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WASHINGTON, May 20.—Judge Adamson, author of the Adamson Panama Canal bill and Chairman of the House Committee on Inter-State and Foreign Commerce asserted most emphatically to-night that the Adamson bill will not prevent any Canadian steamship owned by a Canadian railroad from using the canal.

"This is a bogey that somebody has raised," said Judge Adamson, "and the assertion is ridiculous. The Adamson bill applies, so far as this section is concerned, only to the coastwise commerce of the United States and to railroads which are common carriers under the Inter-State Commerce Act."

This section provides that after July 1, 1913, it shall be unlawful for any railroad or other common carrier subject to the act to regulate commerce, to own, lease, operate, control or to have any interest whatever in any common carrier by water with which said railroad or other carrier aforesaid does or may compete for traffic. It would vest the Inter-State Commerce Commission with jurisdiction to determine questions of fact as to whether there is competition between rail and water carriers as contemplated in this section.

The Adamson bill will pass the House. Whether the Senate will accept it has not been determined.

ABDUL BAHA TO SUFFRAGISTS

Votes for Women Must Precede World Peace, He Declares.

Abdul Baha Abbas, the apostle of international peace, talked to the members of the Woman Suffrage Party and their friends about peace and woman suffrage last night at a big meeting in the Metropolitan Temple, Seventh Avenue and Fourteenth Street. He spoke in his native language and, sentence by sentence, his words were translated by his nephew.

There is no difference in the physical or intellectual value of men and women, he said. It is only a difference of education which has made an apparent difference and there will never be universal peace, he added, until there is equal suffrage.

"If the educator is imperfect," said Abdul Baha, as he was translated, "the educated must also be imperfect—even man. The mother is the first educator of men. If the mother is imperfect, alas for the condition of men."

Congressman William S. Bennet said he had always been a suffragist and he also believes in peace. He wasn't sure that women would do much to bring about international peace or a millennium-being human.

"I don't think we could dismiss our police force immediately," he said.

Miss Elizabeth Freeman spoke and a resolution was passed with a unanimous "aye" asking the protection of Mayor Gaynor and Commissioner Waldo for rescue workers, men and women, the case of a recent attack on Mrs. Rose Livingston in Chinatown being cited.

STEAL A TAXI AND WRECK IT.

Joy Riders Who Ran Off with a Car Are Sought by Police.

Edward Sherwood, a chauffeur, left his car for a few minutes at 3 o'clock Sunday morning standing at 103d Street and Columbus Avenue. When he returned the taxicab was gone. Several hours later he found it again, a broken mass of twisted metal and smashed wood, at the foot of an incline off Riverside Drive, just below Abbey Inn, near 200th Street.

It is the belief of the police that the car was stolen by joy riders, who came to grief while attempting to negotiate the sharp curve at which Riverside Drive turns to run down to Dyckman Street. Whether any one was hurt is not known. Just above Abbey Inn, where the road turns, there is a frail railing, behind which there is a drop of two feet to rocks, and close to where the car struck the rocks end in a drop of 100 feet to the railroad tracks. The taxi had crashed through the rail and landed on the rocks near the edge of the 100-foot drop.

The front wheels were torn from the axle and the body of the car was smashed. Sherwood was broken up when he saw the condition of his machine, for it was the sole means of support for himself, a wife, and two children. While tinkering at the engine he put up a small sign, telling the story of the theft and asking for assistance. Nearly every automobile party that came by contributed something to his fund.