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ORDER PROHIBITION IN THE U. S. NAVY

SECRETARY DANIELS ISSUES A RULE TO BAR LIQUOR FROM EVERY SHIP.

ORDER EFFECTIVE JULY 1

A Clear Head and a Steady Hand Is Needed, Says the Secretary of the Navy.

Washington.—Absolute prohibition will prevail in the United States navy after July 1 next. Secretary Daniels made public a sweeping order, which not only will abolish the traditional "wine mess" of the officers, but will bar all alcoholic liquors from every ship and shore station of the navy. This order, constituting one of the most notable victories ever won by prohibition forces, was issued on the recommendation of Surgeon General Braister.

"The use of intoxication for drinking purposes of alcoholic liquors on board any naval vessel, or within any navy yard, or station, is strictly prohibited, and commanding officers will be held directly responsible for the enforcement of this order."

In a statement Secretary Daniels said:

"I am in hearty agreement with the views expressed by the surgeon general. There should not be on shipboard with reference to intoxicants, one rule for officers and another and a different rule for the enlisted personnel. The saddest hour in my official life is when an officer or enlisted man must be punished for intoxication. During the past week it has been my painful duty to approve a court-martial for dismissal from the service of an officer for intoxication. He told me that he never had tasted intoxicants until he did so in the wine mess on the cruise. Others who have been disciplined for drinking to excess have made similar statements to me.

"Officers now are commissioned at the early age of 22 years. Has the government a right to permit this temptation, which too often destroys the highest usefulness of young officers? I think not. If there is one profession more than any other that calls for a clear head and a steady hand, it is the naval profession."

MAN SLAIN WITH AN AX

P. C. Bonnell Murdered in Sleep at Milledgeville, Georgia.

Hawkinsville, Ga.—Paul O. Bonnell, 22 years old, was killed here as he lay in bed sleeping. An ax, apparently, was used in the murder. Harry Lee, nephew of the dead man and who roomed with him, is being held by the police pending an investigation. Lee is 18 years old.

The youth denies any connection with the killing and claims it was done by a negro. He claims he was awakened by the noise made by the negro in time to see him escaping from the room. Bonnell is survived by a wife, now living in Florida.

Lee, who roomed with Bonnell in his place of business, ran out of the store at one o'clock in the morning and gave the alarm. He declared that his uncle had just been killed by someone who used an ax. He says that both were in bed at the time and that he was not asleep, that he heard someone in the store and, looking up, saw the party, whom he did not recognize, with a large ax raised, and that the murderer dealt the death blow before he could do anything, and escaped.

Boy Killed by Mule's Kick

Atlanta.—Theodore Ford, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ford, was kicked to death near their home on Flat Shoals road, where Mr. Ford conducts a farm and dairy. The child had gone into the field with its mother and approached the mule, when the mother's attention was directed to other things. The animal turned suddenly and kicked the child several times, which resulted in crushing his skull. He was rushed to the Grady hospital, but died. The body was removed to Bloomfield's chapel and funeral arrangements will be completed later. The body was removed to Bloomfield's chapel.

Fleas Cause the Plague

New Orleans.—Fleas carried in sacks of sugar and not rats are responsible for the recently reported cases of bubonic plague at Havana, Cuba, according to Surgeon John Guiteras, director of sanitation for the republic of Cuba, in a letter to Dr. Oscar Dowling of the Louisiana state board of health. Surgeon Guiteras states in his letter that he conducted more than twenty-five hundred laboratory experiments with rats, for the purpose of determining the manner in which bubonic plague germs carried.

ROBERTO V. PESQUIERA



Roberto V. Pesquiera, confidential agent in Washington of the Mexican constitutionalists, has gone to Juarez to confer with General Carranza concerning the Benton case.

SENATE HOLD-UP CANAL BILL

REPEAL MEASURE IS REFERRED TO SENATOR O'GORMAN'S COMMITTEE.

Spectacular and Heated Debate Is Expected When Measure Is Introduced.

Washington.—The administration bill to repeal tolls exemption for all American coastwise ships in the Panama canal, which passed the house amid spectacular scenes reached the senate 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, announced definitely that he would call a meeting of the committee for next Tuesday. Until that time, no formal consideration of the repeal 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 within reasonable time after the committee gets down to work.

NEW CHIEF OF U. S. ARMY

Wotherspoon Appointed Chief of Staff Succeeding General Wood.

Washington.—Maj. Gen. William W. Wotherspoon, now assistant chief of staff of the army, has been selected to succeed Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood as chief of staff at the end of General Wood's term, April 22. Brig. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, commanding the troops at Fort Bliss, Texas, will be assistant chief of staff.

General Wood will assume command of the Eastern department, with headquarters at Governor's Island, New York.

