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BRYAN ORDERED TO GO TO CALIFORNIA

Secretary to Confer on Alien Bills.

ACTION TO AWAIT ARRIVAL

Johnson Extends Hospitality of His Own Home.

"BEST SOLUTION" SOUGHT

Legislature, Assenting to Conference in Person, Specifically Reserves Right to Decide for Itself.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—After an hour's conference at the White House tonight, President Wilson directed Secretary Bryan to proceed at once to Sacramento to co-operate with Governor Johnson and the members of the California Legislature in framing a law regarding the ownership of land by aliens that would not conflict with the treaty obligations of the United States, particularly with Japan. Mr. Bryan will leave here at 6:45 P. M. tomorrow and arrive in Sacramento Monday.

"I am going in the hope that we may be able to find the best solution of the difficulty," said Secretary Bryan tonight. "I feel sure that they in California will enter upon the work with the same spirit of co-operation as the President and I do."

Wilson Suggests Visit.

Earlier in the day the President had telegraphed Governor Johnson and the presiding officers of the two branches of the California Legislature explaining that it was difficult to handle the situation by telegraph, and asked if it would be agreeable to have the Secretary of State confer in person with the California authorities. Both houses and the Governor promptly replied that the proposal was favorable to them. The resolutions adopted by the Senate and the House were identical, and that of the latter as received at the White House read:

"While this Assembly respectfully maintains the right of the Legislature of California to legislate on the subjects of land ownership, it will be entirely agreeable to this assembly to have the Secretary of State of the United States visit Sacramento for the purpose indicated in the President's telegram."

Johnson Gives Assent.

Governor Johnson's message to the President was as follows: "I shall be pleased at all times to consult with the Secretary of State and it will be entirely agreeable to me to have the Secretary visit Sacramento as suggested in your telegram."

Mr. Bryan also receive da personal message inviting him to be the guest of the Governor and Mrs. Johnson, which he accepted tonight. He will be accompanied only by Robert Rose, for many years his confidential secretary. In his absence John Barrett Moore, counsel for the Department, will be Acting Secretary of State.

Mr. Moore, who assumed his new duties today, was present in a conference between Mr. Bryan and Viscount Chinda, the Japanese Ambassador. The Ambassador learned officially of the efforts of the President and the National Administration to prevent any discriminations against the Japanese through the alien land legislation and expressed himself as pleased with the attitude of the United States Government.

Embassy Issues Statement.

In view of various published reports this formal statement was issued at the Japanese Embassy:

"No visit has been made by the Ambassador to the White House this week, nor has he ever hinted to anybody at such an alarming outcome of the situation as possible ware between the two countries. In fact, such a contingency has not been discussed at any phase, so that it is equally erroneous to say that the Japanese Ambassador has declared that no war will follow. In fact, he, as well as his government, confidently relies upon the sympathetic attitude of the American Administration and the high sense of justice and fairness of the American people to prevent legislation adverse to the Japanese.

"In view of the gravity of these reports and of their possible mischief, the Embassy authorizes the strongest possible contradiction of such statements."

BRYAN'S VISIT IS AWAITED

Californians to Permit Secretary to Present His Views.

SACRAMENTO, April 23.—Definite word from Secretary of State Bryan that he would arrive in Sacramento next Monday afternoon reached here tonight and it was announced immediately that all further action on the proposed alien land legislation would be deferred until he should have opportunity to present the views of the Federal Administration on the subject.

It was said by leaders of the Legislative majority that there was no disposition to act hastily and that all were agreed it would be the part of courtesy to President Wilson and his Cabinet to await Secretary Bryan's coming be-

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BERNHARDT SCOFFS AT $700 A MINUTE

ACTRESS DEMANDS TWICE THAT TO POSE FOR "TALKIES."

Speaking-Motion Film Agent Offers $20,000 for Half Hour Employment but "Divine" One Scowls.

CHICAGO, April 23.—(Special.)—Mme. Sarah Bernhardt today spurned an offer of nearly $700 a minute to pose for Edison talking pictures. Nothing less than $1500 a minute, the actress announced, would tempt her. She coupled her refusal and the figure with an expression of admiration for Mr. Edison's invention.

