



AGITATION FOR EXCLUSION ACT TO BE HELD UP

Secretary Bryan Wins His Plea That No Anti-Japanese Legislation Be Enacted at This Time.

NEW TREATY IS PENDING

Negotiations Would Be Imperiled If Any Action Is Taken on the Baker Bill—At Committee Meeting a Satisfactory Agreement Is Reached—Bryan Talks Two Hours.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—An agreement by which no anti-Japanese legislation will be presented the house for the present was reached at a meeting attended by Secretary Bryan and members of the house immigration committee today. The conference was a secret affair, but it is known that Bryan spoke for an hour, urging the committee to prevent all Asiatic exclusion agitation during the present session of congress.

It is known that Bryan told the committee any action now on the Baker exclusion bill would imperil the negotiation now in progress for a new treaty with Japan. He flatly stated, it was reported, that an amicable agreement with Japan is certain unless congress persisted in exhibiting anti-Japanese sentiment.

Bryan also declared that most of the anti-Japanese clamor was confined to California and other western states and asserted that coast newspapers were largely responsible for "the yellow peril bugaboo."

Representatives Baker and Hayes, both Californians, were the only dissenters. It was said, with whom Bryan had trouble in convincing that the present was an inopportune time to agitate anti-Japanese legislation.

The committee adjourned to meet again next Thursday. It was expected Bryan would again appear before it at that time.

PENDLETON MAN MAY FACE TRIAL ON PERJURY CHARGE

Jim Dupuis Being Investigated by Grand Jury in Portland According to Reports Received Here—Case Is in Connection With Columbia George Trial Recently.

As an aftermath of the Columbia George trial, Jim Dupuis, well known Cottonwood street pawnshop keeper, may face a trial on a charge of perjury, if reports from Portland are correct. It is said upon reliable authority that the federal grand jury in that city is now investigating the case against him and it is known that a number of witnesses from the reservation and Pendleton have answered subpoenas from that body.

Testimony introduced during the Columbia George trial established the fact that the Indian murderer, his bosom friend and former confederate, Toy Toy, Andy Barnhart and others were in the back end of the Dupuis store drinking on the morning of the day upon which the murder occurred. Some of the testimony was to the effect that they secured liquor there and it may be that the officers are trying to bring a case of bootlegging against Dupuis. Other reports have it that an attempt is being made to show that he perjured himself when he testified at the trial.

He was put upon the stand at that time by the prosecution but proved a better witness for the defense and it was hinted at that time that his testimony was contrary to the expectations of the government officers. He was asked relative to a bribe the accused was supposed to have pawned at his shop on the day of the murder with which to secure funds to get liquor. Dupuis testified that the bribe had been pawned several days before and he further testified that he did not believe Columbia George was at his place that day.

GEN. THEODORE PROCLAIMS HIMSELF PRESIDENT HAITI

REBEL NAMES CABINET ACCORDING TO ADVICES FROM AMERICAN CAPTAIN.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—General Theodore proclaimed himself president of Haiti today and chose his cabinet, according to a wireless message from Captain Bostwick of the cruiser Nashville at Cape Haitien.

COUNCIL REFUSES TO ACT ON PETITION FOR PROBE INTO ELIGIBILITY OF THREE MEMBERS OF WATER BOARD TO HOLD PLACES

City Attorney Carter Gives Opinion Holding That Matter is of Interest to Certain Persons Who Should Bear Expense of Investigation—Validity of Actions of Commissioners is Unquestioned, He Avers.

Acting upon the advice of City Attorney Charles A. Carter, the city council last evening refused to act upon the petition presented a week ago by Judge S. A. Lowell asking for an investigation of the eligibility of Marion Jack, Will Moore and Dr. J. A. Best as members of the water commission and for the institution of quo warranto proceedings against them.

The city attorney's opinion in effect is that the matter is of interest to certain persons as individuals and that these persons should bear the expense if they wish to satisfy their curiosity or interest. The validity of the actions of the commissioners, regardless of whether or not they are qualified to act, is unquestioned, in his judgment.

Judge Lowell submitted another communication last evening explaining his reasons for asking that the district attorney rather than the city attorney commence proceedings. The law requires it, he said. Also, he stated his belief that it was incumbent upon the council to take the initiative in the matter.

