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## CALIFORNIANS INTIMATE THEY WILL ACT ON ALIEN LAW

Progressives in Legislature Intimate That They Will Override Bryan's Wish.

LATTER MAY MAKE ANOTHER APPEAL

Is Doing Everything He Can For President Wilson—Refuses to Talk Today.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 29.—With the sentiment of the Progressive Republican majority towards the anti-alien land legislation virtually unchaned by representations made yesterday by Secretary of State Bryan on behalf of President Wilson, the California Legislature agreed today a second broadside of argument from the head of the State Department.

Although several messages in secret code were received by Secretary Bryan from President Wilson, no further conferences with the governor and members of the Legislature had been called up to 11 o'clock and it is not expected that Bryan will ask further parley until late this afternoon. Bryan declined to discuss the contents of his telegrams.

Bryan's suggestion is that California enact a law similar to the statute in Illinois or in the District of Columbia. The administration leaders are not disposed to allow a filibuster and unless Bryan presents urgent reasons for further delay in the conference, it is probable that the Legislature will take hold of the situation immediately and pass the bill prohibiting the ownership by foreigners "ineligible to citizenship," while the distinguished visitor looks on.

### LAW IN WASHINGTON

Alien Ownership of Land to be Voted on Next Year. OLYMPIA, Wash., April 29.—Governor Lister, asked by Secretary of State Bryan for information about the alien land laws of Washington, telegraphed that this amendment would be submitted to the people in November 1914: "The ownership to lands by aliens other than those who in good faith have declared their intentions to become citizens of the United States is prohibited," etc., and provisions are attached removing restrictions to land in municipalities.

## ASK GUATEMALA TO PAY DEBT

England Said to Have Renewed Old Claims—Appeal Made to United States.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, April 29.—The British government today denied the published report that it had sent an ultimatum to Guatemala. At the foreign office it was said that all that had been done so far was to make a renewed presentation of Guatemala's demand for payment of Britain's indebtedness.

### UNITED STATES INVOLVED.

Guatemala Notifies Secretary Bryan of England's Demand.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, April 29.—Great Britain is again pressing Guatemala for satisfaction of the long standing claims of British subjects. The attention of the State Department has been directed to the situation in the Guatemalan Minister here and the outcome is expected to develop some measure as an indication of the administration's policy toward Central American republics and their foreign debts. A loan of \$20,000,000 by American bankers had been under way for some time but was never consummated. With proceeds it was proposed to pay Guatemala's British debts and return her currency system.

### ASSAILANT GIVEN AXE.

Another of Girl Kills Man Who Attacked Her.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) CHICAGO, April 29.—Anthony Pasco, aged 25, was struck in the head with a hatchet and killed today, after he had attacked Anna Pasco, aged 16, because she refused to marry him. Pasquale Forte, aged 19, a brother of the girl, is said to have struck the blow which resulted in Marasco's death. Pasco fled and has not been captured.

## JAP PROBLEM UP IN CABINET

California Situation Discussed Today—Want Investigation of Situation.

### JAPS GET BUSY.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 29.—The Japanese ambassadors spent some time with President Wilson today, probably about the California situation.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, April 29.—While the Cabinet today discussed the situation in Mexico to some extent, the principal subject under consideration was the attitude of the California Legislature towards Secretary Bryan's proposals. Members of the Cabinet said no conclusion had been reached. The view was expressed, however, that the administration would not recede from its position as described by Secretary Bryan to the California Legislature yesterday. In event of the rejection of those suggestions, Cabinet members felt that the Japanese government would realize that the government at Washington has done everything in its power to prevent discrimination. Intimation came to some members of the Cabinet of a reported growing sentiment about the country for a more careful inquiry into the California viewpoint on the Japanese question. This, however, it was said, will be in line with the suggestion to California to postpone consideration until a thorough investigation could be made and an understanding arrived at with Japan through diplomatic channels.

## THINKS DIAZ WILL WIN OUT

Chicago Man on Return Says Huerta Will be Overthrown Within Two Weeks.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) CHICAGO, April 29.—"The Huerta government in Mexico probably will be overthrown within two weeks," said Robert J. Kerr, an attorney who recently came from Mexico, in an address today before the Rotary Club. "The situation there is far more serious than Americans realize. Americans are forced to flee from Mexico because the American flag is not as much respected there as the flags of other countries, and Americans, if they remain, do not know whether they will be able to procure damage for their ruined property."

