

ALIEN LAND BILL WILL BE SIGNED

Governor Johnson Says That it is His Intention to Approve Bill That Japan Makes Objection to—Gives Reasons to Bryan.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 14.—"It is with the highest respect for yourself and the president that I feel my duty to my state compels me to approve the action of the legislature."

This is the reply of Governor Hiram W. Johnson to the plea of the national administration to delay action on the anti-alien land law as it is set forth in a lengthy telegram sent to Secretary of State Bryan today.

Violate No Treaty. The statement follows: "We of California believe firmly that in our legislative dealings with this alien land question we have violated absolutely no treaty rights; we have shown no shadow of discrimination; we have given to no nation the right to be justified in taking offense. So believing—with a strong reliance on the justice and the righteousness of our cause and with due deference and courtesy and with proper consideration for the feelings and the views of others—we had hoped the authorities at Washington would have seen the question as we in this state have been forced to see it—as we must see it or be blind."

"And so, with all respect and courtesy, the state of California feels it its bounden duty to its citizens to do that which the interests of its people demand; that which the conscience of its people approves; that which violates no treaty rights; that which presents no discrimination, and that which can give no just cause for offense."

Duty to Approve. "You have suggested to me delay but this question was very earnestly and fully presented by you to our legislature, and the legislature determined to proceed. My province is to approve or disapprove the law as presented. Our people as represented in the legislature have overwhelmingly expressed their desire for the present alien land bill. The vote in the senate was 35 to 2 and in the assembly 72 to 3. With such unanimity of opinion even did I hold other views, I would feel it my plain duty to sign the bill, unless absolutely controlling necessity demanded contrary action. Apparently no such controlling necessity exists."

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HIRAM W. JOHNSON, Governor of California.

JACK JOHNSON LOSES BRAVADO

CHICAGO, May 14.—Jack Johnson was meek enough today. Although he is out on bonds of \$10,000 the big negro is under the surveillance of the United States authorities, the district attorney apparently being unwilling to take chances on Johnson's health requiring a change of climate.

A dozen of the pugilist's friends were outside his house here today, but not one of them would enter for fear of being involved in the negro's trouble. When Johnson was seen and asked to say what he thought of his conviction and what he intended to do about it, he only smiled a wry smile and muttered, "I haven't a thing to say."

PRAIRIE FIRES ENCIRCLE TOWN OF ADREWS, MANITOBA

WINNIPEG, Man., May 14.—Little hope is entertained today for the town of Adrews, near here, which is entirely surrounded by prairie fires. The citizens of the town are putting up a desperate resistance to the encroachments of the blaze.

Flagler Is Better Today. WESTPALM BEACH, Fla., May 14.—Henry M. Flagler, the millionaire traction magnate, who is ill here, rallied slightly today. He is still in a grave condition.

CRISIS IN STRIKE AT CINCINNATI

Mounted Police and Five Auto Loads of Police Accompany Each Car Moved by Strike-breakers While Others Line Route Taken.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, May 14.—With police on guard the streetcar company will make an attempt to resume operations here today and a crisis in the strike which has paralyzed transportation is expected.

At midnight the men unanimously voted to reject Mayor Hunt's arbitration proposal and that the strike should continue. Chief of Police Copeland thereupon overrode the mayor's orders and instructed his men to ride the cars prepared to protect the strike-breaking motormen and conductors against all attacks.

INVOLVE HIGHER-UPS IN FRISCO SCANDAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 14.—Disclosures involving "higher ups" in the police racket scandal were hinted at here today, when the eight indicted detectives come to trial on charges of conspiracy in connection with the operations of an Italian bunco ring. It is said that the defense will be that the accused men released bunco men from jail on orders of certain superior officers. The detectives assert it would be impossible to release a man from the city jail or from a police station without the knowledge of superior officers.

GREAT INCREASE IN BUILDING OPERATIONS

CHICAGO, May 13.—Pacific Coast points figure prominently in building construction, based on reports for April permits, published here today. Permits for the construction of 25,294 buildings at an estimated cost of \$53,073,695 in 75 of the principal cities of the country were granted.

SUBPOENA DAVIS FOR O'HARA PROBE

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 14.—The senate committee headed by Senator Eitelson, which is investigating charges against Lieutenant Governor Barrett O'Hara today subpoenaed Samuel Davis of this city, who is said to have inspired Mrs. Maude Robinson to accuse O'Hara, and Thomas Vredenburg, a millionaire who accompanied the woman when O'Hara met her on a train between here and Chicago.

HOT HEADED GOVERNOR OF WEST VIRGINIA CALLS SENATOR KERN A LIAR.



The fiery Governor Hatfield of West Virginia has gone so far in defending his state against the attack of Senator Kern and others who want an investigation of labor conditions among the miners there that he had called the leader of the majority in the United States senate a liar.