An emissary of the American Talking Picture Company arrived in Chicago today and offered Mme. Bernhardt $20,000 for 30 minutes of her time to pose at the Orange, N. J., laboratory. The offer was conveyed through an interpreter and brought a scowl in response.

"You can tell the gentleman who sent you," finally came the answer, "that $40,000 is my price."

This concluded the interview.

FREE SEED IS FOR FARMERS

O.-W. R. N. Will Donate Corn to Agriculturists of Three States.

Free seed will be given to any farmers in Oregon, Washington or Idaho who want to plant corn this year by the O.-W. R. & N. Company. C. L. Smith, agriculturist for the company, has secured a large quantity of excellent, acclimated seed corn and is distributing it in 12-pound lots, which is enough to plant one acre.

Mr. Smith declares that Oregon within ten years will be the premier corn state of the Union, exceeding even Iowa and Nebraska in the volume and value of its production, as well as in the average yield per acre. He says that the theory, held by the early-day farmer, that corn can't be grown in Oregon is a fallacy born of laziness and unprogressive ideas.

To stimulate interest in corngrowing, the O.-W. R. & N. Company will hold two corn shows next Fall—one at Colfax, Wash., and one at Pendleton, in this state. Valuable prizes in cash and farming implements will be given.

Several hundred farmers already have expressed an intention of raising corn and have applied to Mr. Smith for seed.

GIRL, UNDER TRAIN, LIVES

The Dalles Miss of 12 Escapes Death as Four Cars Pass Over Her.

THE DALLES, Or., April 23. — (Special.) — While her father and half a dozen other witnesses held their breath expecting to see her killed, 12-year-old Myrtle Gardner lay quietly between the rails of the O.-W. R. & N. track here today as four boxcars passed over her. She miraculously escaped death, being only slightly scratched and bruised.

The little girl was crossing a switch track in The Dalles railroad yards when a worktrain, which she did not see, struck her. The engine was pushing the train and the end of a boxcar caught her in such a manner that she fell squarely between the rails. Joseph Gardner, father of the girl, who is a switchman for the railroad company, witnessed the accident with others and he frantically signalled and yelled to the engineer to stop the train, which halted when only four cars had passed over the girl. She was able to walk to her home, a short distance away, after the accident.

ROSECRANS MEDAL GIVEN

Government Announces Awards for Heroic Rescue Work.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 23.—Senator Chamberlain has been notified by the Secretary of the Treasury that medals for heroic conduct at the wreck of the steamer Rosecrans have been awarded.

The medals go to Oscar S. Wicklund, Charles Pearson, Bernard Anderson, Rudolph Pajoman, Carl Heetterson, Robert Nagle, Cole Erickson and Leonard Pearson, of the Point Adams station, at the mouth of the Columbia, and Alfred Rimer, John Doty, Theodore Robertge, Edward Johnson, Charles Johnson, Thomas Anderson, Robert Merand and P. Krims, of the Cape Disappointment station.

ANVIL IS SLIGHTLY MOVED

Stranded Schooner Pulled 15 Feet Nearer Deep Water.

FLORENCE, Or., April 23.—(Special.)—The schooner Anvil was moved 15 feet neared deep water at high tide Tuesday when a strain was put on the cable by which she is anchored to 10 tons of rock. She also dragged the rocks towards her for a considerable distance.

Another attempt is being made to pull the craft off the sand with the high tide of tonight.

REICHSTAG ORDERS PROBE

All German Armament Contracts Are to Be Investigated.

BERLIN, April 23.—The Reichstag adopted today the resolution introduced by the Clerical party on Monday, providing for the appointment of a commission composed of members of the Reichstag and experts to investigate all German armament contracts.

This is the outcome of disclosures made by the Socialist leader, Dr. Carl Liebknecht, with regard to the relation of the Krupps with officials of the German war office for the purpose of gaining information about armament contracts.

