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WILSON FRANK WITH SCRIBES IN INTERVIEW

GIVES ALL "INSIDE INFORMATION" BUT ASKS THEIR
SECRECY.

INTERVIEW IS REMARKABLE

Complete and all information of the Japanese situation is given in weekly interview with newspaper men today—much of it is allowed to go into print. Other parts not.

Sacramento, May 19.—Governor Johnson signed the anti alien bill today. The law prevents ownership of agricultural lands in California by Japanese and other aliens ineligible to citizenship, although its permits three year leases which can be renewed by rotation. With the signature California, despite threats of diplomatic breach with Japan and most urgent protests from national administration, has taken the final step in enacting a law to prevent acquisition of agricultural lands by Asiatics. In connection with approval of the measure, Johnson had little to say.

Washington, May 19.—When informed by the United Press Johnson had signed the bill, Secretary Bryan said that in all probability the administration's reply to Japan's protest will be forwarded to Tokyo later in the day. Bryan said he had no official information of Johnson's signing the and would await such word.

Washington, May 19.—Talking with remarkable freedom upon the phases of the Japanese controversy which is "loaded with diplomatic dynamite," President Wilson in conference with newspaper men unreservedly gave the interviewers the "complete inside information" of the controversy as he sees it.

The president declared both he and the mikado expected an early and amicable arrangement of the controversy. He said there is no crisis or near-crisis and little anxiety of interference by foreign powers in the present diplomatic negotiations. The president invoked a ban of secrecy upon certain of the more delicate subjects. The president indicated that Bryan will not reply to Japan's protest until Johnson has signed the bill. The president said that neither nation was inclined to be hasty in the matter, but both are anxious to proceed carefully to a solution which will mean increased friendship. He declared no further negotiations with Governor Johnson is expected.

A tentative draft of the reply to Japan is ready, being held by Bryan until Johnson's signature to the bill makes its dispatch to Japan timely. The disposition of the powers to keep hands off the situation has intensely gratified the president who feels it is a matter "between friends." The president understands the sentiment of the alien question is divided in California, and believes sources of Japanese war talk is purely conjectural.

Reports of the American charge d'affairs at Tokio minimize reports of the anti-American sentiment there. How far "official" Japanese opposition to California has gone is not definitely to be ascertained from the president's talk but it is certain he feels Japan appreciates America's friendly offices, which in the past have been exerted in their behalf.

Y. M. C. A. to Be Located At Elm and Washington

Final location of the Y. M. C. A. for which La Grande subscribed over \$40,000, was made at a meeting of Y. M. C. A. directors and about 20 other prominent members to the fund Saturday evening. Definite decision to buy the La Grande Iron Works property at Elm and Washington, was reached on a vote among those present as to choice of the two sites offered in this property there was a unanimous favor for the corner property. The directors have offers for the sale of 50 feet of the 110x120 foot property, one offer of \$5000 calling for the corner property, and another of \$4000 for the inside property. While other sites have been discussed, there is in the opinion of the directors and those who understand all the sites and their prices, only one location available. While the site is located and the corner property unquestionably will be used, the disposal of the inside property is a secondary matter and to this property many who contemplate making the Y. M. C. A. their home when the institution is ready, pin their faith for a small out-door recreation grounds.

Final Disposal Unsettled. While the demand for the entire property became widespread immediately after it was known what the final sum was, there are a great many items to be considered. However, those who do not give especial thought to the many other drains upon the fund, it would be wise to keep all the property and permit the construction of a greensward tennis court upon which Y. M. C. A. members could find recreation close

to baths and upon which Y. M. C. A. members could lounge during hot days and evenings. To build up the property with buildings, many argue, would destroy many features of the institution. However, President Williamson of the directors announced today the very best disposal of the money at hand will be made, and while every one of the directors would like to establish a beautiful grounds about the building, do not yet know that the funds will permit it. To put too much in grounds and building and leave nothing for equipment, Mr. Williamson argues, would be rash. If a building originally planned shall be built and the \$5000 added money put in site, is a question which will be settled only after the most careful consideration.

FARRELL SENDS CASH

Contribution of Two Hundred Dollars Comes in Check Form Today.