The appointment of General Wotherspoon to be chief of staff had been expected, as it was in accordance with the practice of promoting the assistant chief of staff to the first place. So the interest of the army centered in the selection of an assistant chief of staff who might in turn succeed General Wotherspoon when the latter retires on account of age next November.

A short time ago it had been about settled that the position of assistant chief should be tendered to Brigadier General Tasker H. Bliss, in command of the Southern department with headquarters at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Later a report was current that this tender was declined by General Bliss,

\$100,000,000 Capital for Reserve Banks

Washington.—The new federal reserve banking system will start business with a total authorized capital of about \$100,000,000 for all reserve banks, no matter how many institutions the organization committee decides to set up. This fact became apparent when figures were made public from all national banks responding to the last call of the comptroller of the currency, made March 4. The statement giving these figures will be the last of the kind issued.

FIGHT IS PLANNED TO SECURE BANKS

DECISION OF COMMITTEE CAN BE REVERSED ONLY BY THE RESERVE BOARD.

MAY INCREASE THE NUMBER

Federal Reserve Board Cannot Be Expected to Reverse Itself, However.

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- * Where Banks Will Be Located. *
- * Washington.—The cities selected for regional banks are: *
- * Boston New York *
- * Philadelphia Cleveland *
- * Richmond Atlanta *
- * Chicago St. Louis *
- * Minneapolis Kansas City *
- * Dallas, Tex. San Francisco. *
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Washington.—There was every indication that the announcement of the reserve districts and cities by the reserve bank organization committee had given the signal for a determined struggle upon the part of several cities which were disappointed to overturn the committee on the decision and bring about a redistricting of the country, or at least a change in the reserve cities named.

Under the law the decision of the organization committee is not subject to review except by the federal reserve board. This board probably will not be named by President Wilson for several weeks, but in the meantime it is believed that those disappointed with the committee's announcement will bend every effort toward paving the way for changes. It was pointed out that both Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Comptroller of the Currency Williams of the organization committee, are ex-officio members of the reserve board, and hardly could be counted upon to reverse themselves. The president has given no intimation as to whom the other five members will be.

The committee's plan was criticized in congress and there were reports of keen disappointment from several cities which were in the race for reserve banks and which failed to secure them. Three members of the senate banking and currency committee, two Republicans and a Democrat, found fault with the plan.

REBELS TO ATTACK TAMPICO

Admiral Fletcher Predicts Federals Will Abandon Gulf Port.

Washington.—Following closely on official advices from George C. Carothers, American consular agent at Torreon, of the flight of the federal troops from that city, came a prediction from Rear Admiral Fletcher that the important gulf port of Tampico probably would be abandoned by the federals without a fight.

Administration officials made no comment on the Torreon result and official sentiment is not likely to crystallize until more is known of the battle itself and its effects in Mexico City and elsewhere.

Mr. Carothers' report of the fall of Torreon lacked detail, particularly with reference to losses sustained on both sides and the movements of the retreating federals.

Torreón, Mexico.—Torreón, strewn with victims of a six-day battle, was occupied by Villa's rebels while the federals fled. The capture marks the climax of the first campaign of the revolution to oust Victoriano Huerta from Mexico City. It gives the Constitutionalists virtual control over the whole northern tier of Mexican states.

The fighting began and was almost continuous. At first Villa attempted assaults on the strong federal positions in daylight, but these proved too costly, so the days were spent in cannonading and the nights in assaults.

Positions were taken and lost time and time again. Several night attacks sent the federals scurrying from strong positions, but at daybreak the federals evacuated.

Gunmen to Be Given Reprieve

Albany, N. Y.—Unless Governor Glynn changes his mind, a reprieve for the four New York gunmen, under sentence to die in Sing Sing during the week beginning April 13, will be granted. If granted, the stay of execution will be until after the second trial of Charles Becker, who, with the gunmen, was found guilty of the murder of Herman Rosenthal. District Attorney Whitman has said he intends to try Becker a second time as soon as possible, but it will be from three to six months hence.

MADAME DA FONSECA



Madame da Fonseca is the wife of the new military attache of the Brazilian embassy at Washington. She is the latest addition to that cosmopolitan social circle and has become a great favorite.

FREE TOLLS LOSE IN HOUSE

MAJORITY FOR REPEAL LARGER THAN WILSON SUPPORTERS EXPECTED.

220 Democrats Stood by the President and Only 52 Voted Against Measure.

Washington.—The national house of representatives, after one of the most spectacular legislative struggles in the history of the nation, voted to repeal the provision of the Panama canal act exempting American vessels from the payment of tolls. The vote on the repeal bill was 247 to 161—a majority of 86 votes in support of the personal plea of Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States.

This verdict on the issue which has absorbed congress for many weeks came at the close of a stirring day, made memorable by the annals of the house by a party division which found Speaker Champ Clark, Majority Leader Underwood and other Democratic chieftains lined up in open opposition to the president on an issue which the latter had declared vital to his conduct of the nation's foreign policy.

