

FREE TOLLS FIGHT WILL BE RESUMED

Senator Borah Plans to Inject Panama Problem Into Election to Aid Senator Johnson.

ORIGINAL CLAUSE WAS REPEALED BY WILSON

Would Remove All Charges From American Vessels Employed in Coastwise Trade And Using Canal.

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, May 17.—Senator Borah of Idaho, one of the principal leaders in the campaign to nominate Senator Johnson of California for president, moved today to revive the controversy over the Panama canal tolls and to inject the issue into the national election.

He drafted a bill, which he said he would introduce tomorrow, providing for free Panama canal tolls for American coastwise shipping and repealing the act of 1914 which President Wilson put through congress wiping out the free tolls clause of the original Panama canal act and establishing the tolls on American coastwise ships being paid today.

Claims Necessary Support. Senator Borah said today that he has intended to revive the fight for free tolls for several years and has only been awaiting the end of the war and the disposition of the peace treaty to begin it.

Among those who are expected to take an active part in pushing the bill is Senator Knox of Pennsylvania, who was secretary of state at the time of the passage of the original tolls act.

The Borah bill follows: "Section 1.—That hereafter no tolls shall be levied upon vessels passing through the Panama canal, and no tolls shall be levied upon vessels engaged in the coastwise trade of the United States.

"Section 2.—That section 1 of an act entitled 'An act to amend section 5 of an act to provide for the opening, maintenance, protection and operation of the Panama canal, and the sanitation and government of the canal zone,' approved August 24, 1912, which said amendatory act was passed and approved June 15, 1912, be and the same is hereby repealed.

"We built the canal and paid for it," said Senator Borah, "and it is nonsense to contend that we cannot permit our own ships to pass through the canal on whatever terms we see fit to lay down. I can see what advantage will have been gained by the United States in building the canal unless we do permit our own vessels to pass through the canal on better terms than those of other nations.

Free Tolls Essential. "Free tolls are absolutely essential to the building up of trade between the east and west coast. We hear much these days about building up an American merchant marine. There is hardly another thing we could do that would do so much toward developing our merchant marine as to establish free tolls for our vessels."

Passage of the bill before the national convention is out of the question to it would be bitterly fought by President Wilson and his democratic following in congress and by a good many republicans, would (Continued on Page Two, Column One)

Governor Opens Annual Meeting of Civil War Veterans at Fremont

Fremont, Neb., May 17.—(Special Telegram)—Representing the 2000 Civil war veterans who are all that remain in Nebraska, 150 members of the G. A. R. met in Fremont this afternoon in their 44th annual encampment in Nebraska. Meeting with them are the Ladies of the G. A. R., the Women's Relief Corps and the sons and daughters of veterans.

Governor McKelvie was the principal speaker at the opening session, a patriotic institute presided over by Addison Waite, Department Commander J. B. Strode of Lincoln spoke, and an address on Americanization was given by Miss Catherine Wexley. Tonight Fremont gave the visitors a public reception.

N. Y. Compensation Act Is Held Unconstitutional

Washington, May 17.—The New York state workmen's compensation act is held unconstitutional today by the supreme court.

Opponents May Refuse McKelvie Administration Their Support At Lincoln

All Quiet as Republican Hosts Gather for Convention To Meet Today—M. P. McDonald Chosen Temporary Chairman.

Lincoln, Neb., May 17.—(Special Telegram)—There were few indications tonight that the republican state convention, empowered to make a state platform and elect a new state central committee, was to meet here tomorrow. Early arrivals were few and there was no prospective issue to encourage preliminary caucuses or debate.

The one possibility of a fly in the harmony ointment was the threat of a few radical opponents of Governor McKelvie to carry the primary fight to the voters cast in the republican endorsement of his administration, particularly the enactment of the civil administrative code bill. There was nothing tonight to indicate that opposition to the code had a ghost of chance of success tomorrow, but there were possibilities of a minor attack on some vigorous opposition.

The advocates of the code and the friends of Governor McKelvie held strong cards in the well understood fact that the party cannot hope to win if it has a gubernatorial

RETAIL PRICES SKID SHARPLY IN STORES IN OMAHA

Haydens, Thompson-Belden And Kilpatrick Refuse to Follow Lead of Competitors in Reductions.

Prices in Omaha retail stores skidded sharply when discounts of 20 and 30 per cent on all stocks were offered by merchants yesterday. Of the larger establishments, Brandeis Stores offered the greatest reduction, with 30 per cent off regular prices. The Nebraska Clothing company and the Burgess Nash company, among the other large stores offering discounts, quoted 20 per cent reduction in regular prices. A possible price-slashing war loomed when the Eldridge-Reynolds company placed cards in their windows announcing a further reduction from 20 to 30 per cent.

