

JOHNSON SIGNS ALIEN LAND BILL FOR CALIFORNIA

Despite Federal Pressure, Governor Puts Signature to Law Forbidding Ownership of Agricultural Lands by Japanese or Other Aliens.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 19.—Governor Johnson signed the Webb-Birdall anti-alien land bill shortly before noon today. The law prevents the ownership of agricultural lands in California by Japanese or other aliens ineligible to citizenship, although it permits three year leaseholds, which may be renewed by rotation.

With the signing by the governor of the anti-alien bill today California, despite threats of a diplomatic breach with Japan and the most urgent protests from the national administration, has taken the final step in enacting a law to prevent the acquisition of her agricultural lands by Asiatics. The seal of the state has been set to the policy of excluding from her lands aliens who are non-assimilable.

Fears Referendum.

In connection with his approval of the measure Governor Johnson had little to say. He appeared to be far more concerned about the threatened calling of a referendum to suspend the act, leaving the state without a bar against further acquisition of lands by Japanese until November, 1914, than about the effect his action might have in Washington or Tokio.

The governor declared that he would send no official notification of his action to Washington.

"I repeat what I have said before," was Johnson's comment. "California for the first time has an anti-alien land act. Any one who wishes another kind of law may consistently invoke the initiative.

"No man who really wishes an anti-alien law will sign a referendum as to this law. If another law is sought it may be presented by initiative petition, and in the meantime the present act will be in operation.

Counsels Initiative.

"To tie up the present law by referendum means no law until November, 1914.

"Those who are sincere in their opposition to anti-alien law or who believe the present act is not drastic enough are consistent if they take steps to invoke the initiative. But the referendum would tie up the law we now have, without putting anything in its place until 1914, leaving the state open in the meantime to colonization by the aliens against whom this legislation is aimed."

Governor Johnson would not hazard an opinion on what he expected to be the result on the international situation of his approval of the Webb measure.

JURY PROBES SANITY OF CAPITOL CRANK

WASHINGTON, May 19.—A jury investigation to determine his sanity is promised here today for Harold S. Howard of Pasadena, Cal., who for a week has persistently annoyed President Wilson and members of the latter's family. Howard was arrested at the white house when he called on an opinion on what he expected to be the result on the international situation of his approval of the Webb measure.

SULTAN ABDUL HAMID IS SERIOUSLY SICK

LONDON, Ma 19.—Former Sultan Abdul Hamid is seriously ill, according to despatches received here from Constantinople. He is suffering from a complication of diseases, and it is not believed he will be able to survive the attack.

WOOD ON TRIAL CHARGED WITH DYNAMITE PLOT

Multi-Millionaire President of American Woolen Company in Court for Planting Dynamite to Discredit Strikers in Lawrence.

BOSTON, May 19.—A long line of deputy sheriffs and court attendants stood on guard at all entrances to the Suffolk superior court house here today when William Wood, multi-millionaire president of the American Woolen company, went to trial on a charge of conspiracy to plant dynamite in an attempt to discredit the Lawrence strikers in 1908. Alleged fear of a court demonstration by Industrial Workers of the World was the reason assigned for such marked precaution.

Persons who applied for admission were closely scrutinized and all who did not have a card signed by District Attorney Pelletier were barred. The spectators were confined to newspaper men, attorneys for the accused man and Pelletier and his assistants.

Frederick E. Atteaux, a Boston manufacturer of textile mill accessories, and Dennis Collins, a Cambridge dog fancier, were placed on trial with Wood on similar charges.

The sheriff asserted this morning that he had received warning that industrial leaders planned a demonstration in court, but he refused to state from what source the warning came. The length of the trial is problematical.

Judge Crosby overruled all motions by the defense to quash indictments against Atteaux.

The jury to try Wood was completed this afternoon with but little difficulty.

Jury Filled Quietly.

Only 55 minutes was consumed in filling the jury box. The wealthy defendants were spared the humiliation of sitting in the "felons' box." Instead they occupied seats just outside the enclosure separating the attorneys from the spectators.

District Attorney Pelletier opened for the prosecution with a scathing denunciation of the defendants. Wood sat apparently unmoved throughout the arraignment.

Judge Crosby informed the jury that he did not believe it was necessary to lock them up at night.

BORAH TO HEAD COAL MINE PROBE

WASHINGTON, May 19.—An amendment to the resolution of Senator Kern providing for the naming of a committee of the United States senate to probe the coal miners' strike in West Virginia by which Senator Borah of Idaho will head the probe will be offered in the senate before the final vote on the resolution is taken this afternoon. Borah has stated that he is willing to serve.

