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THOMSON SUPPORTS WILSON ON TOLLS

GOVERNMENT MUST UPHOLD TREATY

Congressman in Letter Claims Exemption of Coastwise Shipping Would Aid Only Best Protected Monopoly in Country

By Charles M. Thomson

It has always seemed to me that the part of the so-called Panama Canal Act which provides that "no tolls shall be levied upon vessels engaged in the coastwise trade of the United States" was not in accord with the terms of the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty. Such investigation and study of the subject as I have been able to make during the past months has not changed my view. It is therefore my purpose to vote in favor of the repeal of the provision referred to.

The Section of the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty which is involved in this question, declares that "the canal shall be free and open to the vessels of commerce and of war of all nations, observing these rules, on terms of entire equality, so that there shall be no discrimination against any nation, or its citizens or subjects, in respect of the conditions, or charges of traffic or otherwise; such conditions and charges of traffic shall be just and equitable."

No fair minded person would have our Government violate its solemn treaty pledges. But honest men may differ as to what these pledges really are.

Those who support the feature of the Panama Canal Act above quoted, contend that the section of the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty referred to, may be fairly and justly considered as excepting our coastwise commerce from its provisions.

At very best such a position is open to serious argument, and where doubt exists as to what is meant by language which expresses an obligation into which we have entered with another nation, that doubt should be resolved in such a way as to leave no question about the fulfillment of that obligation.

But is it such a close point after all? Take a simple illustration. The "A" Steamship Company has steamers running from Portland, Maine to San Francisco. A Canadian corporation, the "B" Steamship Company has a line from Halifax to San Francisco. They are competitors for the handling of certain given lines of freight. Under the Panama Canal Act the American Company puts its boats through the Canal without toll while the Canadian Company may be subjected to a toll charge of a given amount per ton, thus increasing the cost of transportation.

Can it be seriously contended that such a course on our part is affording use of the Panama Canal to the vessels of these two companies "on terms of entire equality" to see that there is "no discrimination against" the Canadian Company "in respect of the conditions or charges of traffic?"

In my judgement clearly not, and if not, then it is a plain violation of our treaty obligations and therefore amounts to a position which is indefensible.

Strange to say this exact question has been determined by the contention of the United States itself, concerning a treaty, also with Great Britain, having to do with the canals and channels of the Great Lakes.

By Article 27 of the Treaty of Washington, of May 8, 1871, Great Britain agreed to urge upon the Dominion of Canada to secure to the citizens of the United States the use of the canals in the Dominion "on terms of equality" with the Canadian people.

Certain inequalities of tolls charged in connection with the use of the Welland Canal arose as to certain articles passed through the canal in connection with Canada's Domestic Commerce. Our government protested, claiming that the words "on terms of equality" did include both coastwise and foreign commerce, while Canada and Great Britain insisted to the contrary, that the words in question did include domestic or coastwise trade—exactly the position now taken by some in this Panama toll question. This controversy extended through several years and was participated in, and our position as above stated was affirmed by two Presidents, three Secretaries of State and both Houses of Congress, and our government finally won the point it made and it was admitted by Great Britain that the words "on terms of equality" did include coastwise as well as foreign commerce, and that coastwise trade could not by implication be excepted from such language in any treaty, by the nation which desired it. During this controversy many American and British officials took part in it who subsequently participated in the framing and ratification

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HOT CONTESTS ON FOR TOWN OFFICERS

PROBABLY THREE TICKETS IN FIELD

Announcement of Non-Partisan Ticket Already Made and it is Almost a Sure Thing That Two More Will be in Field

Before the time for filing closes Saturday it is probable that the town clerk will have three complete tickets to put on the ballots for the town election April 7 and one of the hottest contests ever waged in this township will be on. One of these tickets, the Non-Partisan, has been filed as follows:

Assistant Supervisor, Louis N. Beruber; Assistant Supervisor, George S. Rettig; Town Clerk, James M. Bilharz; Town Collector, James H. Duffy; Assessor, James C. Boylan; Justice of the Peace, Richard E. Winters; Commissioner of Highways, Ezekiel E. Farmer.

Of the others one will surely contain the name of Fred Schaefer for collector and the other will probably present Mary Dooley for the same office.

