

JAPAN'S PROTEST MOST FRIENDLY

President Wilson Expects Little Difficulty in Reconciling Everything Connected With California Land Question.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The California-Japanese situation was discussed by President Wilson at today's audience with the newspaper correspondents.

It was said Japan desired frankness, but could not express herself freely in communications that were immediately published.

Expects No Trouble.

The president expects to encounter little difficulty in reconciling everything connected with the California land question.

It is understood that John Bassett Moore, counselor of the state department, has declared the bill is ambiguous and contradictory in certain sections.

Tariff Attitude Unchanged.

The president's attitude on the tariff bill is unchanged. He discredits the report that the democratic anti-free wool and sugar element has combined with republican senators to force elimination of these sections.

URGE JOHNSON TO STAND PAT

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 12.—Governor Hiram W. Johnson is today holding up the Webb-Birdsall anti-alien land bill to give the national government time to exhaust every possible diplomatic resource in maintaining amicable relations with Japan.

It is declared in the executive offices that fully 99 per cent of the letters and wires received—and there have been thousands—urge the governor to sign the bill.

NOT GUILTY PLEA OF DETECTIVE ESOLA

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 12.—"Not guilty," was the plea entered here today by former Detective Sergeant Frank Esola, the first of eight police officers indicted for alleged complicity in the operations with the Italian bunco gang to face trial.

NEW TAX AMENDMENT PASSED IN CALIFORNIA

STATE CAPITOL, SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 12.—A constitutional amendment providing for home rule in taxation was passed by the senate today. The vote was 22 to 7.

TRAIN SWINDLER VIOLATES PAROLE

Mrs. Johnson, Who Made a Business of Getting Hurt, Sent Back to Penitentiary—Buncoed Southern Pacific at Medford Once.

EVERETT, Wash., May 12.—Cleared with violating her parole by leaving the home of the woman who secured her provisional pardon, Mrs. Maude Johnson is held here today pending the arrival of a prison guard.

When taken to the county jail Mrs. Johnson, who must serve out the rest of a five year term for defrauding railroads out of damages, broke down and said she wanted to go back to the prison and be with her baby once more.

Confessing that she was guilty, she said:

"I was one of a gang of four men and five women who made a business of beating the railroads. My part was to get hurt. Either I would fall over a seat when the train hit a curve, or one of the gang would loosen the screws of the handrail on the car so that when I got off I would fall with the rail in my hand. This latter trick never failed to work."

Under the name of Hazel Johnson the woman worked the Southern Pacific for damages here some three or four years ago. She pretended to have been internally injured by being thrown from a seat as the train lurched near Gold Hill.

MORE EQUIPMENT WEATHER STATION

Theodore F. Drake assistant district weather forecaster will arrive in Medford this afternoon to install the remaining weather instruments in the local office which will give this station a complete outfit.

Additional equipment is to be installed in the substations throughout the valley also.

25 FEDERAL OFFICERS SHOT BY MEXICAN REBELS

NOGALES, Ariz., May 12.—Twenty-five federal officers, taken prisoners by the constitutionalists during recent fighting near Guaymas, Sonora, have been executed, according to confirmed dispatches received here today.

FIVE LOSE LIFE IN OKLAHOMA CYCLONE

TULSA, Okla., May 12.—Five persons, possibly more, were killed today by a great electrical and windstorm which swept the Tulsa oil district. Many oil tanks and wells were set on fire and a number of power plants were badly damaged.

At Collinsville, near here, five pipeline builders were killed when lightning struck a vehicle in which they were going to the oil fields.

MEMBER OF VICE CLIQUE IS PLACED ON TRIAL

PORTLAND, Ore., May 12.—Another member of Portland's vice clique Will Phelps, was placed on trial today before Circuit Judge Davis. Phelps is charged with a crime against Roy Kadel, a former mail carrier.

RECORD PRICE PAID FOR CATTLE

Five Carloads of Steers Bring \$9 per Hundred Pounds Extreme Shortage in Northwest—Meat to Go Still Higher in Price—No Relief Now.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 12.—Portland buyers paid more for cattle today in the local market than was ever before received by producers here when they purchased five carloads of steers at \$9 per hundred pounds.

