

MAY SEND BRYAN TO DISCUSS SITUATION

President Wilson Suggests the Secretary Advise With California Legislature

ON ALIEN LAND MEASURE

Will Welcome Him But Proceed to Pass the Alien Ownership Bill Just the Same.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] State Capitol, Sacramento, Cal., April 23.—Members of the California senate who are considering anti-alien land laws now before the legislature expressed surprise today when it became known that President Wilson had suggested that Secretary of State Bryan visit Sacramento for the purpose of conferring with the lawmakers on the proposed alien land measure.

“Let Bryan come,” declared Senator Boynton, Bull Moose leader of the senate, with a hearty laugh. “We will welcome him.”

No National Crisis

“There is no reason, however,” he said, “for the impression that this is a great crisis in international affairs. It is not so viewed by this legislature. It is the opinion, as I find it, that the people want anti-alien land legislation, have wanted it now for years, and that the longer the matter is put off the more difficult it becomes. I think that a bill of some sort will be passed at this session.”

“I do not know that a great deal will be accomplished by such a visit,” said Senator Campbell, Democratic floor leader.

Senator Sanford, who has been an ardent advocate of anti-alien legislation, would not discuss the matter.

“What I have to say will be said on the floor, and in language that will be easily understood,” he declared.

“I believe the major portion of this unrest over anti-alien legislation is being fomented in Tokio and in Washington by a well-paid lobby representing the big land interests in California,” said Assemblyman George B. Finnegan, author of one of the alien bills amalgamated in the assembly substitute that was passed. “The selfish interests are attempting to scare the federal administration as well as our own people in California.”

SPRING WORK IS BADLY DELAYED THIS SEASON

State Bank Examiner Wright, who recently returned from a trip to eastern Oregon, says conditions are prosperous in that section. Prices of stock, grain and lumber are satisfactory and the towns report excellent business. Spring is later than usual, however, the cold weather continuing about a month longer than in the average year. As a result orchards are backward and farm work has been delayed. The same conditions prevail throughout eastern Washington and Idaho.

JACK JOHNSON GETS OFF WITH A FINE

Must Put Up \$1000 and Forfeit Neck-lace Which is Valued at \$2000.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Chicago, April 23.—Jack Johnson, negro pugilist, escaped easily here today when the charges of smuggling against him were tried in the United States court. Johnson withdrew his plea of not guilty, pleaded non contendere and was fined \$500 each on two counts of the indictment against him, and the smuggled diamond necklace, valued at \$2000, was confiscated.

The counts in the indictment on which Johnson was fined charged concealment of smuggled property. Four other indictments for smuggling were dismissed.

A Meritorious Law

Sacramento, Cal., April 23.—The board of control mothers' pension bill, under whose provisions the parents of half orphans will be encouraged to keep children at home instead of at institutions, was passed by the assembly last night, 49 to 8. It allows state aid of \$6.25 a month for dependent half orphans cared for at home, this amount to be supplemented by \$6.25 from the county.

THE STATUS OF WOMEN MARRIED TO ALIENS

Unless Husband Has Taken Out His Final Papers the Woman Cannot Vote.

At the request of County Clerk Gehlar, Attorney-General Crawford today rendered an opinion on the subject of the steps necessary for women to vote in this state.

The state's legal department holds that an American-born woman, married to an alien, who has not declared his intentions to become a citizen, if they reside in this state, has no right to cast a vote. In other words, the attorney-general's opinion is to the effect that unless a foreign-born person, married to an American-born citizen first takes out his final papers, the wife, daughter or sons cannot vote in either city, county or state elections, and the county clerks in each county have no legal authority to accept such applications for registration unless the above agreements of aliens are fulfilled.

Additional Expense to Counties

According to County Clerk Gehlar, every county in this state will be subject to additional expense, as the result of the new registration law passed by the last legislature. After June 30, the new registration law will be in effect. Registration then will require 63 loose-leaf records, or registration books that will correspond in size to that of 40 records of deeds now on file in this county. Aside from this great bulk of election records, the county clerk is required to issue a separate duplicate of registration record, and furnish same to every legal voter in the county.