BURNS DETECTIVES BESIEGE HOUSE

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 14.—Acting on his own initiative, District Attorney Washburn of Sacramento county threatened today to send deputies to halt to break up the siege now maintained here by Burns detectives against the home of Hull McLaughry, in which McLaughry is holding his two children, who are sought by his divorced wife, Anita Baldwin McLaughry, daughter of the late Lucky Baldwin.

NEVADA MURDERER PERISHES ON GALLOWS

CARSON CITY, Nev., May 14.—Game to the end and refusing the formality of being blindfolded, and declaring he would die like a soldier, Andrija Mirovich paid the penalty today for the murder of Anton Gregovitch at Tonopah exactly one year ago by being legally shot at the state prison here.

BUCHTEL OFFERED JOB STATE SEALER OF WEIGHTS

SALEM, Ore., May 14.—State Treasurer Kay today tendered the position of deputy state sealer of weights and measures to F. G. Buchtel, the present sealer of weights and measures for the city of Portland. Mr. Buchtel, who is here to-day, was uncertain as to whether or not he would accept. The position pays \$2400 a year.

New Panama Minister. WASHINGTON, May 14.—Dr. Fashio Morales, the new minister to the United States from Panama, has arrived in Washington. He probably will be presented at the white house next week.

THIEF SECURED NAVY SECRETS

Feared in Addition to Battleship Plans, Secret Schemes of Department Copied and Disposed of to Some Foreign Power.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Small credence is given here today to statements of officials of the navy department, who, since the discovery that secret plans of the battleship Pennsylvania have been stolen from the department, have been busy making statements to minimize the importance of the theft. That the department does regard the theft as important was shown today when Secretary Daniels ordered that the thief be located, regardless of expense, and already sleuths are working desperately both inside and outside of the department to carry out his orders.

It is now practically admitted that the stolen blueprints showed the entire plan of electric wiring of the battleship and are a complete exposition of the warship's system of fire control. Secret service men on the case and attaches of the department freely admit that up to the present they are without a clue to the thief or thieves who coolly stole the plans from the department's drafting room. It is feared the crime was the work of some member of the department and if this is the case it is far from certain that the full extent of the thefts has yet been exposed. It is also feared that, in addition to the plans stolen bodily, the most secret schemes of the department may have been copied and disposed of to some foreign power.

Officials of the department anxiously deny that the theft of the plans have any connection with the Japan situation which has developed in California. They say that the first theft of plans occurred March 4 before the California situation became acute and there is a general and apparent desire to insist that it is impossible Japan may be involved. Secretary Daniels issued a statement this afternoon in which he declared it was the belief in the department that one of its members stole the missing plans, but he admitted that this was simply a guess, and that there is no clue to the thief. The secretary was evidently worried.

He said in part: "Anyone familiar with naval construction would not have taken the trouble to carry those drawings away. I have had an investigation made, independent of that begun by the secret service and I have been completely assured that the missing specifications are utterly worthless to anyone."

NEILL RESIGNS TO JOIN SMELTERS

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Charles P. Neill, United States commissioner of labor, resigned today and his resignation was at once accepted by Secretary William B. Wilson, although the latter was much surprised at Neill's retirement.

LOSS OF TITANIC CUTS DIVIDENDS IN TWO

LONDON, May 14.—The loss of the Titanic and labor troubles has caused the White Star Line to cut its dividend of 1911, sixty per cent in half for 1912. The company paid a dividend of 30 per cent in March but will make no further disbursement on 1912 business.

MISS O'GORMAN, PRETTY DAUGHTER OF NEW YORK SENATOR, WHO IS TO WED



A marriage which will attract a lot of attention in Washington and in political society will be that of Miss Dolores O'Gorman, the pretty daughter of Senator James A. O'Gorman of New York, to John Antonio Maher, May 24. Senator O'Gorman's family has become well known in Washington, where all the members are general favorites in society. They have not, however, made an effort to keep up with the extravagant society of the capital. Mr. Maher is a young business man in New York City.

HERE'S A CHANCE FOR SCIENTIFIC MONEY

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Senators Owen of Oklahoma and Hitchcock of Nebraska are preparing today a series of questions to be asked of one thousand financial experts in connection with the hearings on the proposed democratic currency reform bill.

EFFORTS TO SETTLE GAS COMPANY STRIKE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 14.—An effort to settle the strike of employees of the Pacific Gas and Electric company will be made here this afternoon at a conference in the office of John A. Britton, general manager of the company. E. E. Smith, vice president of the Pacific district of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and D. P. Haggerty, president of the State Federation of Labor, will represent the strikers. It was believed by both sides that all difficulties would be amenablely adjusted at the meeting.

SUFFRAGETTES BURN SANDGATE COTTAGE

LONDON, May 14.—Continuation of the suffragettes' arson program was seen today in Sandgate, where a cottage was burned, with \$2500 loss. Militant literature was found near by, among which was a placard reading: "We hope this is not a poor widow's home."