By today's advance the Portland cattle market is higher than any other in the country, quality considered. The cattle that brought the extreme price came from Idaho and California.

This condition is the result of the extreme shortage of Pacific northwest holdings, which means that consumers will have to dig deeper into their pockets to buy a steak hereafter.

Not the slightest sign of relief is in sight. In fact there is every present indication of still higher prices. Supplies came forward today from four states: Oregon, Idaho, Montana and California.

EXPOSE PLOT TO BLACKEN O'HARA

CHICAGO, May 12.—Corroboration of Lieutenant Governor Barrett O'Hara's story of his relations with Mrs. Maude Robinson, which were brought into the public eye in an endeavor to discredit O'Hara by business men hit by the state vice investigation committee which he headed, was given here today before a senate investigating committee by State Treasurer O'Connell of Springfield.

O'Connell declared he could not recall Sullivan's exact language but in substance he threatened to put O'Hara "up against it" if he insisted on the appearance of Samuel Davis of Springfield before the vice probe.

Sullivan said Davis was a good fellow, and he didn't see why the senate committee wanted to force him to give testimony in the starvation wages probe.

PRETTIEST GIRL IN CALIFORNIA CHOSEN

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 12.—Out of a collection of hundreds of photographs sent from every section of the state, Miss Emma De Velasco, a native daughter, today is declared the prettiest girl in California by the Portola festival committee and her picture will be the model for the official poster of the festival which occurs in October.

FROST NIPS FRUIT IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 12.—It was announced at the weather bureau here today that yesterday was the coldest May 11 on record with the exception of 1908. The mercury fell to 26 degrees, killing berries and vegetables in the northern sections of the state.

NINE MORE CANDIDATES FOR PORTLAND'S COMMISSION

PORTLAND, Ore., May 12.—Nine additional candidates for commissioner under Portland's new form of government, filed nominating petitions today. This brings the total list of candidates for commissioners to fifty-four. No additional petitions to make the race for mayor were filed, the number of candidates remaining at four.

The time for filing petitions will end at five o'clock this afternoon.

FRENCHMAN TO SEARCH FOR CAPTAIN R. F. SCOTT



Claiming that the body of a person supposedly frozen to death is merely hounded, Dr. August de Castellane Seymour has just announced he will lead a search for the explorer and his comrades who failed to come forth from the Antarctic wilderness. The Dorsetha and R. F. Scott expedition has been organized for the purpose.

NEW DETECTIVE IN GRAFT SCANDAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 12.—Detective Ingram of Los Angeles was drawn into the police scandal today by Michael Gallo, a convicted bunco man, at the probe conducted by Chief Sebastian, Special Agent Boden and Deputy District Attorney Hanson of Los Angeles in District Attorney Fickert's office. Fickert issued a statement crediting the following confession to Gallo.

"When Detective Esola was bringing me from Los Angeles to this city he asked me just as we reached the boat how much money I had," said Gallo. "In answer \$50. 'Give me \$40 of it, and I'll fix it so that if you ever come to Los Angeles again everything will be easy for you,' Esola said to me. I gave him the money in the presence of Detective Ingram, with whom Esola shared it."

STOCK MARKET DULL; SUGAR STOCKS WEAK

NEW YORK, May 12.—The stock market was the dullest today that it has been in many weeks. Losses were small generally, the largest being Rummy and American Can preferred, which lost a point each. The sugar stocks showed exception weakness, American Sugar losing two and American Beet one. Union Pacific and Reading moved up half a point and United States Steel 3-8, but buying soon ceased and the market eased off.

Bonds were steady. The market closed dull.

DEMOCRATS ASKED TO BE ON HAND TUESDAY

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Democratic leaders in the senate this afternoon asked all democratic members to attend tomorrow's session, when the motion of Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania instructing the senate finance committee to hold hearings on the Underwood tariff bill comes to a vote. The democratic majority is confident the motion will be rejected.

