## REPEAL BILL UP TO WILSON

Only His Signature Necessary Now to Rescind Exemption Clause.

HOUSE ADOPTS THE AMENDMENT

Underwood Speaks of Congress Having Made "This Un-American Surrender"-Long and Bitter Fight is Ended.

WASHINGTON, June 12 -- Only President Wilson's signature is necessary to repeal the clause of the Panama canal act exempting American coastwise shiping from tolls.

The long and bitter fight in congress ended yesterday, when the house after brief debate and without the formality of aconference, accepted by a vote of 216 to 71 the senate amendment specifically reserving all rights the United States may have under the Hay-Pauncefote treaty or otherwise.

The president is expected to sign the measure Monday. It was just a little more than three months ago that he addressed the house and senate in joint session, urgently asking for repeal of the exemption clause that the nation might keep its treaty obligations.

Moss Proposal Rejected. Before ending the contest, concurring in the senate amendment, the house voted down, 174 to 108, a proposal advanced by Representative Moss of West Virginia, to attach to the repeal a flat declaration of the right of the United States to exempt its vessels from tolls, and of the sovereignty of the United States over the

canal zone. flashes of heat in the debate. Representative Underwood, the democratic leader, although voting for the senate amendment, said that congress had made this "un-American surrender," and called the amendment, "Ineffective and negative. Republican Leader Mann, who had vigorously opposed repeal, supported the amendment, declaring it left the entire question of the rights of this country to be determined in the future.

Representative Glass of Virginia attacked the democratic leaders, who opposed the measure. He denounced the outrageous assaults made on the president," by the republicans and expressed indignation "at the leaders of the democratic side, who have aspersed their own colleagues because they would not follow them into the camp of the republican party in advocacy of a republican doc-

Twenty Demos Against Motion. Twenty democrats voted against the motion to concur in the amendment. They were: Brockson, Broussard, Conry, Deltrick, Donohoe, Driscoll, Dupre, Estopinal, Fitzgerald, Gallivan, Harrison, Kitchin, Lee of Pennsylvania, Mitchell, O'Leary, O'Shaughnessy, Patten of New York, Phelan, Raker and Reilly of Connecticut.

Thirty-seven republicans and three progressives joined the democrats in support of the motion. They were:

Republicans: Bartholdt, Barton, Britten. Burke of South Dakota, Butler, Davis, Dillon, Esch, Frear, Gardner, Gillett, Good, Green of Iowa, Greene of Vermont, Hamilton of Michigan, Hamilton of New York, Haugen, Helgesen, Humphrey of Washington, Johnson of Washington, Kinkald of Nebraska, La Folelite Lenroot, McKenzie, Madden, Mann, Morgan of Oklahoma, Nelson, Platt, Plumley, Prouty, Slemp, S. W. Smith of Michigan, Steenerson, Stevens of Minesota, Sutherland and Volstead. Progressives: Lindbergh, Rupley and Thomson of Illinois, voted for the motion.

MYSTERY OF RETURNED COIN Children of Minneapolis Man Who Found \$900 in 1891 Pay

Back Sum. A story of years of struggling and privation by the children of a Minneapolis man to carry out a father's dying request to free the family conscience, and the partial solution of the mystery of the disappearance of a packet of money to the city, are being "scrapped." Fire- die. on Nicollet avenue, Minneapolis, twen- proof skyscrapers are replacing them, arty-three years ago, came to light last week when Mrs. E. A. Colliton, 194 East Lake street, received through the police and other agents, \$900 in bills, the amount Garden city of the past are falling at them, live forever. that disappeared from her handbag on

January 17, 1891 The clearing of the mystery leaves an- tecture are being remodeled. Some ownother for Mrs. Colliton for the names of those who atruggled to return the stand old-timers, would even increase the money were kept from her and, though she wanted to return at least part of the the city ordinance restricting the buildmoney to the family, she was told not ing height to 200 feet. Some of these are to try to learn more of the case as it

would be impossible.

Methods used in getting the case before the police and in getting the money back to the owner only served to hide more securely the identity of the family that has been conscience stricken since the money was taken.