HEAVY FIGHTING ARABS AND ITALIANS

BENGHAZI, May 19.—News of heavy fighting between Arabs and Italians at Sido Garba reached here today. No details were received of the casualties, but they are known to have been heavy.

General Gambrelli, who has been in command at Derna, headed the Italian troops in a desperate storming of an Arab position. This gained, the Italians were subjected to two heavy flank attacks, but they maintained their position, though at a great sacrifice of life.

OFFICIAL FINED FOR PARTICIPATING IN CONTRACT

PIERRE, S. D., May 19.—For participating in a contract while he was a public official, Fred A. Brinker, formerly land commissioner in this state, was fined \$250 here today. Brinker pleaded guilty.

NO NEAR CRISIS WITH JAPANESE STATES WILSON

President Discusses Phases of Japanese-California Land Controversy—Neither Nation Inclined to Be Hasty and Adjustment Expected.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—At 4 o'clock this afternoon Secretary Bryan asked Secretary Chinda to call at the state department to receive the American reply to Japan's note of protest against the California anti-alien land bill.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—Talking with remarkable freedom upon phases of the Japanese-California land controversy which were "loaded with diplomatic dynamite," President Wilson, in his conference with the newspaper correspondents here today unreservedly gave his interviewers complete "inside information" of the controversy as he sees it. The president declared that both he and the Mikado expected an early and amicable arrangement of the California land controversy. He said there was no crisis or near-crisis, little anxiety and no interference by foreign powers in the present diplomatic negotiations.

"Dynamite" Phases.

After talking freely upon the "dynamite" phases of the controversy, the president invoked the ban of secrecy upon certain more delicate subjects. He gave orders that the newspaper men must not print his opinions, which, he said, were "purely personal," upon the causes which had inspired Japan to take its present stand.

President Wilson indicated that he was following out his "confidence plan" in order to end any misunderstanding and to make it plain that no issue has been raised in the controversy which is not possible of peaceful solution. He believes that some sources of the Japanese war talk are purely conjectural. Reports of the American chargé d'affaires at Tokio minimize reports of anti-American sentiment there. How far the "official Japanese opposition" to the California land law has gone was not definitely to be ascertained from the president's talk, but that it is certain that he feels that Japan appreciates America's friendly offices, which in the past have been exerted in her behalf.

No Haste in Matter.

The president indicated to the reporters that Secretary Bryan will not reply to Japan's protest until Governor Johnson has signed the anti-alien bill. He said that neither nation is inclined to be hasty in the matter, but that both are anxious to proceed carefully to solution which will mean increased friendship. He also declared that no further negotiations with Governor Johnson are

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RITCHIE TO FIGHT AT FRISCO JULY 4

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 19.—"As far as I am concerned, Willie Ritchie will appear in the ring to defend his lightweight title on July 4," said Billy Nolan this morning. "Eddie Graney will stage the bout, his figures for Ritchie's end being such as to meet my approval. I had Graney's assurance yesterday morning that he had secured Joe Rivers as Ritchie's opponent and if there is any change in that plan I am not yet apprised of it. We have until June 1 to finally settle the question of an opponent, but if Graney succeeds in signing up another boy of sufficient class to make an interesting battle he can get my O. K. on his plan without an delay.

"One thing is certain, Ritchie will not appear in Los Angeles merely for the sake of meeting Rivers. If Joe wants the bout he will have to come to Graney. McCarey had his chance at the bout along with the rest of the promoters and his figures didn't come up to those of the rest of them, nor up to my demands by a long shot."

SECRETARY BRYAN AND AMBAS SADOR CHINDA WHO MUST SETTLE JAPANESE PROBLEM



BRYAN MODIFIES PEACE PROPOSAL

LONDON, May 19.—An interview with Secretary of State Bryan in Washington is published by the Express which throws a new light on the peace proposals advanced by the United States government for the consideration of the world.

Interviewed by the Express' correspondent, Secretary Bryan said: "I want to correct the ideas that the peace proposal includes a provision for the cessation of all strategic moves by disputants during the period of investigation of the cause of their dispute. This idea was inserted in the original peace plan but was eliminated later. All information thus far received of the reception by the powers of the peace plan is encouraging, and I have no doubt that the United States will be able to make such treaties as supplementary to existing arbitration agreements.