MATHEWSON IN RARE FORM DEFEATS CUBS EASILY

NEW YORK, May 12.—Christy Mathewson was in rare form today and the Giants easily defeated the Cubs, 5 to 1. The score: R. H. E. Chicago 1 3 0 New York 5 1 3 Batteries: Ritchie, Liefeld and Archer; Mathewson and Meyers. Umpires, Klem and Orth.

FARM LAND LOAN WILSON'S PLAN

Establishment of Fifteen Regional Reserves Is Keynote of Administration's Proposed New Currency Bill—Money Loaned on Mortgages.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Establishment of fifteen "regional reserve" associations as substitute for the Aldrich central bank plan is the keynote of the administration's proposed new currency bill, it was learned here today. The new measure, it is believed, forecloses some system by which national banks will be permitted to lend money on farm land mortgages and other agricultural securities.

The administration's experts favor the selection of fifteen cities by the comptroller of the currency, each with a reserve association to be governed by a board of nine members, three to be selected by the president, three by the bankers of the district and on each by the secretaries of agricultural and of the treasury and the attorney general.

The belief that money is to be loaned on farm land mortgages is given color by the provision which would permit the secretary of agriculture to name some of the members of the governing board in each district.

RITCHIE TO FIGHT CROSS JULY 4 WILSON TO HELP PREVENT FLOODS

SEATTLE, Wash., May 12.—That Leach Cross of New York will be the next opponent of Lightweight Champion Willie Ritchie provided the great promised guarantee is given, is the statement of Billy Nolan, manager of the champion here today.

"It looks as if Cross will be Ritchie's opponent for July 4 at New York," said Nolan here this morning. "We have the best offer of any from New York promoters who realize Cross would be a great drawing card in the east. Rivers without a doubt is the best card in the west, but the offer does not look as good as the one from New York. I will not know definitely until Saturday night."

BATTLE WAGED OVER LUCKY BALDWIN'S HEIRS

GALT, Cal., May 12.—Galt is in a state of excitement today over a possible fight between Burns' detectives, who are attempting to secure the two children of Mrs. Anita Baldwin McClaughey, daughter of the late "Lucky" Baldwin, from their father, Hull McClaughey, and a band of armed men who are barricaded in a residence in which McClaughey and the two children, Dextra and Baldwin, are hiding.

Several automobiles, containing Burns men, surrounded the house. Mrs. McClaughey says that the boy and girl were kidnapped by their father, and she is determined to secure possession of the children. A statewide search was made before the father and the children were located here.

PROSECUTION CLOSES IN JOHNSON TRIAL

CHICAGO, May 12.—The government is expected to rest its case late this afternoon in the trial against Jack Johnson, negro pugilist, charged with violation of the Mann white slave law. If so, Johnson will be the first witness tomorrow. He will open his own defense.

Belle Schreiber, the white woman whom Johnson is accused of taking from state to state as his paramour, was excused at noon today after a fierce but ineffective cross examination. Julia Allen, a negro, then testified that Johnson sent her money to pay the Schreiber girl's fare from Baltimore to Chicago.

PARTY FACTIONS GET TOGETHER

Progressive Republican Conference Asks the Republican National Committee to Call an Early National Convention to Reorganize Party.

CHICAGO, May 12.—Asking that the republican national committee call an early national convention to reorganize the party, the progressive republican conference here adjourned at noon today.

The progressive leaders in the conference embodied the request to the committee in a formal statement in which they also recommended a change in apportionment to reduce the representation in the party from the south. The statement added a recommendation that the coming national convention take "any other action desirable to re-unite the party and to give assurance that it stands for constructive, progressive activities."

At the close of today's meeting of progressives here, Senator Cummins of Iowa issued a formal statement outlining his conclusions regarding re-organization of the republican party. These are expected to include calling a national convention this coming fall.

Those who participated in the conference were Senators Cummins, Borah, Crawford, Kenyon, Gronna, Governor Hadley and Medill McCormick. Borah at first opposed the convention plan but later gave his assent.