The communication was referred to the city attorney. Reporting upon the petition, the city attorney reported as follows: To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Pendleton:

In reference to the attached petition from Honorable Stephen A. Lowell, demanding an investigation as to

whether certain members of the Pendleton water commission, as it now exists, possess the qualifications prescribed by Section 4 of Article X of the charter of the city of Pendleton, and as to whether three of the members of that commission are eligible to act as commissioners, I desire to report:

That I fail to see why it is incumbent upon the common council of the city of Pendleton or the mayor thereof to initiate proceedings against members of the Pendleton water commission who have been regularly elected or regularly appointed, have taken the proper oath of office and are acting as such commissioners; the acts of such commissioners at their board meetings I consider, as circumstances now exist, valid and binding. There has been much discussion orally and through the newspapers, as to whether certain members of the commission possessed all of the qualifications which the charter requires but I think the question is one more of personal interest to certain persons as individuals than of public interest to the city and its inhabitants and the public at large, and to require either you or the officers under your control to investigate the matters asked to be investigated by Judge Lowell's petition would be to ask you to use your power and authority to

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IMMIGRATION BILL PASSES THE HOUSE; LITERACY TEST RETAINED IN MEASURE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The Burnett immigration bill, prescribing a literacy test for applicants to admission to the United States, was passed by the house yesterday afternoon by a vote of 241 to 126. All proposed amendments relating to the exclusion of Asiatic immigrants previously had been eliminated.

As the bill passed, it provides that every immigrant admitted to the United States must be able to read "the English language, or some other language or dialect, including Hebrew or Yiddish." It prescribes that each applicant for admission must read

a slip on which are printed between 30 and 40 words.

In its present form this measure passed the house and the senate in the last congress, but was vetoed by President Taft. A similar bill was vetoed during President Cleveland's second administration. Supporters of the bill are confident that it will again pass the senate.

Opponents of the literacy test fought desperately to the last, but on a last effort to eliminate the test from the bill they were defeated 140 to 229. The final vote came at the end of a day of vigorous debate which, on several occasions threatened to cause serious trouble.

SEMI-PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHED BY CITY COUNCIL; VOLUNTEERS DISBANDED

Marking a step in the blossoming of Pendleton into a full-bloom city was the action of the city council last evening in disbanding the volunteer fire department which has served for many years and creating a semi-paid department. The action follows the purchase of the auto chemical fire truck and the installation of an electric fire alarm system and was taken at the recommendation of the fire committee.

Under the new plan, there will be three paid firemen who will be ever ready to answer an alarm. In addition there will be five other men sleeping at the central station, making eight men available during the night to man the truck. Three volunteer companies will be ready to answer the call of the chief.

The following is the full text of the report of the fire committee and will show in detail the plan of reorganization:

Pendleton, Ore., Feb. 4, 1914.

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council, Pendleton, Oregon: Gentlemen:—Whereas the new fire alarm system is now complete and ready for use, and as we think it necessary for the good and welfare of the general public, we would recommend that the Pendleton volunteer fire department be disbanded.

That the chief, first assistant chief and second assistant chief be requested to resign.

That the council reappoint the chief to fill his unexpired term, also first and second assistant chiefs, if they are thought necessary.

That the council hereafter appoint the chief to serve one year, or until removed for cause.

That said chief be paid a salary of \$200 per year.

That the council reorganize a volunteer department of three companies

Company No. 1 to consist of 15 young men who live and work close in. That if possible five of these men be furnished with beds in the department headquarters, and be required to report every night at 10:30 and remain until 6 a. m.

That the city also pay for the laundry of these men. That this central company be required to drill with paid department twice a week for the first three months. After that time, once a month. But in case of two fires within a week in the first three months, or two fires in a month after the first three months, this drill may be dispensed with if the boys wish.

That these men be required to respond to all calls and drills.

That company No. 2 be stationed on the north side of the river to take the place of company No. 3, and to consist of eight good active men.

That company No. 3 be stationed in the west end of town and take the place of company No. 7, and to consist of eight good active men.

That companies No. 2 and No. 3 of the reorganized company be a command of the chief at all times, and that it be understood that they will be ready for his call in case of emergency, but that they will not answer any call but the call of the chief.

That they drill with paid department twice a month for the first three months, and once a month thereafter.

That the two companies be required to meet at least once a month at central headquarters, to transact any business or discuss any matter that may be brought up before them for the good of the department.

That all volunteers be selected from the old department at large. No preference to be given to any one

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REBELS SECURE AID OF TRUSTS SAYS MEXICAN

Foreign Minister Under Huerta Declares American Business Concerns Furnish Arms and Money.

