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Lively Debate In Senate On Panama Tolls Question

Senator From Kansas Charged With Inconsistency On Panama Tolls Question—His Motives Pure.

Senator Lodge and Others Replied and Vigorously Defended the Advocate of the President on the Tolls Question—His Motives Pure.

Washington, Feb. 18.—President Wilson today told Representative Underwood, democratic house leader, today that members could be assured of his support for the Alaska bill. Reports have recently been circulated that the president was opposed to it.

The Panama tolls repeal was discussed but the majority leader declined to say anything about his conference. He was unwilling, also, to say whether he would vote for or against a repeal of the exemption clause.

The president had another conference later in the day with Representative Kitchin of North Carolina on the tolls question.

Senator Stuart today signed the enabling act which permits a referendum of the state-wide prohibition question to plebiscite.

General Hernandez, leader of the national party, is its candidate for the presidency of Venezuela.

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EXPECTS REVOLUTION IN VENEZUELA

New York, Feb. 18.—General Jose Hernandez, known as El Mocha, who arrived yesterday from the West Indies, where he had been conferring with other Venezuelan revolutionary chiefs, makes no secret of the fact that he expects a revolution in Venezuela in April.

RESERVE BANK COMMITTEE BACK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Feb. 18.—With the return of the reserve bank organization committee today active work was begun upon the definition of the geographical limits of the reserve districts and the selection of cities for banks.

BOLEJACK ON TRIAL FOR WIFE MURDER

Man Who Shot and Instantly Killed His Wife at His Home on North Brevard Street on New Year's Day is Being Tried Today.

Had Told Fellow Employee at Lubin Furniture Company He Was Going to Shoot Whole Bunch—Insanity Will Be Defense.

James N. Bolejack, who shot and killed his wife last New Year's day at their home on North Brevard street, was put on trial for his life this morning in superior court, the state asking for a verdict of murder in the first degree.

Most of the morning was spent in empanelling a jury from the special venire of fifty men that was ordered for the purpose several days ago. A jury was finally selected and the case was called about 1 o'clock.

The defendant is represented by Messrs. Edgar W. Pharr and C. W. Tillet, Jr., while Mr. T. M. Redd has been employed to assist Solicitor Wilson in the prosecution. The plea of insanity is being made on the part of the defendant.

MAY RETAIN LITERACY CLAUSE REGARDLESS

Washington, Feb. 18.—Facing presidential veto the Burnett immigration bill should it pass congress carrying the literacy test, the senate immigration committee today resumed consideration of the measure.

Word that the president would exercise his veto in event the bill was received by him with the literacy test provision came as a surprise to the committee.

DRAFT OF ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR NAVY

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From the 16th of February and for 60 days thereafter Messrs. J. J. Harrill, L. L. Caudle, J. L. DeLaney and others will hold an option on the property of D. A. Johnston and son, Julius Johnston, in and east of Villa Heights, the option figures being \$100,000.

The Johnston property is beautifully located, the elevation being higher than Charlotte property and the whole country contiguous, beautiful and desirable.

MRS. NEWTON GIVES SENSATIONAL TESTIMONY

Special to The News. Raleigh, Feb. 18.—In federal court today Mrs. J. Sprunt Newton gave sensational testimony as witness in the case of the Citizens' Bank of Norfolk vs. J. Sprunt Newton, Mrs. Newton and others.

95 "WANTS" PRINTED YESTERDAY

1655 in February—today not included—2651 in January—4310 since New Year—and returns are many to those who "Use THE NEWS Want Ad Way"—One-cent-a-word—Page Eight—"Nuf' Ced.

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AS TO REGULATION OF STOCK ISSUES

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Representative Montague, of Virginia, was appointed today on the subcommittee to draft an interstate trade commission bill. Five democrats and two republicans constitute the subcommittee of which Representative Covington, of Maryland, is chairman.

Georgians Pay Tribute To Bacon's Memory To-day

Thousands Gather in Atlanta to View Body of Dead Senator—The Day Was One of Public Mourning in Atlanta.

Distinguished Party Escorts Body to Capitol—Funeral Will be Held Tomorrow in Macon—Military Escort Accompanied Body.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 18.—Thousands of Georgia's citizens gathered here today to pay tribute to the memory of the late Senator A. O. Bacon, whose body lay in state for a few hours in the rotunda of the capitol. The day was one of public mourning.

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VANDERBILT'S HOME BURNED—LOSS A MILLION

Jericho, L. I., Feb. 18.—The country home of Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, jr., valued, with its furnishings and art treasures, at nearly \$1,000,000, was destroyed today by fire.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Publication of an official denial of a report that Miss Margaret Wilson, the president's oldest daughter, was engaged to be married to Boyd Fisher, of Kansas City, Mo., was requested today by the white house.

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