

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

NO MONEY FOR PROSECUTION

Government May Have to Postpone Hyde-Benson Trial.

Washington, D. C., July 11.—It looks now as if the trial of the Benson-Hyde land fraud case in the Federal courts in this city would have to be indefinitely postponed, though set for hearing in October.

Congress at its last session only appropriated \$15,000 for the use of the district attorney's office for witness fees and similar expenses. Considering that in the Hyde-Benson-Diamond land fraud case, which was to have been called up for trial in the fall term, five hundred witnesses will be called to testify, most of whom reside in Oregon and California, and that about \$70,000 is necessary to pay their fees and expenses, it seems self-evident that the district attorney is up against one of the toughest problems of arithmetic he ever encountered in order to make ends meet.

Unless congress makes an additional appropriation for the use of the district attorney's office, the land fraud cases will have to be postponed indefinitely, or at least until that time when there will be sufficient funds at the disposal of the prosecutor's office to pay witness and other expenses.

A law was enacted by congress a few years ago prohibiting the various departments of the government from spending more money than has been actually appropriated for their use during the fiscal year. If necessary, to go to congress for a special appropriation, the funds cannot be held until next spring.

Yamamoto Will Tour America.

Washington, July 11.—Vicecount Aoki, the Japanese ambassador, has been deferring his departure from this city for his summer vacation in anticipation of the arrival of Admiral Yamamoto, who is expected to reach New York soon from Europe. The admiral is on his way home to Japan, but will spend some time in the United States. His visit is entirely unofficial, although it is expected that he will have some conferences by the government authorities, including a visit to the president at Oyler Bay.

Tariff Relations With France.

Washington, July 11.—Some concern is expressed at the State department at the reported unfavorable impression created in Paris by the proposition to adjust the tariff on wheat to meet American wheat.

It is pointed out that America is not seeking to acquire any new privileges under the French tariff. The fact is that the government is simply trying to avert the application of new French laws that will bear hard upon American exports.

Navy Officials Are Evasive.

Washington, July 10.—Fleets of the naval bureau assert ignorance of the plans of the administration to send the battleship fleet to the Pacific, notwithstanding official confirmation. These bureau chiefs say that they are engaged only in routine work, and that they are making no unusual preparations. They also assert that they have had no orders to do otherwise. And on the surface there are few signs of abnormal activity in the Navy department.

Assistant to Townsend.

Washington, July 12.—The attorney general has appointed A. McDonald McBlair as special assistant to the attorney general for the grant of letters of pardon to the Oregon land grant cases. Mr. McBlair's appointment is in addition to that of H. D. Townsend, assistant United States attorney for North Dakota, who is engaged in this investigation in connection with United States Attorney Bristol.

Not Buying Naval Site.

Washington, July 9.—Acting Secretary of State Adee tonight denied that the United States has made any overtures or contemplated any negotiations for the purchase of a naval site on Magdalena bay, in Lower California. The government has no idea of making any such proposition to Mexico, he said.

New Postmasters Named.

Washington, July 6.—Postmasters appointed: Oregon—Fleming, Thomas A. Harnage; Utah—John Harnage, re-elected; Lower Idaho, William Sparks; Idaho—Loren Briggs, re-elected; Washington—Fort Canby, Lawrence Ellison, vice William Davis, resigned; Vasey, Joseph T. Hutton, vice E. T. Siler, re-elected.

Road House for Tourists.

Washington, July 10.—The Olympia Resort and Transportation company of Seattle, has been granted a permit to occupy five acres on the banks of the Duwamish river, in the Olympic national forest, and to construct the necessary buildings for conducting a road house for the accommodation of tourists.

National Bank at Chewelah.

Washington, July 11.—The First National Bank of Chewelah, Wash., has been authorized to begin business with \$50,000 capital, O. W. Winder, president; F. L. Behrholm, cashier.

New Postmaster at Alsea.

Washington, July 11.—Samuel Grand-vig has been appointed postmaster at Alsea, Wash., vice Eiblyg Bates, resigned.