Difference in Opinion. Not all stores agreed that the present market prices permitted of such cuts, and Haydens Brothers, Thompson & Belden, and the Thos. Kilpatrick Co., announced policies of no reductions in prices at the present time. William E. Baxter, president of the Kilpatrick company, declared that huge slashes in prices at this time would stimulate buying beyond normal and cause the public to exceed their needs.

Not Possible, Says Haydens. Joseph Haydens, president of Haydens Brothers, explained that their store could not cut prices below regular quotations, as their policy of buying and selling for cash requires them to do business on the smallest consistent margin. Barker's Clothes shop announced a reduction of 20 per cent, the first sale in the firm's history. The Palace Clothing Co. also announced a 20 per cent reduction. The Fair, B. Fred and the Emporium announced reductions of 33 and one-third per cent.

Arnstain Refuses to Answer Questions; Is Cited for Contempt

New York, May 17.—Julius W. ("Nicky") Arnstain faced charges of contempt in federal court late today as the first move in what is expected to be a long legal battle in connection with New York's \$5,000,000 bond pool.

On Saturday he was questioned by a commissioner in bankruptcy, but declined to answer. A writ was served on him in jail yesterday citing him to appear and answer the contempt charge.

Charles E. Hughes Retained As Suffragists' Attorney

New York, May 17.—Charles E. Hughes has been retained as counsel for the National Women's Suffrage association, the organization announced today. The campaign activities in the northern states will be in charge of Miss Mary Garrett Hay, second vice president. The work in the south will be in charge of Mrs. Frank J. Schuler, corresponding secretary.

Salvador Revolt Ends

Washington, May 17.—The revolution in Salvador has ended, according to advices received today by the State department, the revolutionists having been driven across the frontier into Honduras.

CARRANZA TROOPS IN WILD FLIGHT

Generals in Monterey Begin Fleeing to United States—24 Trains Captured by Obregon's Army.

LIBERALS TAKE TAMPCICO WITHOUT BLOODSHED

Collectors of National Funds Will Not Be Named by Military Order to Prevent Unlawful Collections.

By The Associated Press. Mexico City, May 14.—Via Laredo Junction, May 17.—Occupation of Monterey, Victoria and Zacatecas by the Liberal revolutionary forces was reported at headquarters of Gen. Gonzalez Thursday night. Gen. Humberto Barros entered Monterey, Gen. Juan Guerra took Victoria and Gen. Martin Triana captured Zacatecas, the report said. General Ricardo Davilla, Santocoy, Osmia, who have been holding the Monterey region for the Carranza government, are believed to be fleeing toward Matamoros with the intention of entering the United States. Gonzalez yesterday ordered military units to name new officials for collecting national funds of any government department. He took this step, it was said, to prevent payments to untrustworthy persons and avoid later claims by foreigners for indemnification.

Capture 24 Trains

El Paso, Tex., May 17.—Confirmation of the reported capture of 24 trains and other government munitions and the flight of President Carranza by automobile with a great quantity of coins, was received today by revolutionists here, they announced.

General Obregon's message, which arrived here May 14, corroborated previously reported details of Carranza's dash to the mountains, saying that before leaving the main body of his troops, Carranza ordered that the trains which carried the national archives, should be burned, but that revolutionary forces prevented the entire execution of the order.

Gens. Joaquin Amaro and Francisco R. Serrano, chief of staff, today left Irapuato, Guanajuato with a cavalry division of 6,000 men for Mexico City, according to announcements made in Juarez by Col. H. I. Almada, chief of staff to Gen. Eugenio Martinez, commander of operations in Chihuahua.

The movement of 6,000 troops from Casas Grandes to Juarez has already begun and 500 already have left in the latter town, Colonel Almada said.

Tampico Won by Obregon. Mexico City, Monday, May 10, via El Paso Junction, May 17.—Tampico was captured without bloodshed Sunday noon, according to an announcement made at headquarters of Gen. Alvaro Obregon, candidate for the presidency of Mexico, early today.

Gen. Lucas Gonzales occupied the town without resistance. General Carlos Orozco was reported to have escaped aboard the steamer Jalisco. Other reports said that Orozco went aboard a small merchant vessel, tried to force the captain to sail to Havana, was disarmed and returned to Tampico.