TRAIN WOMEN IN ARSON SQUAD

LONDON, May 19.—Hiring of women of the lower class as members of the "arson squads" is charged against militant suffragettes following the arrest here today of Nellie Robinson, described as a servant. She was arrested outside the famous New College chapel at Ilminster and admitted, according to the police, that she was awaiting the arrival of two suffragettes, under whose direction she was going to set fire to the church.

When the woman was brought before a police magistrate she dryly remarked that she "seemed to be in course of training as a professional petroleum incendiary under miscreants worse than herself."

LUMBERMEN DO NOT FEAR LUMBER TARIFF

SPOKANE, Wash., May 19.—Lumbermen have no reason to fear the removal of tariff on lumber, according to Charles A. Weyerhaeuser, member of the world's greatest family of lumbermen, who is in the west inspecting the holdings of the Weyerhaeuser interests.

"I can see no reason why the lumbermen of the United States cannot easily adjust themselves to the removal of tariff without any apparent effort," stated Weyerhaeuser. "The tariff, as it stands, is so low that the removal will not seriously affect the industry. We are not worrying."

HEAVY SNOW STORM RAGING IN COLORADO

DENVER, Col., May 19.—A heavy snow storm was reported this afternoon from southwestern Colorado. The fall, it is said, was heaviest at Telluride, where telephone and telegraph wires are down.

JAPS COME TO PROBE CONDITIONS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 19.—Bearing as its most conspicuous passengers two members of the Japanese parliament who came to California to probe the reasons for anti-alien legislation, the Orient liner Korea docked here today.

The two Japanese ambassadors De facto are Surikka Ebra, a member of the constitutional party in the Japanese diet and Ohosizo Hattori, a member of the Japanese house of peers. The eagerness of the two envoys to learn the status of affairs in California was indicated by their sending a wireless message before the Korea reached port, inquiring if Governor Johnson had yet signed the anti-alien land bill.

The two commissioners will visit all the large Japanese colonies in the state to study the conditions which have caused the anti-alien agitation.

JAPS IN MEXICO TO JOIN REBELS

MEXICO CITY, May 19.—Offers from 60,000 Japanese in Mexico to join in a body the rebel troops of General Venustiano Carranza and others opposing the Huerta government are reported here today to have been refused by the rebel chiefs. It is reported that the Japanese will join individually. There are now about 35,000 Japanese fighting on each side in the Mexican provinces.

It was semi-officially announced here this afternoon that a loan of \$10,000,000 to the Huerta government is now assured. This money will come partly from French bankers and partly from the private fortunes of Feliz Diaz and Jose Limantour.

STRONG PLEA FOR ALASKA COAL FOR NAVY

WASHINGTON, May 19.—A strong plea for Alaskan coal for navy use on the Pacific coast was voiced today before the senate committee on territories by John Higgons, a navy paymaster.

The navy, according to Higgons, is using 250,000 tons of coal annually on the Pacific coast, and it is all shipped from Norfolk and Baltimore.

"In case of war," said Higgons, "the government would be forced to demand the service of all colliers, and this would practically paralyze all private industry."

URGE PORFIRIO DIAZ TO RETURN TO MEXICO

CORUNNA, Spain, May 19.—To urge General Porfirio Diaz to return to Mexico and reassume the presidency, a delegation of Mexicans arrived here today on the steamer Iparango.

MORE SUSPECTS FOR \$274,000 BANK ROBBERY

Men Suspected of Being Instrumental in Unloading Loot From New Westminster in Custody—Caught While Changing Marked Stolen Bills.

CHICAGO, May 19.—Believed by the police to be one of the band which robbed the New Westminster, B. C. branch of the Bank of Montreal, of \$274,000, Michael Flanigan is out here today on \$5000 bail, but W. T. Lawlor and Charles O'Leary, saloon men, who were arrested with him, still are held.

Flanigan, the police say, has been acting as distributing agent for the robbers who looted the Canadian bank. They say that Lawlor and O'Leary accepted money from Flanigan, and that Lawlor, through a friend, tried to exchange \$200 of the bank loot for American bills. When the stolen money was presented at the Bank of Montreal here, it was recognized, and on investigation, Flanigan, O'Leary and Lawlor were arrested.

Both the saloon men declare Flanigan had tried to use them to get the money changed. Flanigan denied he had ever given either the money.

Nearly \$100,000 of the New Westminster bank loot, the police say, has been exchanged in this city for American money. Three of the men believed to have robbed the Canadian bank are in custody. The fourth is believed to be hiding here, and this man is believed to be the one who used Flanigan to change his plunder.