SITUATION IS ACUTE.

Japanese at The Hague Urge Quick Action Against United States.

London, July 10.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at The Hague sends in a column dispatch which purports to reflect the views prevailing there on the Japanese-American situation, which he declines to be more abstruse than the conference itself.

The correspondent says that, as a result of his inquiries, he learns the situation is really strained, although both governments are trying to conceal the fact. He asserts that since June 20 the question has entered upon an acute phase. Japan has been sending the United States extremely categorical notes, stating without bitterness but in the clearest terms the dilemma that unless Washington is able to control California, Japan will consider herself free to act directly against California.

Nothing, however, yet has been exchanged regarding the Pacific settlement, but many of the Japanese at The Hague are of the opinion that the Japanese government ought to set without delay and not give American time to utilize his vast resources and economic possibilities, a hundredfold greater than Japan's, to perfect warlike preparations.

WILL ERECT ISLAND DEFENSES.

War Department Sends Guns to Hawaii and Philippines.

Chicago, July 10.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington says: There is to be no delay upon the part of the war department in utilizing the appropriations made at the last session of congress for fortifying the American dependencies in the Pacific ocean. In order that the keys to these possessions may be put in condition for defense as rapidly as possible the department is arranging for the transportation of certain material purchased for American coasts to Hawaii and the Philippines and will replace it at once with funds which become available on July 1. The appropriations include \$200,000 for the Hawaiian Islands and \$500,000 for the Philippines. For the Hawaiian Islands for the construction of mining operations, necessary for the operation of submarine mines, \$200,000 was authorized. For the purpose of submarine mines, an appropriation of \$500,000 was made.

It is understood that orders have been issued to the transport Ock to make a special trip to Honolulu and Manila. The transport will carry mines for Pearl Harbor in Hawaii and Olongapo in Sulu Bay.

STRIKE AT CHICAGO.

Walkout of Telegraphers May Spread to Windy City.

Chicago, July 10.—Chicago will, in all probability, be the next large city to feel the telegraphers' strike. Just at the time when press prospects remain bright, President Small announced his determination to spread the strike. Commissioner Neill and the editorial committee of the International union are on their way to San Francisco to counsel peace and attempt to bring about a settlement, while President Small will start from the coast tomorrow to spread the movement. A telegram received from him tonight here, and it is almost certain a strike against both the Postal and Western Union companies will be declared. Telegrams have been sent to intercept Neill and the executive committee, and they will probably return, as there is no prospect for peace. The sudden warlike attitude is due to the refusal of the Western Union at San Francisco to join with the union, as a union. It will be necessary, before a strike is called here, to obtain the consent of the national executive board.

What course will be pursued by Commissioner of Labor Neill was a subject for much speculation today. It is said that while in Chicago he had a plain talk to the union officials that "war talk" and threats against the Western Union Telegraph company would only serve to hinder him in bringing both sides together on a peace basis.

Supervisors Select Mayor.

San Francisco, July 10.—A new arrangement was given the municipal situation late yesterday afternoon, when the board of supervisors met and by a vote of 10 to 9 elected Charles A. Boxton, one of its number, acting mayor, to succeed James L. Gallagher, who, since the convention of Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz, on the charge of extortion, has been acting as mayor. The two votes opposed to Boxton were those of Supervisors O'Neill and Trelton, who were appointed to the board to fill vacancies by Mayor Schmitz.

Jury Ready to Try Glass.

San Francisco, July 10.—The jury to try Vice President Louis Glass, of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph company on the charge of paying \$5,000 to vice for the withholding of a franchise to the Home Telephone company, was completed shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday. Six jurors were chosen and sworn Monday and six were elected and sworn yesterday. One change may be made in the jury.

Rough Work on Boliers.

Alton, O., July 10.—The Steaming company of Barberton, has received an urgent request from Washington to rush the boilers for the battleships of the navy to completion as fast as possible and Engineer Gay, of the navy, has arrived to see that work is rushed. The plant will run day and night until the boilers are completed.



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