDAY

April Twenty-Second.

ful Handling of Indian Uprising in Arizona-Favored by

Washington, April 1.-Maj. Gen. William W. Wotherspoon, now assist-Texas, will be assistant chief of staff.

New York.

The appointment of Gen. Wotherpected as it was in accordance with the practice of promoting the assistant chief of staff to the first place. So Field Marsha the interest of the army centered in chief of staff. the selection of an assistant chief of The first ac staff who might in turn succeed Gen. on account of age, next November. chief should be tendered to Brig. Gen. der was declined by Gen. Bliss, and within the past week it began to appear that the choice would fall on

The latter made a favorable impression on the administration by the dispatch and thoroughness with which he personally settled the recent Navao uprising in Arizona.

Unlike his predecessor, Gen. Scott become assistant chief of staff with the rank of brigadier general There now is no vacancy in the grade of major general and to promote him to that rank, when Gen. Wotherspoon retires, it would be necessary to jump him over the heads of nine brigadiers who are his seniors.

It was recalled today, however, that there is no obstacle to the assumption of the office of chief of staff by brigadier general, as that was done when Brig. Gen. J. Franklin Bell was appointed to the place.

No selection has yet been made of a successor to Gen. Scott, as commander of the second cavalry brigade at El Paso.

IN PENITENTIARY 13 YEARS, THEN PARDONED. Charles Keith, of Forsyth, Punished Enough, Craig Thinks.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Raleigh, N. C., April 1.-After serving 13 years of a 25-year sentence in the penitentiary for burglary, Charles Keith, of Forsyth county, gets a pardon from Governor Craig on the ground that he has been sufficiently MYSTERY SURROUNDS MURDE punished in view of the circumstances victed in April, 1901. The pardon is unconditional. The reasons as given by the Governor follow:

"While the owner and occupants of the dwelling were absent, the prisoner entered the dwelling in the early part of the night and stole some small articles. The circumstances tend to show that he knew the occupants were absent. Thirteen years in prison is, in my opinion, sufficient punishment for this offense. The crime was serious, but the punishment has been The pardon is recommended by Judge Stevens, who tried the case, by Solicitor Griffin, who prosecuted, by all the Forsyth county officers, the prosecutor and many citizens.

GOETHALS NOW GOVERNOR.

No Ceremony Marked Occasion-Is First Governor of Canal Zone. Panama, April 1.-Col. Geo. W. Goetwishes, no ceremony marked the oc- by a revolver shot, and that she in- chief of police, together with Drs. J.

Because of Financial Condition of Road Engineers on N. & W. Will Not Demand Raise.

Roanoke, Va., April 1.-Appeal for a wage increase submitted by engineers and firemen of the Norfolk & Western Railroad was withdrawn today after publication of the announcement of the road's president that reductions in force and suspension of ly for each child under 16 years of month. The commission will devote improvement had been made neces-Work was resumed in the general shops of the Norfolk & Western here today 900 men, according to estimates of the general office being returned

The order affects shopmen through-

HOME RULE

Law Will Speak.

Entire Time of Inter-State Commis- Engagement Expected Hourly Between As Assistant Because of His Success- Almost a Certainty That Mr. Asquith Giving Figures of National Banks in Will be Returned to Parliament Unopposed When Election Takes Place.

> London, April 1.-A remarkably pathetic spirit has come over the politi- eral Reserve banking system will start ant chief of staff of the army, has cal situation in strange contrast to business with a total authorized capibeen selected to succeed Maj. Gen. the storm and stress of a week ago. tal of about \$100,000,000 for all reserve Leonard Wood as chief of staff at It is almost certain that Mr. Asquith banks, no matter how many institute the end of Gen. Wood's term, April will be returned to Parliament unop- tions the organization committee de-Fidel Avilla, chief of arms of the gar- 22nd. Brig. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, com- posed. The feeling for a settlement cides to set up. This fact became ap-

> Gen. Wood will assume command row, and Sir Edward Carson and An- responding to the last call of the Colonel Fidel Avilla, Jefe de Las Ar- of the Eastern Department, with drew Bonar Law Monday when the comptroller of the currency, made headquarters at Governor's Island, division on the Home Rule bill will March 4th. be taken on the second reading.

> > Mr. Asquith has appointed Gen. Sir spoon to be chief of staff had been ex- Charles Douglass, now inspector general of the home forces, to succeed Field Marshal Sir John French as The first act of Premier Asquith in

his new capacity as Secretary of State Wotherspoon when the latter retires, for War was to clear up the mystery surrounding the instructions given by tional bank must subscribe six per A short time ago it had been about the war office to Gen. Sir Arthur Pa-cent. of its capital and surplus to the settled that the position of assistant get, commander in chief in Ireland. the public, was able to inform the but the entrance into the system of House of Commons today that "The banks and trust companies will tend only question Gen. Paget or intended to put to the commanding officers in Ireland was whether they were ready to put their duty before

any other considerations. It was not his intention that this or any such question, should be put by the general officers to their subordinates.

IN SIXTH DISTRICT Certified to Postoffice Department for Fourth Class Offices.