NO DISORDER IN CAPITAL

Dictator Declares He Will Maintain Order—No Indications That Anti-American Sentiment Has Increased—Rebels Preparing for General Attack Against Torreon.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 5.—"Huerta knows that certain American business concerns—what you call trusts—are helping the rebels with arms and money," said Foreign Minister Moberna in an interview today, "and the raising of the arms embargo gives these trusts a still better opportunity to render aid. Wilson is fighting the trusts at home, but by lifting the embargo he has played into their hands."

Aside from Moberna, Mexicans seemed to have forgotten, in their interest concerning the fighting at Torreon and Tampico, about the president's order raising the embargo. Even in government circles it was admitted that considerable anxiety is felt concerning Tampico. Less uneasiness was manifested for Torreon, where the garrison is stronger and probably will be able to hold out against the rebels.

Despite the fact there were not many indications of an increased anti-American sentiment, Huerta, who seemed to take pride in protesting that he can keep order in the capital was overlooking no precautions. He had the streets heavily patrolled by cavalry and kept officers on the lookout to nip any disorder in the bud.

JUAREZ, Feb. 5.—General Villa is expected to return to Juarez late today to dispose of urgent military business but was expected to leave Sunday to direct the rebel attack on Torreon. It is believed the general battle at Torreon will begin next Tuesday.

Yesterday's fighting there didn't continue long. Neither side gained an advantage. According to rebel accounts the federal garrison is only 5000 strong.

Kills Wife and Children.

GISEN, Germany, Feb. 5.—Wilhelm Lehman, a driver of a milk wagon, cut his wife and four children into pieces with a hatchet and suicided by lying in front of an approaching train.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. Immigration bill is passed in the house retaining feature of the literacy test.

Steamship Vado sinks in Alaskan waters but crew and passengers are saved.

Agitation for anti-Japanese legislation will cease. Agreement reached that no bills of this nature will be pressed at this time. Bryan wins his plea for caution in dealing with situation.

Minister Moberna of Huerta's cabinet charges that American trusts are helping the rebels.

William Rockwell, a republican, may be named to fill diplomatic post at Russian embassy.

Richard Ford and Herman Suhr are sentenced to life imprisonment in connection with hop riots in California.

O. W. R. & N. Company will spend upwards of \$6,000,000 in improving lines in Oregon and Washington.

President Huerta scoffs at idea that he will take refuge in American embassy in case rebels capture the city.

Associated Press may face investigation under the Sherman law for being an alleged monopoly.

Local. J. B. McDill resigns superintendency of poor farm after long service.

Pendleton volunteer fire department disbanded and partly paid department organized.

Rev. Bulgis, noted evangelist, will come to Pendleton for revival services.

Zero weather is predicted for Pendleton.

JOSEPH B. M'DILL RESIGNS PLACE AS HEAD OF UMATILLA COUNTY POOR FARM

Joseph B. McDill, for the past fifteen years superintendent of the Umatilla county poor farm and hospital, today tendered his resignation to the county court to take effect on March 15. His resignation was written and in it Mr. McDill states that his personal business now requires so much of his time that he feels he should relinquish the office.

No successor has as yet been named by the court and the members have to discuss an appointment. Mr. McDill has held the office during the administrations of many courts and, while his regime has not always been peaceful, it has been unbroken since he began. Grand juries have come and gone and each one has investigated the poor farm with widely divergent reports. Some roundly scored the management, while others are roundly praised it and the public was never sure.

The announcement of his resignation comes as a surprise to many people as no intimation had been previously given.

When a native of Ecuador wants a blanket he cuts one from a demandague tree.

ZERO WEATHER IS THE WAY HERE

Zero weather is imminent. That's what the weather man says and the old timers are prone for once to believe he knows whereof he speaks. The official prognosticator for the northwest is heralding forth the news that a cold wave is coming and a dispatch from him to this paper today states that Pendleton is slated for a zero temperature tonight. The news is not causing much rejoicing save among the fuel dealers and the plumbers.

Snow began falling here last evening about 5 o'clock and before the flurry was over an inch of fleece had been deposited. The thermometer fell last night, too, but did not break any records. Today the air has retained its frost.

Communities to the east of this city are experiencing colder weather than Pendleton. The thermometer at Baker reached few degrees below zero Tuesday night while in La Grande the minus sign was almost written.

DIGGS HEARS GIRL TELL STORY OF ATTACK

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5.—Maury Diggs, charged with a statutory offense against Ida Fearing, 17, listened in Judge Crist's court today while the girl told her story from the witness stand. With him was Walter Gilligan, held on the same charge. The girl said Diggs was the only one who attacked her, though Gilligan tried to, while Florian Fisher, also arrested on a similar accusation, but released on his own recognizance "was the only gentleman in the party."