For the city election Harry Friebele is circulating petitions for alderman from the First Ward and it is said that R. W. Buckley is willing to be returned from the Second. Mr. Buckley has made a good record during his first term as alderman, and his constituents could well afford to return him.

Mr. G. L. Vetter makes the announcement that he will be unable to again make the race in the Fourth, which he has served well as alderman the past term.

LOCAL REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Catholic Bishop gets Balance of Deerfield Ave. Corner

O. H. Morgan and wf to C. Morgan, lot 6 (ex S.W. 50 ft.) blk 29, Highland Park. W. D. \$100.00.

H. W. Holmes and wf to A. B. and Bertha Tillman, lot 12, blk 14, Exmoor Add, Highland Park. W. D. \$4000.00.

Maud M. Collins to John Champion, lots 11 and 12, blk 2, Lloyds Re-Sub, Highwood. Q. C. \$100.

D. J. O'Hearn to Catholic Bishop of Chicago, lot at S.W. cor, Deerfield Ave. and Green Bay Rd., Highland Park. W. D. \$1000.00.

D. J. O'Hearn to Loretto Literary and Benevolent Institution, lot on west side Green Bay Rd., 181 ft. S. of Deerfield Ave., Highland Park. W. D. \$100.00.

G. P. Ide and wf to Ira J. Geer, S. 100 ft. lots 15 and 16, blk 42, Highland Park. W. D. \$400.00.

F. J. Garrity and wf to Everts Wrenn S. 50 ft. lot 5, blk 7, Wrenn's Add to Highland Park. W. D. \$500.00.

F. N. Tomlinson to Alfred Asma and wf, lots 1 to 14, blk 59, North Chicago. Q. C. \$100.

J. J. Condon to Ada Bataglini, E. 50 ft., W. 200 ft., N. 150 ft., lot 32, Highland Park. W. D. \$300.00.

Chicago Lumber Co., et al to Gertrude G. Alexander, lot 6, blk 38, Highland Park. Deeds \$2.00.

Wm. Lang and wf to C. J. Lang and wf, lot in village of Deerfield. W. D. \$1.00.

A. W. Paraski to J. E. Fagan, lots 36 and 37, blk 2, Deerfield Park. W. D. \$10.

Virginia R. Ives and hus to W. W. Bartlett and wf, E. 25 ft., lot 1, blk 40, Highland Park. W. D. \$1800.00.

A. J. Kroencke and wf to A. V. Stratford, lot 9, Pease's sub, Highwood. W. D. \$700.00.

Master in Chancery to Ed Bleimehl, lots 3 to 7, blk 17, Deerfield Park. Deed \$225.97.

COMPLAIN OF SQUIRREL SHOOTING

Citizens Call Deputy State Game Wardens to Investigate

Deputy Game Wardens Hahn and Turner of the First District visited Highland Park last week at the request of several citizens who wished to have an investigation made of the alleged killing of squirrels in this vicinity. The wardens reported that on the property designated the animals had done great damage to the trees and that the owner had secured a permit to kill them, as no arrests were made. The report errs a trifle as the owner, according to the authorities held no permit but instead engaged a young man who claimed to have one. There appears to be no objection to killing squirrels on property where they are doing damage but the police do not fancy allowing any boy who happens to own a gun, doing the job. Owners of property should notify the chief.

Woman's Civic Club

At the regular meeting of the Woman's Civic Club of Ravinia held at the Village House Friday, March 13, Miss Knowlton, Instructor at the School of Domestic Arts and Science, spoke on "Home Efficiency," taking the place of Miss Lyndon Evans, who was unable to come on account of illness. Miss Knowlton has been conducting classes in scientific and careful marketing and gave those present many excellent ideas regarding best ways of buying, careful inspection of labels of canned goods and ways of economical purchasing of table necessities.

There will be a special meeting of the Woman's Civic Club of Ravinia at the Village House Friday evening, March 20, at 7:30 p. m. at which time Mrs. Frances Everett will address the audience on "Local Politics." All are cordially invited and this is a most important subject and most pertinent coming as it does just before the election of April 7th, those in charge hope the women will avail themselves of this opportunity for instruction.