(Special Star Telegram.) Washington, D. C., April 1.-The following names have been certified to the Postoffice Department for appointment as fourth class postmaster in the Sixth Congressional district: Hope Mills, John M. Morgan, John

T. Bynum, Mrs. Hannah J. Pate. Buies, Alfred Britt, only eligible. Bolton, Miss Sallie F. Troy, only

Boardman, Troy Hester, Geo. W Brown, only eligibles. Bug Hill, Pearson A. Stanley, only

Hallsboro, Joseph B. Wyche, John W. Hall, only eligibles. Evergreen, Ashley M. Benton

Three Members of One Family Found Dead Near Clinton, Tenn.-No Reason Now Known.

Clinton, Tenn., April 11-Mystery surrounds the killing near here early today of three members of the Seivers family. Millard Sievers was shot through the back of the head at his home three miles from this city, and a short time lafer, three miles away the bodies of his father and mother Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sievers, were found lying in the dining room of

Officers who spent the day investigating the tragedy, could discover no definite clew. The coroner's jury likewise could get nothing on which to noon asking that officers be sent down render a verdict placing the blame. Millard Sievers' wife told the offici-Canal zone. In conformity with his als that she was awakened early today iff W. W. Smith and S. H. Dunlap,

vestigated and found the body of her O. McCielland and D. W. Harris, went husband lying on the floor with black down. husband lying on the floor with blood flowing from a bullet hole in the back Will Floyd wounded, having been shot of his head. His revolver was be twice, once in the right arm above the Mrs. Sievers swooned, she said, and

unconscious. On recovering, she ed about their work and the second summoned help and sent a messenger old, resented some of the things said to the home of her husband's parents. in the quarrel and proceeded to shoot Unable to arouse any one at the the Floyd negro up. Immediately afhome of the elder Sievers', the mester the shooting a brother of Floyd senger investigated and found the bolknocked Covington down and with the senger investigated and found dies of the aged man and his wife. Both of the Slevers were prosper until the arrival of the officers, who ous farmers. The elder Sievers was put him under arrest and brought him 65 years of age, and the son 35.

BURKE SHERIFF TARDY.

Likely to be Fined \$100 Under New Revenue Act.

(Special Star Correspondence.)
Raleigh, N. C., April 1.—The North
Carolina Corporation Commission is reporting to the State Treasurer the failure of the sheriff of Burke county to make official returns of subjects of the State Treasurer the failure of the sheriff of Burke county are make official returns of subjects of the State Treasurer than the state of the sheriff of Burke county are make official returns of subjects of the sheriff of Burke county are subjects.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wake Forest, N. C., April 1.—Dr. Potent spoke to the young men of the Y. M. C. A. Monday night on "Business in Religion." to make official returns of subjects of special license taxation in the county as required by the 1913 Revenue Act, schedules B and C, section 89 1-2.

The Burke county sheriff is the only one that has failed to comply with the law in this respect and steps are

Federal System.

Response to Call of Comptroller Will be Last Until the New System Begins.

Washington, April 1.-The new Fed-Arthur J. Balfour will speak tomor- made public from all national banks.

The statement issued giving these figures will be the last of the kind before the formal launching of the system, unless the organization changes its present purpose and delays the announcement of the reserve districts and cities. The total capital and surplus of the 7,494 national banks reporting was given at about \$1,788,000,-000. Under the reserve act each nacapital of the reserve bank in its dis-Sir Arthur was summoned to Lon-trict, and six per cent. of this total tention to enter the syseem, so that to offset this, and it is possible that with these institutions figured in, the

> capital of all reserve banks will be near \$110,000,000. The actual working capital of the reserve banks may reach only half this amount for the act provides that mandatory subscriptions of only three sixths of the total six per cent. reserve board, the machine which will

direct the system, however, is authorized to demand the payment of the other three sixths. In Excellent Condition. The statement today shows national banks in excellent condition to meet the demands of the new law. observers were surprised by the fact that loans and discounts have increased instead of being curtailed. Loans

amounted to \$6,357,535,898, a gain over

January 13, 1914, the time of the previous call, of \$182,130,936. Subscribing banks must begin payments for their reserve bank stock 30 days after the announcement of the pelieved in some quarters that today's loans and discounts because of this impending announcement. The loan and discount increase taken together with the fact that individual deposits increased in the same period by more than \$39,000,000, was said to be the

According to the statement, the reources and liabilities of the National banks were \$11,564,497,260, their capftal stock, \$1,056,482,120 and their individual deposits, \$6,111,328,457. Their reserves were put at \$1,547,592,375, an average of 20.62 per cent., and \$47,-529,429 above the amount required by law. The cash in banks decreased since January, 1914, about \$14,000,000,

best indication that the National banks

are in shape to meet the demands of

the new system.

but increased over April, 1913, about During March 10 new banks were authorized to begin business, and since the currency act was signed there have been 184 applications forconversion into National banks, or for entrance into the new system as

State institutions.

EXCITEMENT AT ALMA. Negro Shot Twice in Brawl at Lum-

ber Camp.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Maxton, N. C., April 1 .- A hurry-up telephone call came in from Alma, a station two miles from here on the Seaboard, about 6:30 yesterday afterto quell a riot among the negroes. This was followed a few minutes later

They found no riot, but they found elbow and once in the left leg several inches above the knee. It seems that he and another negro, both employes does not know how long she remained of the Alma Lumber Co., had quarrel knocked Covington down an help of the other negroes held him

here and locked him up. WAKE FOREST NOTES.

Addresses Made by President Poteat and Mr. Simms.