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OF TORREON CAUSES A FUROR IN JUAREZ

That City and El Paso Wildly Excited by Rumor of Victory of Rebels.

BUT NEWS IS NOT CONFIRMED

Bryan Gets No Word from Letcher of Defeat of Federals.

FIGHT IN TORREON CONTINUES Losses on Both Sides So Heavy that Battle Lags.

FEDERALS CLAIMING VICTORY

Dispatch from Mexico City Says the Pince Has Not Fallen and Government is Confident it Will Not Fall.

JUAREZ, Mex., March El-This city and El Paso were thrown into a furore of excitement this afternoon by a report that Consul Letcher at Chihuahua had forwarded a telegram to Secretary Bryan that Torreon fell at 1:30 o'clock. An of-ficial here telaphoned a leadeling business Part of Kelly's Army house that the report was official.

In a few minutes the streets leading to telegraph office here were jammed persons seeking verification. Among them were most of the rebel officials. who presently announced that the fall had not been officially reported. WASHINGTON, March 31.-Secretary

Bryan tonight said he had received no word from Consul Letcher announcing the fall of Torreon and that no important news from Mexico had come to the tSate department during the day,

ceived the following message from the oreign office in Mexico City: Torreon has not fallen and the government is quite confident that it will

received by the government from the front. Rebels Are Optimistic. CHIHUARUA, Mexico, March 31.— While efficials here are optimistic as to the outcome of the battle of Torreon they said today that the absence of official

reports indicates that General Villa is meeting with stubbern resistance. The telegraph office is accepting telegrams addressed to Gomez Palacia, care of General Villa, but thus far none addressed to newspaper men have been re-

World's Fair Fund to Be Used for Baby Welfare Stations take them."

at the time of the World's fair here was announced today by the committee of principal was untouched for the present, cago Infant Welfare society.

The fund has been increasing by intertoward making use of it while members ficiently large to eject them. of the original world's fair board of Just when the men of Kelley's army its dispositon.

Mrs Siegel Files

NEW YORK, March 31.-Henry Siegel, the bankrupt banker and merchant, under the east. indictment for grand larceny and violation of the state banking laws, is named as defendant in a suit for absolute divorce which counsel for Mrs. Marie Vaughn Siegel sald would be filed today. It is said that two co-respondents are named. Mrs. Siegel was widow of George M. Wilde, brother of Rear Admiral Wilde, U. S. N., when she came to New York from her home in Virginia in search of

She was employed as a newspaper writer and was assigned to write a story about the Slegel stores when they opened. There she met Siegel. She resigned from the staff of the newspaper and went to work for Siegel. In 1898 they were married. Until four years ago Siegel and his wife maigtained luxurious establishments in

New York, Mamaronek and London, Then they had separated became k: own.

today.

The actual filing of the suit, counsel for Mrs. Siegel explained, depended on He Finds Wife After process servers finding Siegel. They hunted for him all forenoon in vain.

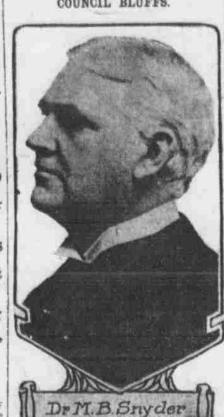
The Weather

Foreçast till 7 p. m. Wednesday For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity Unsettled weather tonight and Wednesday; probably showers; not much change in temperature.



Temperature at Omaha-Hours.

NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR OF COUNCIL BLUFFS.



Will Leave Hastings for Omaha Tonight

HASTINGS, Neb., March M .- (Special Telegram.)-A detachment of fifty-two the country for a general election if ployed who left the main body at Salt the system of plural voting, giving home Lake City arrived here today from Mc-Cook, coming in two box cars cushioned with straw. A committee waited on The Mexican embassy here today reMayor Ingraham and the latter supplied tion of plural voting and of placing home the men with coffee and sandwiches. This is part of the army that disappeared from Sand Creek, Colo.

