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TOLLS BATTLE NEARING CLOSE

Administration Leaders, More Confident of Repeal, Predict Majority of at Least 75 Votes.

PLAN TO SECURE VOTE BEFORE ADJOURNMENT

Opponents Have Framed Motion to Recommit Bill to Committee in Effort To Amend Measure.

Washington, March 31.—As the hour neared for closing debate and making the final vote upon the Sims bill for repeal of the provision of the Panama canal act exempting American coastwise vessels from payment of duty, the declared every indication tended to show the bill would pass by a majority of at least 75 votes.

Speculation over what Speaker Clark would say when he took the floor in a final attempt to defeat the repeal added to an already tense situation.

Administration leaders planned to secure a vote on the bill before adjournment tonight. Opponents of the bill prepared to make the most of their single opportunity to amend it carefully drawn motion to recommit the bill to the interstate and foreign commerce committee with instructions to report it back amended as framed.

Representative Doremus of Michigan, leading the democrats opposed to the bill, was to present the motion, overcoming scruples of democrats who might object to supporting proposition advanced from the republican side. Provisions of the motion to recommit were carefully kept secret.

Tremendous Gallery.
A tremendous crowd—the greatest the house has seen in recent years, jammed the galleries today to hear final debate over the repeal of Panama tolls exemption. People had been waiting in line for hours.

Just after daybreak when janitors were cleaning up the galleries they were amazed to find two women and a man seated for a long wait until noon. "You'll have to get out of here now," they said, "for we will have to check you in until the galleries are regularly opened at 10 o'clock."

"Lock us in," said the waiting ones and locked in they were, so kept their places of vantage.
During the waiting hours the crowd made itself at home. Some brought newspapers and books. One gray-haired woman brought her knitting, lunch boxes, milk bottles and two bottles were piled on the gallery rail, a imminent danger to legislators below, until doorkeepers forced their removal.

Humphrey at Bat.
Representative Humphrey of Washington, republican denounced the democratic position as "more contemptible than the English language can express" and declared that the condition had been brought about by the "egotistical blundering" of the administration in the Mexican situation.

"The administration," Representative Humphrey declared, had been imposed upon "to carry out the international confidence game by which Japan and England hope to secure use of the canal without competition."

ACCUSED WIFE KILLER IS BADLY CUT BY MOB
Adolfo Padilla Taken From Jail and Stabbed Repeatedly by Masked Men.

Santa Fe, N. M., March 31.—Twenty masked men took Adolfo Padilla, charged with murdering his wife from the Santa Fe county jail to the nearest corner today and stabbed him repeatedly. He probably will die. The party overpowering the jailer and taking his keys opened Padilla's cell and dragged him out.
The mob quietly dispersed leaving Padilla near dead in the street. Relatives of his wife found her lying at the home of her mother last Saturday. Her throat had been slashed with a razor and both wrists cut.

KIYOURA AGREES TO FORM NEW CABINET

Tokio, March 31.—Viscount Kikori Kiyoura, former minister of education today accepted the task of forming a new cabinet to take the place of that under the premiership of Count Yamamoto which resigned office owing to the naval scandals.

SUSPEND TARIFFS ON INDUSTRIALS

Interstate Commerce Suspends All Except In Case Of Steel Co's. Roads.

Washington, March 31.—All new tariffs filed by railroads eliminating allowances to industrial railroads were suspended today by the interstate commerce commission until July 30 with the exception of those affecting the United States Steel corporation and other iron and steel companies, which were permitted to stand.

Approximately 4,000 tariffs were suspended. They were submitted in compliance with the commission's findings in the industrial railways case in which it was held that allowances and divisions of rates made by railroads with certain industrial lines operated by iron and steel companies in eastern territory were in effect rebates and should be discontinued. No tariffs affecting the industrial railways covered by the decision in the industrial railways case were suspended. Only those industrial railways that have not had "their day in court" are granted a suspension of the tariffs affecting them.

Elimination of allowances and divisions with the industrial roads operated by the United States Steel corporation and other iron and steel companies in the east were permitted to stand. That will mean that, unless the courts enjoin the trunk lines from discontinuing the allowances or the commission should give a rehearing of the industrial railways case the tariffs will be effective against the steel corporation's roads and against those of other iron and steel companies. It is estimated by experts of the commission that elimination of such payments would make an annual loss to the steel corporation alone of about \$2,000,000.

