

WILSON OPPOSED TO ANTI-ALIEN BILL

Possibility of Long Litigation Indicated; Action Postponed for One Day.

BRYAN IS NON-COMMITTAL

Secretary Expects to Remain in Sacramento Several Days, but Purpose Can Only Be Surmised by Leaders.

SACRAMENTO, May 1.—An indication of the form the Democratic opposition will take to the passage of the Webb draft of the anti-alien land bill was given in the Senate today when the measure came up for final action.

It was the original plan of the Progressive Republican majority, in its assurance of a successful issue, to force the bill to a vote at once, but, at the request of the Democrats, a postponement of one day was granted at the last minute.

Another anti-alien land bill, copied directly from the Webb act now before the Senate, with the single exception that it adds a clause permitting aliens who are ineligible to citizenship to lease farming lands for a period of not exceeding three years, was introduced tonight in the assembly by Assemblyman Bloodgood, Progressive.

Previous to the offering of the measure, Assemblyman Bloodgood discussed the question of issues with Governor Johnson and obtained a statement from the Executive that he had no objections to the new plan.

Discussing the new bill, Governor Johnson said: "I told Mr. Bloodgood I had no objections to any amendment that softens the bill, so long as it does not affect the big thing involved—namely, the prevention of ownership by those who are ineligible to citizenship."

The brief debate today on the motion to postpone disclosed the fact that the Democrats have hardened to the advice from Washington, as delivered by Secretary of State Bryan, and will make a formal stand in support of the National Administration.

In order to meet the issue squarely, Senator Curtin, Dem., introduced a resolution setting forth the fact that President Wilson is opposed to an alien land bill, and including the following declaration: "Be it resolved, That the people of the State of California do hereby defer to the wishes of the President of the United States, and this Legislature will not at this season pass the bills herein mentioned."

This view of the President was contained in the following telegram to Governor Johnson: "I take the liberty of calling your attention to the Webb bill, which would involve an appeal to the courts on a question of treaty rights and bring on what might be long and delicate litigation."

Although few of the minority will declare their views, it is generally believed that to the extent of supporting Curtin's resolution the Democrats will defer to Secretary Bryan. Beyond that, however, their party platform in California calls on them to aid in the enactment of an anti-alien land law, and most of them are expected to cast their votes for the Webb bill in its present form, if it succeeds in escaping amendment.

Senator Gaminetti, Democrat, working independently of his colleagues, is preparing several amendments to the Webb bill. The drafts were not completed tonight, he said, and he declined to discuss the changes he expects to propose. The majority leaders are expected to resist all efforts to amend the act.

No apprehension is felt on account of the warning against the Webb bill telegraphed yesterday to Governor Johnson by President Wilson.

It is the belief both of Governor Johnson and Attorney-General Webb that regardless of the result of the vote, it probably would involve an appeal to the courts, as suggested by President Wilson.

Attorney-General Webb, in a statement tonight, said: "I have been shown the President's telegram to the Governor, to the effect that the President is opposed to the Webb bill. It has been in the minds of everyone having to do with this subject of legislation, since the beginning of the session, that any character of bill must necessarily involve the same thing."

"No method of avoiding an appeal to the courts by the parties interested has occurred and if the Federal Government is advised of the existence of a way to avoid this question without a complete and unwarranted surrender of the rights of the state, it is to be regretted that such method is not pointed out by the telegram."

Court Settlement Deemed Proper. Indeed, whenever any legislation affects the property rights of our own citizens, it has customarily been thought quite the proper thing to have such rights measured and determined by the courts and the courts are fully open by virtue of the laws of the state, as well as by the treaties, to the citizens and subjects of other nations as to our own citizens, and in them the citizens and subjects of other nations may have their rights determined and enforced.

"If this act should be passed, I quite realize that hereafter some person might contend for greater rights than the act would give, and I would like to give him, and in that case it would be proper for the courts to pass on the question. I am at a loss, however, at this time, to understand how the Federal Government could become in any way involved in or responsible for such a contention."

Secretary Bryan, who has been in his temporary office at the capitol building all day, with the exception of the time spent on his inspection trip through a nearby Japanese colony, has declined to discuss the question raised by the President.

America reporting the failure of Secretary Bryan's mission and the probable passage of the alien land ownership bill by the California Senate has caused disappointment here, and aroused popular sentiment again.

At a meeting of the American-Japanese Society last night the speakers heatedly discussed the situation, and pointed out the impotence of the Federal authorities as evidence of race prejudice on the part of the Government in their determination, at any cost, to ruin or drive out the Japanese residents.

