

JAPANESE REPLY TO THEIR CRITICS

Figures Declared to Show No Reason to Fear Race Will Possess State.

SPRIT OF LAWS OBSERVED

Statement Says Arguments of Exclusionists Are Contradictory and Largely Based on General Misunderstanding.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4.—Declaring that the agitation against Japanese ownership of lands in California is based on a misunderstanding and fostered by scheming politicians, the Japanese Association of America, representing 32 affiliated societies of the Pacific Coast, issued a statement today. The statement, which is signed by George Shima, the "potato king," as president, says: "At the suggestion of America, Japan opened her doors to Western civilization and ideals and entered into friendly relations with the outside world. In response to this suggestion that Japanese came to America, believing in American civilization and trusting in American people. When the immigration problem arose Japan willingly consented to cease to send laborers to this country. Those who have taken up residence have tried to keep both the spirit and the letter of all laws and treaties and it is a matter of common knowledge that they have succeeded in doing so. By their industry and economy they have made immense contributions to the state. Why then this agitation?"

Conflicting Assertions Reviewed. "First of all we believe it is based on a general misunderstanding. On the one hand it is said that Japanese work for small wages, thus competing with American laborers, while on the other hand it is contended as strongly that they demand exorbitant wages. Again some say that they take the money gained here and send it to the country, while others claim that the money is used to purchase more land. It has been said that the Japanese congregate in one quarter and do not assimilate. "On the contrary, it has been stated that the Japanese are unlike the Chinese in that they scatter everywhere. They mix with American people. They go to the public schools; they learn American methods and are in sympathy with American ideals. In other words, they become assimilated. These conflicting theories that are diametrically opposed are being used as the reasons for the anti-Japanese legislation.

Total Acreage Owned Is Small. "We feel that misrepresentation is another great cause for this agitation. The total acreage owned by the Japanese in the year 1912 according to statistics of the State Labor Commission, was 12,725, or 29 square miles, which is the result of the Japanese labor within the last 59 years while the total for this state is 158,860 square miles. These figures show how baseless is the fear that the Japanese are obtaining possession of the state. "This misunderstanding and confusion are being used by scheming politicians to further their ends and the Japanese, without ballot, are selected as the most convenient objects for notoriety with the least political harm to these agitators."

TAX DATA TO BE GATHERED

State Commission to List Warranty Deed Transfers.

SALEM, Ore., May 4.—(Special.)—Announcement was made Saturday by State Tax Commissioner Galloway that the Commission will soon commence the listing of all warranty deed transfers in the State for the purpose of assembling reliable data upon which to apportion the State tax, and that against public service corporations.

Each year the Commission gathers this information but it will be more complete this year for the Legislature provided a larger appropriation. The plan is to check all warranty deeds extending back a year from March 1, 1913, and then to make an appraisal of the property to determine its value. The assessment of the property will then be taken from the roll, and with its assessed value and also that which is taxed, and its actual value, the Commission will be in a position, it is declared, to make a fair apportionment of the State tax and also that to be levied against the public service corporations.

RAILROAD EARNINGS GROW

Contemplated Request for Advance in Rates Likely to Be Refused.

SALEM, Ore., May 4.—(Special.)—Tables received from the Bureau of Railroads in Washington, D. C. by the State Railroad Commission show that the gross earnings of the railroads throughout the United States increased about 19 per cent during the month of February over those of the same month last year.

In the Eastern district, according to the tables, there was an increase of \$2.50 a mile each day; in the Northern district an increase of \$2.51 a mile each day; and in the Southern district about \$1.93 a mile each day. Railroads in the Eastern district have signified their intention of asking the Inter-State Commerce Commission for a general increase of 5 per cent and officials of the Railroad Commission are of the opinion that in view of the increased earnings their chances of obtaining it are slim.

Lewis Road Contract Awarded.

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 4.—(Special.)—The contract for the grading of the county road between Dryden and Ceres has been awarded by the Lewis County commissioners to Ray Bros., of Ceres, the contract price being \$3495. The improvement will place the road connecting Lewis and Pacific counties in condition to travel to the Lewis County line.

Aged Soldier Dying at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 4.—(Special.)—Philip Christ, 89 years old, sole survivor of the first company of artillery sent by the Government to establish Vancouver Barracks, in 1848, is critically ill at his home here, and his death is expected at any time. His breakdown is due to old age.

SECRETARY OF STATE ON HIS CALIFORNIA MISSION.



WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN AND HIS SECRETARY, PHOTOGRAPHED AT SAN FRANCISCO.

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Administration Silent on Alien Law Situation.

BRYAN'S ARRIVAL AWAITED

Legal Proceedings Following Enactment of Bill Taken for Granted—Full Text of Bill Telegraphed to Wilson.

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probably will not adjourn until May 25 or later. This will require the governor to act on or before Tuesday, May 13. It is generally thought that President Wilson will make known his objections once more to Governor Johnson and then seek through diplomacy to answer the possible protests from Tokyo. Until the final amendment was added, permitting aliens ineligible to citizenship to lease agricultural lands for three years, the measure was the most drastic of any that had been proposed. Now, however, it is asserted by many that it will accomplish little, inasmuch as it does not stipulate that the leases may not be renewed again and again.

Governor Johnson and the Progressives regard the measure as a necessary first step in accomplishing what they believe to be the desire of the people of the state. "This act establishes the policy of the state toward alien land holders," was their answer to those who asked for a more rigid law. "Two years or four years hence it will be an easy matter to strike out the leasing clause if the public demands it, but just now it would work a hardship upon scores of citizen land owners."

ALIEN BILL CALLED PERFDIVY

Minister Says Measure Would "Disgrace Hell in Palmist Days."

MINNEAPOLIS, May 3.—Rev. G. L. Morrill, who has just returned from a trip around the world, spoke today at the People's Church on "Our Japanese Brothers." His address was devoted largely to the California alien land bill. Among other things he said: "The alien land bill is something that would have disgraced hell in its palmist days. "It is a piece of political perfidy, of rotten state rights and of race and religious bigotry that makes the Oregon bill a heathen a Christian saint in comparison. "The bill is unkind, unfair, un-American and un-Christian. We are his keeper, and woe to California if she acts the part of Cain and is branded with the mark of fratricide."

BRYAN IS SILENT AS SPHINX

Secretary of State Refuses to Discuss Anti-Allen Land Bill.

LOS ANGELES, May 4.—Secretary of State Bryan spent an hour and a half here this morning on his way to Washington from Sacramento. He declined to discuss any phase of the anti-alien land situation.

Mr. Bryan was met here by his son, William J. Bryan, Jr., his wife and their two children, who will accompany the Secretary of State as far as Tucson, Ariz., where they reside.

FORMAL PROTEST ORDERED

Japan Deeply Disappointed by Action of California.

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