Y. W. C. A. News

Monday evening a most enjoyable St. Patrick's party was given by the Domestic Science club of the Y. W. C. A. in the Association rooms. A four course dinner was served at 6:30 to which the club and their guests did ample justice. Roll call was responded to by stories filled with Irish wit. Vocal and instrumental music took up the remainder of the evening. Miss Alice Davidson generously donated a box of grape fruit and a box of oranges to the Y. W. C. A. from her winter home in Avon Park, Fla. They were soon sold and many more could have been disposed of. The Sunday Vesper service held in the Association rooms at 4 o'clock Sabbath afternoon is open to all. We are glad to welcome new and old faces. At present we are taking up the study of the books of the Bible, the principal event in each book and biography of leading men in the Biblical history. Contributed.

Westminster Guild

The Westminster Guild met last Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Elisha Morgan, 431 Linden Ave. Mrs. B. A. Hamilton read an account of the "Life of Abraham." The study of Mexico was continued. Miss Edith Moss cited very interesting facts concerning the early history of Mexico and the luxurious circumstances under which the first Emperors lived, rivaling in splendor with the early Egyptians in architecture. The society discussed plans for an entertainment to be given in the near future as a benefit. A committee of five was appointed to make arrangements for such. The committee is composed of Mrs. Frederick Watkins, chairman and Mrs. George W. Childs, Mrs. Henry L. Glidden, Mrs. H. B. Roberts, and Mrs. Elisha Morgan. The next regular meeting of the Guild will be held March 31st at the home of Miss Edith Moss, 506 N. Sheridan Rd.

Parents and Teachers' Association

High School Division

The date for the annual reception to be given at the high school by the Parents and Teachers' Association has been changed to the evening of May 1st, instead of April 24th which is the night of the minstrel show given by the Young Men's Club. Remember, P. T. A. Reception at the high school will occur Wednesday evening, May 1st, at 8 o'clock.

LAW AND ORDER LEAGUE MEETING

Annual Gathering to be held in Waukegan Tuesday, March 24

The annual meeting of the Lake County Law and Order League will be held in Waukegan next Tuesday beginning with a supper which will be given in the Y. M. C. A. building at a charge of fifty cents a plate. The public meeting will be held in the armory and the speaker will be Senator Cleary of Galena. As it is planned to make this the opening of the campaign for a "dry Waukegan" it is believed the meeting will be largely attended.

Obituary

Mrs. Anna Andersthaet of Hubbard Woods, formerly of Highland Park, died on Saturday in the Augustana hospital after a three week's illness following the birth of her second child. She was formerly Miss Anna Higgins of Lake Forest. Funeral services were held Monday at one thirty o'clock at the home of her mother, Mrs. Thomas Hall of Lake Forest. Interment was in the Lake Forest cemetery.

SCHOOL ELECTION IS CALLED FOR MARCH 28

WANT MASS MEETING MONDAY NIGHT

Elm Place Auditorium to be Opened for Discussion of Question of Building Addition and the Location of Same

The Board of Education of School District 107 has issued a call for an election on Saturday, March 28, at which it is hoped the location of a site for an addition to Elm Place will be settled for the present, or until such time as the district will need a second addition. In order that all sides of the question may be thoroughly discussed a meeting has been called for next Monday night in the Elm Place auditorium. The meeting will open at eight o'clock and while there will be no set program of speeches it is hoped that men familiar with all phases of the question can be prevailed upon to give their opinion.

According to the notices posted the propositions to be voted on are as follows: 1, for or against the proposition to build a school house; 2, to locate a site for said school house; 3, for or against the proposition to issue the bonds of District 107 to the amount of \$25,000. The polls will be open at two p. m. and will close at seven o'clock p. m.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Two Local Dances and Play all Have Large Attendance

All the gaieties planned for St. Patrick's Day were very well attended, about seventy-five couples being present at the "old times" dance given by the Business Men's Association at Ravinia and enjoyed the dancing to the excellent music furnished by the Phillips Orchestra. At the other end of the city the dance given at Ft. Sheridan by the Spanish-American War veterans proved a grand success and was attended by one hundred couples. The play "Eugene's Fortune" given at the Immaculate Conception school hall by the Young People's Society of the Church of the Immaculate Conception was much enjoyed by an appreciative audience of about six hundred people.