The family was represented by an tiate this and to greet visitors in the city agent who kept his own identity secret. is the noise of hydraulic riveters through-Mrs. Colliton and the agent arranged the exchange of money through an attorney. The police department, like an exchange, merely brought the two parties

Just one message reached Mrs. Colliton from those who returned the money and that was:

We are happier today than we have been in twenty-three years." Evidence of the struggle to raise the fund and comply wwith the father's dying

wish was made clear by the money, Nearly half the amount was in \$1 bills. pinched one at a time from the family ncome. Most of the remainder was in \$5 bills and there was no large bills in the packet.

Investigations necessary to establish is another that the wreckers are at work the identity of Mrs. Colliton and the work preparatory to returning the money so that the identities of the family most the present Borland structure at the corconcerned could be hidden, took several

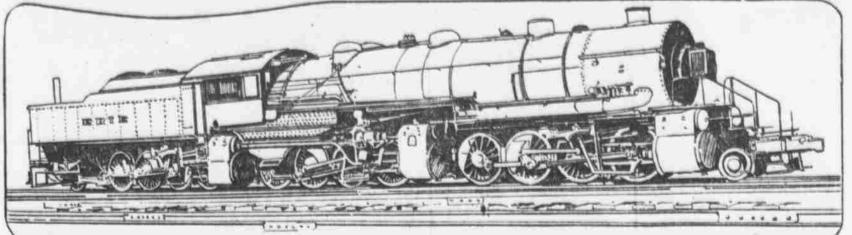
Mrs. Colliton had received the money new structure was to be M7 feet in height as a gift from her father and had placed but the ordinance interfered. It was the it in the Bank of Minneapolis, Nicoliet intention of the Boriands to make this avenue and Third street. On January 17, building correspond with the one next to 1891, she went to the bank and drew out \$500, intending to invest that amount.

She walked toward Fourth street and had less than half a block when she last year in the Brede building. It is at looked at the handbag she was carrying 107-109 Dearborn street and has just been

and saw that it was open. The money was gone. The street was crowded at the time and the bag had been jostled against several pedestrians. Mrs. Colliton believed she had been rebbed, but a man and woman who saw her searching the sidewalk and who were well known, said that a man, woman and little girl had been behind her when she dropped the money. The man, she said, picked it up and the three turned and walked across Nicoliet toward the present site of the Model Clothing com-

struggled to clear the family name and Clark streets is expected to be completed The little girl is one of the children who who joined in repaying the money .- Minneapolis Journal.

Latest Leviathan of the Rail-A Six-Cylinder Locomotive for the Erie



West Indian Negro Demands \$35,000

from New Haven Road.

Burton Also Asserts He Will Blow

Up Steamship Unless Package of

Currency is Turned Over-

Caught with Decoy.

an ocean steamship with dynamite if he

New York, New Haven & Hartford rail-

road by threatening to wreck a fast pas-

senger train if his demands were not met,

according to statements tonight by de-

Arrested under the name of Henry

Westcott, near a New Jersey town, last

night when armed posses dropped a de-

coy package from a rellroad train in re-

sponse to a scheme outlined in a letter

the Cunard Steamship company, Burton

is a prisoner tonight in jail in Hacken-

sack, N. J., awaiting extradition to New

rogues' gallery here and it was learned

on the New Haven road was in the same handwriting, according to the investi-

gators, as that in the letter to the Cun-

ard line. From the New Haven road

Detectives searching Burton's home to-

Buildings that Were Landmarks

Giving Way to Sky-

scrapers

Down-town Chicago is shooting higher

and higher into space. Building opera-

tions of unprecedented magnitude are in

progress. Structures 20 and 30 years old,

tistic monuments to future generations

the hands of wreckers and skyscrapers

that are the last word in modern archi-

ers of high-priced loop property, on which

number of new buildings were it not for

waiting for the time-not far off, they

say-when the high limit will be raised.

Architects, business and professional

men agree that in every steel beam, every

rivet and every calsson is told the prog-

ress, the growth and prosperity of Chi-

cago. Strangers are told that Chicago is

out the loop.

metropolis. The first thing to substan-

The Roanoke, an old landmark at the

southeast corner of LaSalle and Madison

streets, is one of the many buildings that

have been doomed. The Lumber exchange

building, a 16-story structure, is to take

its place. The building, in its con-

struction and interior finish, will, it is

for occupancy May 1, 1915. This is one of

atructure that has held its own for nearly

30 years at 111-113 South LaSalle atreet.