COUNTERFEITER GETS FIVE YEAR SENTENCE

PORTLAND, Ore., May 19.—"Jack" Larson, a member of Pacific coast ring of counterfeiters headed by "Hooker" Johnson of San Francisco, pleaded guilty in the federal court here today to a charge of raising one dollar silver certificates to \$20 notes and was sentenced to five years in the federal penitentiary at McNeil's Island. John M. Monahan, Larson's working partner, and a member of the same gang, pleaded guilty and will be sentenced Wednesday.

Ten of the gang were arrested at San Francisco and other California points and most of them are now in prison. Johnson was given a sentence of 20 years in California.

Others are under arrest at Spokane, Seattle and Vancouver.

PRESBYTERIANS GIVE INFANTS SALVATION

ATLANTA, Ga., May 19.—That clause in the Presbyterian confession of faith, which has for years been known as "infant's elect" clause, was changed here today by a vote of 125 to 44 in the southern assembly to read that all infants will be saved.

Moderator John Stone of the northern assembly indicated today that he would formally reply to accusations that he had been elected moderator as the result of a frame-up. Friends of some of the defeated candidates have been circulating reports that on the night before the election six delegates, headed by William King of Monmouth, Ill., met to "pave the way" for Stone's election.

NEW LOW RECORDS ON STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, May 19.—Starting the session of the stock market at a fractionally higher level, the leaders after the first few minutes trading eased off. New low records were made by Rock Island and St. Louis-San Francisco second preferred. Speculation generally was dull, and the copper shares were heavy. Bonds were irregular. The market closed dull.

VANGUARD OF ODD FELLOWS DUE TONIGHT

Delegates and Officers Come From North on Special Train Arriving at 9:40 O'Clock—Local Members Meet Them at Grants Pass.

The vanguard of the visiting Odd Fellows will arrive this evening at 9:40 o'clock when delegates and officers from the north will come on a special train. A local contingent will meet them with automobiles and still another contingent will board the train at Grants Pass where cards will be passed out showing each visitor where he is to stay in Medford. There is nothing on the official program for this evening but it is hoped that the unofficial welcome will be attended by everyone who is able to meet the train. Automobiles are needed for this evening and also for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

With the hotels installing extra cots, and arrangements made with house owners all over the city, the committee believes it has accommodations for all who may arrive. The decorating done by the merchants far exceeds the hopes of the lodge and Medford tomorrow will be ablaze with the colors of the order.

This afternoon it is believed a few of the delegates and visitors from Klamath Falls may arrive and from then on each train will bring in the men and women who are to be given the freedom of the city for the next three days. The business of the convention opens Tuesday.

All those who will give use of autos are asked to be at Southern Pacific station this evening at 9:40 o'clock when first excursion train bringing in I. O. O. F. delegates arrives. Cuts are also needed to take delegates on a tour of the valley on Wednesday and Thursday.

Tuesday May 20
9:00 a. m.—Special meeting of Rebekah assembly for degree; special meeting of Grand Encampment for degree; past Rebekah president's association.

10:00 a. m.—Regular sessions of Rebekah Assembly; regular session of Grand Encampment.
1:30 p. m.—Regular session of Rebekah Assembly; closing session of Grand Encampment.

3:00 p. m.—Department council Patriarch Militant meeting.

6:30 p. m.—Band concert at park.
7:00 p. m.—Special session of Grand Lodge for degree.

8:00 p. m.—Exemplification of Subordinate Lodge degrees; exemplification of Rebekah installation and degree.

Wednesday, May 21
9:00 a. m.—Special session of

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SPEEDY SETTLEMENT OF CINCINNATI STRIKE

CINCINNATI, Ohio, May 19.—Settlement of the strike of street car men which has convulsed Cincinnati is expected today, the traction magnates having consented to meet the union men on strike. In view of the pending negotiations, Mayor Hunt will ask for a postponement of the hearing designed to throw the roads into the hands of a receiver on the ground that failure to give service has forfeited the franchise.

ENGLISH MAJESTY VISITING IN GERMANY

LONDON, May 19.—King George and Queen Mary motored to Sheerness this afternoon to embark on the royal yacht to attend the wedding in Victoria next Saturday of Princess Victoria Louise. Sir Edward Grey, the secretary for foreign affairs, failed to accompany the king, as it had been announced he would. No reason was announced.

It is believed that the Kaiser, George and the czar of Russia may confer on the relations of their countries during the wedding festivities.