

CALIFORNIA STANDS FIRM

BOUND TO PASS ANTI-JAPANESE LAW.

JOHNSON REPLIES TO PRESIDENT

Declares States Has Right to Pass Legislation and Asserts That It Does Not Violate Any Treaty Rights Held by Japan.

Sacramento, Cal., April 23.—Through exchanges of telegrams this morning between President Wilson and Governor Johnson the settled policy of the California administration on the question of the alien ownership of land was officially made known.

Governor Johnson and his party leaders of the senate favor the land bill excluding from ownership all aliens ineligible to citizenship under the laws of the United States and such a law probably will be passed in spite of objections from Washington.

The assertion is made by the governor that the state has full authority to make such a law and it would not be contravention of any existing treaty. He is upheld in this view by a majority of the leaders in the senate. Opposition to the administration program will come from the democrats aided by a few republicans who are opposed to anti-alien legislation of any kind.

The president's message today called forth little comment and that of an indifferent nature. The democrats had already formulated their plans in accordance to Bryan's request of Saturday and the progressive majority declined to consider Wilson's telegram as a demand upon the legislature to enact any particular kind of law.

Washington, April 22.—An exchange of telegrams between President Wilson and Governor Johnson of California, expressing on one hand the hope that no anti-alien legislation discriminatory against the Japanese will be passed, and on the other the assurance that no violation of treaty obligations was contemplated, left the White House and official circles tonight uncertain as to the future developments.

Governor Johnson in response to the president's message of appeal was taken at the White House to be friendly and of a reassuring nature, when it was pointed out to the officials that notwithstanding the assurances the treaty obligations will not be violated, Governor Johnson had used in his telegram language relating to "aliens ineligible to citizenship."

In forecasting the kind of bill that will be passed, there is no disposition to regard the utterance as forecasting the passage of the assembly bill containing the phraseology against which Bryan protested. Later, the news from Sacramento indicated that Governor Johnson and the legislature were bent on passing a bill excluding from land ownership all aliens ineligible to citizenship, resulted in a general air of uncertainty with respect to developments in Sacramento.

As a last resort, however, a test case in the courts is confidently expected by legal advisors of the government here to clear up satisfactorily the entire situation.

Washington, April 22.—President Wilson's final word concerning the anti-alien land laws now pending in

WILL GET A PENSION

Mrs. August D. Singler and Children Will Benefit by Recent State Law.

The widow and children of the late Sheriff Singler will not be left entirely destitute, as was feared by many when news of his death first reached Ashland. They will draw a pension from the state, or rather from the county, under the widow's pension act passed by the last legislature, of \$62.50 per month. In addition to this Mr. Singler has \$1,000 insurance in the Woodmen of the World and also a home valued at \$2,500, which is clear. There are said to be practically no debts. This with the aid promised by the brother, William Singler, will relieve the family of danger of destitution.

BIRD LORE.

Massachusetts Educator Delivers Interesting Address.

William R. Lord of Massachusetts delivered an illustrated lecture on birds, at the Commercial Club rooms last night. Aside from the humane and sentimental aspects of the question, the speaker called especial attention to the economic view of the matter, whereby the destruction of myriads of the feathered tribe left us each year more and more at the mercy of the ravages of insect pests. His interesting talk was vividly illustrated by many fine views, which were skillfully manipulated on the stereopticon by H. D. Gumaer of the local high school.

Mr. Lord is a resident of Dover, the most exclusive residential suburb of Boston. He was in Ashland about eleven years ago, speaking to students on the same theme as yesterday, a subject concerning which he is very familiar and much in love with. His address last evening concluded three of a series for the day. He is also very favorably impressed with Oregon, and his tour of the state this season is under the auspices of the department of public instruction.

THERE WILL BE NO WAR

Japan Has Not Threatened United States, Says Their Ambassador at Washington.

Washington, D. C., April 23.—Even though California passes an anti-alien land law aimed directly at the Japanese, Japan will not attempt any warlike retaliation.