The New Boriand is to be erected or

the lot made vacant and is to adjoin

in architectural beauty and height.

North Dearborn street has seen a mod-

ern fireproof structure erected during the

completed. It is a 13-story structure and

took the place of a four-story one that

was erected soon after the Chicago fire.

soon on the building at the northeast cor-

ner of Wabash avenue and Washington

street. A \$1,500,000 16-story building is to

be erected at this corner. The permit for

The Chicago opera house is giving way

this building was taken out May 8.

Wreckers are expected to start working

of what Chicago did in 1914.

weapon of destruction.

that as Henry Cress he has twice been

His picture was found in the

The threat to wreck a passenger train and considers it a great practical joke

was demanded \$35,000, and the letters the ones who have been harboring dis-

stated that dynamite would be pisced in cases all their lives. Consider old Jere-

coal used by the road if the money was miah Bosh, who lives with his grandson

CHANGING FRONT IN CHICAGO als of a hundred younger men go by, and

buildings that in their time were a credit bons at the county fair are the first to

One by one the buildings that made the always have something the matter with

the allotted span.

alleged to have been written by him to

tectives who have been investigating the

youthful prisoner's activities.

in prison.

was not paid \$10,000, also menaced the

declared to have threatened to blow up pushed skyward.

At the time of the Louisiana Pur- a high rate of speed. Some five years ago appearance of a long string of box care power department of the Erie road has chase exposition ten years ago the trans- Cmaha folks had an opportunity to view moving apparently without power across built a locomotive that compares to portation world was set agog by the ex- a couple of these monsters at the Union the country. After fifty or sixty cars have hibition of what is known as the "Mallet depot, the engines then being on the way passed, the spectator notes one of the compound" locomotive. This is really west for service on the mountain divi- Mallet compounds and then behind it two locomotives in one, a double set of sions of the Overland route. The Bur-comes firty or sixty more cars, a single cylinders and driving wheels unded a lington has a couple of them in service engine of this type moving easily a strine single boiler. Its uses are limited to mov- on its western lines, and other roads have of cars that would require at least three ing slow heavy freight trains, as it similarly adopted them. Down in Kaneas of the heaviest of the ordinary type , cannot be driven safely at anything the on the Santa Fe one of the sights is the freight locomotive. But now the most

ATHLETIC BOARDER IS CALLED

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Life.

day's sickness in my life," said the ath-

letic boarder, with pardonable pride

With such a healthy body I should live

"You should knock on wood after mak

ing such a remark," advised the star

boarder. "In the midst of life we are in

the people who die young were fond of

exulting in their health and strength

Death loves a shining mark, as the hymn

says. Death also has a sense of humor

to cut down the stalwart gent who boast-

fully offers to wager a denarius that he

across the street. He is more than 90

years old and if he has any intention of

his time in pleasant weather sitting on

the front porch and he has seen the funer-

still he hangs on, as though he had som

definite purpose in it. The grandson is

quite discouraged over the outlook and

was telling me only this morning that

there ought to be a law providing pains

and penalties for people who live beyond

"The same condition prevails in the

They get their feet wet, or catch

world of lower animals. The beautiful

cold from standing in a draft, and they disappear from the map, while the com-

mon scrubs, which receive no care and

"My father had an old, blind mare that

was a sort of family heiricom. She

should have been poisoned or shot when

young, for she never was any good, but

my father let the old critter live just to

mare was spavined and swaybacked, and

had every blemish you will find described

in the veterinary manual. If there was

a disease within fifty miles she was

"The longer she lived, the more con-

firmed she became to the habit or vice,

whichever you prefer to call it, and at

last the old man became sick of seeins

her obstructing the landscape and gave

her every chance to commit hara-kiri.