BRYAN WANTS TO TREAT FOR PEACE

Outline of Proposed Treaties Given.

"NATIONAL HONOR" INCLUDED

One or Two Foreign Powers View Plan With Favor.

OBJECTIONS ARE HEARD

Proposal to Refrain for Stated Period From Preparations for Defense Encounters Opposition in Senate.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Secretary Bryan's preliminary outline of his proposed international agreement for peace, which he laid before the Senate foreign relations committee today, developed wide differences of opinion.

Nevertheless it was understood that with the indorsement of President Wilson the Secretary of State soon would undertake to open negotiations with the leading powers for such treaties as the proposal contemplates. At the end of a two hours' conference today with the Senators, Secretary Bryan left the Capitol saying he had an idea the committee would consider favorably an elaboration of his plan. Developments, however, indicated that some of the committee, Democrats and Republicans, were opposed to the idea of the United States binding itself by international agreement not to prepare for war during a specified time while a dispute was in progress, which is one feature of Mr. Bryan's plan. The Secretary said he would confer with President Wilson and later make a public statement.

"National Honor" Included.

Briefly, Secretary Bryan's plan, as he outlined it, is that the United States should make treaties under which disputes, even those involving "National honor or vital interests," would be submitted to an international board for inquiry, and that the disputing countries should agree to take no steps whatever toward preparation for war within a specified time of six months or a year.

The extent to which other nations may have been "sounded" on the proposition was not fully disclosed to the committee. Secretary Bryan intimated, however, that one or two foreign powers viewed the plan with favor.

One argument advanced against Secretary Bryan's plan in the committee meeting today was that the United States, if it had such a treaty as he proposes, with one power, would be prevented from making preparations to

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$6000 RELEASE UNFAIR

Supreme Court Rules Against Lumber and Shingle Company.

SALEM, Or., April 23.—(Special.)—That a release given by an employe for further damages sustained in a personal injury case was unfair and fraudulent was the opinion of the Supreme Court today and Charles L. Foster was given $6000 from the University Lumber & Shingle Company.

Other opinions handed down today were as follows:

Martin & Blodgett vs. National Livestock Insurance Association; appellant, appealed from Polk County, affirmed.

George Hutchings vs. Royal Bakery & Confectionery Co., appellant, appealed from Multnomah County, affirmed.

Ida L. Patton vs. Women of Woodcraft, appellant, appealed from Multnomah County, affirmed.

P. A. Marquam, Jr., appellant, vs. W. H. Roy, appealed from Multnomah County, affirmed.

Elva M. Martin, appellant, vs. City of Brownsville, appealed from Linn County, motion to strike from the records transcript of testimony allowed.

TARIFF IS NOT LOW ENOUGH FOR LANE

Oregon Senator Wants More Reductions.

WOOL SCHEDULE CRITICISED

Free Manufactured Products Substance of Demand.

SENATE UNDER SUSPICION

Doctor Says People Will Accept Judgment of Wilson and House in Preference—Chamberlain Takes Different View.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 23.—Lack of public confidence in the United States Senate makes it impossible at this time for that body to increase the rates of duty fixed by the Underwood tariff bill and will also prevent the transfer of articles from the Underwood free list to the dutiable list.

This, in effect, was what Senator Lane, of Oregon, today told the Democratic members of the finance committee, and he went on to indicate to the committee that the only way the Senate can change the Underwood bill is to make further reductions in duties. As the bill now stands, he pointed out, it has the indorsement of a majority of the House of Representatives and the backing of the President and the public will not accept the judgment of the Senate as against that of the President and the House.

This pronouncement from Oregon's new Senator startled the old Democratic Senators, who have come to regard the Senate as superior to all other branches of the Government, but their discomfiture only caused Senator Lane to smile blandly.

Own Remarks Not Secret.

Senator Lane, though unbidden, attended the conference of six Western Democratic Senators with the Democrats of the finance committee this afternoon and took occasion to voice his views on the wool schedule in particular and Underwood bill in general. As he was leaving the committee room Senator Lane was cautioned by the committee that secrecy must surround all that transpired at today's meeting. He promptly replied that he would treat as confidential what had been said by other Senators, but as to what he himself had said, he declined to be bound.

