

## NO DANGER OF SERIOUS TROUBLE WITH JAPANESE

Friendly Relations of Two Countries Not to Be Disturbed—Minister's Remarks Misinterpreted—Bryan Is in Favor of New Treaty.

House Immigration Committee Calls Off Indefinitely Hearing on Raker Asiatic Exclusion Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—While Secretary of State Bryan insisted this afternoon that a complete settlement with Japan was imminent regarding the alien land controversy, he denied that any sinister meaning voiced by Japanese Foreign Minister Makino yesterday before the Japanese parliament had anything to do with the indefinite postponement of hearing scheduled today before the immigration committee on the Raker Asiatic exclusion bill. It was understood that Bryan wrote the committee that he desired no step taken that might delay an expected new treaty with Japan.

### Bryan Not Surprised

Bryan insisted there was nothing surprising in Baron Makino's declaration that "the Japanese government had come to see the necessity of considering some other way for solution of the question because the replies of the United States had not been found satisfactory."

The decision to drop the hearing on the Asiatic bill followed an executive session of one hour's duration. A dozen witnesses, including Commissioner General of Immigration Anthony Caminetti, waited outside to testify.

### Hearing Is Postponed

It was understood that the committee agreed to postpone the hearing when Secretary Bryan detailed all the various treaties that would be repealed by the Raker bill. When the committee met, Congressman Moore of Pennsylvania objected to public hearings in view of Baron Makino's speech and Chairman Burnett agreed with him. The announcement of the indefinite postponement of the public hearings, followed.

## ALASKA RAILROAD BILL UP FOR VOTE IN SENATE TODAY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—After nearly two weeks of debate the project for a government owned and operated Alaskan railway was up in the senate for a vote this afternoon. After Senators Pittman and Dillingham had concluded the announced speeches on the bill it was agreed, by unanimous consent, to begin the rollcall at 4 o'clock.

Before the vote was taken it was expected an effort would be made to amend the provision permitting the president to lease the railroad when constructed. Virtually all the opposition to the bill evolved around government ownership of railroads.

Senator Pittman declared that the need for more gold whereupon to build credit would alone justify the government building the railroad even if there were no such things as splendid agricultural lands and coal and other minerals there.

## RUMORED 40 KILLED GREAT NORTHERN WRECK

FARGO, N. D., Jan. 22.—Unconfirmed reports that from twenty to forty persons have been killed in a Great Northern train wreck near Pembina, N. D., were received here at noon today. Railroad officials at that hour claimed to have received no word of the disaster.

## AL J. JENNINGS, FORMER TRAIN ROBBER, RUNS FOR GOVERNOR



Al J. Jennings, former train robber, now practicing attorney in Oklahoma, is determined the public shall endorse his reformation and to prove that they will do so he is now a candidate for the nomination for governor. He believes if he is elected he will give Oklahoma the best, at least the most honest, administration it has known. If he fails of nomination or election he will have achieved sufficient prominence to make his law practice even more profitable than now.

## JAPAN PLANNING RETALIATORY MOVE AGAINST AMERICA

TOKIO, Jan. 22.—All classes displayed the liveliest interest here today in the statement made by Foreign Minister Baron Makino at yesterday's session of parliament to the effect that Japan would have to take further steps to emphasize with the American government the Mikado's protest against California's alien land laws.

Speculation was rife on all hands as to what the baron meant by this reference. That he was hinting at military preparations was not at all generally believed, since there are few Japanese who don't realize their country is in no financial condition to undertake an extensive campaign.

The consensus of opinion was that retaliatory legislation along commercial lines was contemplated. Stricter regulations concerning American residents or visitors in the country was thought unlikely, inasmuch as not enough Americans come to Japan to make such action particularly felt, except, possibly, in a purely sentimental way.

## THAW GETS \$30,000 FROM TRUST COMPANY

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 22.—Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, this afternoon was granted right to \$30,000, held by the Fidelity Trust and Title company here, by Judge J. J. Miller of the Orphans' court. The amount represents accumulated interest on a sum held in trust for Thaw by the company. The court ruled that the law holds that one may be in the custody of a lunatic asylum and still have sufficient mental capability to make contracts and transact business.

## COWDRAY TO MAKE TERMS WITH WILSON

LONDON, Jan. 22.—E. W. Breitung, said to represent Lord Cowdray, head of the Pearson syndicate, which has enormous Mexican interests, was understood here today to have arranged for a conference with President Wilson. Breitung is now in the United States. It was believed by some financiers that Cowdray has decided he can best safeguard his own Mexican interests by co-operating with the Washington administration and that Breitung's mission is to make terms.