The army that came here insurged from not fall, according to the latest reports Kelley's brigade at Denver under "General" John Brinkeman, who convinced his followers that Kelley was too czarlike. They know nothing of the where- sion beyond the aix years' exclusion of the abouts of Kelley. The men left in a pri- Ulster counties from the operation of the vate freight car on the Burlington at bill offered by Premier Asquith. "The

> ley's army that evacuated Sand Creek, nine miles east of Denver, said:

"All that we have heard concerning these men is that they were in Hastings today, fifty-two of them. We have instructed our officials out on the line not to permit them to board any of the Burlington cars unless they pay full fare. If they do this, they will be permitted to ride to whatever station their tickets

The Burlington has sent a number of ence, I, myself, take a stand as firm as special agents to Hastings, and if they that of any labor member." Palmer to pass on the question. The any portion of a train. If their own offi- try before the end of the six years named cers cannot prevent the capture if it is by the government in its offer to Ulster. but the income, amounting to about \$5,000 attempted, they will call upon the Hasannually, will be used to establish three tings police and the Adams county sheror more additional stations of the Chi- iff for assistance. In the event a small freight train and refuse to get off, there the debate on the second reading of the accumulation during the twenty-one is a possibility that they would be hauled home rule for Ireland bill. It is expected is since the fair and recently Mrs. some distance and to some point where the measure will occupy the house for at er has been urged to take steps the force of civil officers would be suf- least three days.

women managers might have a voice in evacuated Sand Creek and on what train plained of by the unionists. they took passage east. Burlington offiand is the point where the Burlington Suit for Divorce tracks cross those of the Union Pacific. The supposition is that they broke camp in the night and when the first through train came along they boarded it for

Illinois Miners Vote \$150,000 to Colorado Strikers

DENVER. Colo., March 31 .- That the Illinois miners voted to appropriate \$150,-000 to aid the striking Colorado coal miners was the announcement made at headquarters of the United Mine Workers of America here today. A telegram from Frank J. Hayes, international vice president at Indianapolis, was made public as follows:

"Illinois miners by referendum vote decided by overwhelming majority to ap-Mrs. Slogel went abroad and the fact that propriate \$150,000 to Colorado miners. The complete vote was tabulated and result Siegel, it was said, paid his wife \$25,000 made known today. This ought to serve a year. These payments are declared to as a fitting answer to falsehoods circuhave been discontinued some time ago, lated by some of the corporation-owned after Siegel's affairs became involved, papers in Colorado. All organized workdra Siegel arrived in New York from ers and liberty loving people of America Paris about five weeks ago. She con- are with us in our strike in Colorado. suited her attorneys and they began Our cause is just, right and will surely preparation of the complaint against the triumph in the end. I shall return to merchant and banker. Slegel and his Colorado as soon as we have disposed of wife both refused to discuss the suit the various wage conferences in the

Thirty-Seven Years

NEW YORK, March 31.-Captain Albert Wellman, who fought under Osman Pasha. in the Turkish-Russian war and was counted among the dead at the battle of Plevna in 1877, today was reunited to his wife, who had left their home in Cairo for England end eventually for this coun-

long search for them he came to America up a large furniture manufacturing busi- and in the state of 700.

Recently he received word from Mrs. cept from Pointett, which comes from the Wellman's relatives that she was living | chairman on that county's central com-

SUGGESTS A FEDERAL **GOVERNMENT SYSTEM**

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Sir Edward Grey Proposes It in House as a Solution of the Home Rule Difficulty.

READY TO GO TO CAS Y Minister Hints Liberals ig to

Put it Up to Ele RESUME HOME & DEBATE

Measure Will Occupy Commons at Least Three Days.

MORLEY STAYS IN THE CABINET

Lord President of the Council Reconsiders His Intention to Hand In His Resignation.

LONDON, March 31.-The establishment of a federal system of government the British Isles was suggested to the House of Commons today by Sir Edward Grey as a solution of the home rule difficulty. The suggestion was received with great attention by the house, which was engaged in debate on the second reading of the home rule bill.