Commercial retaliation against California was advocated. Resolution affirming that white Japanese hitherto had appreciated and respected the traditional friendship and believed that Americans generally desired in their attitude toward the same protection and privileges as other foreigners, the State of California was determined to violate the American-Japanese treaty, thus violating diplomatic and commercial relations; and that unless the people of California recognized the gravity of the situation and their attitude might be difficult to restrain the growing irritation of the Japanese.

The leading newspapers in Tokyo expressed their attitude that the last hope is gone and that the only recourse is the submission of the question to the Hague tribunal.

Should the bill be passed and signed the most influential commercial firms assert that, irrespective of the government's attitude, they will decline to exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition and will decline to trade with California ports, directing everything to other Pacific Coast ports without regard to cost.

WILSON SENDS FINAL MESSAGE

Johnson Is Told That Webb Bill Would Start Long Litigation.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—Just before leaving Washington for a two days' trip through New Jersey today President Wilson sent what probably will be his last direct word on the projected California alien land owning law. It was a message to Governor Johnson suggesting that the Webb bill, which the Progressive majority plans to put through the California Legislature tomorrow, "would involve an appeal to the courts on the question of treaty rights and bring on what might be long and delicate litigation."

The Governor replied immediately that he "would be extremely grateful for any suggestions that would avoid the objection you mention." This came after the President had left the White House. At the State Department absolute silence is maintained. It is made plain that there will be no announcements before the return of Secretary Bryan. The Japanese Embassy is equally reticent, although it is reported generally in official circles that the Webb bill is regarded as even more offensive than any of the previous dead-end legislation.

That the Japanese are not disposed to let pass unchallenged the frequent statements from California of the great menace to the state of the extensive land holdings of Japanese subjects is evidenced by the unofficial production of statistics here, said to demonstrate the significant quantity of land held by the Japanese in fee simple. Included in these statistics are figures taken from last year's reports of the California Bureau of Labor Statistics, showing that in March, last year, the Japanese owned only 331 farms in California of a total acreage of 12,726, or just one-fourth of the area of the District of Columbia. The same statistics show that the Japanese holdings increased only 1000 acres from 1911 to 1912. These facts are expected to be injected into the negotiations between America and Japan which will follow Secretary Bryan's return to the capital.

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RENTAL VALUES THREATENED

Land Owners Say Japanese Alone Will Undertake Work.

STOCKTON, Cal., May 1.—A delegation of landowners from the Island Delta district, where many Japanese lessees are engaged in cultivating grapes, left today for Sacramento to register a protest against the passage of any anti-alien land ownership bill that will affect the value of property in Sacramento County.

It is the intention of the party to visit Governor Johnson and Secretary of State Bryan. One of the arguments to be made is a statement that rental values will be reduced from \$25 an acre to as low as \$5 an acre. It will be their contention that work on the island tracts will not be undertaken by any other class if the Japanese are driven out.

LA FRANCE TELLS STORY

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when he felt that it was nearly time for him to be arrested.

"From February on, I was in Portland several times on business and, beyond using an alias, made no special effort to avoid arrest. On my way out of Marshfield the last time before my arrest I met J. W. Simmons, state deputy of the Modern Woodmen, coming in. I recognized him. We stopped and chatted about the condition of the road further along toward Marshfield. After I was arrested he said something about having met me before. I laughed and told him about the incident on the road."

Love for his wife and babies, La France says, was what caused his failure to make a final escape. He says that immediately he learned that the body purporting to be his was found he began to realize what it meant. He states that he was at the Multnomah Hotel when his baby was born in January and that at night he used to sneak into the various homes occupied by Mrs. La France on the East Side and kiss his wife while she slept.

"I recall the incident of meeting E. L. Duncan in the meat shop here the day I got the change and he spoke to me," La France said. "I walked out of the shop and stood on the corner, hoping they would come and get me and wondering why they didn't. Nels Nelson, of the United Artisans, the first man who, according to the newspapers, reported having seen me, saw me all right. I remember the incident. I was there in plain sight, with no disguise. I never used one."

Not Even Cent Is Left. The prisoner says that everything has been attached on him by the insurance people and that he hasn't a 10-cent piece left out of the \$10,000 which he collected. He believes that he made a fortunate timber investment in Coos County and that if it had been properly there will be no necessity for loss

Here Are Some REAL Facts

They Concern GAY LOMBARD, His Residence and Some of His Statements.