The "Fortune" proved mostly in laughs and they were generously distributed by the excellent cast of amateur players and loudly repeated by those in the audience. Much of the humor of the piece consists of the brogues and dialects used and the five players, James Boylan as Finnegan, Madeline Ryder as Mrs. Finnegan, George Bowden as Reilly, Raymond Schneider as a French Count, and Edward McTamney as a Dutchman made the most of them. The other parts, Lady Lovejoy as played by Isabella Pitts, Katy, by Helen Conrad, and a duke Irishman by John Gallagher were all equally as good and the play which was directed by Dr. J. P. O'Neil, according to the verdict of the audience was a great success. Several vocal selections were delightfully given by Miss Louise Finney, Wm. Doble, Richard O'Brien and Father Thos. Burke. Miss Stella Finney played the accompaniments.

BIG DEAL IN LOCAL REAL ESTATE

Northwestern Cafe Owner Leases the Thomas Property for 99 Years

One of the largest deals in local real estate recorded for some time and one which will mean many improvements in the buildings near the corner of Central and St. Johns was made last week when Peter Sicokis proprietor of the Northwestern Cafe, and Thomas Coorlas of Chicago secured a 99 year lease on the Thomson property which extends from the State Bank Building on St. Johns Ave. around to and including the Levin jewelry store. Mr. Sicokis states that no immediate changes are possible but that as soon as certain leases expire one or two new buildings will be erected.

WILL LECTURE AT LINCOLN SCHOOL

Prof. Jesse L. Smith to Give one of His Famous Nature Travels

Enthusiastic pupils of Lincoln School are selling many tickets for the Nature Travel which will be given in the school auditorium next Wednesday evening. Mr. Smith is noted for the value of his subject matter in the discussion of birds, trees and flowers and for the beauty of the pictures with which he illustrates his talks so the large audience which is sure to assemble may look forward to a treat. The lecture will begin at eight o'clock and the proceeds will be used for the purchase of a stereopticon for the school.

THE PANAMA CANAL FROM AN AIRSHIP

LECTURER WILL TAKE YOU ON TRIP

Hugh O'Donnell Changes Topic for Tomorrow, Friday, Night at Ravinia and Will Give Most Popular Success

Because of its wonderful success in Chicago and in consequence of numerous requests that it be given here, "Panama Canal" will be the subject of Hugh O'Donnell's lecture at Ravinia Park tomorrow, Friday, night. In consequence those attending will be given the opportunity to see some of the best pictures that have been taken of the canal, including one taken from an airship; they will see the airship land, see O'Donnell take his seat and later see the wonderful moving picture which he took while flying at high altitude over the length of the canal.

Mr. James O'Donnell Bennett, in the Record Herald calls Mr. O'Donnell a "good natured, sharp-eyed, fluent Irishman, the latest entry in the field of lecturers." He further says: "He is different from all of them and he has something to say. He shows more pictures than any of his rivals and shows them faster."

The whole works of the mighty project, the commanding personages who are carrying it to completion and the daily lives of the army of humble toilers who are doing the digging at Panama are vividly sketched in anecdotes and estimates by Mr. O'Donnell.

The third lecture will be given next Thursday and the subject will be: "Athens, Damascus and Constantinople."

FARMER'S INSTITUTE PLANS

Officers in Meeting at Libertyville Plan Summer Program

Summer meetings, probably three of them, will be held by the Lake County Farmer's Institute if plans made by a number of the officers in meeting at Libertyville are carried out. A meeting in charge of a corn expert is on the program and will be held around time for selecting seed corn. The state experimental plot on the David White farm near Antioch will probably be the scene of a meeting and it is hoped to have Director Fisher, of the State Agricultural College, who has charge of this plot explain the system of rotation used. A third meeting may be held on the Samuel Insull farm.

It was also decided that a request would be made that the state association furnish a dairyman and a household science speaker and the state university a soil man for the next annual meeting.

MAY GIVE CITY VISITING NURSE

Ossoli Club Considering plans for Engaging One

At a special meeting of the Ossoli Club Monday night plans were considered for engaging a visiting nurse for Highland Park and as soon as the financial end of the question can be properly adjusted it is probable that a nurse will be engaged who will be ready for service to all the residents of Highland Park. In Winnetka and Lake Forest, where nurses are employed, it is the policy we believe to make a small charge for her services wherever those served can afford to pay and the deficit is made up by subscription. Besides members of the Ossoli Relief and Aid committees there were present at the meeting members of the Board of Health, Mr. Jesse Lowe Smith representing the public schools, Mrs. Horace Kennov of Winnetka and Mrs. Garreston, the Winnetka nurse.