Rogas Assumes Governorship. Dispatches received from Puebla today said that Gen. Rafael Rojas has assumed the governorship of that state.

From Huerta, state of Mexico, the report came today that Gen. Luis Dominguez, in command of military operations on the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, had surrendered.

A telegram from Adolfo de la Huerta, supreme chief of the revolutionary forces, to General Obregon reported that 35,000 men in Sonora, Chihuahua and Sinaloa had joined the movement, together with Gen. Flores, Enriquez, Amaro, Amarrillas, Urbazole, Ruedo and Abundio Gomez.

Reforming the World

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It is easy for Secretary of State Colby to be generous with the lives of American soldiers—



—but it's kind of hard on the soldiers.

SINN FEINERS AND UNIONISTS IN NEW RIOTS

Mob Law Rules in North Ireland—Barracks Dynamited—Troops Landed at Cork.

London, May 17.—London, after two nights of rioting, was again the scene of riotous demonstrations today. Hundreds of men remained away from their work, walking about the streets, where many individual encounters occurred between Sinn Feiners and unionists. There was stone throwing by the crowd to some extent, and at one point Sinn Feiners, the police reported, fired shots at two unionist ex-soldiers, but missed their marks.

Groups of men and women in the unionist quarter of Fountain street and similar groups in the Sinn Fein quarter of Bridge street followed an exchange of party cries with stone and bottle throwing. Then more than 100 revolver shots followed.

Troops Land at Cork. Cork, May 17.—Two thousand troops from England were landed at Bantry on Saturday and immediately distributed throughout West Cork. Troops to the number of 150 also arrived at Skibberden. They commandeered several buildings there.

Barracks Dynamited. Belfast, Ireland, May 17.—The town hall and court house at Moycath, 15 miles northwest of Dublin, were blown up early Saturday morning. The buildings were the property of Lord Frederick Fitzgerald. It had been rumored that military forces would shortly be housed in the town hall.

Hunger Strikers Walk Out. London, May 17.—Thirty-four Sinn Fein hunger strikers recently released from Wormwood Scrubbs prison, who have since been undergoing treatment at the Marylebone infirmary in London, left the infirmary today on a protest against an alleged shortage of rations and have not returned. According to the Mail the ordinary rations failed owing to the illness of the steward and the admission of several new patients, and the Sinn Feiners refused to partake of the improvised rations.

Bolshevik Order Arrest. Of Co-Operative Societies. Washington, May 17.—The order by the bolshevik that all members of Russian co-operative societies be arrested has resulted in the suspension of plans of the Danish committee looking to the resumption of trade relations with Russia, the State department was advised officially.

U. S. Minister Resigns. Washington, May 17.—T. Sambola Jones, American minister to Honduras, has resigned his post and his resignation has been accepted, the State department announced. His successor has not been selected.

Altering Chicago Coliseum For Republican Convention. Chicago, May 17.—The Chicago coliseum was turned over to the republican national committee this morning and work started immediately on the alterations necessary for the big convention June 8. Offices of the committee and convention leaders will be ready for use on May 31, when the national committee begins hearing contests.

J. C. Dahlman Sworn In as U. S. Marshal For State of Nebraska

Thomas J. Flynn Succeeds Late J. C. Dahlman.



J. C. Dahlman, former mayor, went to Lincoln yesterday afternoon where he was sworn in as United States marshal for this district. He received telegraphic advice to have his bond ready for filing. His predecessor, the late Thomas J. Flynn.

Little Grief Attends Departure of Kaiser From Bentinck Castle

Amerongen, May 17.—Bentinck castle, long hemmed about by special guards because of the presence of former Emperor William of Germany, has again been thrown open to visitors following the departure of the former emperor for his new home.

The only person in the Bentinck household who appeared to regret the departure of the erstwhile royalty, was a daughter of Count Bentinck, who is reported to have become engaged to marry Captain Von Hsemann of the ex-emperor's retinue.

"There will be less tips for us now," said the Bentinck game keeper to a plump village girl, "but all the same I am glad the fellow's gone."

Civil Service Pensions Are Provided by Congress

Washington, May 17.—Legislation providing for a national system of civil service pensions was completed with the adoption by the senate of the conference report on the Sterling bill. General retirement of all government employees at the age of 70 is provided, with the retirement of mechanics and artisans at the age of 65, and railway postal clerks, mail carriers and one or two other special classifications at the age of 62. Pensions ranging up to \$720 a year are to be given to individuals of long service out of a fund provided for by direct appropriation of the government and by assessments from salaries.