"I believe," said Sir Edward, "that if our present difficulty is not solved by the introduction of a federal system, the untry will go under through the sheer inability of Parliament to transact its usiness. Sir Edward Grey put forward a hint

that the government was ready to go to members of the Kelley army of unem-Welsh church

"If an election could be assured," he rule and the disestablishment on the statute books, the method would be worthy of consideration."

Won't Concede More. Sir Edward Grey said that the ministers were not prepared to make any concescountry," he said, "must settle the question at the end of that time. Meanwhite Omaha Delegates Returning from Assistant General Manager Koiler of the qustion of the coercion of Ulster canthe Burlington, speaking of the east- not arise until after a general election ward movement of the remnant of Kel- but if there ar sporadic outbursts in that province, force must be used, and if an attempt is made to set up a provisional government and defy the imperial Parliament, the army must be used.

"If there had been a general election last week, it would have been on a much graver issue than home rule. If the army had taken active sides in politics, the country would have faced a graver problem than it had faced in three centuries. "If there is any question raised of government by Parliament without interfer-

kept off. The Burlington officials will not be reached on the basis of establishnot permit the men to capture a car or ing a federal system for the whole coun-

After a week of sensational developments in connection with the Ulster situaparty of the Kelleyites should board a tion the House of Commons today started

The absence of Mr. Asquith, who was in charge of the bill, was bitterly com-

It is reported from Dublin that Premier cials here have not been apprised. Sand Asquith is to be opposed in the bye-Creek is nine miles this side of Denver election for East Fife by James Larkin. who, as head of the Transport Workers' union, was leader of the strike in Dublin last autumn. In connection with the strike Mr. Larkin was sentenced to seven months' imprisonment in October for inciting to riot, but was later released. Viscount Morley of Blackburn, lord

president of the council, today abandoned The cabinet met today and the strong-

est pressure was brought to bear on Lord Morley not to add to the difficulties of colleagues by giving up his office. When the House of Lords met later in the day. Lord Moriey announced to the members that he had not quit the cab-

Taking of Testimony in Dollar Gas Suit to Start Saturday

Taking of testimony in the dollar gas he testimony.

at profit for \$1 per 1.000 cubic feet, and in and the Currie committee be invited to hammer, in a hotel room here. proof thereof will offer the report of an expert, W. D. Marks, who appraised the gas plant for the city.

Gas company officials may abandon the contention that \$1 is confiscatory and seek to annul the dollar gas ordinance by successful fight on the principle of rate regulation by the city.

Senator J. P. Clarke Wins Nomination

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 31.-Fig for England end eventually for this country, after received today from the primary calendar, after receiving the news that her husband had been killed.

Captain Wellman, instead of being dead, was among the prisoners taken by the Russians. When he was released from prison in Russia he could find no trace.

Considered miscellianeous bills on the calendar.

Const and insular survey committee increase our maintenance force graudually 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 15,000 fewer men at work than MISSPELL ISOSCI ires received today from the primary of his wife and son. After making a given by the chairman of the Poinsett county central committee, show Clarks and settled in Montreal, where he built has a majority in that county of 1.181

The total vote of the state, official, exilu Brooklyn, and he soon sought her out. mittee, is Clarke, 68,445; Kirby, 67.745.

Lincoln Are Satisfied.

STATE MEETING TO BE IN JULY Chairmen Instructed to Join in Calling Convention to Be Held at Lincoln on Twenty-Eighth of July.

Drawn for The Bee by Powell.

ommittee meeting held at Lincoln yes- Swann said: Omaha were Amos Thomas, secretary of fluence of a superior mind." the state committee; A. W. Jefferis, Rob-

and C. F. McGrew. leaves the matter practically up to Ep- mission house of Ferdinand Gatto. person and Currie to arrange for a harmonious convention, and I am sure they will do it. Although there are two resolu- him tions, one from the Epperson committee and one from our committee, they embody practically the same idea.