In the course of his remarks to the committee, Senator Lane said that on the stump last Fall he had assured the people of Oregon that he would stand for a "square deal" to all alike and

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BACHELORS' DEBTS CONSIDERED RISKY

SINGLE MEN SELDOM DESERVE CREDIT, SAYS SPEAKER.

Portland Merchants Trust More Customers Than Those of Any Other Coast City.

The percentage of losses on credit extended by retail merchants is higher in cases of credit extended to single men than in other cases, was the assertion made by Edwin Drake, credit manager for Rosenfeld Bros., at the dinner of the Portland Retail Merchants in the Oregon Hotel Rathskeller last night.

"A single man who is earning a salary and has no one else besides himself to care for seldom really needs credit, and when the merchant does extend credit to him, he finds that it is usually the poorest credit he can have on his books," said Mr. Drake.

Mr. Drake said that he believed there is a larger credit business done by the retail merchants in Portland than in any other city on the Coast.

W. P. Jones, vice-president of the Merchants National Bank, speaking on credit between banker and retail merchant, said his advice to a young business men would be, "meet your obligations promptly when they come due." Speaking of the Portland Clearing-House, he declared that he believed the depositors in Portland are the best protected in the United States.

R. W. Raymond spoke at the beginning of the dinner in behalf of the World's Christian Citizenship Conference. C. T. Berg presided over the dinner.

APPOINTMENTS IN PERIL

Republican Leader Invites Charges Against Wilson's Selections.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 23.—If any one in Oregon has charges to prefer against any Oregon man nominated for office by President Wilson, Senator Townsend, of Michigan, would like to hear from that man and would like full particulars with reference to any charges made.

As leader of Republicans who are disposed to filibuster against Democratic appointees, Senator Townsend has served notice that he will, with the support of those acting with him, hold all nominations where charges are filed until the charges can be sifted, and in cases where the charges are sustained and indicate that appointee is not competent, a protracted fight will be made to prevent confirmation.

It is because of the attitude assumed by militant Republicans that President Wilson will visit the Capitol tomorrow, to confer with Democratic Senators about patronage and caution them to recommend only men who can stand closest scrutiny. He does not want to be embarrassed again as he now is with reference to his purely political appointment of a successor to Director Durand, of the Census Bureau.

MULTNOMAH LAND OPEN

2360 Acres Near Portland Still Unappropriated, Says Report.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 23.—It may prove to be a mistake on the part of the General Land Office, but a circular recently issued by that Bureau says that there is, in Multnomah County, Oregon, 2360 acres of unappropriated and unreserved timber land, subject either to homestead or timber and stone entry. Just where the land is, and how it came to be overlooked all these years, the Land Office does not explain.

The fact remains that the records show this acreage is available for entry, and considerable surprise is manifest on the part of officials that this timber land, tributary to Portland, should have passed unnoticed so many years. There is enough of this land for 15 claimants. The Portland Land Office will be obliged to accept filings, regularly made, whether under the homestead or the timber and stone act.

LAMB "GOES" TO SCHOOL

Like Mary's, It Made the Children Laugh and Play.

CHICAGO, April 23.—A dramatization of "Mary had a little lamb" nearly caused a riot at a Chicago public school today.

At the noon recess, an obstinate lamb "followed" Joseph Bosman, 14 years old, as far ts the main corridor of the school at the end of a stout rope.

While Joseph was explaining that the lamb was for "nature study" the unwilling follower broke away and dashed into the midst of 400 girls waiting to march to their rooms.

The lamb was anything but a familiar object to many of the city-bred youngsters, and it was long after the usual time for the resumption of studies before they were quited.

FARMER JURY DISCHARGED

Judge Says Planting Is More Important Than Litigation.

PHILLIPSBURG, Kan., April 23.—District Judge Langmade discharged the jury in his court today and told them to get back to their Spring planting.