Socialists Delay Asking Baker to Grant Amnesty

Washington, May 17.—The committee of socialists, headed by Seymour Stedman, the party's candidate for vice president, which was to have called on Secretary Baker to ask amnesty for political prisoners, postponed presentation of their petition until Tuesday.

The Weather

Forecast. Fair and warmer Tuesday. Hourly Temperatures.

HIGH WATERS AGAIN FLOOD CITY HOMES

Twenty-Two Families Marooned in Lowlands and Serious Damage Done to Crops In Second Missouri Rampage.

THREATEN FARMS NEAR CARTER LAKE BOULEVARD

East Omahans Concentrate Efforts in Strengthening Dikes—Stream Nearly Undermines Illinois Central Tracks.

With the Missouri river continuing to rise slowly, North and East Omaha again faced inundation last night. Following the overflowing of the river banks Sunday night, two main streams, one at Twelfth and Thirteenth streets and the other farther east, were slowly encroaching on the farms and homes east of Sixteenth street and north of Carter Lake boulevard.

In East Omaha residents concentrated their efforts at strengthening a dike to keep the overflow from flooding Willow creek and the fields adjacent, east of Carter Lake and north of Locust street. The rise threatened to follow the channels established in April, when the Missouri left its banks.

South of Locust street the flood waters threatened again to undermine the Illinois Central right of way and overflow the bottom lands. Farther down stream the river invaded the Winspear triangle, as far as the Illinois Central track. The squatters on the triangle awoke yesterday to find their front yards again flooded and the river lapping at their doors.

In North Omaha 22 families were marooned by the high waters yesterday, and crops worth thousands of dollars were destroyed. Much garden truck was ruined and numerous small fields overflooded. Large herds of dairy cattle in that section and in East Omaha were cut off by the high water.

Flood waters reached the South-Side at noon yesterday, since which time the height of the river has steadily increased until many acres of ground in the vicinity of Twelfth and Missouri avenue are inundated.

Water is rushing down Missouri avenue at a high rate, estimated to be from six to eight feet deep. For the first time in its history, the stock yards pumping station is completely surrounded by water, which is many inches higher than the flood last Easter.

The family of Mike Sabarski, Twelfth and Missouri streets, was forced to the second floor of their home which is completely surrounded.

The garden of Charles Taft, Eleventh and Missouri streets, was watered by the sudden rush of waters, and Joe Marzino, with his wife and eight children is marooned in his home at Twelfth and Missouri.

Police have been summoned to aid in releasing the imprisoned families which have no access to warmth or food at the present time.

John Crone, Thirtieth and Missouri, was also trapped with his family in their home by the water which surrounds it.

At 4 p. m. yesterday the water was reported still rising.

Bluecoat Hurler Fails To Report for Game; Is Given Suspension

Policeman A. E. Koylin, 3712 North Twenty-fourth street, was stripped of his star and revolver and suspended for 10 days by Chief of Police Marshall Eberstein yesterday afternoon. He was charged with failing to report for duty Saturday afternoon. He was the pitcher for the policeman's base ball team, was relieved from duty to pitch in the game against the Union Pacific shops. Instead of playing ball, he is said to have become intoxicated by drinking "Dago Red," to have gone into the home of an Italian at Sixth and Pierce streets and after terrorizing members of the family, to have demanded dinner.

When the woman refused to give Koylin something to eat he began abusive and she called the police. Sergeant Ed. J. Jenson was sent to the woman's home and took Koylin away.

No More Contributions for Memorial Fund for Soldiers

No more contributions to the memorial fund for the decoration of American soldier graves in France will be received by The Bee. The money will be cabled to Paris, where Floyd Gibbons will have charge of its distribution.

A total of \$250 has been received. Amount previously acknowledged, \$258.

Contributions received yesterday: Fred Martz, South Omaha, Neb., \$2.00; Mrs. John Larson, Fremont, Neb., \$4.00; Trinity Sunday School, Newman, \$2.00; Groves, \$2.00; Koylin, \$2.00; Mrs. E. G. Glone, Grinnell, Neb., \$2.00; Mrs. D. E. Dalby, Beatrice, Neb., \$2.00; Mrs. Laura Smith, New Angeles, Cal., \$2.00; Mrs. Anna Sharp, Omaha, \$2.00; J. E. Marr, Omaha, \$2.00.

Mexican Elections July 4

El Paso, Tex., May 17.—The Mexican general elections, generally believed indefinitely postponed because of the revolution, will be held on the date originally announced July 4.