### NEW UNION LIKELY.

Diaz and Carranza to Join Forces in Mexico.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

EAGLE PASS, Tex., April 29.—Reports that negotiations for an alliance between Felix Diaz and Governor Carranza, constitutionalist leader, afoot, have been spread here by four alleged agents of the Mexican leaders. Active hostilities in the zone controlled by Carranza seem to have ceased. This is reported to be due to negotiations by the federal commanders opposing Carranza, Generals Aubert and Lopez, to join the Constitutionalists' cause.

## SQUEALER SHOT BY GANGSTERS

Five New York Gang-men Arrested for Shooting Man Suspected of "Telling."

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NEW YORK, April 29.—Suspected of "squealing" to District Attorney Whitman, Jerry Malda met death on Forty-first street, near Broadway early today. He was shot down by gangsters who sent five bullets into his body. Five policemen heard the shots and pounced upon five men whom they accused of the killing.

## CANAL LEGISLATION IS DELAYED SOUTHERN PACIFIC LOSES NOTED OREGON LAND GRANTS

Senate Committee Votes to Defer Action Until the December Session of Congress.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 29.—By a vote of 13 to 1 the Senate Canal Committee decided today to put over to the regular December session of Congress all questions of the Panama Canal tolls, including Senator Root's

amendment to repeal the free passage provision of the Panama law. Brandegee voted against it. Before the vote was taken the Senators pointed out that the Democrats were committed to the tariff and currency legislation at the extra session and that they would have enough to do to legislate on those subjects. The overwhelming vote of the committee is taken to indicate that there will be no action on the tolls in question for several months unless President Wilson chooses to exert his influence to have it reopened.

## CAMERON IS FOUND GUILTY

Jury Quickly Convicts Him of Bootlegging on South Slough.

(Special to The Times.) COQUILLE, Or., April 29.—Frank Cameron, who formerly ran the Agitator in Marshfield, was found guilty by a jury in Circuit Court last night of bootlegging. The jury was out only a little while. Cameron was indicted last Fall for illegally selling liquor on South Slough. Tom Bennett and J. M. Upton defended him. It was intimated that his attorneys might appeal the case and Judge Coke fixed the date of sentence as May 2. Cameron will probably furnish bond meanwhile.

Edmunds Pleads Guilty. Edmunds, the forger from Marshfield, whom Sheriff Gage captured at Price, Utah, entered a plea of guilty to the indictment charging forgery. He was about to plead guilty to a second indictment charging him with obtaining money under false pretenses, but Tom Hall, his attorney, instructed him not to. His trial on the latter charge was set for tomorrow morning.

Bandon Case. Winkler, the half-breed Indian of Bandon, who was indicted for attempting to assault a nine-year-old girl, will be tried May 1.

The date of the trial of J. S. Barton, indicted for attempted assault on Miss Madge Yoakam, has not been fixed.

Leave Tomorrow.—Messrs. Hoey and Fontaine, Johnson Porter and the others of the party of railroad engineers who have been on the bay, plan to leave tomorrow morning for Eugene. They have been going over the situation here. Mr. Porter said that there was nothing new to give out today. It was reported that Mr. Houser, who will have charge of the work at North Bend, will also have charge of the work for fifteen miles on this end of the line.

Not Here.—Nothing new has been heard from W. J. Wilsey and Judge Brunough, according to John Eddy, Mr. Wilsey's local representative on the bay. Whether they delayed their trip here is problematical. Major Kinney was expected here this week, as he has a case which is scheduled to come up at Coquille.

## LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN BIG INSURANCE SWINDLE

## LA FRANCE IS TAKEN NORTH

Alleged Insurance Swindler and Wife Taken to Portland This Morning.

J. C. La France, the alleged Portland insurance swindler, and his wife and three children, in custody of Sheriff Gage, started for Portland this morning via Drain. They will reach Portland early Thursday morning. Last night La France told Mr. Miller, an attorney, that he wasn't the man that they wanted. He was worried and talked rambling. This is the first outright denial made by him and does not conflict with the statements of the officers as to what he told them.

It was intimated today that "there was a woman in the case" besides Mrs. La France, but this will probably develop later.