"We need more good farmers and good farming," the judge said, "and we need fewer lawsuits. None of the cases on the docket really is important. I deem the Spring planting of more importance in Phillips County than the trial of these suits.

"To take two weeks' time of 24 men at this season may do untold damage. Gentlemen, go back to your farms."

FALL OF SCUTARI INVOLVES EUROPE

Austria Chafes Under New Restraint.

NAVAL BLOCKADE EXTENDED

Powers Hesitate to Join in Policy of Coercion.

SITUATION AGAIN SERIOUS

Russian View Is That Use of Force Against Little Balkan Kingdom Will Not Be Easy—Ambassadors to Meet Today.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 23.—The armistice between the Turks and the Bulgarians, which expired this evening, has been extended until noon May 5.

LONDON, April 24.—(Thursday).—The news of the fall of Scutari to the Montenegrin arms has been received with extraordinary demonstrations of joy in all the capitals of the allies, especially in Belgrade. The Bulgarian Premier has sent effusive congratulations to the Montenegrin Premier.

The first effect of the fall of the fortress has been the extension of the international naval blockade to Durazzo, but what will be the next step of the powers in facing the new situation, it is difficult to foretell. According to the view prevailing at St. Petersburg, the coercion of Montenegro would not be an easy matter.

Powers May Not Agree.

Austria-Hungary has already made definite proposals to the powers with a view to compelling Montenegro to evacuate Scutari, but it is not certain that such proposals will be welcomed.

The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Telegraph asserts that the Austrian government repeatedly, but vainly has tried to induce the powers to consent to the landing of forces from the international fleet to put pressure on King Nicholas. He adds that Austrian patience now is exhausted and that Austria insists either that the powers compel Montenegro to evacuate Albanian territory, including Scutari, or that Austria receive permission to do so. Austria believes that an expeditionary force of 40,000 can achieve this task without bloodshed and unless the powers come speedily to a decision, she will act alone.

Serious Situation Seen.

The press of the whole of Europe recognizes that the situation is extremely serious. The Ambassadorial conference met in London yesterday and discussed the peace negotiations and the fall of Scutari. It is understood that a decision to meet again today was reached.

The British Prime Minister, Mr. Asquith, addressing the representatives of foreign newspapers at a dinner last night made a speech which may be regarded as reflecting the view of the Ambassadorial conference which he attended earlier in the day.

Alluding to the Balkan situation and to the fall of Scutari, the Prime Minister said that points of difficulty might emerge, but he thought that without excess of optimism they might believe that sooner, rather than later, the goal so long and laboriously sought would be achieved.

ANXIETY FELT IN RUSSIA

Reconsideration by Diplomats Seems Only Way Out.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 23.—The capture of Scutari has caused great anxiety and activity in diplomatic circles here. The Russian Foreign Minister, Sergius Sazonoff, was busy all day conferring with Ambassadors, and exchanging telegrams with the European chancellories.

It is understood that Russian diplomats prefer to leave the initiative to France and Great Britain, and it is believed that neither will countenance any form of coercion with respect to Montenegro. Russia herself cannot countenance coercion without straining to the breaking point the patience of her Slavophile ruling classes.

Under the circumstances, according to the opinion in well-informed quarters, the only possible course is for the ambassadorial conference at London to reconsider its decision regarding Scutari. Only minor demonstrations over the fall of Scutari occurred in St. Petersburg, the public being absorbed in passion week and the coming Easter celebrations. No serious hitch in the peace negotiations is expected.

SERVIANS' JOY UNBOUNDED

Enthusiasm Surpasses That Over Victories of Own Arms.

BELGRADE, April 23.—Not even the Servian victories during the war caused anything like the scenes of enthusiasm which were witnessed here today over the taking of Scutari by Montenegrins. Business was at a standstill, while the whole population gave themselves over to rejoicing. Lawyers, merchants, soldiers and workmen danced in the streets to the strains of music. Wine may almost be said to have been flowing in the gutters, for everywhere barrels were broached and all were free

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THE PERSUASIVE POWER OF MUSIC.