On the final vote 220 Democrats in the house stood by the president, giving him in "ungrudging measure" what he had asked "for the honor of the nation" in its foreign relations. Twenty-five Republicans and two Progressives also voted to sustain the president. Fifty-two Democrats followed Speaker Clark and Leader Underwood to defeat.

NEGRO WOMAN IS LYNCHED

Mob at Muskogee, Okla., Hanged Negroess to Telephone Pole.

Muskogee, Okla.—Marie Scott, a negro woman who killed Lemuel Peace, a young white man, by driving a knife into his heart, was taken out of the Wagoner county jail and hanged to a telephone pole. The mob, which was masked, overpowered the jailer, a one-armed man, threw a rope over the woman's head and dragged her out of the jail.

The county attorney of Wagoner county has started an investigation. A knock at the jail door aroused the sleeping jailer, alone in the office. A voice outside said an officer was there with prisoners. The jailer opened the door and faced twelve revolvers. He was bound quickly and his keys taken from him. He then was thrown in the corner.

J. H. Woodward Is Seriously Ill. Orlando, Fla.—J. H. Woodward of Birmingham, Ala., rated as one of the wealthiest men of the South, is seriously ill at his winter home here. His daughter, Mrs. Oscar W. Underwood, wife of the house Democratic leader, and other members of the family are here.

\$100 a Month Willed to a Dog

Boston.—"Pete Crafts" will continue to enjoy luxuries uncommon among dogs. The probate court approved the will of his late master, John Chancellor Crafts, which provides a fund of \$1,200 a year for the upkeep of Pete. Relatives who had been cut off without a cent contested the will, alleging "undue influence." At the hearing witnesses told how Pete had presided at the head of the table at "birthday parties" given in his honor and that his master considered the dog a greater friend than any man.

HEARINGS ON THE PANAMA TOLL BILL

SENATE COMMITTEE WILL ALLOW 15 DAYS FOR HEARING ON MEASURE.

IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Senate Devoted Entire Day to Discussion of Different Phases of the Matter.—Nothing Complete Until Committee Passes.

Washington.—Confronted by telegrams from Gulf and Pacific Coasts ports urging public hearings on the bill proposing the Panama exemption repeal, the Senate Inter-oceanic Canals Committee decided to give 15 days to hearing both proponents and opponents of the measure which passed the house. Meanwhile the committee will hear various senators who have offered substitute plans for the flat repeal measure passed by the house.

The committee entered into no discussion of the merits of the bill itself. A long standing rule that committee meetings should be secret was put aside and the discussion thrown open to the public but a few senators, a group of school girl tourists and newspaper men were the only persons to take advantage of the departure from precedent.

In the senate the repeal fight occupied virtually the entire day although formal presentation of the matter will not come until the conclusion of the committee hearings and its deliberations. The first roll call on the general subject was taken on a motion to refer to the Foreign Relations Committee a resolution offered by Senator Poindexter asking that the President explain what matters he had in mind in writing in his repeal message of "nations of greater delicacy and nearer consequence," and what connection these matters might have with the Panama Canal regulations and tolls. The administration forces by a vote of 35 to 27 sent the resolution to the committee, seven Democrats voting in the negative and nine Republicans in the affirmative.

ASKED TO MODIFY ORDER

American Government Seeks Mediation With Carranzas.

Washington.—Vigorous representations went from the American government to General Carranza urging him to modify the order of General Villa expelling Spaniards from Torreon. The situation is giving grave concern to authorities here. The United States had undertaken to extend to Spaniards in Mexico the same protection it affords Americans resident there, and Ambassador Riano has been assured that nothing will be left undone to assure for the unfortunate at Torreon every right to which they are entitled under international law and usage.

Spain proposes to exhaust every resource to protect her people it was made plain, when Rear Admiral Mayo at Tampico, cabled the navy department that the commanding officer of the British cruiser *Hermosino* had been instructed to care for Spaniards at that port. Officials here did not comment on this development.

More Ammunition

Eagle Pass, Texas.—Three field guns, four machine guns, 1,100 rifles and 200,000 rounds of ammunition were passed through the custom house here for the Mexican Federal garrison at Piedras Negras. This equipment was surrendered by the fleeing Federals at Ojuna to the American troops.

New Jersey Election

Patterson, N. J.—Thirty-four out of 90 districts in the cities of Patterson and Passaic which include four-fifths of the population of the district gave Drukker (Republican) 2,967; O'Byrne (Democrat) 2,067; Demarest (Socialist, 1,519.

Bryan Confined With Grippe

Washington.—William Jennings Bryan, secretary of state, was prevented by the attack of grip with which he has been suffering for over a week, from going to Raleigh to make the address before the convention of the progressive democrats of North Carolina.

Mr. Bryan's physicians advised against the trip, saying it might result seriously.

Secretary Josephus Daniels was immediately called on the telephone and advised.

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