

AUSTRIA STARTS WAR UPON MONTENEGRO WILSON REQUESTS CALIFORNIA TO POSTPONE LAND BILL

ARMY OF 10,000 SENT TO SIEZE SCUTARI FORTS

Montenegrin Crown Prince With Most of His Troops Leave to Strike First Blow in War With Austria, Which Has Sent Its Army.

Formal Objection to Evacuation of City Made by King Nicholas Pasha Proclaims Himself King.

LONDON, April 28.—Alarmists here today predict the sudden departure from Scutari of Crown Prince Danilo with most of the Montenegrin troops means that Montenegro proposes to strike the first blow in a war with Austria. The Montenegrins started, it is pointed out, in the general direction of Antivara, to which place 10,000 Austrian troops on transports are en route. Representatives of powers today are discussing Austria's note.

BERLIN, April 28.—To wrest Scutari from the victorious Montenegrins, 10,000 Austrians are marching on that city today, according to a despatch from Rome. It is declared that the Austrian fleet has already left Trieste to harass the Montenegrins.

According to reports here, the Austrians have already taken Antivara and two other coast towns, and are now marching against Cetinje. These reports are discredited generally, but the situation is admittedly acute.

Montenegro Objects.

LONDON, April 28.—Formal opposition to the demand that Montenegro surrender Scutari was made at the conference of ambassadors here today by Ambassador Popovitch, the Montenegrin envoy. He characterized the attitude of the powers toward the character of the city as unjust, cruel and unwarranted.

VIENNA, April 28.—Essad Pasha, whose army was recently allowed to leave Scutari after surrendering that city to Montenegrin troops, today has proclaimed himself king of Albania. He is reported marching against Tirana today at the head of 40,000 Turks, intending to capture that city and formally proclaim himself king.

Fighting a Stage Play.

It was reported here today that the rumored bloody fighting about Scutari was a theatrical play staged by Essad Pasha and the Montenegrins to deceive Europe. Montenegro and Serbia are known to favor Essad Pasha's proclamation and Bulgaria may also fall in line.

Representatives of the powers in London today were expected to formulate an immediate policy to prevent independent action by Austria.

APPOINTMENT OF REAMES CONFIRMED BY U. S. SENATE

WASHINGTON, April 28.—The senate judiciary committee approved today the nomination of Clarence Reames of Medford to be United States district attorney for the district of Oregon. When the report was made Senator Chamberlain asked the consent of the senate to bring the confirmation of the appointment to a vote at once. Consent was given and the senate confirmed the appointment.

No Decisions Supreme Court. WASHINGTON, April 28.—The United States supreme court adjourned today without handing down any important decisions.

MISSISSIPPIAN ASSERTS RIGHT OF CALIFORNIA

Anti-Alien Land Situation Discussed in Congress by Sisson—Shall Japs Enjoy Fruits of Our Land and Not Have to Defend Them?

"If Treaty Rights Are Superior to State Rights, Aliens Are Superior to Citizens" He Asserts.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—The anti-alien land situation in California was brought to the attention of the house here today in a fiery speech by Representative Sisson of Mississippi. He declared that no alien should be permitted to own American land, adding: "Before we allow any foreign nation to dictate our land-holding laws, we should fight."

Sisson called the situation acute. He declared foreigners should not be allowed to own land here, adding:

"If I should have to meet the alternative of war or submission to Japan's arrogant claims, I would be for war. What would Washington say if it were confronted with the same proposition?"

"Shall the Japanese enjoy our prosperity, the fruits of our lands and the learning of our institutions and not be forced to defend and sustain them? Treaties should not interfere with the rights of the states I stand with the people of California in this matter."

"The founders of the American constitution never dreamed of foreigners acquiring land in America. If treaty rights are superior to states' rights, aliens are superior to citizens."

PRAIRIE FIRE SWEEPS MONTANA SETTLEMENT

GREAT FALLS, Mont., April 28.—A terrific prairie fire is devastating the country around Malta, Mont., forcing hundreds of persons to flee for their lives, according to telegraphic advices just received here. More than a score of ranchers' homes already are reported destroyed.

A Russian settlement in a ravine near Malta is isolated and it is feared that fatalities have occurred there.

LEWIS ERWIN NAMED AS U. S. MARSHALL, ALASKA

WASHINGTON, April 28.—President Wilson sent to the senate today the nomination of Lewis Erwin of Alaska to be United States marshal for the fourth district of Alaska.

WILSON PLANS REFORM BILL FOR CURRENCY

General Principles Agreed Upon by Financial Experts—Will Not Carry Guarantee of Bank Deposits—To Check Power of Money Trust.