This declaration was voiced here today by Baron Chinda, the Japanese ambassador to the United States. Baron Chinda declared the better classes in Japan were trying to quiet jingo talk by the lower classes, and that war between the two nations was out of the question. The ambassador asserted he had not seen President Wilson for a week, but expected to pay tomorrow his customary courtesy call on Secretary of State Bryan.

It also was emphatically denied at the White House today that Japan had voiced any war threat. Secretary Tumulty characterized as "baseless" reports that Baron Chinda had informed the president that Japan was unable to control the people, who would force the nation into war if the California land bill were passed. It was denied that the Japanese ambassador had seen the president yesterday.

The California legislature was sent to Governor Johnson and the presiding officers in both houses of the state legislature today in the following telegram:

"I speak on the assumption, which I am sure is well founded, that the people of California do not desire their representatives—and that the representatives neither wish nor intend—in any circumstance to embarrass the government of the United States in its dealings with a nation with which it has most earnestly and cordially sought to maintain relations of genuine friendship and good will, and that least of all do they desire to do anything which might impair treaty obligations or cast doubt on the honor and good faith of the nation and government.

"Therefore I appeal in the utmost confidence to the people, the governor and the legislature of California to act in the matter now under consideration in a manner that cannot, from any point of view, be fairly challenged or called in question. If they deem it necessary to exclude all aliens who have not declared their intention to become citizens from the privileges of land ownership, they can do so along lines already followed in the laws of many other states and foreign countries, including Japan herself. Invidious discrimination will inevitably draw in question the treaty obligations of the government of the United States.

"I register my very earnest and respectful protest against any discrimination in this case, not only because I deem it my duty as chief executive of the nation, but also, and more readily, because I believe the people and the legislative authorities of California will generously respond in a moment to a matter frankly presented to them as a question of national policy and a question of national honor. If they have ignored this point of view it is, I am sure, because they did not realize what and how much was involved."

SHERIFF SINGLER SHOT AND KILLED

LESTER JONES KILLED BY BULLETS FROM AUGUST SINGLER'S GUN

WAS READING WARRANT TO JONES

SINGLER WAS TAKEN TO MEDFORD HOSPITAL WHERE HE DIED WEDNESDAY MORNING WITH HIS FAMILY AT HIS SIDE — JONES FOUND DEAD IN CABIN

Sheriff A. D. Singler is dead, shot while in the performance of duty, by a youthful desperado whom he sought to arrest. On Tuesday afternoon Sheriff Singler went out to a cabin west of Jacksonville to arrest Lester Jones, a youthful desperado who last year ambushed the marshal of Jacksonville when he sought to arrest him and took away his gun. The exact details of the shooting will never be known as Sheriff Singler could only give a disconnected report and Jones was found dead with two of Singler's bullets in his head. Singler was taken to Medford, where he died at 8:30 Wednesday morning. The Medford Sun of Wednesday has the following report of the shooting:

Sheriff August D. Singler lies at Sacred Heart hospital, Medford, in a critical condition, and Lester Jones, aged 17 years, a youthful desperado, is dead, as a result of a shooting affray Tuesday evening about dusk on the John Launsbach place, one mile west of Jacksonville on the upper road. Singler at midnight was resting easy with an even chance for life.

Sheriff Singler was shot on the right side, the bullet taking a course across the chest, penetrating one lung and lodging against the ribs on the left side. Jones was shot twice in the head, arter ne and wounded the officer, death occurring almost instantaneously. Two bullets also entered his body. One leaden missile tore the scalp from his head, the other struck his arm. The remains of the dead bandit were brought from the scene of the

one bullet splitting the third knuckle on the left hand of the sheriff.

As soon as Launsbach reached his telephone and notified the sheriff's office at Jacksonville a posse was organized, and Dr. R. E. Golden rushed in an automobile to the scene. After placing Singler in the machine, with William Barnum at the wheel, the race began for the Sacred Heart hospital. Drs. Pickel, Stearns and Golden operated upon the sheriff, and last night was given an even chance for his life.

In the meantime the posse took up the trail of Jones and found him cuddled behind his stove, lifeless, with a gun lying by his side.