President J. D. Farrell of the O-W. who during the Y. M. C. A. campaign telegraphed his personal subscription of \$200 for the campaign fund, today sent his personal check to Secretary C. M. Humphreys of the Commercial club for that amount. He says in his letter:

Portland, Oregon May 15th—La Grande Commercial club, La Grande, Oregon, Gentlemen: It gives me pleasure to enclose my check in the sum of \$200.00 in furtherance of the fund being raised for the erection of Young Men's Christian Association building in your city. Yours truly, J. D. FARRELL.

TROLLEY LINE SCHEME WILL BE EXPLAINED ON WEDNESDAY

A plan has been submitted to the La Grande Commercial club for the construction of an interurban line to be built through the district of Union county deemed to be the best for all interests. C. A. Harps of San Francisco will bring his plan to the business men of La Grande and to the farmers of the valley and other towns in the valley on Wednesday

when he will address a noon-day luncheon at the Sommer house. His plan can be explained during the luncheon which is to commence sharp at 12 o'clock. In order that sufficient accommodations may be provided, business men and community citizens at large should notify the Commercial club secretary, C. H. Humphreys in the interim.

PAVILION CONTRACT NOW TAKEN

Bids were let this morning by the Chautauqua directors to G. H. Rush for the immediate construction of the chautauqua pavilion designed to accommodate about 900 people comfortably. Bids for the project were numerous and on the whole varied but little. Bids for the park keeper's lodge were received at the same time but held in abeyance until later in the day. The successful bidder will rush to completion the splendid im-

provement at the park so that it can be in readiness for use by June 29 when the chautauqua opens. The bidders and their amounts were:

J. M. Kohl	\$2,826.00
G. H. Rush	2,587.00
Geo. R. Lyman	2,865.00
W. C. Kelly, carpenter work	\$2,156.
cement work	\$775
C. T. Darley	2,931.00
L. B. Wilson	2,850.00
Marble Bros.	3,202.75
	2,759.00

STARKELL AT BAKER

Frantic Orders for Police at Grounds Come From Officials.

Ever since Saturday evening, following verbal objection to Con Starkell's decisions on balls and strikes in the Saturday game, the local baseball management, commercial club and city officials have been flooded with telegrams like unto a riot call. President Sweet wired to President Foley and Mayor Hall Saturday evening ordering police protection on the grounds. This morning Secretary L. M. Brown telegraphed Secretary Humphreys of the Commercial club, and P. A. Foley again ordering more

policemen on the grounds. Up to date there has been nothing more than verbal complaint registered and the ado made by the league officials is uncalled for in every detail. There has been absolutely no disorderly conduct by rooters or ball players where as at Baker, the Umps was egged and leoned last week. Starkell went to Baker today and Burnside will probably come here.

Clerks to Give Dance.

Successful in their first venture in to things social, the clerks of the city under the organization of Clerks' baseball team are going to give another dance next Wednesday evening at the Elks' hall.

WOOD PLACED ON TRIAL IN BOMB SCANDAL

TEXTILE STRIKE IN 1912 AT
LAWRENCE REVIVED
BY COURT TRIAL.

DEMONSTRATIONS FEARED

Few Only Admitted to Hear Trial of William Wood, President of American Woolen Company, Charged With Planting Dynamite to Discredit Strikers at Lawrence in 1912.

Boston, ay 19.—Numerous deputy sheriffs stood guard on the entrance to the court house when William Wood, president of the American Woolen company went on trial on a charge of conspiracy to plant dynamite to attempt to discredit the Lawrence textile strikers in 1912. Alleged fear of a court demonstration by industrial workers was the reason assigned.

Frederick Atteaux and Dennis Collins were placed on trial with Wood on similar charges. Judge Crosby overruled motions by the defense to quash indictments against Atteaux. Persons who applied for admission were closely scrutinized, and all who didn't have properly signed cards were barred. Spectators were confined to newspaper men, attorneys for the accused men, District Attorney Pelletier and assistants. The sheriff asserted he received a warning that industrialists planned a demonstration in court and refused to state from whence the warning came. The length of the trial is problematical.

Of forty talesmen summoned, 15 men asked to be excused. Wood maintained an air of unconcern throughout examination of prospective jurors. The jury was completed this afternoon.

Labor leaders say that Wood planted the bombs and then had police find them and accuse strikers that public sympathy might be aroused against the strikers.

BAKER GIRL ASSAULTED

Goldie Busby of Baker, Victim of Brutal Attack—Assailant Escapes.

