

URGES REPEAL OF FREE TOLLS Senator Root Renews His Fight to Secure Amendment of Panama Canal Act.

TRACES THE HISTORY OF ENGLISH TREATY Declares Breaking of Its Provisions Has Created a 'Painful Impression Throughout World.'

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 21.—The United States should either submit the Panama free toll question to impartial arbitration or retire from the position we have taken, was the declaration of Senator Root in the senate today in a speech favoring repeal of the free toll provision of the new Panama canal act.

Senator Root took the position that congress should not have passed a law last summer that discriminated against foreign shipping and granted free tolls to American coastwise shipping. That action, he declared, had been a source of "great regret to multitudes of our fellow-citizens and had created a painful impression throughout the world."

Senator Root was an active opponent of the toll provision when the canal act was passed last August and his speech today opened a fight to secure an amendment to the law before it goes into effect. Senator Root declared today that congress had been tired out before the bill was taken up last summer and that the measure never received proper consideration.

A decent regard for the opinions of mankind was one of the motives set by the people of these colonies into the great declaration of their independence," said Senator Root. He outlined the relations between the United States and Great Britain which led to the making of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty of 1901 under which the canal was constructed.

"The United States gave up nothing if it had," said the senator. "Its obligations in that treaty were entirely looking to the future. But Great Britain gave up its right to the protectorate over the Mosquito coast which it was supposed would be the eastern terminus of the canal. From the treaty with Great Britain, Senator Root read the declaration that the proposed canal was to be open on "equal terms to all."

"That declaration is the cornerstone of the rights of the United States at the Panama canal," he said. He read from statements made at that time by the United States representatives, that "the United States would not if it could, obtain any exclusive rights over the canal."

COUNTER-CHARGES OF GRAFTING MADE

Secretary Fisher Says Grand Jury Presentments Will Follow Disclosures of Bribery by Uncle Sam Oil Company is Osage Lands Leases.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 21.—The attempt of the seven Osage Indian councilors deposed by Secretary Fisher to force their reinstatement by mandamus proceedings failed today, when the district Supreme court disapproved their petition. The secretary removed them for having been "unduly influenced" in granting a lease to the Uncle Sam oil company.

WILSON TO RESIGN ON MARCH THIRD Will Continue as Governor Until He Leaves for Washington.

By Associated Press. Trenton, N. J., Jan. 21.—President-elect Wilson announced this afternoon that he would not relinquish his office as governor of New Jersey until March 3, the day he leaves here for his inauguration at Washington.

When Governor Wilson leaves here to become president of the United States he will not travel in a private car nor will any member of his family. He said today that he expected to make only his ordinary traveling arrangements. The Princeton students who are to march in the inaugural parade will have their special cars attached to the same train, so as to escort the former president of their university into the national capital and give him a Princeton cheer when he arrives there.

MUSIC AT WHITE HOUSE COMES IN FOR CRITICISM Washington Society Suffering from Shock After Arrangement of Taft.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 21.—President Taft's taste in music was criticized and the popularity of the "turkey trot," the "chicken flip" and other modern dances were condemned at a meeting over which Mrs. W. Murray Crane, wife of the senator from Massachusetts, presided and today capital society is suffering from shock. The arrangement of "ragtime" in the White House and the dances in question at society's functions were made at a meeting last night of the Monday Evening club, a Y. M. C. A. organization. Louis Ottenberg, a lawyer and a leader in the club, was the critic of the president.

WON'T AWARD OFFICES AS POLITICAL REWARD Wilson Says "Justice and Not Recognition of Services" Will Be Rule.

By Associated Press. Trenton, Jan. 21.—President-elect Wilson today set forth the principle that "justice and not recognition of services and not politics, would guide him in the distribution of public offices.

By Associated Press. Gaultport, Miss., Jan. 21.—Chief of Police Charles Dickey, was shot and killed here yesterday by a young negro named Perry Newelker, whom the chief and two officers surprised in the act of robbing the Seaboard Ship Chandy company. The negro was taken before the grand jury this morning and upon a plea of guilty was sentenced to be hanged. Feeling ran high for a time and only prompt action by the officials prevented a lynching. Dickey leaves a widow and three children.

REBELS ACTIVE AT VERA CRUZ

Dispatch of Warship from Colon to the Scene of the Disturbance Is Contemplated.

AMERICANS PAYING TRIBUTE TO ZAPATA

Many Small Towns and Ranches Have Been Attacked, Say State Department Reports.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 21.—Disquieting reports of a grave situation at Vera Cruz, Mexico, today caused state department officials to seriously consider dispatching one of the warships from the first division of the Atlantic fleet at Colon for immediate duty at the Mexican port. If no reassuring news comes during the day this may be done.