After the news of the shooting became general the police of every city and town in southern Oregon were notified to keep an eye out for Jones, it not being known that he was killed. The first care was for the wounded man, difficulty being experienced in carrying him across a plowed field to the road.

Mrs. Singler and the children of the wounded man were brought to the hospital at 10 o'clock last night, and a sight of his loved ones acted as a tonic on the spirit of the courageous officer. He was conscious throughout, and though in great pain exchanged greetings with acquaintances who came to the hospital to see him. He was at once put upon the operating table, the bullet removed, and given other treatment. The attending physicians report that he passed the operation successfully.



THE LATE SHERIFF, AUGUST D. SINGLER.

conflict late last night, to Medford, where an inquest will be held today. The pistol duel took place at the cabin home of the dead outlaw, who has been a fugitive from justice since last April, and there were no eye witnesses to the tragedy. John Launsbach, living a half mile away, heard the shooting and rushed to the aid of Singler. He found him lying beneath a tree, made him comfortable and telephoned to Jacksonville for aid.

Jones, regarded as a desperate character, paid with his life for a cowardly attack. According to the sheriff, he was reading a warrant for his arrest, when the young thug whipped out his revolver and shot as he stood on the steps of the cabin. Singler sank to the ground. Jones fled to his cabin. The wounded officer, lying on his side, fired four times, two bullets taking effect in the head, and Jones crawled behind a cook stove in his quarters and died. Ten or twelve shots were exchanged,

Jones, the dead outlaw, has been sought by Jackson county officials for over a year. He was a half Mexican, with all the mongrel traits of a halfbreed, vicious, lawbreaking, and defiant of all restraint, though an undersized boy.

About a year ago he was wanted for the theft of articles in Jacksonville, and when Marshal Jones went to arrest him that official was held up, his gun taken away, and forced to watch his man walk away. The desperado fled to the hills of northern California and remained in hiding for over a year. This escape with the Jacksonville marshal added new vim to the criminal activity of Jones, and he sent back law-defying taunts.

Last week he was seen on the streets of Medford by local police, and Sheriff Singler notified. It was learned that Jones was staying in the cabin where he met his death.

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EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS.

Meetings at Christian Church Showing Great Power.

Evangelist Crim is preaching some great sermons at the Christian church. He preaches the truth eloquently and without fear or favor. The indifferent church member is stirred by his message. The one who is not a Christian receives a challenge that he cannot answer without coming to Christ. The people of Ashland have never heard better sermons. The lectures on Hebrews which are delivered at the church at 4 o'clock are pronounced by many to be wonderful. One business man said he gladly closed his office every day from 4 to 5 in order to sit at the feet of this great teacher-evangelist.

Professor Isaac, the musical director, is leading the singing. He will conduct the monthly song service Sunday evening before the short sermon. This means we will all have to go early.

For Sale. At a bargain and on easy terms if sold soon, a 5-room cottage with bath; Address J. E. G., care the Tidings office. 94-tf

BUREAU IS ORGANIZED

Bureau of Mines and Geology is Now Ready for Business.

Portland, April 23.—Members of the state bureau of mines and geology, created by the recent legislature, have effected permanent organization. The commission is composed of seven members, whose appointment was recently announced by Governor West as follows: H. N. Lawrie, W. C. Fellows, J. F. Reddy, T. S. Mann, C. T. Prall, W. J. Kerr and P. L. Campbell.

H. N. Lawrie was elected chairman of the board. The chairman immediately announced the following standing committees:

Metals and Hydraulic Mining—W. C. Fellows, J. F. Reddy and H. N. Lawrie.

Ceramic Materials—T. S. Mann, J. F. Reddy and H. N. Lawrie. Road Materials—C. T. Prall, J. F. Reddy and T. S. Mann.

Fuels, Saline sand Fertilizers—J. F. Reddy, T. S. Mann and W. C. Fellows.

Transportation—Dr. W. J. Kerr, W. C. Fellows and J. F. Reddy.

Conservation—P. L. Campbell, C. T. Prall and W. C. Fellows.

Forestry Relations—C. T. Prall, J. F. Reddy and T. S. Mann.

Finance—H. N. Lawrie and C. T. Prall.