Read These FACTS, Scan the Accompanying PROOFS and Then

Voter, YOU Decide

whether Mr. Lombard is a bona fide resident of Portland, or a de facto resident of San Francisco.

Lombard's San Francisco Automobile

In an advertisement which he printed in The Oregonian of yesterday, Mr. Lombard said:

Mr. Lombard bought an automobile in Portland which proved unsatisfactory, and after making several unsuccessful attempts to trade it here, at last found a trader in San Francisco who was willing to exchange machines, and even in making the trade Mr. Lombard refused to sign a letter stating that he was a resident of San Francisco.

The above is Mr. Lombard's language. But look here:

This is a facsimile of a letter concerning that very automobile, from the head office of the company which made it. The Portland agent for the car had protested that the San Francisco agent had "cut in" on Portland territory by selling the car to Mr. Lombard, whom he believed to be a Portlander. The head office had investigated the charge and then sent this letter to the Portland agent:

EXECUTIVE OFFICES
MACK AVENUE
Lozier Motor Company
WORKS: DETROIT, MICH., PLATTSBURGH, N.Y.
GENERAL OFFICES: DETROIT, MICH.
DETROIT, MICH. February 28, 1912.

Becker Auto Company, Portland, Ore.

Gentlemen:

We have received a report from the Manager of our San Francisco Branch relative to the sale of a car to Mr. Gay Lombard. Mr. Lombard, when he purchased the car in question, stated to our San Francisco Manager that his residence was in San Francisco; he stated that he had formerly lived in Portland.

On February 23rd, Mrs. Lombard in reply to a question on the subject, stated that their residence was San Francisco, Mr. Lombard being out of the city. She confirmed Mr. Lombard's statement that they had formerly lived in Portland, but that they had removed from that city and considered San Francisco their home.

If Mr. and Mrs. Lombard have stated the case correctly, we must of course consider them as being residents of San Francisco. We have made it a rule that a six months' residence in a city constituted sufficient proof to establish the fact although certain circumstances may render this rule one not to be entirely depended upon. There are cases where buyers of cars make it a practice to spend six months in one section of the country and six months in another section. In that case, the only equitable way to treat this matter is to consider the purchaser as having two separate residences and the dealer who makes the sale is therefore entitled to a.

If you can throw any further light on this subject, we would be pleased to hear from you. We do not countenance the selling of cars to purchasers residing in territory controlled by other dealers, but from information which we have at hand and with no proof to the contrary, it would appear to us as though Mr. Lombard had established his residence in San Francisco.

Yours very truly,
G. A. EWING, Manager Department of Sales.

Two other letters figured in the correspondence. The first was as follows: Detroit, Mich., February 16, 1912.

Becker Automobile Co., Portland, Ore. Gentlemen: We note from your favor of recent date that Mr. Gay Lombard purchased a Lozier car from our San Francisco Branch. We have written our Manager at that point asking him to give us details of the sale and advise us if Mr. Lombard considers himself a resident of that city or of Portland.

Yours very truly,
G. A. EWING, Manager Department of Sales.

And the second letter in evidence reads thus: Portland, March 8, 1912.

Lozier Motor Co., Detroit, Mich. Gentlemen: Referring to your letter of Feb. 28th with reference to the sale of a car to Mr. Gay Lombard in San Francisco. We do not desire to question the position that the San Francisco Manager takes regarding this sale, but we do know that Mr. Lombard claims Portland as his home, and on the 4th inst. our Mr. Smith called Mr. Lombard's office on the telephone and asked to speak to Mr. Lombard. He was told that Mr. Lombard was out of the city, but would return shortly. When inquiry was made as to whether he had moved away he was told that he had been away since October last, and when questioned further as to whether Mr. Lombard had given up Portland as his home he was told that he had not.

Mr. Lombard ran for Mayor of this city last year and up to that time was a Councilman and in view of the fact that he has holdings all over the city and still maintains his home here it is not reasonable to expect that he is not a resident of Portland. We have further heard that Mr. Lombard will return shortly with his car.

It is through the Portland Agency that Mr. Lombard bought this car for the reason that during the past season we had a man working on him and while the San Francisco Agent may be innocent of Mr. Lombard's home we feel that we are entitled to our share of the commission.

We would be pleased to hear further from you on the subject. Yours very truly,
BECKER AUTOMOBILE CO.

being jet black, and he is about 5 feet 6 inches in height. His weight probably is 140 pounds.

