

JAPANESE ISSUE IS FOUND DELICATE

Federal Government Itself Powerless.

WILSON USING PERSUASION

Construction of Treaty With Asiatic Nation Involved.

OPTIMISTIC VIEW TAKEN

President Admits American Citizens Cannot Own Land in Japan.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—President Wilson expressed today the hope that the pending legislation in California which allows ineligible to American citizenship would be prohibited from owning land would not prove objectionable to Japan. He realizes that Japan is inclined to view such legislation as a contradiction of the spirit of her treaty with the United States. While officially unable to interfere in the situation, he expressed confidence that the California Legislature, cognizant of possible international difficulties, would enact a law that would prove acceptable to Japan.

The President talked informally about the question in his semi-weekly conference with the newspapermen, indicating the delicate points involved while the present treaty with Japan stipulates that citizens of each country, while traveling in the other, shall have a right to own houses and factories and shops and to lease land, it says nothing about the right to own land.

Japan Bars American Owners.

On the other hand, though the old laws of Japan against foreign ownership of land have been abrogated, the imperial edict necessary to put in force similar laws has not been issued, so that American citizens cannot own land in Japan.

While the Administration does not construe the treaty as giving Japanese specifically the right to own land, it feels that the agreement does guarantee that Japan shall favor nation citizens under the same clause as is contained in many American treaties with other governments.

Federal Government Helpless.

The President said that while these points had been discussed, the difficulties really proceeded from the domestic constitutional arrangements in the United States. He declared that while nobody for a moment could challenge the constitutional right of California to pass such laws as she pleased, insofar as the Federal Government had gone beyond its powers or domestic authority in making a treaty, just so far was it liable to damages, but it really was helpless in the situation.

The President explained that the Japanese Ambassador had acted in a most proper and delightful manner, treating the United States as a friend to Japan, who would wish to see the present relations prevailing. The Japanese Ambassador understood the principle of states' rights as applied in the United States, but asked that the Federal Government look into the legislation to see if anything could be done to make it acceptable to his country.

Good Offices Used.

Mr. Wilson declared that with this spirit the Federal Government had endeavored informally to use its good offices to secure an amicable adjustment of the question.

Reassuring word that the California Legislature would so frame its laws as to save the Federal Government from any diplomatic embarrassments has come indirectly to the National capital and the Administration does not believe it is likely to be confronted with any serious situation.

WATER PROJECT STUDIED

Secretary Lane Believed to Favor West Umatilla Extension.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 11.—Secretary Lane for two hours this afternoon, discussed the West Umatilla irrigation project with Senators Chamberlain and Lane, Representative Sinnott, W. C. Bristol, of Portland, and Director Newell, Chief Engineer Davis, E. G. Hopson and O. P. Morton, of the reclamation service.

The Oregon delegation and the officials of the reclamation service both made arguments in favor of the adoption of the project and disputed the charge that the original project has been unsuccessful. After listening to the presentation of the case, Secretary Lane said he would give the matter his thoughtful consideration, but did not intimate what his ultimate decision would be. He seemed satisfied with the showing made by Director Newell as to the original project, and Senator Chamberlain came away feeling that the Secretary was more favorably inclined to the West extension than at previous conferences.

It is expected there will be no further conferences and that Secretary Lane will base his decision upon the facts and records now before him.

PACIFIC ORATOR WINNER

S. J. Grathwell Is First in Inter-Collegiate Prohibition Contest.

EUGENE, Or., April 11.—(Special.)—S. W. Grathwell, of Pacific University, Forest Grove, was awarded first place in the state oratorical contest held here tonight by the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association, winning over six other contestants. His subject was, "College Men in Relation to the Liquor Crisis."

The judges were unable to determine the second position as between Jacob Stooker, of Willamette University, and Leslie Ober, of the Eugene Bible University, whose theme was "The Rum Octopus." Third position was awarded to E. G. Cross, of Dallas College, on his oration, "The Tottering Citadel."

There was a large number of students present from the different colleges represented here to cheer their speakers to victory.

YALE CLASS OF '53 MEETS

Four Veterans, 60 Years After Graduation, Hold Birthday Luncheon.

NEW YORK, April 11.—(Special.)—After 60 years, four veteran members of Yale University, all members of the class of '53, surrounded by a score of their associates, met at luncheon today at the Century Club. The occasion was the 50th birthday of Rev. James Morris Whiton, Ph. D., who is a contributing editor to the Outlook magazine.

