

NOTABLE SCENE IN HOUSE

Dramatic Climax of Speaker's Address Stirs Great Crowd.

DIPLOMATIC GALLERY IS FILLED

South American Women Applaud When Clark Appeals to Americanism of People of the United States.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C. April 1.—(Special Telegram)—Not in a quarter of a century has there been such an impressive and inspiring scene in the house of representatives as was presented yesterday when Speaker Champ Clark arose to oppose the so-called Sims' bill repealing the free tolls' section of the Panama canal act passed in August, 1912.

It was memorable not only because of the great audience, the large number of senators present on the floor, the diplomatic gallery filled to the utmost limit, and all the galleries of the historic chamber crowded to suffocation by hundreds and hundreds of people, many of whom were packed in the doorways, standing on chairs and every conceivable thing that would lift them above the heads of those in front, but because of the portentous events that were being enacted, the dramatic climax of it all being the speaker's presentation of his reasons for maintaining that free tolls stood for Americanism, and his party's solemn pledge to the people.

Senators Upon Floor.

Senators Hitchcock and Norris remained throughout the entire speech, having in fact come to the chamber long before Speaker Clark secured recognition from the acting speaker, Mr. Underwood, to close debate for the free tolls' adherents. Congressman Burke of South Dakota appeared on the floor early in the day, having hurried away from his recent successful campaign for United States senator to participate in what many believe one of the most historic occasions in the history of legislation in a general way.

Scores of the wives and families of the members of both the house and senate holding their precious cards of admittance to the private galleries, and coming to the house a full two hours before the session opened, found it a physical impossibility to get seats or even secure standing room, as every inch of space was occupied even at that early hour. Among these bitterly disappointed ones were the wives of Congressman Sloan of Nebraska and Frouly of Iowa, and also the spouses of Senators Ashurst, Poindexter and a number of others.

Women Kept from Floor.

Mr. Sloan made quite a gallant, but unsuccessful effort to secure a suspension of the rules which would permit admittance to the floor of the house back of the rail to the tearful wives of congressmen and senators who were marooned in the crowded corridors outside unable to see or hear.

Many were the interesting sidelights in the house itself occurring in the course of the speaker's earnest plea for free tolls. One occurred in the diplomatic gallery, crowded for the greater part with the handsomely gowned women of the diplomatic corps, although a few of the diplomats themselves were present.

When in the course of Mr. Clark's speech he thundered that he would rather see the Panama canal blown up and made a ditch of broken rock than to see Great Britain secure the slightest influence over its operation, all of the women in the diplomatic gallery with but few exceptions joined enthusiastically in the wild burst of cheers and applause that came from every part of the house. It was observed that nearly all of these women came from Peru, Guatemala, Chile, and many other South American countries.

Nebraskans Evenly Divided.

The Nebraska delegation on the final vote, as well as on the votes preceding, voted three and three as expected, republicans for free tolls, democrats against.

Congressman Sloan secured time for a short speech yesterday advocating his views, and today Congressmen Kinkaid, Barton and Dan Stephens had hoped to secure the floor for a short time. Late in the afternoon, after Speaker Clark's speech, it was seen that they could not do so, as the hour for voting under the "ERS" rule adopted last week by the Democratic majority had almost arrived.

However, having secured time from the leaders, they were recognized by Acting Speaker Underwood and will have the privilege of having their speeches printed in the Congressional Record.

Congressman Burke of South Dakota Voted Against Repeal.

Six members of the Iowa delegation in the house voted for the repeal, while three—Representatives Kennedy, Woods and Scott—voted against it. Representatives Good, Kirkpatrick, Green, Frouly and Hansen and Connolly cast their votes for the repeal.

Many direful predictions are made tonight as to the consequences to the Democratic party as a result of their action today.

Asserts Missing Boy Was Kicked to Death

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 1.—Warren McCarrick, the 7-year-old boy who has been missing since March 12, was kicked to death by a horse attached to a farm wagon, which was standing near the boy's home, according to a letter received today by Robert Cameron, captain of detectives.