GAULD'S BODY FOUND FLOATING IN WILLAMETTE

PORTLAND, Ore., May 12.—After a three days' search the body of Charles Gauld, president of the Gauld company, a plumbers' supply house, has today been recovered from the Willamette river, into which he fell while wandering along the cliffs that abut the river. It is believed that Gauld was mentally deranged at the time.

Gauld disappeared from the home of Dr. A. E. Rockey last Friday, where he and his wife had gone for an outing.

Gauld was wealthy and very prominent in business circles. He had been in ill health for several weeks.

PRINCETON WINS RACE DEFEATING HARVARD

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 12.—Princeton won the triangular eight-oared race on the Charles river here this afternoon in competition with Pennsylvania and Harvard.

Princeton won by three-quarters of a length. Harvard was second and Pennsylvania was a length and a half behind the erlson. The time was: Princeton, 19:18; Harvard, 19:22.

FROST KILLS CROP OF MICHIGAN APPLES

SOUTH HAVEN, Mich., May 12.—Fruit growers of southwestern Michigan today declare that half of the promised bumper crop of everything but late fall apples was killed by Friday and Saturday's frost.

HOWARD TELLS OF WATER'S NEED

Founder of Medford Describes Valley as It Was Fifty Years Ago and What is Needed to Restore It to Its Former Glory and Beauty.

(By J. S. Howard) If the public will pardon me I would like to make a little talk on irrigation. I was raised on a farm so that I am familiar with farm conditions, life on a farm, soil conditions, home conditions, the possibilities of cultivating the soil and having been a surveyor in Jackson county for 50 years, I have been on almost every tract of agricultural land in the county.

Returns in Early Days.

I know what returns the land gave in early days, when the country was covered with grass and the soil had not been tramped by stock, and moisture was conserved, and was ample through the summer and 50 bushels of wheat to the acre was not uncommon. Now after the hills have been grazed bare, and tramped with stock so the rains run off without being absorbed in the soil, and after wheat has been raised on the first three or four inches of soil for 50 or 60 years, is any wonder that the soil resents this unkind treatment and that fourteen bushels of wheat per acre in some places and after failure in others are the present conditions?

Fifty years ago this valley in the summer time looked like the garden of Eden, with grass on the hillsides and rank green waving grain fields. Look at the condition now, when in summer time half the country looks like the desert of Sahara. The same soil except the first three inches is here now, and the possibilities are the same if the same amount of moisture was applied now that existed formerly. The same opportunities exist now as then if people will use the same energy and industry.

Arrival 53 Years Ago.

When I came to Jacksonville 53 years ago I had a wornout ox team and an old wagon, a wife and three babies and 50 cents in money. I traded my wagon for a lot on the hill side, my cattle to the saw mill for lumber and in just two months, I was living in a board and battened house on my own lot, and did not owe a dollar. I put my lot in cultivation although the bed rock came near the top of the ground. I got permission from Peter Brit to extend his ditch and use the surplus water and raised a fine garden, potatoes and other vegetables. Planted some fruit trees and had a comfortable home there for 24 years before coming to Medford.

The water supply for that place failed many years ago and with the exception of a comfortable house and a few shade trees, that lot today looks like an Arizona desert. Why? Just for lack of a little water. The place had about an acre. A fifty dollar perpetual water right, and \$2.50 maintenance fee would make that place blossom as a rose again, and make a place that the owner would be proud to call home.

Possibility Still Exists.

The same possibilities exist all over the valley. Look at the God-forsaken places all over the valley, a house without a shade tree, without a spear of grass or a green thing in sight, a house exposed to the blustering storms of winter, and the scorch.

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PLAN TO CELEBRATE HUNDRED YEARS PEACE

WASHINGTON, May 12.—British, Australian and Canadian statesmen arrived here today by special train to take part in arranging for the celebration of 100 years of peace between Great Britain and the United States.

On arrival, the notables were escorted to the state department, where they were welcomed by Secretary Bryan, and were then taken to the white house, where President Wilson expressed sympathy with the purpose of their visit.

At a big banquet to the visiting celebrities tonight, at which Senator Elihu Root will be toastmaster, Secretary Bryan and Andrew Carnegie will speak.