Those who were graduated from Yale with Whiton and who were at the luncheon were Andrew D. White, formerly president of Cornell University; Asa B. Woodard, of Norwalk, Conn., who at one time was a member of the Massachusetts judiciary, and Theodore Weston, an architect of this city.

3 DAYS LEFT TO REGISTER

Crowds, Mostly Women, Throng Courthouse to Sign Books.

But three more days remain in which to register for the primary nominating election, May 2.

The registration books will be closed the night of April 14. Meanwhile, great throngs of men and women, mostly the latter, are crowding the Courthouse, where the registration books are kept, every day. Yesterday a large number called and signed the books so as to be able to cast their votes May 2 and June 2.

SORORITIES AT "U" DEMAND SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATION RULE HALTS PREMATURE PLEDGING.

Successful Completion of One Semester of College Work Necessary to Initiation in Future.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., April 11.—(Special.)—Women at the University of Oregon will hereafter not be initiated into sororities until they have successfully completed one semester of college work, as the result of action taken at a meeting of the Pan-Hellenic Association last night. The rule passed fixes a minimum qualification for membership of nine hours, this being the total required by the university from each student for a single semester.

Heretofore the sororities have initiated their pledges without regard to their scholastic records. The only restriction has been the agreement among the members of the Pan-Hellenic Association that no woman shall be pledged until the first Saturday after the opening of the college year. Among the fraternities there is no rule governing either pledging or initiating.

The Pan-Hellenic Association is composed of the five National sororities at the university. In the new rule is seen the beginning of a movement to regulate particularly among freshmen and initiate Miss Ruth Gippy, dean of women at the university, whose recommendation was responsible for the new rule, said today:

"The rule was passed to improve scholarship among the sorority women, particularly among freshmen. It will have the effect of checking any over-emphasis of the social side of college to the detriment of studies."

SHOE MACHINERY NOW PUT ON FREE LIST

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Shoe machinery, now taxed 45 per cent and on which reduction to 25 per cent was proposed by the tariff revision bill, was ordered transferred to the free list today by the Democratic caucus of the House.

WOMEN TO PLEAD FOR BOY

Southern Club to Seek Liberty for Child Prisoned for Petty Theft.

CHICAGO, April 11.—The Southern Women's Club appointed a committee today to appeal to the Georgia Legislature for the release of Ollie Taylor, a boy who, at the age of 14 years, they say, was sentenced to 11 years in a reformatory for the theft of a bottle of pop, a sentence recently upheld by the State Supreme Court.

They also will seek the repeal of laws which provide such drastic punishment of children's trivial offenses.

WILAMETTE RESIDENT BURIED

OREGON CITY, Or., April 11.—(Special.)—The funeral of Mrs. Sarah J. Fisher was held today at the family residence in Willamette. Later the body was sent to Oswego for burial. Mrs. Fisher was a pioneer resident of Willamette and many attended the services to pay a last tribute to her memory.

BREAK COMES IN CAUCUS ON TARIFF

Shoe Machinery Now Put on Free List.

BLOW IS MEANT FOR 'TRUST'

Louisiana Members Agree On Anti-Free Sugar Plans.

WOOD SCHEDULE TO STAND

Amendment to Put Posts, Poles and Ties on Free List Is Voted Down.

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It was the first real break of the Democrats from the ways and means committee rates, though earlier in the day the caucus had agreed to an amendment offered by Representative Palmer, of Pennsylvania, a member of the committee and in charge of the metal schedule, under which lead containing less than 3 per cent zinc would be admitted free of duty on the zinc contained in it.

Thrust Aimed at "Trust"

The shoe machinery amendment, proposed by Representative Borland, of Missouri, and carried by a viva voce vote without substantial opposition from the members of the committee, followed a lively discussion in which Representative Oglesby, of New York, a new member, arraigned the so-called shoe machinery "trust" and pointed to the free list as an opportunity to let in competition.

Another development of the day was the agreement of the Louisiana member on an anti-free sugar programme in the caucus, with Representative Broussard on guard to offer a series of amendments to the sugar schedule to represent the sentiment of the Louisiana cane sugar interests and the beet sugar sections.

Sugar Will Bring Fight.

The sugar schedule will be taken up tomorrow with an all-day fight in prospect. Representative Hardwick, of Georgia, and others are insistent upon immediate free sugar. The Broussard amendment will make the hundred-weight rate on 96 degree sugar from Cuba \$1.14 on passage of the bill, \$1.056 on June 30, 1914, and \$1.2-10 cents on June 30, 1915, instead of \$1.345 as under

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BELGIUM IS FACING ENORMOUS LOSSES

Population Uneasy in Expectation of Blow.