STRIKE TIES UP TROLLEY LINES AT FORT WILLIAM

FORT WILLIAM, Ont., May 14.—No cars were running on the Fort William-Port Arthur municipal street railway lines today as the result of the strike of the employees for higher wages and shorter hours. Fifty constables were sworn in to guard the cars, as it is expected an effort will be made to run them when strike-breakers from Winnipeg reach here.

PLAN BLOW UP FAMOUS ABBEY

Suffragettes Diver; Campaign of Destruction From Cabinet Ministers to Westminster Abbey—Leave Dynamite Bomb Among Tombs.

LONDON, May 14.—Turning their campaign of destruction away from cabinet ministers and their homes, the suffragettes are credited today with a plot to blow up Westminster Abbey, where are the tombs of Britain's greatest men of many centuries.

That this plot is in earnest was proven today when a bomb, wrapped in suffragette literature, was found in the Abbey. The bomb was a bonafide infernal machine, but its fuse was not lighted.

The police believe that the suffragettes have not dared as yet seriously to attempt the destruction of the Abbey, but that the bomb was left where it would be found as a warning that unless the demands of the militants are met, they will proceed to any length and will spare nothing to attain their end.

STOLE \$60,000 TO BRIBE BLACKMAILERS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 14.—Declaring that he had stolen from the Santa Fe railroad to get money to bribe five men who threatened to expose him as a former prisoner in the state reformatory at Elmira, N. Y., William St. John Ranney, Pasadena clubman, pleaded guilty today to grand larceny. He will be sentenced Saturday.

POLICEMAN RESCUES COUPLE FROM FLAMES

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 14.—Two lives were barely saved from a burning building here today when Motorcycle Policeman Louis LaPlace dashed into the blazing structure and returned carrying Mrs. Mary Johnson and her two days old baby.

The three almost perished when a stairway on which LaPlace was staggering with his burden collapsed under their weight and sagged almost to the floor, tumbling the policeman, the woman and the child down the flight.

TARIFF AND CURRENCY ONLY TO BE CONSIDERED

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The present special session of congress will consider no legislation except the tariff bill and currency reform, according to Congressman Underwood of Alabama, leader of the democratic majority in the house. Underwood admitted today that strong pressure was being exerted to force consideration of the Burnett-Dillingham immigration bill.

Well Known Author Dead. PLAINFIELD, N. J., May 14.—William Larrabee, aged 84, well known author and oldest student of De Paw University is dead at his home here today.

AWAIT ANSWER FROM JOHNSON

California-Japanese Situation in Statute-quo Until Reply is Received From Governor—New Treaty to Be Formulated at Once; States Bryan.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The California-Japanese situation will remain in statute quo until Governor Johnson replies to the request of the federal administration that he veto the anti-alien land law passed by the California legislature.

This statement was made here today by Secretary of State Bryan after he had had a long conference with President Wilson, which, however, he declared was not connected with the California land question.

Secretary Bryan further declared that as soon as Governor Johnson's reply is received he and Ambassador Chinda will enter upon a discussion of a new treaty with Japan, no matter what the tenor of Governor Johnson's action may be.

Discussing his "battleship of friendship" suggestion, Secretary Bryan today gave Andrew Carnegie credit for the idea. He said: "There is no good reason why the United States, having no animosities to cherish, should not take the lead in a movement for genuine friendship and fellowship which will absolutely eliminate the possibility of war. The enthusiastic reception of my suggestion has greatly encouraged me to hope that the plan will work out before I retire from my present position."

SEEKING TO SAVE HUMAN TIGER'S LIFE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 14.—Despite the action here yesterday of United States District Judge Van Fleet in denying a writ of habeas corpus to Jacob Oppenheimer, known as the "human tiger" under sentence to die June 6 for the murder of a prison guard, Attorney C. C. Ringolsky stated today that he still was hopeful of saving his client's life.

Ringolsky says he will attempt to secure from the state supreme court tomorrow a writ similar to those denied by the superior court and the district court of appeals.

COMMITTEE FAVORS CHAMBERLAIN'S BILL

WASHINGTON, May 14.—A favorable report on Senator Chamberlain's bill providing an constitutional amendment for woman suffrage, is agreed upon here today by the senate suffrage committee. The formal report is delayed because of the absence of Senators Ashurst, Hollis and Ransdell.

AUSTRALIA BOYCOTTS INDIANA-MADE TOOLS

SYDNEY, N. S. W., May 14.—All non-union tools made in Indianapolis, Ind., will be boycotted in Australia in future. This resolution was made known today by the building trades federation of Australia, which has acceded to a request from the association of machinists in Indianapolis received recently. The United States unionists asked the Australians to help them in the matter of a boycott and did not ask in vain.

WISCONSIN APPROVES INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM. MADISON, Wis., May 14.—A constitutional amendment providing for the initiative and referendum stands approved today by the Wisconsin legislature.