The resolution by the Epperson comconvention for July 28 and that the Currie committee be invited to join and cooperate in the call."

The resolution from the Currie commit

Resolved, That F. M. Currie, chairman of the republican state central commitbraska republican state convention held on July 28, 1914, at the city of Lin-coln, as provided by law.

Be it further resolved, That the chair-

man of this committee is requested and president of the council, today abandoned his intention of resigning from the cabinet, intimated in the House of Lords yesterday.

The cabinet met today and the strong. said convention, and apportioning the delegates to the several counties of the state, and that an invitation be extended to the executive committee of which A. C. Epperson is chairman to assist in arranging such details and also the apportunity.

> PEELING FAVORABLE TO UNION Party Men in Capital Think Matters Will Be Adjuste.

tioning of said delegates

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 31 .- (Special.) - Feelbe favorable to union in the future, not- with it. uit will begin before Master-in-Chancery pression the party is split over the result | Kraft and he acknowledged that he had Dunham Saturday. City attaorneys say of the final action of the Currie commit- done so and kept the money. Koeiters serve bank stocks. Those who use this It will require several weeks to complete tee in falling to accept the report of the is about 35 years old. Mrs. Kraft was argument are inclined to believe that the The city contends that gas can be sold Epperson committee should make the call crushed from a blow with a machinist's

According to the decision of the supreme court in 1912 wherein the rights of Erie Lays Off Six the Epperson committee and the Taft committee were involved in placing electors of the two committees on the repub (Continued on Page Two.)

The National Capital

Tuesday, March 31, 1914. The Senate.

Met at noon, Considered miscellianeous bills on the

The House.

REPUBLICANS ARE PLEASED Man Who Hypnotized WHERE WILL THE BANKS BE? Other Into Commiting Location of Reserve Centers to Be Crime is Convicted Announced Very Soon.

Those Close to Administration Be-

lieve Chicago, St. Louis and Kan-

san City Practically Certain

to Be Chosen.

Four in East, Expected.

Must Be Subscribed by Public.

If the banks becoming members cannot

subscribe a sufficient amount to make up

assumed here that the committee will not

launch the new system in such a way

that any bank will be the center of a

district which cannot without public

subscription take up the necessary re-

committee for this reason may establish

less than twelve banks. They say that

it will be only a few years when the

Pacific northwest will be able in the

course of normal expansion to take the

stock of a reserve bank, and that by that

Still Borrowing Country.

ome persons as to the number of banks

would allow for natural expansion in the

MISSPELL ISOSCELES

time that section will need such a bank.

be made about April 1.

leans or Dallas.

NEW YORK, March 31.-Psychologists today made a study of the case of Philip S. Saitta, a lawyer, who yesterday was convicted of grand larceny, after the evidence had revealed the subjection to suggestion of Salvatore Gatto, who blindly followed Saitta's dictation. After Gatto told of his career as Saitta's slave, Returning from the republican state the jury rendered its verdict and Judge

erday the half dozen delegates from . "Gatta palpalby had become an auto-Ommba are well pleased with the result, maton und'r the influence of the master of the conference held with the Epper- mind. Unquestionably he had felt the son committee and believe that it will irresistible compulsion to perform what-Sir Edward suggested the resumption of mean a single harmonious republican con- ever act he was bidden to perform. The CHICAGO, March 31.—Disposition of the 100,000 fund derived from the sale of take their departure they will be ejected conferences between party leaders in the time of the Warld's fair here was located.