ORGANIZE PYTHIAN SISTERS LODGE

Twenty-three Highland Ladies Initiated at First Meeting

On Monday evening the ladies of Highland organized a branch lodge of the Pythian Sisters to be known as the Lake Shore Temple No. 233. Mrs. Della Burnett of Chicago, District Deputy, Grand Chief and officers in staff, twenty-eight in number, initiated twenty-three ladies. Twenty-two men were taken in as honorary members. The officers of the Temple are: Ethel Hepburn, Most Excellent Chief, Mary Lehmkul, Excellent Senior, Marion Manahan, Excellent Junior, Minnie O'Keefe, Manager, Josephine Gooch, Mistress of Records and Correspondence, Margaret Watson, Mistress of Finance, Carrie Peterson, Protector, Annie Huestis, Guard, Jennie Cummings, Past Chief, Emily Himmler, three-year Trustee, and Alvida Riggins, one-year Trustee.

A COLUMN FOR THE USE OF EVERYBODY

MR. CUSHING ON THE PARK TRANSFER

President of East Park District Explains What Board will and can do for Park if Council Grants Permission

By F. W. Cushing

The proposition of the Park Board to take over and manage the park at the end of Central Avenue seems to have stirred up a tremendous lot of opposition and as this opposition comes mostly from citizens living west of the railway tracks I am sure that it is due to a misunderstanding of the facts. Perhaps a word of explanation will serve to set aside some of the objections.

The Board has no designs on the park in question beyond having its care transferred from the city to the Board so as to enable the Board to spend some money on the park and put it into more attractive condition than it is now. Our city, like most cities and towns, has a constantly growing expense account without a correspondingly growing income, and at the present time has more to do with its money than it has money to do with, and what little money is spent on this park, comes out of the street and alley fund where it is sorely needed. The consequence is that the park is usually neglected, not because the city wants it so, but because it has no funds to devote to it.

The Park Board is composed of five duly elected citizens who are property owners and consider themselves men of fair repute and they have charge of such parks and boulevards as the city council turns over to them. They have a right to a special tax of 4 mills on the dollar on the assessed valuation of the property in the park district and have no right to any more, nor can they assess any property outside of the district. This tax amounts, under the present valuation to about \$3,800 per year and nets the board when finally paid in about \$3,500. Since the organization of the district the board has spent upward of \$70,000.00 on the Ravinia Park and the park at the end of the lake and of the drive. This whole drive can be considered as a park and is a very unique as well as attractive one and is open to the use of the public. No restrictions of any kind are placed upon its legitimate and decent use. Our west side citizens use this drive and enjoy its privileges more than any of us and we hope they will continue to use it for it belongs to them just as much as it does to any other class in our city. The Park Board now has a little money on hand and more will soon be paid into its treasury. As many of our very good citizens have asked the Board why not spend something on the Central Avenue Park and make it more attractive, the Board has asked the city for jurisdiction with the sole intention of complying with the wishes of the people. Its only desire is to improve what is now a piece of waste land into a nice little park that all our citizens can use and be proud of. Certainly the spot is not a joy forever in its present condition, while a few hundred dollars would do a great deal toward transforming it into something worth while. For instance would it not be better to have a nice walk or two through the grounds with a few benches scattered about, the weeds kept cut down and perhaps a music pavilion or refectory of some sort in case of rain, than to leave it in its present condition?

The answer to this question that has been given the writer is, "That is all very well, but you fellows on the east side are likely to close the park to west siders if we give you authority over it whereas now we have some rights there". Could anything be more absurd? The Park Board could no more deprive the whole public of the use of the park than it could take away the lake. The land was originally dedicated to the city for "park purposes only" and if the city used the land for any other purpose or permitted its use for any other purpose the land would revert to the original owners. The same thing has been done with the small park at the end of Ravine Drive and the legality of that act has never been questioned. Surely some arrangements can be arrived at under which the park in question can be improved and made more attractive. It must be borne in mind that not one cent of money spent on this land can be assessed on the west side. The Park District pays all the bills and is glad to have all of our people get the benefit. Some day there will be a West Park District when the east siders will expect and claim the same privileges.

"Unnamed Heroes" will be the subject of Mr. Dobson's sermon in the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning at ten thirty o'clock.