Continued disorders and widespread rebel activities in southern Mexico, in which official dispatches today say small towns and ranches have been attacked and pillaged, women have been carried off and bandits have demoralized the population, have aroused apprehension for the safety of Americans in the disturbed zone. That the Madero government was providing little or no protection for foreign interests has again been made evident by recent action of American planters in announcing that they proposed to pay tribute to the rebel Zapata to protect their growing crops against other rebel bands and raiders of the same.

State department officials admitted today that their reports were of a condition so grave as to indicate that the presence of a United States warship might be necessary to protect Americans. The first division of the Atlantic fleet, composed of the dreadnoughts Wyoming, North Dakota, Utah and Florida, is at Colon, Elab and Florida, and at Vera Cruz is about 150 miles and the distance to the remainder of the fleet at Guantanamo is about the same. Any of the big ships could make it in about three days or less. The situation in the Pacific is not better. No adequate federal reinforcements have arrived at Acapulco to protect the town against the rebels.

MISS GOULD GIVES FEAST TO POOR ON WEDDING DAY

Will Entertain 1000 at Bowery Mission—Plans for the Marriage.

By Associated Press. New York, Jan. 21.—While being showered with gifts herself, and busy with preparation for her wedding, Miss Helen Gould has made the army of homeless men in New York happy with announcement that they will receive a treat tomorrow at her expense. Tomorrow is the day of her marriage to Finley J. Shepard, of St. Louis at Lyndhurst, her country home near Tarrytown.

KILLS POLICE CHIEF

Mississippi Negro Shot Officer Yesterday and Today Is Sentenced to Be Hanged.

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THOUSANDS FLEEING FROM FIERY COLIMA

Volcano in Violent Eruption and Loss of Life Is Feared—Falling Debris Hinders Train Movement—Favorable Wind Saves Many.

By Associated Press. Guadalajara, Mex., Jan. 21.—The volcano of Colima broke into violent eruption last night. Thousands of people are fleeing from the villages and ranches in the vicinity. It is believed that there has been some loss of life in the remoter settlements. Hundreds of refugees arrived here this morning on a train composed of box cars which had been picked up on a siding at a nearby village. The fleeing people had found it necessary to shove away a quantity of volcanic sand before they were able to move the cars and for many miles along the way where the train had to be stopped frequently to clear the track of debris. Very little lava was ejected from the crater, which, however emitted vast quantities of smoke and sand, while suffocating gases formed an unusual feature of the eruption. A gale was blowing from the north-west and this probably saved many of the inhabitants of the surrounding districts, as it caused the flying sand and deadly gases to pass over their heads. The activity of the volcano decreased during the night, but volcanic dust is now settling on the house roofs and in the streets of this city. The railroad station agent at Zapotillo abandoned his post during the night. He reported that volcanic sand covered the tracks in places to a depth of several feet. The last violent eruption of Colima occurred in 1903.

HOUSE RESOLUTION LOST IN SENATE

Justice's Plan to Have Wilson, Bryan and LaFollette Speak Defeated.