President Has Open Mind on Canal Tolls Issue—Expects Satisfactory Issue of California Alien Land Bill.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—There will be a Wilson currency reform bill, and it will represent the president's views on what is needed to place the monetary system on a solid basis. President Wilson, his friends in both houses of congress and financial experts already have agreed on the general principles of the bill.

It is certain that when the bill is completed it will not carry any guarantee of bank deposits. This was developed at today's weekly conference between the president and the newspaper correspondents. The president thinks the bank guaranty question is broad enough to be considered independently and he is devoting to study what the bill must include to prevent the money trust from increasing its power and at the same time to give the country banks an opportunity to become more potent factors. The president wants public hearings held.

Open Mind on Tolls.

The president indicated to the correspondents that he would retain an open mind regarding Panama canal tolls.

Japan's proposal to send a representative to Sacramento has not reached the president, but Secretary of State Bryan undoubtedly will settle this matter himself.

President Wilson is watching Sacramento developments carefully and expects Californians of sober judgment to prevent any embarrassment to the federal government. He thinks much of the newspaper comment represents the views of radicals and does not reflect the real views of a majority of the legislators. The administration is merely marking time until Secretary Bryan reports.

Expects Cooperation.

The president believes the California legislators will be found willing to co-operate with Secretary Bryan and does not expect any unpleasantness to result from his visit to Sacramento.

President Wilson's attitude on the tariff is unchanged. He discredits the suggestion that jokers are concealed in the measure, and thinks it represents the views of the majority in congress.

ROSE O'NEILL, THE ARTIST, WINS OVER THE AMERICAN DOLL MAKERS



Rose O'Neill, the artist, whose creations for the comic papers have been one of the features for years, has just won a victory, which will make her independently wealthy, if that is not already her condition. When the Cubist agitation came along Miss O'Neill looked on it with amusement, and she reached the conclusion that if she could turn out a Cubist doll, she might find a mine something like came to the makers of the Teddy Bear. American doll-makers told her there was nothing in her plan, that a Cubist doll would not sell.

FRIEDMANN SELLS AMERICAN RIGHTS TO ALLEGED CURE

NEW YORK, April 28.—Admission that he sold the American rights to his alleged tuberculosis cure was made here today by Dr. Frederick Franz Friedmann, the Berlin scientist. Morris Eisner, of Eisner, Mendelsohn and Company, who purchased the rights, and Dr. Friedmann are drafting the final papers.

"The main contingency upon which I agreed to enter into this arrangement," said Dr. Friedmann, "was that poor persons should be treated free. That provision is in the contract, and it is also understood that the free institute is to be opened here soon."

Dr. Maurice Sturm will be in charge of the first Friedmann institute. "Patients seeking treatment must

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GRAND JURY TO PUSH PROSECUTION PHONE MERGER

SEATTLE, Wash., April 28.—The course of the government investigation into alleged telephone mergers in the northwest will be determined in the next week in the final session of the present federal grand jury, which reassembled in the federal building this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Following its deliberations this afternoon the jury adjourned until 11 o'clock tomorrow morning, when it will be adjourned again until next Monday, the final day of the present term.

Whether or not the local office has received any word from Attorney General McReynolds as to whether the new administration intends to push the investigation could not be learned this morning. Government

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BRYAN URGES LAND BILL BE LEFT TO NATION

President Wants No Action Now—If Impossible, Have Later Session of Legislature to Pass Measure—Representations of Japan Kept Quiet.

Legislators Do Not Say Japan Has Threatened to Proceed to Extremes if Her People are Barred.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 28.—President Wilson urges that the California legislature do not at this time take any action whatever toward the exclusion of aliens as land owners and lessees. He wishes that the matter be left to the federal government.

If it cannot be settled in that way, the president urges that action be taken later at a special session of the California legislature.

Predicting in no uncertain terms that whatever anti-alien legislation might be enacted, undoubtedly would be carried to the United States' supreme court by the nations adversely affected, Bryan, according to an assembly leader who kept notes, counseled that it is "the remedy rather than the end," in such legislation which should be considered.

This was the message delivered today to the California legislature by Secretary of State Bryan at an executive session which lasted for more than two hours in the assembly room in the capitol here and which was to be resumed at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Informal Discussion.

During the conference with Secretary Bryan every phase of the anti-alien situation was considered in a semi-informal way, various legislators airing their views as to the necessity for action to exclude the Japanese and dilating upon their beliefs as to the best methods to this end.

During the discussion Secretary Bryan spoke at considerable length. He was rather reticent as to the representations Japan has made on the subject and in answer to a direct question by one of the legislators refused to state exactly what pressure had been brought to bear on administration officials by the Japanese ambassador.