MANY INDUSTRIES TO SUFFER

Every Day of Strike Will Cost \$800,000 Is Estimate.

CALL ON BANKS IS HEAVY

Labor Centers Say Walkout Will Be Complete Among Miners, Metal Workers, Quarrymen and Textile Workers—Others Halt.

BRUSSELS, April 11.—Belgium stands to lose \$800,000 every day the general strike lasts if, as the Socialists declare and hope, 50 per cent of the industrial laborers quit work next Monday. This is the estimate made by economists.

The full realization of the tremendous economic blow impending is beginning to permeate all sections of the population and a feeling of great uneasiness prevails. The government and local authorities are completing final preparations to meet emergencies. According to latest reports from labor centers, the walkout will be complete among miners, metal workers, quarrymen and textile workers.

Glassworkers Join Strike.

The decision of the glassworkers to join the strike has produced something like consternation. Every furnace that is permitted to die down must be destroyed with dynamite and rebuilt. This would involve a total cost of \$150,000.

There are 27 furnaces in Belgium, the window glass exportation from which amounts to \$1,000,000 a month. As to the blast furnaces, a majority of which will be allowed to cool off, their extinction will mean a loss of \$20,000 daily.

Dockworkers Are Undecided.

The Antwerp dockworkers are causing the strike organizers some uneasiness. They appear to be hanging in the balance as to whether they will stop work, and desperate efforts are being made to obtain their admission to the strike movement. A strike by these men would be most important, as it would bottle up the entire export and import trade.

Rhenish Miners Asked to Help.

ESSEN, Germany, April 11.—The local Social Democratic committee has

LOAN SHARKS FACE HARD COMPETITION

PHILANTHROPIC COMPANY HAS WEALTHY SUPPORTERS.

Incorporation Papers Ready for Filing and Stock Is Safeguarded From Improper Ownership.

Backed by some of the wealthiest persons in the city, the movement for the establishment of a remedial loan company, to acquire, with philanthropic motives, the field in which the loan shark for years has been responsible for heartache, crime, suicide and destitution, has reached the point where incorporation papers are prepared for filing with the Secretary of State today, and within a few weeks it is expected that the organization will be in full swing.

In the past week agents of the Associated Charities and the Progressive Business Men's League have been busy interviewing prospective incorporators. They have met with great encouragement. The incorporation papers have been duly signed and attested by the following persons:

Ben Seiling, merchant; William MacMaster, capitalist; C. F. Adams, president of the Security Savings & Trust Company; Emory Olmstead, of the Portland Trust Company; Edward Cookingham, of Ladd & Tilton Bank; R. S. Howard, of Ladd & Tilton Bank; J. F. Carroll, editor of The Evening Telegram; J. P. Daly, president of the Title & Trust Company; J. L. Hartman, of Hartman & Thompson; Rodney L. Gilman, attorney; R. L. Durham, of the Merchants' National Bank; Wilfred P. Jones, of the Merchants' National Bank; Isaac D. Hunt, of Wood, Montague & Hunt, attorneys; Elliott H. Corbett, First National Bank; A. L. Mills, First National Bank; L. Samuel, Oregon Life Insurance Company; W. F. Ross, Western Merchants' Protective Association; W. F. Hynes, General Electric Company; C. J. Wangerlen, attorney; Julius L. Meier, of Meier & Frank Company; Kingman Brewster, attorney; Charles D. Mahaffie, attorney; W. M. Ladd, banker; C. S. Jackson, of the Oregon Journal; W. H. Daly, Councilman and labor leader; W. F. Geren, of The Oregonian staff; W. R. Manning, secretary of the Associated Charities, and Mrs. Sigmund Frank.

The incorporation articles call for \$100,000 capital in shares of \$10. The right is reserved for the company to have first privilege upon shares which are offered for sale, to prevent them falling into the wrong hands.

PILGRIM BISHOPS RECEIVED BY POPE

Warning of Doctors Is Disregarded.

RECOVERY IS PROGRESSIVE

Sisters Are Now Confident of Early Recovery.

DAY PROVES WEARISOME

Deep Sleep Follows Customary Call of Physicians at Night—Documents Bearing Recent Signature Appear.

ROME, April 11.—Despite the injunctions of his physicians and the remonstrances of his attendants, Pope Pius received in audience today three bishops who had headed a pilgrimage to Rome to visit him and bestowed on them the papal blessing.

His Holiness, wearied by his efforts, fell into a deep sleep immediately after his physicians had made their customary call tonight.