Baker, May 19.—The Democrat says: A dastardly crime was attempted by an unknown man yesterday forenoon on the person of Goldie Busby, the 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Busby, who reside on the North Side. The man lured the little girl to a vacant house on North Grove street, representing that his sister had left a doll there and that they might find it. He also gave her ten cents. When they got in the house, according to the girl, her assailant threw her down and from the appearance of the place the child put up a strong defense. Finally the man left her and she ran home.

The police were notified at once but up to last night had made no arrests, the description given by the little girl being very meager. She says he wore blue checked overalls, black shoes, and judging from the description he must have been about 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighing around 160. She could not give any information about his age, being too badly frightened. Medical attention was given the child at once and no ill effects are anticipated. Every effort is being made to get trace of the criminal, but thus far without success.

MISS HELEN A. KELLER

Famous Deaf, Dumb and Blind Girl Who Now Talks.



FRISCO LADY A SMUGGLER

SEVEN THOUSAND IN VALUABLES BROUGHT IN.

Two Thousand Dollar Fine Attached for Recent Smuggling.

Trenton, N. J. May 19.—Mrs. Agnes Mangels of San Francisco was fined \$2000 by Judge Cross of the federal district court today for smuggling. With her niece, Miss Agnes Tiltman, Mrs. Mangels brought into this country on May 12, \$5000 worth of dresses and jewels on which she neglected to pay duty. Miss Tiltman pleaded ignorance when the goods were found.

Manufacturers Talk Tariff.

Detroit, May 19.—Discussion of the tariff and other administration problems are expected to come up before the convention of the National manufacturers association which opened here today. Seven hundred delegates, representing a capitalization of ten billion, are in attendance.

Fair Exhibits Free.

Washington, May 19.—A bill exempting duty on all exhibits at the San Diego exposition was passed by the senate today. It provides that exhibits sold after the exposition is ended shall be subject to duty.

Old Railroader Dead.

Chicago, May 19.—Horace G. Burt, former president of the Union Pacific died today following an operation. He was employed recently by the commerce association to study means to abate the smoke nuisance.

BAKER GIRL SOLD FOR \$100 THEN DESERTED

ODD STORY GOMES TO LIGHT AT
FRISCO WHERE GIRL
IS BEING HELD.

PURCHASER HAS ESCAPED

Buying Girl at Baker for Trivial Sum, Fellow Takes Her to Los Angeles and There Deserts Her—Another Picks Her Up, Taking Her to Frisco Where Man is Now Arrested.

San Francisco, May 18.—An odd story of a girl sold into slavery a year ago at Baker, Oregon, by her father for \$100 is told to city prison officials today by Thomas H. Blackstein, a chauffeur, who is held for abduction.

Blackstein said he found the girl in want in Los Angeles where she had been deserted by her alleged purchaser from Baker, and Blackstein brought the girl to San Francisco. Here he was arrested on a charge of abduction, while slavery not being applicable in his case.

The girl, Mabel Wilson, is held in a detention home.

FRED CURREY QUILTS THE LAKE

Well Known Publicity Man Will Call La Grande Home for a While.

Fred Currey, who for the past three years has been publicity man at Hot Lake, has severed his connections with that institution and today with his family removed to their old home on Penn avenue in this city. Hot Lake, it is said, is about to undergo a change whereby the O-W. R. & N. railroad company will take it over and make it a railroad resort. Mr. Currey will remain in La Grande for a time at least. He has several offers to continue publicity work one of which is in California, but at present he has not fully decided just what he will follow in the future.

SAM D. ROOT DEAD

Old-time Citizen of La Grande Passes Away This Afternoon.

Shortly after noon today Sam D. Root, who lived in La Grande back in the early 70s, died at the Montana rooming house of Bright's disease. He has been ill for some time. A wife survives him and he was about 70 years of age. The funeral is set for 2 p. m. Thursday.

PLANTING AND CLEANUP IS ORDER OF THE DAY THIS WEEK

Cleanup and beautify—such is the slogan that the city is asked to adopt this week and the first gun in that direction will be fired tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock when the civic committee of the Neighborhood club, assisted by all churches, fraternal organizations and individuals interested, plant flowers and shrubbery at the hospital. Seed will be provided but if anyone has plants to spare they will be gladly accepted. As many ladies as possible will be expected to attend the planting exercises, and all are urgently requested to be present. On Saturday next will be cleanup day. Special permits will be issued for rubbish fires that day without going in person to the fire department quarters, and teams will be provided to haul rubbish away on that day.

Ladies who participate in the planting tomorrow will meet at the Red Cross drug store at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.