Admission to Gage. Sheriff Gage stated last night that

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## LOCAL MAN IN BIG SUIT FILED

Guy Barnum Begins Action Against Herbert Lockhart for \$13,000.

(Special to The Times.) COQUILLE, Or., April 29.—Guy C. Barnum filed suit in Circuit Court here yesterday against Herbert Lockhart, of Marshfield, for \$13,000, which he claims is due him on a contract. It is set forth that Mr. Lockhart purchased a tract on Isthmus Slough, known as Port Barnum, from Guy Barnum for \$20,000, making a payment of \$2,000 and agreeing to pay \$13,000 more, with interest, in a stipulated time and \$5,000 in a later payment and that the \$13,000 payment is now past due and remains unpaid. It is stated that Mr. Lockhart has objected to the payment because a suitable abstract has not been furnished for the property.

## NARROW ESCAPE OF MRS. SMITH

Wife of Owner of Smith Mill and Two Maids Have Fire Scare in Oakland.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 29.—The lives of Mrs. C. A. Smith, wife of the proprietor of the C. A. Smith Lumber company of Oakland, and her two maids were endangered by fire shortly before 1 o'clock in the morning, when flames in the third floor of the Berkeley residence, at 2930 Avalon avenue.

The fire was caused by an electric iron which was left on an ironing board with the current on. The flames caught the woodwork and the smoke filled the hall leading to Mrs. Smith's chamber. All of the members of the household were asleep and in ignorance of their danger until a pedestrian sounded the alarm.

The blaze was extinguished by the Berkeley fire department. Damages amounted to \$1,000. The residence is valued at \$40,000.

## GAGE PLANNED FOR ARREST

Insisted that J. C. La France be Taken in Daylight—Detective Praises Work.

Sheriff Gage planned the J. C. La France coup d'etat at Coquille. Some wanted to wait until darkness to make the arrest, but Sheriff Gage opposed this. He declared that the thing to do, although he had been warned by detectives that La France was a gunman and would fight if cornered, was to overpower him by numbers, so he took six men, stationing four around the house. He said that he figured if there was any gun play and even though La France might get one or two of them, the balance would be sure to get La France. He and former Marshal Hurley, of Coquille, entered while the others guarded the outside, the latter getting in plain view of all the windows.

When he went to the door, Mrs.

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## COOS COUNTY LANDS IN IT

Decision in Southern Pacific Case Will Affect Old Coos Bay Wagon Road Grant.

The decision of Judge Wolverton that the immense land grant of the Southern Pacific in Oregon shall revert to the government is of much importance to Coos County. Some of the Southern Pacific lands are understood to lie in this county but the old Coos Bay Wagon Road Grant of about 100,000 acres, now owned by the Menasha Woodware company through the acquisition of the Southern Oregon company, is the most important. Practically the same conditions are said to govern it that governed the Southern Pacific land grant the latter being made a test suit by the government.

## GET JURORS IN GREENLEAF CASE

Six Secured Early This Afternoon and Balance Will be Before Evening.

(Special to The Times.)

COQUILLE, Ore., April 29.—The jury to try Guy Greenleaf, indicted for a statutory offense against Erma Knorr, the fourteen-year-old Marshfield girl, who committed suicide a few weeks ago, is being secured today. It is expected that the twelve men will be secured by this evening and the taking of testimony started.

Many of them were thrown off on account of being prejudiced and for a time some thought that the panel might be exhausted before the requisite twelve jurors were secured. The jurorsmen selected up to 2 o'clock were:

Jesse D. Clinton of Norway; A. J. Barr of Bandon; Jack Mast of McKinley; L. C. Gibson of Bandon; Geo. O. Leach of Coquille; J. H. Giles of Bandon.

Greenleaf's wife and little son and his father are here and it is expected that one of the strongest cards that the defense will have will be the appeal for the sake of the wife and child. Erma Knorr is dead and the little two or three-year-old boy is expected to make a strong appeal for the father.

Messrs. Brown and Liljeqvist for the prosecution are determined to leave nothing undone that will tend to convict. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Knorr came here today from Marshfield as witnesses against Greenleaf. A dozen or more witnesses came this morning and several came over this afternoon.

## INDICT THREE FOR GAMBLING

Reed, Former Portland Cop and Detective, One of Accused.