The writer, who has not revealed his identity or the location of his farm, asserts that the boy's hoop rolled under his horse and that when the child tried to get it he was kicked in the head. The farmer placed him in the wagon and started to drive to a hospital, according to the letter, but finding that the boy was dead, took the body to his farm on the outskirts of this city and buried it. He states that he will reveal the spot where the body is buried if promised immunity.

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People Refuse to Ride for Nothing on Toledo Street Cars

TOLEDO, O., April 1.—Officials of the Toledo Railway and Light company reported tonight that the patrons of their lines were becoming "conscience stricken" and that approximately 80 per cent of the passengers today paid 5-cent fares. The company continued its policy of allowing all who insisted on paying 3-cent fare to ride free. The fight over the 3-cent fare ordinance was at a standstill today. City Solicitor Thurston urged the people to offer 3 cents until they are ejected from the cars. Negotiations were resumed between the franchise committee of the city council and the representatives of the railway company, but no decision was reported on the proposal made by the company, that the 3-cent fare plan be given a trial and that the rate of fare here be fixed every five years.

WILL RETAIN GRAFF AS HEAD

President Walker of Board of Education Issues Signed Statement.

MISS M'UGH NOT IN RACE

Tells President Walker She Would Not Accept Position if Superintendent Desires It, but Will Retire as She Planned.

In a signed statement issued last night after the committee on teachers and instruction had been in session for three hours, President C. T. Walker of the Board of Education emphatically declared that Superintendent E. U. Graff of the public schools would be re-elected, and he denied that there was any move to vote him out and that Principal Kate McHugh of the Central High school might be installed in the position. A majority of the members of the board declared as forcefully as did President Walker that Superintendent Graff would be re-elected and pledged him their unequivocal support.

President Walker's signed statement follows:

"Mr. Graff will continue to be superintendent of Omaha schools until he decides to resign. So far as I know there isn't a member of the board who will vote to dislodge him against his wishes. Superintendent Graff and the Board of Education are and have been working in splendid harmony, and harmony seems to prevail throughout the entire school system of the city. I don't know of anything more desirable, or of more importance to the city than that."

President Walker said further that he would vote for Mr. Graff for a three-year term. Other members who said they would vote for the superintendent for re-election were: A. J. Busch, Dr. E. Holovitchner, R. F. Williams, Alfred C. Kennedy, E. F. Leavenworth, F. J. Taggart and C. V. Warfield.

"As superintendent of instruction, Mr. Graff is perfectly satisfactory to me," said Mr. Warfield.

"I am for Graff first, last and all the time," said Mr. Williams.

Mr. Leavenworth said: "Certainly I will vote for Mr. Graff."

"Sure," said Mr. Kennedy.

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my views. I will vote for Mr. Graff," Mr. Burdin said.

Dr. Holovitchner and Mr. Taggart are strongly opposed to making any change of superintendents this year. Dr. J. J. Foster, James Richardson and W. A. Foster could not be reached following the meeting of the committee. E. J. Straits said he had not yet decided, but that

he would "make up his mind in a day or two."

Judge W. A. Foster today said there was no doubt about the outcome of the July election. "Superintendent Graff will be re-elected," he declared.

President Walker denied responsibility for the report purporting to come from his office which said a majority of the

board members had decided not to vote for the re-election of Mr. Graff, but would support Miss McHugh.

Majority Have Pledged.

There are twelve members of the board and a majority of them have pledged their vote to Mr. Graff, believing the best interests of the public schools would be served by retaining him.

Those who have not pledged him their support say they find no fault with him, and are not opposed to him, as reports published in Miss McHugh's interest indicated.

Miss McHugh told President Walker that she would not accept the superintendency if Superintendent Graff desired to remain here. She has announced her

decision to retire this year, a decision made when she became the principal of the Central High school.

President Walker's emphatic statement and the endorsement of his position by a majority of the board members settles the matter of the superintendency, and it is understood that the agitation for Miss McHugh will be stopped.

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