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, Jan. 21.—Representative Williams of Buncombe today introduced in the house a bill prescribing the Australian ballot in state elections. Other bills were introduced as follows: Sikes—Penalizing telegraph companies \$100 for failure to transmit telegrams promptly and accurately, the penalty not to relieve them from other phases of liability. Snell—To have pensions paid Confederate soldiers semi-annually. Corfield—To prevent infantile paralysis. Rector—To require railroads to keep signal gongs. The house passed a bill to amend the charter of Elon college and refused to put on immediate passage a joint resolution for a new standing committee on drainage and forestry. The senate had a sharp discussion of the justice resolution from the house inviting Bryan, Wilson and LaFollette to address the legislature on the initiative and referendum. Ward amended the resolution to invite only Wilson to speak and on any subject he desired. Holbrook insisted on the original resolution. Mason pronounced the whole proposition preposterous. If passed, Bailey of Texas, President Taft and others of opposing views should be invited, he said. It looks like the resolution will be lost. The senate and house voted separately at noon for United States senators, electing Simmons. A small minority cast their votes for Dr. Cyrus Thompson. Simmons was nominated Craven and in the house by Representative Dixon of Jones. The result of the ballots will be declared tomorrow in joint session. The Senate 27 to 23 voted down the house resolution by Justice inviting Bryan, Wilson and LaFollette to address the legislature on the initiative and referendum this was done after an amendment was adopted adding Congressman Underwood to the list of speakers. Bills are introduced by Senator Allen to repeal act of 1911 relative to protection of sheep and other stock in Henderson county; amend chapter 345 laws 1895, relative to fishing in certain streams in Henderson county; establish a western training school for teachers. Daniels—Provide Senator Ward of the Torrens system bill as endorsed by the bar association. Referred to judiciary committee No. 1. Council—Chapter 30 revised so as to allow illegitimate children of mother who marries after their birth to inherit along with the children born in wedlock. The house bill to authorize the city of Asheville to issue bonds to fund floating debt passed final reading. When the calendar was exhausted by the passing of the bill as above, Senator Council renewed his motion for a clerk to his committee, judiciary No. 1, and Senator Jones offered his resolution for one clerk to serve both the judiciary committees as a substitute. Senator Ward opposed the Jones' resolution on the ground that the meeting of the two committees would probably conflict. Senator Ivie spoke vigorously against giving a man full pay at \$4 a day for about half a day's work. He could not see why the members could not do the work themselves. Senator Wakefield favored the Jones' resolution. Senator Council explained that he had acted on information from experienced senators, but if they thought his committee did not need a clerk, he would not insist upon it. Senator Barnes said he supposed it was generally agreed that there was no greater success in North Carolina than the jobs as laborers and clerks in committees in the general assembly. He suggested that the clerk to judiciary No. 1 might serve also the committee on counties, cities and towns. Senator Jones opposed this as getting away from the main issue and opening the way for more committees to be appointed. (Continued on page 2.)

FOWLER'S BANK SYSTEM PLAN

Would Have All Banks under Federal Government Control and Prohibit Holding Companies.

COMMERCIAL ZONES WOULD BE PROVIDED

And Banks Compelled to Contribute Percentage of Deposits to a Central Reserve.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 21.—Former Representative Charles N. Fowler of New Jersey outlined to the house currency reform committee today his suggestions for revision of the monetary system. He proposed that all national banks be authorized to do commercial, savings and trust company business and make note issues as Canadian banks do; that all "holding companies" of banks be prohibited and that all banks be compelled to carry the same amount of reserve, always in gold. All the banks should be under federal control, he contended, as banking is interstate business, and that clearing houses should be established at all of the financial circles to be designated as "commercial zones" under the management of boards of control elected by the banks. A bankers' council to act as a court of appeals for each zone, composed of business men and bankers, he also proposed. A deputy comptroller would preside over each board.

By having all banks in the United States contribute from seven to 10 per cent of their deposits to a central reserve Mr. Fowler estimated a gold reserve of upward of \$1,250,000,000 would be created to be held in trust for all commercial zones and its distribution in times of need would be controlled by boards chosen from all the zones. Such a plan, Mr. Fowler told the committee, would enable such an organization as he outlined to control the movement of gold to and from the United States, and enforce a discount rate for gold transactions. Its object he said would be to make each bank independent, to make each zone independent of another and completely decentralize all bank credit in the United States.

BLEASE INAUGURATION PROVES A GOOD SHOW

Crowd Attends and Governor's Speech Is as Warm as Expected.

By Associated Press. Columbia, S. C., Jan. 21.—Before a crowd which completely filled the assembly hall of the house of representatives, Governor Coleman Livingston Blease was today inaugurated for the second time governor of South Carolina. The senate and house were in joint session and the oath of office was administered by Chief Justice Gary of the Supreme court. Owing to the sensation which developed in the inaugural address two days ago an immense crowd of visitors from all over the state were here to hear the governor. Governor Blease was roundly cheered by his supporters during the delivery of his inaugural address. It was very similar to many of the speeches he made during the recent primary. He severely arraigned the newspapers for their attacks on him. He advocated the passage of a bill to prove football at the university; charged that the president of the university had tried to divert an appropriation from the Peabody Fund from Winthrop college to the university and was severe in his denunciation of the act.

TWO OF FAMILY DIE SUDDENLY TOGETHER

Miss Sallie Whitaker Expires Unexpectedly on Road Nearby. Brother on Road Nearby.

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, Jan. 21.—Miss Sallie Corbett Whitaker and Willis Whitaker, her brother, members of a prominent Wake county family, died during the night at advanced ages. Miss Whitaker was found dead in bed and her brother, who had started to visit a neighbor, was found dead in the road. There will be a double funeral tomorrow. Taft Back at Washington. By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 21.—President Taft returned to Washington at 7:30 this morning from his trip to Philadelphia, New York and New Haven. Mrs. Taft, Mrs. Louis Moore, Mr. Taft's sister, and Secretary Charles D. Hillis accompanied the president.