To add further to the additional expense which will be incurred by the passage of the new law, a special card system must be maintained. To compile the Marion county registration records alone upon cards, will require a pile of cards not less than 6 feet high, figuring most conservatively.

The estimated cost of initial supplies prior to the holding of future elections under the new law will exceed \$550, and there is no provision in the statute covering the cost of compilation or disposition of the records.

More Election Officials

It is the duty of the county clerks, under the new law to appoint official registrars in each district in the respective counties. It is now incumbent upon County Clerk Gehlar to select 41 officials to serve for the next election to be held in this county, and the work of canvassing the county for suitable registrars will commence within a few days.

Heretofore, any notary public was possessed with the authority to register a voter by signing his affidavit, but from now on, the official registrar will have sole supervision over every district in the county.

In order to encourage the registration of the women voters throughout the county, County Clerk Gehlar is compiling an application blank which will be sent to the various districts. This blank is to be filled out by the registrars accepting and returned. It is the desire of the clerk to secure as many women applicants as possible, in view of the contention that women voters will more readily register when the registrar is of the same sex, than to place male registrars in charge. Therefore, the women of Marion county will be given the preference insofar as registration officials are concerned.

Each registrar, as compensation for their work will be awarded 10 cents per name for every voter registered in the precinct in which they are appointed. The registrar will be compelled to file a bond in the sum of \$300 with the county.

Scutari Is Captured

Belgrade, April 23.—The capture of Scutari by Montenegrin troops was marked by enthusiastic demonstrations here today. Business was at a standstill practically all day.

SAYS JAPAN WILL NOT RUSH INTO WAR

Baron Chinda, Japanese Ambassador Says Japan is Not Thinking of War.

HAS MADE NO THREATS

Says All the Anti-American Talk in Japan Comes From the Lower Classes Only.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, April 23.—Even though California passes an anti-alien land law aimed directly at the Japanese, Japan will not attempt any warlike retaliation.

This declaration was voiced here today by Baron Chinda, the Japanese ambassador to the United States. Baron Chinda declared the better classes in Japan were trying to quiet the jingo talk by the lower classes, and that war between the two nations was out of the question. The ambassador asserted he had not seen President Wilson for a week, but expected tomorrow to pay his customary courtesy call on Secretary of State Bryan.

It also was emphatically denied at the White House today that Japan had voiced any war threats. Secretary Tammuly characterized as “baseless” reports that Baron Chinda had informed the president that Japan was unable to control the people, who would force the nation into war if the California land bill were passed. It was denied that the Japanese ambassador had seen the president yesterday.

M. Okobe, the second secretary of the Japanese embassy, said today: “We shall wait and see what the California legislature does, but I feel certain that war will not result, even should California enact a measure specifically directed against the Japanese. I know not whether Japan will be inclined to test the law in the United States court. The recent anti-American talk in Japan comes only from the lower classes.”

ONE OF THE BEST IS SELLS PLOT CIRCUIS

On Saturday, June 7, the great Sells-Floto circus is billed to appear in this city for its fourteenth annual engagement. Mr. W. E. Haines, contracting agent of the circus, is in town today and is buying supplies and making other arrangements necessary for the coming of the big show. This year we are told that the circus is greatly enlarged in many respects, introducing many new features, some of which have never before been associated with the entertainment of the big top.

Among these might be mentioned the celebrated Scotch Kilty band from Toronto, Canada; Devlin's company of Zonaves; a troop of trained lions and tigers under the direction of Captain Dutch Record; jumping horses; forty elms; the celebrated Royal Light Horse Brigade; the Stickney family; the Hobsons; Prof. Park Prentiss' Famous Concert band of sixty-three pieces; Zora and her elephants, and a great big three-ring circus—because the Sells-Floto people have enlarged their tent to three rings for this season and all for the popular price of 25 cents.

WHAT WILL HE DO WITH IT, IF HE GETS IT?