FIRE LOSS IN MARCH ESTIMATED AT \$28,521

Loss During Month is Four Times Larger Than For Last Year.

During the month of March, up to noon today, the local fire department has answered nine alarms and the amount of property loss is estimated at \$28,521, which is four times larger than all of the loss of last year. Of this large amount of property loss during this month, only about \$10,000 of it was insured.

Two large fires have occurred during this month, the destruction of Sunnyside cottage on Sunset mountain on the night of the second with a loss of about \$4,500, with insurance of \$400, and the fire at the stables of the Asheville Dray, Fuel & Construction company on Depot and Roberts streets last Wednesday night at 3:35 o'clock. This loss is estimated at \$22,000 with less than \$4,000 in insurance. The other seven fires were very small and the total damage done in all seven is placed at \$21.

There have been 28 fires in this city since January 1, last, with a loss estimated at \$60,000, which is the largest fire loss since 1908, when during the whole year the loss was \$91,660. The loss of 1908 was the heaviest in the 20 years that a record has been kept of the fires in this city. Already three months of the present year has experienced a loss that comes third to all the large losses during the last twenty years.

Loss from fires have happened in this city during the last three months than during the last three years. Last year's fire loss was less than \$7,500 and no large buildings were destroyed.

While the fires have been very heavy and several very serious ones have occurred during this month, everyone who has seen the local members of the department work at them have only the strongest words of commendation for the ladies. In nearly every instance of a large fire during the last three months, the ladies had gained great headway before an alarm was turned in and the ladies had to fight at great disadvantage.

KOETTERS CONVICTED OF KRAFT MURDER

Chicago, March 31.—John B. Koetters today was found guilty of murdering Mrs. Emma Kraft of Cincinnati, and his punishment fixed at life imprisonment. Koetters killed Mrs. Kraft in a Chicago hotel with a hammer after obtaining possession of her money.

DOMINATED BY ANOTHER'S WILL

Witness Tells Extraordinary Story of Mental Subjection To Lawyer Convicted For Grand Larceny.

AN AUTOMATON UNDER MASTER'S INFLUENCE

Witness Says He Felt Irresistible Compulsion to do Whatever Act He Was Bidden to Do.

New York, March 31.—In the conviction for grand larceny of Philip S. Salta, a lawyer, Judge Swann and the jury listened, fascinated today by the evidence which revealed an extraordinary psychological study of the subjection of one man to the domination of another; of a man named Salvatore E. Gatto, who blindly followed Salta's dictation. So convincingly was the story told that Gatto told of his career as Salta's slave that after the jury had rendered its verdict Judge Swann said:

"Gatto palpably had become an automaton under the influence of a master mind. Unquestionably he has felt the irresistible compulsion to perform whatever act he was bidden to perform. The case developed an instance in real life of one person being 'Svengalied' by the influence of a superior mind."

Salta was on trial for having duped Italian lemon growers into sending consignments of fruit to a dummy firm, using the name of Gatto and leading the exporters to believe it to be the old and well known commission house of Ferdinand Gatto of this city.

Salta made Gatto sign for the consignments and then turn them over to him.
"Once he struck me," Gatto testified, "I started to cry and he drove me out of his office. That same day he made me pawn my watch for \$120 and bring him the money. He could make me do anything he wanted. I might know it was wrong but I'd do it just the same."
When the verdict was announced Gatto slunk out of the court room sobbing.

WRITER OF GAMBLING ARTICLE IS ATTACKED

Those Implicated in Chapel Hill Gambling Story Are Aroused.

Special to The Gazette-News.
Chapel Hill, March 31.—An outbreak of mob-like spirit, crystallized by the parties implicated in the gambling raid and their student sympathizers, was the reception which met the news story in Sunday morning's News of Greensboro, exploiting the gambling operations at Chapel Hill. Floyd Booker, whose name was included in the list of professional gamblers and whom the town has recognized under the bond of \$25 for his appearance at court, it is alleged, incited his cohorts to make a personal attack on the writer of the article.

Floyd Booker, J. D. Kernode, a member of the freshman class, and Ralph Andrews, a member of the freshman class, gathered at the post-office, it is said, to attack the writer. Booker was overheard to say "I am going to beat him—out of him," and the other members of the party mentioned stationed themselves just outside the postoffice door.

They laid their "trap" for the author of the news story, waiting his departure from the postoffice. Friends advised the correspondent not to leave the postoffice lobby, other than by the back door, that the fellows had threatened they would beat him into a jelly. The threatnings of Booker and his cohorts were met with a hearty reception by a few student sympathizers. They, too, had sworn allegiance to members of their clan and kind.