He used to turn to her into the railway

right-of-way every morning, hoping that

run over her, but the locomotives all

shied at her, she was such an ornery

looking old beast, and nothing ever hap-

me absentminded locomotive would

sure to give it a tryout.

see if she ever would run down. The old

and stately critters that take blue rib-

can whip his weight in wolverines.

THREATENS TO WRECK TRAIN said, be the third largest building for pened. "The The permit for the new Morrison hotel Grim Reaper. He is never monotonous, simply as a flame from the end of the pay a per cent annually on the value, it was taken out in 1911. The new home of He always is preparing a surprise party gas pipe, and when he wanted to cut could be getting \$30,000 annually. the hotel will be 22 stories in height and for our benefit. Not long ago 1 was off the gas, his method was extremely will cost close to \$2,700,000. The building reading an article by a doctor who told simple. is to be erected in sections, one of which just what we should do to lengthen our "Taking a small plug of clay, Murdock During the discussion today there were TIME TABLES ARE FOUND ON HIM is at present eight stories high. The lives by at least ten years lie has rammed it into the end of the pipe. You foundation for the first section of the discovered the great secret, and was a must remember that he had only just new Kniserhof hotel at 316-18-20 South younger man at 30 than he had been at begun to experiment, and he was not at Clark street is rapidly being finished. 40. His article appeared in a magazine all sure what would happen if the small This section alone will cost about \$30,000, and after reading it I made up my mind holder in the back yard was to ground The Marshall Field building at the that I would adopt his system. But the and the pressure of the weight of the quired to annually run the city of New next morning when I opened the news- holder was to be taken off the gas. hur- York. He pointed out that it takes more southeast corner of Wabash avenue and Washington street, a 20-story structure, paper the first thing I saw was an ac- dock had some sort of dim fear that money to run New York City than it does is receiving its finishing touches. The NEW YORK, June 13.-Henry Joseph Stevens building, to be erected on State through some of his helpful exercises, his exhibitions he suddenly saw his that there is enough left besides to run

> Walt Mason in Chicago News. THIMBLE FIRST GAS BURNER table. Unable to find the plug, Murdock provements and even land itself entirely Accidental Discovery of Method "I am 50 years old and never had a

Economising Illumination

by Use of Tip. It was a well-worn and needle-puncpiece of clay to stop the flow of gas the condition that every good housewife's thing for the city. that gave to the world its first gas- thimble should be. it was full of small death, my dear Mrs. Jiggers, and most of burner. The thimble suggested the idea holes drilled by the unsympathetic heads to William Murdock, whose little cot- of darning needles, and the gas escaping tage in Redruth, Cornwall, England, through these small holes ignited, and where he lived in 1782, has become to his astonishment Murdock saw that known as "the cradle of gas lighting." those two or three small jets of gas

"The people who live to a great age are

being placed back under the tank of the sed in helping trains over the heavy childhood to the tallow dip and the oil lot away in 1885, instead of selling it for

count of that man's death. He was going there might be trouble, and at one of to run the government of Canada and Burton, the West Indian negro, who is street next to Mandel's, is already being which were warranted to clongate human flame beginning to grow gradually small, the government of New Zealand. Then life, when suddenly he was extinct. In and he realised that his holder in the he proceeded to say that the increase in

Detectives searching Burton's home today found time tables of the New Haven.

Papers Burton carried showed he had been granted a patent by the government for a dynamo motor.

The letter to the Cunard line stated a novelly-constructed dynamite bomb that could be sent in a package would be the movelly-constructed dynamite bomb that could be sent in a package would be the movel of the first of the figure of Mrs. Murdock's thimble: the Fleur-de-lis burner, would be an improvement, and so he welded together the end of his gas pipe and drilled out small holes, and got what was known as for the figure of Mrs. Murdock's thimble: the Fleur-de-lis burner, would be an improvement, and so he welded together the end of his gas pipe and drilled out small holes, and got what was known as for the figure of Mrs. Murdock's thimble: the Fleur-de-lis burner, would be an improvement, and so he welded together the end of his gas pipe and drilled out small holes, and got what was known as the covernment of the rustics of the neighborhood, who could not understand there being the burner followed, but it flung out the gas to forten the figure of Mrs. Murdock's thimble: the Fleur-de-lis burner, would be an improvement, and so he welded together the end of his gas pipe and drilled out small holes, and got what was known as the covernment of the coxcomb burner, a great improvement, and so he welded together the end of his gas pipe and drilled out small holes, and got what was known as the coxcomb burner, a great improvement, and so he welded together the end of his gas pipe and drilled out small holes, and got what was known as the coxcomb burner, a great improvement, and so he welded together the end of his gas pipe and drilled out the end of his gas pipe and drilled out the end of his gas pipe and drilled out the end of his gas pipe and drilled out the end of his gas pipe and drilled out the end of his gas pipe and drilled out the end of his gas pipe and drilled out the end of his gas pipe and drilled out the end of his gas pipe and d