The meeting between the Pontiff and the three aged bishops was pathetic. As they entered the sick room they threw themselves on the feet of the Pope, who was sitting in his arm chair. The Pope smiled, and lifting his hands above their heads, bestowed his blessing. This, he said, was intended not alone for the prelates but for all the pilgrims who had journeyed to Rome.

Bishops Deeply Affected.

The bishops, who had been warned to make the audience as short as possible, left the papal bedroom, their eyes brimming with tears. The Pope's physicians were not present at the reception.

The recovery of the Pope from his relapse apparently is progressing rapidly. His sisters, speaking today with the parish priest of Riese, their birthplace, said the condition of the Pontiff now was so satisfactory that it was possible he would be able to receive some of the pilgrims from his native region within a few days. They declared it was the desire of their brother to do so, but that his physicians were strongly opposed to his doing so, as they wished their patient to have immunity from excitement.

Cardinal Receives Pilgrims.

The pilgrims were received in the Royal Hall this afternoon by Cardinal Merry del Val, the papal secretary of state, at the special request of Pope Pius. It was a solemn function. The cardinal received the visitors in the name of the Pope and imparted to them the papal blessing. It was with much regret, the cardinal said, that Pope Pius personally was unable to see the pilgrims, especially the Venetians among them, whom he greatly desired to greet.

The pilgrims, led by their archbishops carried banners and wore the costumes peculiar to their localities. They were presented to Cardinal Merry del Val by the Archbishop of Chieti.

Sacrifices Are Understood.

Cardinal Merry del Val explained that Pope Pius understood the sacrifices the pilgrims had undergone in coming to Rome and would have been extremely happy to see them if it were possible. "At this moment," the cardinal continued, "I do not suffer so much from the slight illness, which thank heaven, is about to disappear, as he suffers from being deprived of the consolation of meeting you."

The cardinal told the pilgrims they would not lose the spiritual advantages of their visit to Rome, as the Holy Father had implied for them all the blessings and mercy they might desire. He concluded by saying that the pontiff desired that a copy of his last allocution regarding the liberty of the church be given each pilgrim as a souvenir of their visit.

The first documents bearing the papal signature since the relapse of the Pope appeared today. They are decrees by which Cardinals Pompili and Van Rossum are made members of the Congregation of the Holy Office.

POSTMISTRESS SURELY 18

Washington Woman's Affidavit Proves She's That "at Least."

SPOKANE, Wash., April 11.—(Special.)—On the strength of affidavits that she is "at least 18 years old," Miss Nellie E. Burke, of Mansfield, has managed to secure indorsement for the job of postmistress in the Douglas County town, and the salary of \$1100 a year, over the heads of several aged and reputable citizens who would like the place.

All the petitions in the hands of National Committeeman John Pattison only go to show that the young woman has managed to get away with the prize without betraying the feminine secret of her age, though confronted with protests that she was really "only a kid" from veterans in the rank of the Democratic party.

WOMAN TO FEED CLASSES

Innovation at Princeton Expected to Bring Reform.

PRINCETON, N. J., April 11.—(Special.)—As a result of appointment today of Miss Florence B. Corbett, of New York City, as manager of the Princeton University dining halls, women will have charge of the feeding of 800 members of the freshmen and sophomore classes here next year for the first time in the history of the institution.

In the capacity of manager, Miss Corbett will have complete charge of all branches of the "commons" and will personally superintend the buying, culinary and general administrative departments. Her appointment was made by the university authorities in the hope of bettering the food service for the two lower classes.

ANVIL REPORTED WRECKED

Eugene Gets Message Vessel Meets Disaster With "Crowd on Board."

EUGENE, April 11.—A bulletin by way of Marshfield from Florence, at the mouth of the Stuslaw River, to the Register, says that the gasoline schooner Anvil was wrecked today, "with a crowd on board."

The Anvil has been running from Bandon to Portland and was the only boat from Coquille River to ports north. She is 116 feet long and was built at San Francisco in 1905. She carries a crew of 12 men.

She recently made a trip to Rogue River with supplies and has frequently crossed the small bars successfully.

QUINTUPLETS ALL HEALTHY

Mother of Five Writes That Doctor Expects Infants to Live.

ITHACA, N. Y., April 11.—A quintet of infants was born recently to Mrs. Charles Smith, of Danby, a few miles south of here. Mrs. Smith writes her nephew, Robert Wafer, a prominent Ithaca street railway official, that the five are well and healthy and the physician expects them to live.

It is said that the birth of quintuplets has been recorded in this country only three times.