In the meantime J. D. Kernode, of Graham, a member of Carolina's football squad, had made his way into the postoffice lobby and pounded on the writer of the article. "Why in the hell did you write the article?" was his question. Immediately the crowd that had gathered in the lobby interposed. In the interim some students went in search of a policeman, anticipating further trouble outside the door where Booker and others were.

The faculty of the university and the authorities of Chapel Hill are on a campaign to break up gambling at the university and in the town. The chief of police of Chapel Hill in the writer of the article. "Why in the hell did you write the article?" was his question. Immediately the crowd that had gathered in the lobby interposed. In the interim some students went in search of a policeman, anticipating further trouble outside the door where Booker and others were.

RETRENCHMENT BY ERIE RAILROAD CO.

Reduction in Force, Wage Cuts—Ten Trains Taken Off Pennsylvania.

New York, March 31.—The Erie railroad, through A. J. Stone, general manager, today announced the enforcement of a general retrenchment order including a reduction in the clerical force, wage cuts and lessening of working hours to add, according to the statement, to offsetting declining revenues. About 6,000 men have been laid off since December.

"Usually at this time of the year we increase our maintenance forces gradually until we get to the maximum in the middle of the summer, but we will not do that this year," Mr. Stone said. "We now have about 18,000 fewer men at work than at the height of our maintenance work last summer. Our retrenchment is shown better by the fact that we are putting on less men than in laying them off. While we are anxiously hoping for an increase in rates, the retrenchment in progress is due to quiet business."

Retrenchment on Penn.
Pittsburgh, Pa., March 31.—Retrenchment on the Pennsylvania lines west was extended today with the announcement that 10 passenger trains were to be taken off the Pittsburgh, Port Wayne and Chicago railroad next Sunday, six of them suburban trains. Shop forces also are being reduced.

JURORS DRAWN FOR A SUPERIOR COURT TERM

List Compiled Yesterday For Civil Court Term of Three Weeks.

Jurors for the three weeks' term of Superior court for the trial of civil cases, which will convene next Monday, were drawn yesterday afternoon. For the first week of court the following men will be summoned:

- R. L. Jones, J. T. McCarron, T. C. Foster, E. M. Lytle, B. H. Harris, William A. Reynolds, A. J. Clouse, C. L. Nesbitt, M. M. Owenby, John H. Jenkins, Vance Smith, E. B. Bridges, J. R. Frady, R. F. Monday, D. G. Swann, W. M. Whitaker, T. J. Ingle, Dock Hice, G. W. Nesbitt, J. P. Shelton, W. L. Miller, J. R. Clements, J. R. Jarrett, W. S. Robinson.

STRIKERS RIOT ALONG PENNSYLVANIA LINE

Pittsburgh, Pa., March 31.—Reports of disorder last night along the Monongahela division of the Pennsylvania railroad where trainmen and conductors are on strike reached officials here today. A fusillade of shots threatened a freight train manned by strikebreakers as it entertained Stockdaleton but no one was hurt. Air hose was cut and cars uncoupled and a number of switches thrown. Bridges are being guarded by railroad officers. Passenger traffic continued to move without interruption.

TO BE NO SUSPENSION OF MANCHESTER MILLS

Manchester, Eng., March 31.—General suspension during Easter week of mills in this district spinning American cotton decided on last week by the employers was abandoned today owing to strong objection raised by the workers. The condition of the cotton trade had led the employers to arrange a cessation of production, but the Master Spinners association has resolved to leave individual firms to act according to their own desires.

6000 COAL MINERS IN OHIO HAVE QUIT WORK

Martins Ferry, O., March 31.—Because coal operators of this section refused to sign a new scale based on the run of mine law which becomes operative May 29, 6,000 miners quit work today. Operators say they will not pay for mining on the new basis until compelled by law.

LIKELY TO BUILD CHAIN OF HOTELS

Chicago Financier Interested In Tourist Development Of This Section.

INTEREST CENTERS AT WAYNESVILLE

Plans Probably Will Be Made For Erection of Building There—To Be High Class.

A prominent Chicago financier will be in Asheville and western North Carolina within the next week or ten days to investigate the possibilities of building a chain of hotels in the section. This man is now spending the season in Florida and has become interested in the possibilities of this section as a tourist resort through conversations with Colonel Sanford H. Cohen, manager of the Greater Western North Carolina association, who has been at work in Florida for the past month.