Saitta was on trial for having duped ert Smith, William Ure, R. B. Howell Italian lemon growers into sending consignments of fruit to a dummy firm, us-"The result of the conferences," said ing the name of Gatto and leading the Secretary Amos Thomas, "is that it exporters to believe it to be the com-Saitta made Gatto sign for the con-

signments and then turn them over to "Once he struck me." Gatto testified. 'I started to cry and he drove me out of his office. That same day he made me dent that they will select the full number pawn my watch for \$120 and bring him allowed. mittee reads, "Resolved, That Chairman the money. He would make me do sny-A. C. Epperson proceed to call the state thing he wanted. I might know it was wrong, but I'd do it just the same. When the verdict was announced Gatto

slipped out of the court room, sobbing

Koetters Given Life Term for Murder of Mrs. Emma Kraft

noon. Koetters was found guilty of kill- to the stock of one reserve bank. from a hammer, which crushed her skull. have a capital stock of \$4,000,000 and each our hears heirs forever and forever." The crime was committed November 14, bank must subscribe to make its capital 1912. Mrs. Kraft was 60 years old and 6 per cent of its own capital and surhad been a widow four years. She had Plus. been infatuated with Koetters and had just sold property in Cincinnati for \$3,009. It was the accusation of the state that ng over the result of the action of the Koetters, failing to get this sum from the \$4,000,000 the stock of the reserve bank wo republican state committees seems to her by cajolery, murdered her and fled is to be subscribed by the public. It is

withstanding those who would like to see | Evidence was introduced that Koetters it otherwise are trying to give the im- previously had obtained \$500 from Mrs. two subcommittees who agreed that the found at the point of death, her head

Thousand Men

NEW YORK, March 31.-The Eric rail- to be set in the south. Atlanta, New Orroad, through A. J. Stone, general man- leans, Richmond and Louisville have been ager, today announced the enforcement active in an attempt to obtain a bank, of a general retreachment order, includ- but the committee has been reminded by ing a reduction in the clerical force, others that the south, east of the Missiswage cuts and lessening of working sippl river, is still a horrowing country. hours, to aid, according to the statement, Accepting this statement as true, some in offsetting declining revenues. About persons in their prophecies have limited 6,000 men have been laid off since De. their fists to ten. They declare that this

"Usually at this time of the year we south and permit the establishment of a have about 15,000 fewer men at work than at the height of our maintenance work Met at 11:29 a. m.

Met at 11:29 a. m.

Final debate was begun on the proposed repeal of the Panama tolls exemption. Representative illnebaugh, chairman of the proposed the proposed compression of contributions made by congressmen to the iast campaign.

ALBANY, N. Y., March B.—High school students in New York state, who tried the state examination in geometry a few days are anxiously hoping for an increase aso, misapelled the word "isosceles" in rates, the retrenchment in progress is due to quiet business."

WILSON MENJAM TOLL REPEAL BILL THROUGH HOUSE

Sims Measure, Rescinding Exemption Clause of Canal Act, Wins by 248 to 162

MAJORITY OF EIGHTY-SIX

Administration Forces Triumph Earlier on Test Vote.

MOTION TO RECOMMIT IS LOST

Clark Disappoints Those Expecting Him to Attack Executive.

NO ISSUE WITH THE PRESIDENT

Sooner Ditch Walled Up Than Under British Control.

REPLIES TO PRESS ASSAULTS

Denounces Newspapers Charging Him with Being Friendly to Shipping Interests.

WASHINGTON, March 31 .- The Sime' bill to repeal the toll exemption caluse of the Panama canal act was passed

by the house late today, 248 to 142. At 5:37 o'clock when the third reading of the repeal bill was called for, Minority Leader Mann demanded the year and nays, and the roll call was begun on the motion, the first real test on the

On a motion for the engresement and third reading of the repeal bill the administration forces won by ayes, 247; oes, 160. This was the first test vote.