others as does the dreadnaughts to the battleships, or the Vaterland to the general run of passenger boats. It is a Mal. its hands forever. let compound with three sets of cylin-

"There's one thing I like about the jamp-Murdock first burned his gas \$15,000, and had only asked that the owner

view of these facts, Mrs. Jiggers, you yard was getting low.

and pass the strawberries this way."- to cut off the light, but unfortunately increases the demand for the land, is that plug of clay had got knocked on erough to furnish all the revenue New to the floor and had rolled under the York expends and would leave all 'mhurriedly looked around for something free of taxation. else, and found his wife's thimble. Seizing the thimble, Murdock rammed it but, smelling the gas, Murdock applied into the hands of big land holders who tured thimble used in substitution for a a light and saw that the thimble was in are fattening on it without coing any-

Prof. Vivian B. Lewes, the eminent troduced the Cockspur burner. Murdock disturbed sleep," said the doctor, as disturbed sleep," said the doctor, as disturbed sleep, and the woman looked thoughtfully at the woman sleeping powders w English chemist and authority on mat- thought that three jets, which to his ters pertaining to the manufacture and use of gas, thus describes Murdock's acuse of gas, thus describes Murdock's accidental use of Mrs. Murdock's thimble: the Fleur-de-lis burner, would be an im"In the old days at Refruth, when provement, and so he wilded together."

WOULD LAY TAX ON LAND

Bigelow Points Out How Omaha Might Have Made Large Sum. USES LOTS AS ILLUSTRATION

Contends that Making Site Value Bear Burden of Taxation Would Have Brought Reenne to the City.

"If the city of Omaha had given away the sits on which the Board of Trace building now stands, instead of selling in 1885 for \$15,000 as it did, and had made only the one condition that the man to whem the city gave it, pay a per cent to the city annually on the value of the site. Omaha would have been far botter cif," said Herbert S. Bigelow of Cincin outl, lecturing on the single tax at the would today be getting \$10,000 annually as revenue from that site which it would have given away, instead of getting the \$15,000 in 1888 for a lot which has passed out of

Mr. Bigelow pointed out that the value ders and driving wheels, the third set of the Board of Trade building site now, based on the value of the site across the eighty engine. This machine is to be street where the Myer & Dillion Grug store is located, is about \$600,000. "That means." he asserted. "that the city gets something like \$6,000 in taxes out of the site annually. But it it had given the

More Revenue and No Tax. "Furthermore, if Omana had that same year begun to exempt improvements and had placed taxes on site values, it could today have more revenue than it has and the buildings, industries and improve

Mr. Bigelow spoke of the budget re land value in New York City annually. should improve each moment as it flies. "He looked around for his plug of clay due to the increase in population which

> "This system is not in effect," he continued, "and instead of this increase over the end of the pipe-a thoughtless in land values flowing into the municipal sort of a thing a brutal man would do- coffers of New York City, it is flowing

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Unexpected Prescription. His first attempt to make gas was in gave greater illumination than before an iron teapot. Later he distilled coal in a kettle and lod the gas through pipes.

Prof. Vivian B. Lewes, the eminent trouved the Cockspur burner. Murdock in English chemist and authority on matching the course of the constant of the cockspur burner. Murdock in disturbed sleep." said the doctor, as he



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the Conway on Washington street, is aiready erected, and the rest of the sky-scraper on the corner of Washington and Clark streets is expected to be completed within the next year. This structure will be it stories in height and will, it is be it stories in height and will, it is Friend.\*

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