Col. Cohen was in the city today for a few hours, having arrived from Jacksonville last night, and he states that this Chicago man is deeply interested in western North Carolina. This interest centers especially in Waynesville and that town will be one of the first that he will visit upon his arrival here. It is likely that he will make plans immediately for the erection of a hotel there and that tentative plans will be made for others at other points over the section.

This announcement will be received with interest all over western North Carolina, since the tourist business is growing so rapidly that hotel accommodations at times are inadequate for the crowds coming here from every section of the country. The hotels proposed by this Chicago man, too, are to be of a high class and will prove valuable assets if realized.

TO EXPEDITE RAILROAD FREIGHT RATE HEARING

The Concluding Testimony of Roads to be Heard Today Tomorrow, Thursday.

Washington, March 31.—To facilitate consideration of the advance rate case Chairman Harlan announced today that the interstate commerce commission had decided to grant the request of the railroads to hear their concluding testimony today, tomorrow and Thursday.

The request was made by Vice President Brownell of the Erie, who pointed out that what he declared was the serious financial condition of the carriers warranted them and the commission to expedite the hearings in every way.
The commission concluded that it would be better to hear the final testimony of the roads now than to wait until the latter part of April.

WIRELESS SEARCH FOR MISSING YOUNG MEN

New York, March 31.—Wireless stations at Sea Gate, the Brooklyn navy yard and the Bush terminal in South Brooklyn got in touch today with all the big ships at sea which they could reach in an effort to find a trace of two young men—Thomas Jordan, 19 years of age, and Clarence Brown, 22, who left their club on Gravesend bay at noon Sunday in an 18-foot canoe. Reports came back that no trace of the canoe had been found.

Search of all the waters in that region was futile and it was decided to ask the wireless stations to enlist steamships in the hunt.

BELIEVE LITTLE BOY IS LOCKED IN A CAR

Pensacola, Fla., March 31.—Somewhere north of this city, locked in a box car, Salvatore Labratel, five years old, is believed to be an unwilling traveler, probably suffering from fright and privation. Workmen saw him enter Gulf, Florida and Alabama car here Sunday afternoon. He has not been seen since. The road has tracers out for all cars dispatched from here that afternoon and night in the hope of finding the boy.

Guardman Falls Dead.
Charlotte, March 31.—While the Gastonia company of the North Carolina National guard was being inspected in the armory at that place late yesterday afternoon by Captain Russell Langdon, U. S. A., Bert Gilbert, a guardman, dropped to the floor, dying instantly of heart failure.

TORREON FIGHT TO THE DEATH

MYSTERIOUS CARGO OF RIFLES HAS DISAPPEARED

Supposed to Have Been Intended For Ireland—Had Embargo on Them.

Copenhagen, Denmark, March 31.—A mysterious cargo of 300 tons of rifles supposed to be intended for Ireland, disappeared from the vicinity of the Danish island of Langeland during last night after an embargo had been placed on it by the authorities.

The rifles were brought to Langeland from Hamburg on board a lighter which anchored off the island. A short time afterward the Norwegian steamer Fanny drew up alongside and proceeded to take the arms on board.

Danish authorities then seized the papers of the lighter and the steamer commanders were ordered to await further instructions. Today the tow vessels had vanished.

NOTED ENGINEER BORN IN ENGLAND DEAD

New York, March 31.—William Churchill Oastler, noted as an engineer and a collector and connoisseur of Japanese and Chinese porcelain, died yesterday of heart disease at his home here.

Mr. Oastler was born in Birmingham, England, 84 years ago and came to this country at the age of 40 years. It was through his efforts that steel rails were first introduced here from England, supplanting the old cast iron rails.

NEGRESS LYNCHED WHO MURDERED WHITE MAN

Albany, Okla., March 31.—Marie Scott, a negro woman who killed Lemuel Peace, a young white man Sunday by driving a knife into his heart, was taken out of the Wagoner county jail early today and hanged to a telephone pole. The mob overpowered the jailer, threw a rope over the woman's head and dragged her out of the jail.

Inquires Into Sugar Beet Industry
Washington, March 31.—Investigation of the sugar beet industry in the United States has been begun by the bureau of corporations to determine whether the industry has been injured by the new tariff.

Investigators expect to finish their work in about two weeks.

Why wait longer? Cut this coupon for "The Panama Canal."

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