## VILLA MASSING TROOPS TO ATTACK ENEMY, TORREON

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 22.—Another battle on Mexican soil, as momentous as those fought recently at Sierra Blanca and Ojinaga will begin within ten days at Torreon, according to advices from Chihuahua City today. The constitutionalists troops from all parts of Northern Mexico are hurrying to a rendezvous above that point where General "Pancho" Villa will take personal command. Realizing that Torreon is the key to the whole territory south of Mexico City the federals are massing their available forces from Mexico City, San Luis Potosi and Monterrey.

General Villa expects to have 15,000 soldiers to attack Torreon, while the federal strength there will be less than that. Villa is supremely confident. In a proclamation today he predicted that his forces would capture Torreon and then "knock another prop from under the tottering throne of Huerta." If Torreon falls, he predicts all the other cities between there and Mexico City can be easily captured.

## FEDERATION ELECTS OFFICERS FOR YEAR

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 22.—One of the biggest fights in the present convention of the State Federation of Labor in session here, a resolution introduced Tuesday by the Typographical union, providing for the amending of the constitution of the federation so that officers of the ensuing year could be elected on the floor of the convention, was defeated today by a vote of 49 to 25. The officers will be nominated this afternoon and elected later by referendum vote.

Discussion of this resolution took up practically all of the morning session.

## WESTMINSTER ABBEY OFFERED STRATHCOMA

LONDON, Jan. 22.—At King George's behest church authorities today offered space for the late Lord Strathcona's body in Westminster Abbey. The family accepted the honor of funeral services in the abbey, but declined a burial there, his lordship's last expressed wish being that his body be beside his wife's in Highgate churchyard.

## KEEN RIVALRY OF COMMITTEES THREATEN BILLS

President Wilson Appeals to Chairmen to Allay Jealousy Which Endangers Fate of Anti-Trust Bills Pending Before Congress.

Judiciary Committee Gets Part of Bills and Interstate Commerce Committee Balance by Truce.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The house judiciary committee this morning began real work on the administration trust program. Three tentative bills drawn by Congressman Clayton and Representatives Floyd and Carlin were laid before the full committee. Formal introduction of the bills will be planned this afternoon or tomorrow. Hearings will begin next week before both the judiciary and interstate commerce committees.

Quelling jealous rivalry of both senate and house leaders over invasion of the administration program was the problem that faced the president today. Chairman Adamson of the interstate commerce and Clayton of the judiciary committee reached a temporary truce after President Wilson had appealed to both to bury their differences in handling the measures. Clayton was said to have protested to the president against having Adamson's committee take any part in the work, following Democratic Leader Underwood's reference of the interstate trade commission and railroad securities regulation features of the Adamson committee.

It was reported today that the president had asked Adamson if he could to gracefully withdraw and leave the entire field and glory to Clayton's committee. Adamson refused, but agreed to give Clayton the prestige of introducing the several bills with his name upon them as the author, reserving to the interstate commerce committee the right to present the final drafts.

In the senate more rivalry between Chairman Newlands, interstate commerce commission, and Chairman Overman's judiciary committee was impending. Overman thinks some of the bills ought to be given to the judiciary committee and not have Newlands' committee handle the whole program.

## BANK OF ENGLAND REDUCES DISCOUNT RATE TO 4 PER CENT

LONDON, Jan. 22.—The Bank of England today reduced its discount rate to 4 per cent, owing to the easier monetary situation at home and abroad. The German bank rate also was lowered, and it was expected the Bank of France would follow suit shortly.

## STRENUOUS TRIP FROM EUREKA TO BAY CITY

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 22.—In tow of the steamship James W. Higgins, the steam schooner Scotia arrived at this port today after a perilous voyage of seven days from Eureka. Under ordinary conditions the trip is made in twenty-four hours.

The schooner ran into a terrific southeasterly gale soon after leaving Eureka. The tremendous waves washed over her and put out her fires. For two days she struggled along until she met the Higgins. Both vessels then encountered renewed gales and were thirty-six hours in making the 100 miles. The Scotia lost 150,000 feet of her deckload of lumber.

## SUES "TALMAGE OF THE WEST" FOR DIVORCE



Mrs. Adele Davis, known to the stage as Adele Blood, has found out she cannot get along with her minister-actor husband, Edward Davis, known when in the church as the Rev. Cader Russell Davis. She has begun suit for divorce, naming an actress.

Mr. Davis has played in "The Kingdom of Destiny," and has appeared all over the United States. Davis began his public life as a preacher in California. Joaquin Miller gave him the sobriquet, "The Talmage of the West." He preached in Oakland with considerable success, but abandoned the pulpit because, as he said, there wasn't enough money in it. He was graduated from Kentucky university.