What the position of Governor Johnson is in the matter is still an open question. During the discussion in executive session the governor took absolutely no part. He sat listening intently to every question put to Bryan and to the secretary's replies, but, according to the legislators, gave absolutely no indication as to whether he approved or disapproved of the president's attempt

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BRYAN CONFERS WITH SOLONSON ALIEN LAND LAW

Both Houses of California Legislature Meet in Executive Session With Secretary of State—Bryan is Non-committal in His Statements.

Refuses to Comment on Ambassador Chinda's Message to United States—Visit of Indefinite Length.

STATE CAPITOL, SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 28.—Secretary Bryan's first conference on the anti-alien situation was set for 11 o'clock today when both houses were to convene in joint executive session in the assembly chamber to discuss the international features involved and to hear the message which Bryan bears from President Wilson.

In a statement given immediately afterward, Bryan was extremely guarded as to any expression regarding the significance of his visit or the possible developments that might be expected.

Bryan Non-Committal.

"I am here to confer, not in any sense to direct, in the pending matter," he said. "My pleasure will be that of the legislators. I cannot say at this time whether the conference on anti-alien legislation will be open or executive. I will not say that they will be executive. I have come here at the request of the president to look after the international phases of the situation.

"No plans of procedure have at this time been decided upon. I will address the legislature if such be the desire. My visit has in no wise been limited, and I shall stay here until this matter is settled."

Bryan did not deny that he carried with him the treaty documents which will play a vital part in the pending legislation.

While the secretary of state will be the guest of Governor Johnson during his stay in Sacramento, he announced today that he would have rooms at a local hotel where he would confer with any persons who wished to talk with him.

Refused to Comment.

Bryan refused to comment on the latest developments at Washington or to what changes had taken place as a result of Ambassador Chinda's message to the secretary of state's office, that Japan would not recede from her position against discrimination under the proposed ineligible citizenship clause.

"I shall not be led into any discussion of any phases of this situation based on reports or statements from other sources," Bryan declared with emphasis.

"It is not fair to say that outsiders were excluded from the joint session today at the request of anyone," commented Bryan on the decision to hold the discussion behind closed doors. "It was the consensus of opinion that the public be excluded during the deliberations, as the best method of getting down to business."

WANT FOUR LINES OF CITY OWNED TROLLEYS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 28.—To construct four municipally owned cross town car lines to pave the way for city ownership of the entire trolley system the public utilities committee of the board of supervisors today recommended a bond issue for \$3,500,000. The committee desires to have the new lines in operation for the Panama Pacific exposition.

Another feature of the bond issue calls for the extension and improvement of the present Geary street municipal line.

FATHER OF YOUTH SLAIN IN BATTLE WITH SHERIFF MAKES A PLEA FOR HIS SON

A gray haired man of about 60, short and slightly stooped in stature, with an honest, kindly face, bearing the marks of toil, came into The Mail Tribune office Monday.

"I am Oliver Jones, father of Lester," he said, his eyes filling with tears. "My boy has not had a square deal. He was not a bad boy, not a handit, not a desperado. During the last year he got to running with boys about Jacksonville whose influence was not good, but Lester was not in any way vicious. I have talked with all those who were near at the time of the tragedy or shortly after, and I ask you, for the sake of the dead boy and his living father, to print the following, so that my boy's memory may not be painted so black."

The following is the statement of Mr. Jones:

Statement by Father.

To the public: This is as near a correct story as I can gather of the killing of Lester Jones and August Singler. As there has been so much notoriety over the double shooting I

feel it my duty in justice to the boy to make some statement as to the boy's past life and some facts in regard to the killing as near as can be had.

Lester Jones, the boy killed, had been here nearly 11 years. He went to school here and worked here in the valley. He was 19 years old. His forefathers had fought in the revolutionary war and his ancestors were God-fearing but fearless people. Lester Jones knew no fear, but was not vicious. He was easily controlled and good natured. He never injured a human being. He had no mother to raise him, and was without the advantage of a mother's training, and I, his father, had to be away from home much of the time and could not be with him to teach and advise him. He had been all his life honest and truthful. His will was always to do right.

Boysish Wild Ways.

Lester had never been in any trouble until last year, when he picked up some boysish wild ways, no



Jones cabin where double tragedy took place.

worse than other boys, till Marshal Jones followed him a mile out of town, to arrest him on hearsay for some small offense. There was nothing in it. What happened I do not

know, but he did not go back with the marshal. He did not know the requirements of the law, nor did he know the authority of an officer, but was disposed to look at it as a per-

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