GUY BIDDINGER SUGGESTED AS NEW CHIEF OF DETECTIVES FOR NEW YORK CITY



NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Guy Biddinger, now assistant general manager of the Burns Detective Agency, and head of the bureau of criminal investigation, was slated by Mayor Mitchell for second deputy police commissioner and chief of the detective bureau there, according to a report today. If Mr. Biddinger is appointed to this place he will head the largest detective force in the world except that at Scotland Yard. Since the detective force has been utterly demoralized for the past two years he will have the work of reconstructing it.

Mr. Biddinger has been one of William J. Burns' most valued men, having figured importantly in the McNamara case. He and Raymond J. Burns, the detective's son, worked on it together. In Detroit he arrested J. J. McNamara, and it was Biddinger who was in charge of the trip of J. B. McNamara to Los Angeles when the Burns men were accused of having kidnaped the labor leader.

He was born in Cincinnati in 1875, and was appointed to the Chicago

police force by Mayor Harrison after a civil service examination. On his fourth day in uniform he arrested dangerous negro hold-up men. He was made a detective at once. Later he took three dangerous bank sneaks and for that was made a detective sergeant. Eight years ago he was made civil service detective sergeant and in that position had many exciting experiences in Chicago.

Four years ago he went to the Burns agency.

He had more to do with the McNamara case than to run down the McNamara, for he it was who supplied the strongest evidence against Clarence S. Darrow, the labor lawyer, who was tried for bribery.

ROAD TO SPEND \$6,000,000 IN IMPROVEMENTS

O. W. R. & N. Will Make Extensive Alterations in Oregon and Washington This Year.

WIDE PLANS ARE MADE

Directors at Meeting in New York Authorize Expenditure and Money Will Be Distributed Throughout Property in Two States—Separate Fund for Extensions.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 5.—Between five and a half and six million dollars has been authorized by the directors of the Union Pacific system for improvements on the O. W. R. & N. The news was brought to Portland by President Farrell, who has been in New York several weeks in consultation with the directors.

This money is to be distributed in general improvement of the lines in Oregon and Washington and doesn't include expenditures on the prospective new lines, for which special appropriations are to be made. It goes however include provision for an extension of the Central Oregon line, which is being built westward from Vale.

ASSOCIATED PRESS FACES PROBE UNDER SHERMAN LAW

CHARGES OF BEING MONOPOLY ARE MADE BY PUBLISHER OF N. Y. SUN.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The prosecution of the Associated Press under the terms of the Sherman anti-trust law is demanded in a complaint filed with the attorney general by William Reick, publisher of the New York Sun. Assistant Attorney General Todd was assigned to investigate Reick's complaint. Reick's action is aimed at the morning branch of the Associated Press against which there is no strong competition. It is not believed a serious attempt will be made to charge a monopolistic feature in connection with the afternoon service, as the United Press serves more evening papers than the Associated.

CARL GRAY DENIES HE HAS RESIGNED FROM THE G. N.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 5.—Rumors in circulation for several days past that Carl R. Gray is to resign the presidency of the Great Northern Railway and be succeeded by Louis W. Hill were published here but were promptly denied by both Mr. Gray and Mr. Hill.

"I have no intention of resigning the presidency of the Great Northern Railroad," was the only comment Mr. Gray made regarding the rumors. He declined to discuss a further rumor that he was to become connected with the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad.

Louis W. Hill, who it was said was to succeed Mr. Gray as president of the Great Northern, likewise entered a positive denial.

STEAMSHIP VADSO STRIKES ROCK AND GOES TO BOTTOM

CREW AND PASSENGERS ARE RESCUED AND ARRIVE SAFELY IN PORT.

PRINCE RUPERT, B. C., Feb. 5.—The steamship Vado, of the Union line, Captain Richardson, sank in Nasoga Gulf, Portland Canal, at 3:45 a. m. on Tuesday. The boat, en route for Granby Bay, in a heavy snow storm, hit a rock, sinking in half an hour in 170 fathoms. Twenty-six persons on board were all saved, reaching here yesterday by the steamship Venture.

The skipper's own story of the sinking is that the Vado struck in a wild storm when it was still dark. The steamer immediately began to fill. Many of the crew were in their bunks and had only time to get a few personal effects and lower away small boats. All of the freight, including a big coal shipment was lost. The survivors reached Arrandale cove, where they were picked up by the Venture.

Portland canal is the southernmost boundary of Alaska.