## BRITISH CABINET DEADLOCKED OVER NAVAL EXPEDITURES

LONDON, Jan. 22.—A quarrel between Chancellor of the Exchequer David Lloyd-George and First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill over expenditures of the British navy today threatened to disrupt the cabinet.

Churchill, as head of the national sea-fighting establishment wants more ships. Lloyd-George, as the government's financial manager, thinks the country is spending more for war craft already than it can afford. It was understood today that Churchill would resign if his estimates were materially reduced, and that Lloyd George would resign if they were not cut heavily.

A cabinet meeting was held this afternoon to consider the situation, but so far as could be learned, no decision was reached. It was rumored that seven ministers supported Lloyd-George, six Churchill and that five were doubtful.

## WHITE SLAVES WED TO PREVENT PROSECUTION

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 22.—Although Detective Joseph Redmond of the vice detail from police headquarters wanted Emile G. Ducoin held while he endeavored to connect him with the white slave traffic the man was released today on \$1000 bail. He was arrested last evening charged with a statutory offense and accused of keeping a disorderly house.

The apartments where the police found him were magnificently furnished and he is said to be worth more than a quarter of a million dollars.

As a sequel to the arrest it was said a federal investigation was likely to look into charges that, to prevent the deportation of fallen women from abroad, the white slavers have made a practice of marrying their victims, usually for a fee of \$100, to Americans, thus giving them citizenship, though their husbands seldom ever saw them again.

## FIRST SOAKING RAIN OF SEASON RAISES CREEKS

Total for Six Days' Storm 2.44 Inches—Seasonal Deficiency Five Inches—Bear Creek Rises Six Feet and Falls Faster Than It Came Up.

Laundry Slabwood Carried Away—Rogue River Rises and Falls Two Feet—No Flood in Prospect.

The first soaking rain of the present season has showered the valley at intervals since Saturday. Wednesday night .35 inch was added to the .52-inch that fell during the day and Thursday morning .27 inch more refreshed the earth. The total for the storm up to noon Thursday was 2.44 inches. The normal rainfall for January is 4.73 inches, and the total that has fallen this month is 3.83 inches—an average for this date. The total rainfall since September 1 is 9.67 inches. The normal rainfall for this period is 14.43 inches, leaving a seasonal deficiency of approximately 5 inches. Predictions are for continued rain, though the storm seems broken.

### Snow in Siskiyou

The rain of the earlier part of the week was snow in the Cascades and Siskiyou. A chinook Wednesday evening, together with the heavy rain, turned the local streams into torrents. Bear creek rose six feet Wednesday evening, carrying off a pile of slabwood at the Medford laundry and setting afloat the Pacific & Eastern temporary track under the Bear creek bridge, but little damage was done, the creek subsiding almost as fast as it had risen.

Practically the entire force of city employees were stationed at the Jackson street bridge this morning keeping debris away from the city water pipe. Two hents were washed away. Wednesday evening the storm sewer in the southern part of the city became clogged, forcing the surplus water down an old mill race, flooding yards on South Central avenue and causing two streams to flow down both sides of Riverside avenue. In spots the water covered the entire street. Other sewers in various parts of the city became clogged, flooding basements by backing up water.

### Rogue Rises Two Feet

The Rogue river rose about two feet at Gold Ray Wednesday afternoon and fell about the same amount Thursday morning. A heavy volume of water, however, fills the stream. The California & Oregon Power company reports very little snow at Prospect.

Traffic on the Southern Pacific was demoralized Wednesday afternoon and this morning. No. 16, northbound, due at 5:25 in the evening, reached Medford this morning at 4 o'clock, being delayed by heavy snows in the Siskiyou. The 11 o'clock train from the north this morning was over an hour late.

All the tributary streams to the Rogue river are reported bankful. The snow melted fast in the hills, none being visible today on the nearby foothills.

## PORTLAND LUMBER YARDS DAMAGED \$25,000 BY FIRE

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 22.—A fire, extinguished early today after burning fiercely for several hours, swept the yards of the Portland Lumber company doing damage variously estimated at from \$125,000 to \$175,000, fully covered by insurance.

Fanned by a strong southwesterly wind, the fire threatened to spread but the main mill was saved from destruction through the efforts of the firemen, twenty engines and a fire-boat being called into action. More than four million feet of finished lumber was consumed.

## SENATE AGREES TO CONFIRM PINDELL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Favorable report on the nomination of H. M. Pindell, of Peoria, Ill., to be American ambassador to Russia, was granted by the senate foreign relations committee today.