Mrs. La France is a mild, motherly-looking woman of about the same age. She is of the quiet, domestic type and attractive. Both seem to be extremely fond of their children.

La France says that on the occasion of their first interview, which was in August, 1912, and which followed a telephone conversation in which he informed her of his being alive, she urged him to go no further with the deception, but that he persuaded her to go through with it. It was after this that she collected from the Postal Life Insurance Company and the Modern Woodmen of America. The man says that in the course of that interview, which was held on a vacant East Side block late at night, she went copiously in urging him to go no further in the deception.

IDENTITY OF BODY SUGGESTED
Lloyd Williams, Missing Clackamas Oregon May Be Accounted For.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—Considerable credence has been given to the theory which has been advanced here that the body placed in the Clackamas River by La France is that of Lloyd Williams, formerly Clackamas County Recorder, who disappeared from this city last March.

The body, which La France is supposed to have placed in the Clackamas River, was not found until July, and it was badly decomposed. Williams and La France were both of the same general build and identity was impossible.

The fact that Williams disappeared several months prior to the discovery, might not alter the case, as La France may have secured the body and kept

it partially embalmed, or he may have found the body in a well-preserved state.

Great Damage Done by Water. VIDALIA, La., May 1.—Flood water from the break in the Mississippi River levee near Gibson's Landing continued to spread in all directions today, destroying crops and inundating many plantations. The damage will run into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

There are now over 100 women police officers in the United States.

Do You Want a Good Complexion? YOU can have one if you take care of yourself.

Overeating and sluggish circulation clog the bowels and affect the skin. Natura has provided an ideal laxative which purifies your blood, cleanses your intestines and relieves constipation—the real cause of pimples, etc. Get a bottle of

HUNYADI JANOS WATER today at any Drug Store, take 1/2 glass on arising or at any time on an empty stomach, and you'll see the difference in your complexion.

FLASHLIGHT TAKEN IN DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SHOWING ALLEGED SWINDLER AND OFFICIALS.

LEFT TO RIGHT—DISTRICT ATTORNEY EVANS, "TOMMY" RYAN, STENOGRAPHER; DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY ARTHUR MURPHY AND J. C. LA FRANCE, THE PRISONER.

Now, these automobile people were not in politics when they wrote these letters. The Portland and San Francisco travelers and the head office at Detroit had made a combined and painstaking effort to get at the facts. It was a matter of business, and was conducted with businesslike thoroughness.

Did They Have the Facts? Voter, YOU Decide

Then Mr. Lombard publishes a facsimile of a card purporting to show that he is now a non-resident member of the Olympic Club, of San Francisco. Facsimiles are interesting. Here-with, I think, is one fully as interesting as the one used by Mr. Lombard. The head bellman at the Olympic Club wrote this letter. He is also not in politics, but he has answered a simple question, straight out from the shoulder. He says Mr. Lombard is an active member of the Olympic Club. In his position this bellman is supposed to know the status of all members.

The Olympic Club
San Francisco

April 24/13
Dear Sir,
As Mr. Burns is no longer employed by the Olympic Club, I take the pleasure in informing you that Mr. Gay Lombard is active member of the Olympic Club. If I can be of any other service I will gladly do so.

Respectfully
H. Olson
Head bellman.

Has the Bellman Told the Truth? Voter, YOU Decide

Now, club cards are accommodating things. It is easy for a clubman to transfer from one class of membership to another upon occasion. The thing is done frequently. Possession by Mr. Lombard of a card showing he is now a non-resident member of the Olympic Club proves nothing.

Besides, there is that other general report, which refuses to down, that Mr. Lombard engages his apartments at the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, by the year.

WHY City Taxes Are Increasing

Mr. Lombard prints an array of figures to prove the entirely obvious and universally admitted fact that city taxes have increased. Of course they have. And the reason is that our style of city government is ponderous, out-lated and wasteful. That is one strong reason why we need commission government, as proposed under the new charter about to be voted on. Mr. Lombard admits the present form of city government is expensive and bad, but opposes a change. Is Mr. Lombard sincere? Mr. Voter, you decide.

I thank Mr. Lombard for the title he has conferred upon me—that of "Assistant Mayor." I hold it an honor to be so designated. Let me return the compliment by stating my estimate of Mr. Lombard. In one of Katie Putnam's old plays, years ago, the heroine, a frivolous, irresponsible young thing named "Gay Hatch," was designated by the programme man thus:

Gay Hatch (GAY BY NAME AND GAY BY NATURE) Katie Putnam

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