

WILSON ENDORSES

BRITAIN'S STAND

Favors Square Deal on Panama Tolls

Contends the Present Law Violates Treaty With Great Britain

President Will Elaborate His Views to Congress in a Special Message—Col. Goethals Appointed Governor of Canal Zone to be Effective April 1.

Washington, Jan. 27.—How to dispose of the Panama canal tolls question was the subject of a discussion in the Senate today.

President Wilson, outlined to the Senate foreign relations committee last night before public.

The president's position was asserted to be that the provision of the Panama canal act granting toll exemption to American coastwise vessels is in violation of the Hay-Panama treaty.

Before any definite action is taken in congress, it was said tonight by administration leaders, a public statement from the president on the question will be awaited.

Several senators expressed surprise that in view of the president's positive attitude he had not urged some action at the extra session of congress.

What the president may recommend was disclosed in today's reports of the White House conference.

It was said today that the president was not opposed to toll exemptions as such, but that he was strongly of the opinion that there should be a discrimination without tolls from American ships.

President Wilson today signed an executive order putting into operation on April 1 a permanent government for the Panama canal zone, naming Col. Geo. W. Goethals as the first civil governor.

CONSERVATIVES VOTE FOR NO TARIFF RELIEF

LIBERALS A UNIT FOR UNTAXED FOOD

Enthusiastic Caucus of Members of Both Branches of Parliament Decide to Pursue an Aggressive Campaign at Ottawa and in the Country.

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—The first Liberal caucus of the session was held this morning, practically all the Liberal members of both commons and senate, now in the capital, attending.

Arrangements were made for an effective organization of the Liberal forces for the session work both in the house and in the commons.

Unanimous approval was given by the caucus to the attitude taken by Sir Wilfrid Laurier in regard to the need of courageous and prompt action by the government to revise the tariff with a view to relieving

the rapid increased cost of living and of affording wider markets to the agricultural producers.

The policy of free food and free wheat was enthusiastically endorsed, and will find its expression in public discussion in parliament and of the certain swing of public opinion away from the present reactionary administration.

MURDER AND ARSON GANG IN NEW YORK

YOUTH, A Witness Against Accused Desperado, Says He Took Part in Sixteen Bomb Outrages—Got \$2 for Murdering a Chinaman—Price for Blowing Up Buildings \$50—Boss is a Black Hand.

New York, Jan. 27.—Alfred Lehman, an undersized youth scarcely out of his teens, sat in the witness chair today and confessed to having participated in sixteen bomb outrages, revealed knowledge of eighty, cleared up the mystery of two murders and furnished information concerning a number of lesser crimes, including arson and burglary.

Lehman was called as a witness in the trial of Angel Svelter, accused of one of the bomb outrages. Lehman told the court of the burning of two Brooklyn houses for the insurance and many other lesser crimes. He said the bomb outrages usually brought the men doing the work \$20.

One robbery in which a Chinese was murdered, he said, netted him \$2, while the two men who were killed in the Chinese, got the same amount.

The lad's statement corroborated in detail a confession he made to the police last fall. Lehman said he had personally planted sixteen or eighteen bombs, causing much damage.

The gang he worked for, he said, were "black hands." The boss would write letters demanding money under threat of death, to well-to-do Italians. When they did not come across, I was sent with a bomb. They usually paid up after the explosion of the bomb. If they did not we went after them again."

As against helping our own Mother Country," the postmaster general said. "In taking the stand we did, we were not insulting the German people, we were merely trying to do our duty to our own land."

South Bruce. Murphy had stated in the Commons that the last election had been carried on the Ne Temere, appealing to Irish Roman Catholics.

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MONTREAL EDITORS NOT SO BRAVE AT BAR

SOUTH AFRICA TO DEPORT TEN LABOR LEADERS

Government Sends the Men Under Strong Escort to Steamer Sailing Direct to England.

Cape Town, South Africa, Jan. 27.—The government has decided to deport ten of the principal labor leaders, including President Watson and General Secretary Bain, of the Trades Federation.

Under a strong escort the men were taken today from Transvaal to Natal and late tonight were put aboard a steamer which will sail before dawn stopping at no port until it reaches England.

This action was taken by virtue of martial law, which is still in force in Natal, from which province the deportation can legally take place. Measures will be taken to prevent the men's return to South Africa.

Stay Refused. Johannesburg, Jan. 27.—Supreme Court Judge Wessels refused today to grant an order restraining the government of the Union of South Africa from deporting the labor leaders on the ground that the facts presented were insufficient. He suggested that the application be renewed tomorrow, when the full court is sitting.