First Test Vote. This victory by a majority of eighty-seven for the administration on the first test vote was conceded to assure passage of the bill itself by a greater margin than even the most optimistic of the repeal

leaders had predicted. The house by a vote of 232 to 176 vote1 down a motion to recommit the bill to the interstate and foreign commerce com-DOPE DOESN'T FAVOR OMAHA

Clark Dramatic. Speaker Clark departed from the text of his prepared speech to dramatically de-

"I would rather see the Panama canal walled up than to give the British people any control of it. It's ours forever, for WASHINGTON, March 31 -After three

better or worse. months of consideration the reserve bank Speaker Clark, closing the debate against organization committee, Secretaries Mc-Alloo and Houston and Comptroller of the the repeal, disappointed those who ex-Currency Williams, charged with laying pected him to attack President Wilson. He disclaimed any personal issue with the the ground work for the new currency system, is about ready to define geograph- president, declared he believed Mr. Wilson ically the limits of the federal reserve was actuated by the highest patriotic districts, and name the cities in each motives and that there was no breach district whose reserve banks are to be in the democratic party. He argued at It is the general expectation that the and declared that "the amazing request announcement of these conclusions will of the president for the repeal, like the peace of God, passeth all understanding Opinion is divided among those close He disclaimed any personal issue be to the administration as to the number of tween the president and himself and banks to be established. The law per- added that if the president had reasons mits the establishment of not less than which are not utterly untenable and eight and not more than twelve banks. which compel him to make this request. There is apparently little ground for be- he had not given them to the house. His Beving that the committee will name only differed from the president's statement eight cities and many persons are confi- that toll exemption was "a mistaken economic policy," but admitting dispute on that point, proposed that the exemption be suspended two years. He contended The expectation seems to be general that the president was mistaken in the

that there will be at least four cities on view that the exemption was repugnant the Atlantic seaboard. In this section, to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. Boston, New York City and Philadelphia In suggesting a two-year suspension of

have been named many times. Between tolls, Speaker Clark said: the Allegheny mountains and the Rockies 'Most assuredly the 'mistaken economic the prophets agree that Chicago, St. policy' reason for the president is un-Louis and Kansas City practically are tenable and fades away before the stubcertain to be chosen and many of them born facts of our history. As that is a add Minneapolis, Cificinnati and New Ordisputed point, why not amend this bill Persons who have figured their lists so as to continue the present law with the exemption section for two years or largely on the resources of the national CHICAGO, March El.-John B. Koetters banks which are to become members of suspend it for two years. By amending as found guilty of murdering Mrs. the reserve system, believe only one bank the bill, either way, we control the situa-Emma Kraft of Cincinnati and his pun- will be located on the Pacific coast and tion. If the exemption from tolls should shment fixed at life imprisonment in a that at San Francisco. They point out turn out to be 'a mistaken economic erdict rendered by a jury here today. that in that territory there are now only policy,' we can repeal or modify it, but The jury took the case yesterday after- banks with sufficient capital to subscribe if we pass this repeal bill, control over our own canal, built on our own soll ing Mrs. Kraft in a hotel here by a blow. Under the law each reserve bank must, with our own money, is gone from us and

> Will Surrender No Rights . "We want war with no nation," said the speaker, "but rather than surrender our right to complete sovereignty over every square foot of our globe-encircling domain we will cheerfully and courage

ously face a world in arms. He attacked the attitude of the democrats who have led the president's fight for the toll exemption repeal, Referring to published declarations that his opposition to the president was "the opening gun of his fight for the nomination in 1916" the speaker declared he had told all to whom he had spoken about the 1916 situation that if the president's administration were a success, Mr. Wilson would be re-elected and if it were a failure "the nomination would not be worth having. As to his own future, the speaker insisted he could be happy without the presidency. the speakership, or even with retirement to private life, should his constituency

so determine. There is no personal issue between the president of the United States and myself," he said. "I trust there never will be. I have at no time uttered one word of criticism of the president. At no time. so far as I am informed or believe, has the president said one single word of criticism of me. I have never for one moment entertained the opinion that President Wilson is actuated by other than the

No Breach in Party. "I do not believe that President Wilson has ever entertained any other opinion as to the conduct of those of us who find it necessary to differ from him on this measure. President Wilson does not desire a breach in the democratic party, I do not desire a breach in the democratic party, and there is no breach in the democratic party. I would scorn to believe that President Wilson countenances for

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