The entire commission left for Eugene and Corvallis for the purpose of inspecting the equipment of the university and agricultural college to ascertain the qualifications of each for work connected with that of the state bureau of mines and geology.

SCHOOL RALLY TOMORROW.

Number of Schools to Hold Picnic at Willow Springs.

There will be a rally at the Willow Springs school tomorrow. There will be a program at 10:30 a. m. by the various schools participating. Prof. G. A. Briscoe of this city and Hon. B. F. Mulkey of Medford will deliver addresses. A basket dinner will follow and the Central Point band will furnish music throughout the day. The following schools will participate: Table Rock, Tolo, Dardanelles, Agate, North Jacksonville and Willow Springs. Everybody is invited to attend and "bring heaped baskets of provisions and bushels of pleasant smiles."

M. E. Missionary Meeting.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society and the Young Women's Foreign Missionary Society will take their annual thank offering next Sunday morning at the M. E. church. Dr. W. N. Brewster, missionary from China, who was one of the fine speakers at the M. E. parliament held a few weeks ago at Grants Pass, will give the address. Dr. Brewster will interest you. Come and hear him and remember our offering.

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BELGIANS WIN IN BIG STRIKE

SUFFRAGE LAWS TO BE MODIFIED.

DUPLICATE VOTING ABOLISHED

First Political Strike Ever Won Succeeded Because of Excellent Control Over Strikers by Leaders—Half Million Laborers Involved.

Brussels, April 22.—The political strike in Belgium, after keeping industry and commerce at a standstill ten days, was brought today to a conclusion favorable to the workmen, nearly half a million of whom laid down their tools to enforce their demand for equal suffrage.

The chamber of deputies this afternoon adopted a resolution offered by Mr. Masson, the liberal leader, with an amendment moved by Premier Charles de Broqueville, condemning the principle of the general strike.

Masson's resolution provides that the equalization of the parliamentary franchise shall be immediately taken up for consideration in the event that a parliamentary committee now dealing with the provincial and communal franchise shall evolve a plan improving on the present method.

King Albert conferred for a long time with Premier Broqueville today and it was agreed to settle the strike by making concessions to the workers, who complain of the system by which persons enjoying higher incomes or having a superior education are given supplementary votes. The workers assert that these extra votes have swamped them at the parliamentary ballots and have permitted the clerical party to remain in power without interruption for over 20 years.

At the last returns 993,070 men possessed one vote, 395,866 two votes, and 308,683 three votes, so that the single votes were always overwhelmed. This is the first occasion on record in which a political strike has resulted in victory for the strikers, and the whole movement has been notable for the energy and determination displayed and for the excellent control shown by the men.

They have not yet obtained their full demand, but the socialist leaders express confidence that the consideration of their claims will result in the franchise being made equal to all.

Figures issued by the government show that the number of strikers is about 375,000. Leaders of the socialist trade unions which organized the strike declare 500,000 is nearer the correct figure. In Brussels the number of strikers was increased by 2,000 today.

Among the strike contributions today there were subscriptions from the Young Turks of Constantinople and from the Austrian socialists.

Popular Jap Returns From Honeymoon.

Medford Sun: Charlie Mori, a well-known Medford Japanese, who left for Japan the first of the year to be married to a Japanese girl of his father's choice, returned Tuesday, and Wednesday was around distributing presents and greetings with his Medford countrymen. Charlie's wife will not reach Medford until July, she being detained in the old country by the illness of her mother. Charlie had a fine visit with his folks and looks as fat and sassy as ever, but says he is glad to be back in the valley.

WM. SINGLER, SHERIFF

Brother of Deceased Officer Stated by County Court to be His Successor.

At a special session of the county court held Wednesday afternoon William Singler, a brother of the late sheriff, August D. Singler, was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by his death. It was agreed by Mr. Singler that he should also assume responsibility for the care of Mrs. Singler and the children of the late sheriff. Col. George P. Mims of Seven Oaks offered to serve the balance of the term as sheriff and turn over the salary to Mrs. Singler, but this was not found to be necessary because of the widow's pension and of the agreement of William Singler to assume charge of the widow and fatherless.