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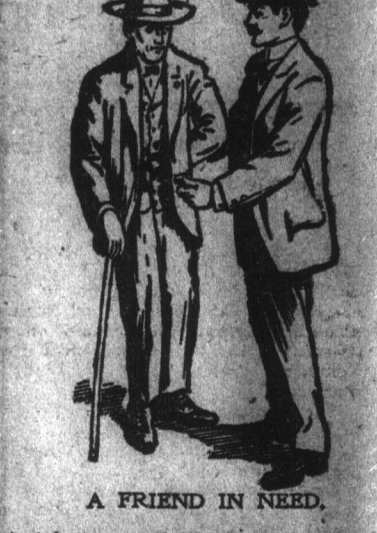
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THE GOOD NEWS

Man Recommends the Kidneys

Kidney and Bladder Trouble? Mr. Bauer at it. And they are telling all for them. Here is Mr. Bauer's letter.



PREMIER ROBLIN AGAINST 'VOTES FOR WOMEN'

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Sir William Mackenzie at Ottawa Refuses to Confirm the Story of Their Wanting More Federal Aid.

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—Sir William Mackenzie, president of the Canadian Northern Railway, is in Ottawa today from Toronto. Asked about the report that he was negotiating with the dominion government for a \$25,000,000 loan, Sir William said there were so many rumors going round about the C. N. R. that he could not keep track of them, but he believed they were started by people with an object of their own to accomplish. He declined to say anything more definitely.

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Kars, Jan. 26.—Bass have been very plentiful in the Bellefleur Bay this winter. Those fishing for them have made very large catches which are shipped to the Boston market, where the prices are good.

McAdoo Bros. are doing an extensive lumbering operation here. This winter they have a large number of men and teams employed. They are having their lumber sawed by Mr. Quirk's mill, which also gives employment to a number of men.

LIBERAL AMENDMENT DEFEATED

Majority of 44 Against Lightening the Burdens of the People—Opposition Will Continue the Fight to Reduce the Cost of Living and Start the Wheels of Industry Afloat.

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—By a straight party vote of 108 to 64, a government majority of 44, at a few minutes after midnight in the commons tonight, the Liberal amendment to the tariff was defeated.

The amendment proposed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier to amend the tariff in reply to the speech from the throne, an expression of regret that the government had failed to give any assurance of prompt or courageous action to remedy the existing economic depression in the country, was defeated by a majority of 44.

The week's debate brought the parties clearly divided on the main public issue before the commons. The Conservative attitude has been to adhere unflinchingly to the policy of high protection, to believe that conditions arising out of the tariff will right themselves, and meanwhile spend the public money with a lavish hand.

On the Liberal side, there has been a demand for relief from unnecessary tariff burdens to producer and consumer alike, and the removal of conditions of restricted trade, general unemployment and the difficulty, experienced by the masses of the people, in making ends meet. The general lines of cleavage have been laid down in the course of the week's debate.

Another Liberal Amendment. The end of the debate is not yet. One specific remedy was proposed tomorrow by Dr. Neely, who adjourned the debate, at the conclusion of the vote early this morning. Further specific remedies will be proposed by the Liberals when the debate is brought on later in the session.

At the conclusion of the taking of the vote, Dr. Neely announced that he had a further amendment to propose, whereupon Hon. Geo. E. Foster, who was leading the house in the continued absence of Premier Borden, expressed his surprise that this did not end the matter.

Mr. Foster indicated that the government did not want to "beat" the opposition, but would like to see an assurance from the leader of the opposition as to when the debate would end.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied that while there was no desire to unduly prolong the discussion, yet no definite date could be fixed, yet for winding up the preliminary general discussion as to the issues of the day.

The amendment which Dr. Neely will move tomorrow is as follows: "That the house resolve that the greatest speech with which your royal highness has met parliament, the said speech gives no indication of any intention on the part of the crown to take any steps to secure free access to the markets of the United States for the wheat and wheat products of Canada by removing the duty on wheat and wheat products coming into Canada from the United States."

Bills Introduced. Ottawa, Jan. 27.—At the opening of the house, J. A. M. Akers, Brandon, introduced his bill of last session to amend the Dominion Lands act. The present act permits the complete alienation from the crown of water power lands connected with water power, coal, oil, gas and quarry lands. This, said Mr. Akers, was a detriment to the people and would be prevented by his bill.

H. H. Stevens, of Vancouver, introduced a bill to amend the Money Lenders act. The bill makes clearer the definition of money lender, reduces the rate of interest from twelve to ten per cent, and makes the provisions of the present act apply to all loans instead of only to loans under \$500.

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TWO PROMINENT NEWFOUNDLANDERS DIE ON SAME DAY

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 27.—Newfoundland lost its only two companions of the Imperial Order of St. Michael and St. George today by the death of James Pitts, a prominent financier, and Judge Woodley Prosser. Pitts was a legislative councillor, former cabinet minister, and one of the wealthiest men in the colony. Mr. Prosser retired some time ago as judge of the district court on account of old age.

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