(Special to The Times.)

COQUILLE, Or., April 29.—The new Coos County grand jury today brought indictments charging Joe Bledsoe, Philip Richardson and W. H. Reed with gambling. Reed is the former Portland detective and policeman who came here to get a timber claim, got into a poker game and passed a bad check which resulted in his arrest in Marshfield for forgery. The alleged gambling resulted in the check offense being thrown out, a gambling debt being illegal. They will be arraigned soon.

The new grand jury is reported to be investigating a rather sensational case in Coquille—a criminal operation—which was referred to it by the old grand jury. Three of the parties subpoenaed by it, and some of those involved, are said to be persons who signed the lengthy petition to the old grand jury asking them to thoroughly investigate alleged vice conditions in Coquille.

WANTED.—To buy 5 fine settings of eggs, all one kind of chicken, no choice any kind. Mrs. G. E. Noah, Marshfield, Henry Millis' coal mine.

### NOW IS YOUR TIME.

A small ad in The Times want column may bring you results immediately. Try one.

Judge Wolverton in U. S. Court Decides Land Shall Revert to Government.

TRACT WORTH OVER \$60,000,000 INVOLVED

Case Will be Appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PORTLAND, Ore., April 29.—The court orders that a decree be entered for filing these lands to the United States government and that the government recover its costs and disbursements in this case.

By this simple statement of Judge C. E. Wolverton in the federal court today, lands stipulated to be worth \$30,000,000 and estimated by experts to be worth perhaps \$60,000,000, were taken from the Southern Pacific and returned to the federal government. The acreage involved is 2,300,000 and over \$20,000 acres has been sold to various persons and corporations from \$2.50 to as high as \$40 per acre.

This case was instituted in 1908 and was one of the most forcefully contested cases ever brought in local courts. The Oregon legislature petitioned congress to take action and the resolution was passed to that effect by the national legislature. B. D. Townsend was assigned to the case. A. W. Lafferty, now congressman, filed suits for clients and over 4,000 interveners also appeared and suits were ordered consolidated. Lafferty proceeded on the theory that specific performance by the railroad company under the original grant should be had. Townsend fought for the forfeiture. In the decree today Lafferty and all other intervening cases were ordered dismissed. The case will be appealed and eventually carried to the supreme court of the United States.

## AUSTRIA WILL PROCEED ALONE

Declares it Will Carry Out Original Plan of Powers in Regard to Scutari.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, April 29.—A special correspondent telegraphing from Vienna puts the Austrian attitude in regard to Montenegro in precise form as follows: "Austria-Hungary, finding that the ambassador's conference in London yesterday produced no results, has decided to take matters into her own hands and to carry out the decision of the powers regarding Scutari."

### TROOPS TO FRONTIER.

Austria Sends Flower of Her Army From Tyrol.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

GENEVA, April 29.—All Austrians troops in Tyrol, numbering several thousand men and considered the flower of the army, have left for the frontier of Montenegro and Novi Mazar. Other troops are arriving in the garrison to take their places.

### CELEBRATE IN MONTENEGRO.

Royal Family and Populace Rejoice Over Capture of Scutari.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CETTINJE, April 29.—Crown Prince Danilo, of Montenegro, was welcomed with an ovation on his arrival here today to hand over to King Nicholas the keys of the fortress of Scutari. The formal ceremony was greeted with cheers by an excited throng. The members of the royal family afterwards marched in procession to the cathedral, the Queen and each of the ladies giving her arm to a wounded soldier.

### AUSTRIA MAY ACT

Angry Because Powers Did Not Take Decisive Action.

VIENNA, April 29.—The Austro-Hungarian government is dissatisfied with the failure of the conference of Ambassadors in London to initiate decisive action against Montenegro and is continuing its preparations for important action.

### OPPOSED TO AUSTRIA

Italy and Germany Want No Action Except by All the Powers.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, April 29.—Neither the British foreign office officials nor the foreign diplomats here have any confirmation of the report that Austria-Hungary has decided to take independent action to force Montenegro to evacuate the Albanian city of Scutari and they discredit them. Such a course is considered impossible in view of the negotiations which are progressing. Germany and Italy are strongly averse to the attempt to coerce Montenegro unless such an action is taken by all the powers jointly.