The complete routing of the little faction which has during the past few weeks been trying to head off honest criticism of public officials is one of the gratifying conditions in Salem today, and The Capital Journal feels justly proud of the splendid manner in which the people of the city have demonstrated that they appreciate a square deal on the part of a newspaper. In public demonstrations at the city hall, in talks on the streets and in business houses and over the telephone the people who are making this a greater Salem, small and large property owners and citizens generally have signified their approval of the course of The Capital Journal in exposing the costly mistakes of the city officials in handling public improvements and the city's money. The efforts of The Capital Journal have been followed by lobbyists on the part of certain persons connected with the present administration and a few of their friends. The action of the city council in cutting off the printing of official notices in this newspaper was only a part of the plot

An Ice Cream Jag

San Francisco, April 23.—Fifty-seven women, leaders in the movement to oust Police Judge Charles Weller, celebrated his recall last night with an ice cream “jag.” The celebrants were the organizers and directors of the Women's Recall League, to which organization Weller owes his defeat. “Here's to Wiley Cris,” shouted the women, as they sucked ice cream soda through straws. After ordering separate checks, the women went home.

POSTPONE BUILDING OF FAIR PAVILION

Board Decides It Would Be Impossible to Buy Brick in Open Market at Low Enough Figure.

The state fair board held a meeting yesterday and decided to postpone the building of a pavilion until next year. The legislature appropriated \$60,000 for the purpose, but the penitentiary brick yard is shut down and the appropriation is not large enough to warrant the purchase of brick in the open market. Accordingly the work will not be done until next year.

A delegation of machinery jobbers appeared before the board and suggested that they would erect a new shed in case the board would provide plans and specifications. The state architect was instructed to comply with the request and the building will undoubtedly be erected before the fair next fall.

Days for the fair were designated as follows: Monday, Children's day; Tuesday, Woodmen of the World; Wednesday, Salem day; Thursday, Portland day; Friday, German society day; Saturday, Shriners' day. No decision was made in regard to the building of a half-mile race track for the novelty events.

Killed by Falling Wall

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Seattle, Wash., April 23.—William Webb, aged 65, and Peter Larsen, aged 29, were killed and W. A. Brown, aged 35, and Palmer Sundae, aged 16, were seriously injured when a brick wall, three stories high, collapsed yesterday afternoon in the abandoned Lawton school here. The men were employed by the Seattle Wrecking company and the dismantling of the building progressed to the point where only the brick walls remained.

To Consult Senator

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, April 23.—President Wilson will occupy the president's room at the capitol tomorrow long enough to consult 25 senators regarding federal appointments in their respective states, according to an announcement at the White House today.

Weather Forecast

Oregon — Fair tonight, with heavy frost east, and light frost west portion. Thursday, fair, warmer. Variable winds becoming easterly.

SAN FRANCISCO HAS BIG GRAFT SCANDAL

Italian Bunco Gang Being Pulled Comes Though on the Police Force.

IT PAID FOR PROTECTION

Head Bunco Man Says He Paid Higher Ups 15 Per Cent and Police on Beat \$5 a Week.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Francisco, April 23.—Spurred to action by wholesale charges of graft, voiced against the police department by members of an Italian bunco ring that cleaned up more than \$300,000 in San Francisco, Chief of Police White today left for San Quentin prison personally to interview Michael Gallo, one of the convicted bunco men.

Gallo has signed a confession in which he alleges he paid thousands of dollars to Detectives Frank Eola, “Brick” McHugh, Louis Drouette, James Sullivan, James McGowan and Charles Taylor. Besides paying these men for alleged “protection,” Gallo charges that he paid \$5 a week to each of the policemen on the beat where he operated.

Since his arrest Gallo says he has been visited many times by police officers who promised to see that Mrs. Gallo would receive monthly payments while he was in prison. Chief White refused to issue any statement before leaving headquarters, but it is known that he intends to probe Gallo's charges.

Gave Up 15 Per Cent

San Francisco authorities are astounded by the accusations of the bunco men, who say they paid detectives 15 per cent of their earnings. Maurice De Martini and Frank DuBois, other members of the ring, have made similar charges. As DeMartini and Gallo have been separated for months, it is pointed out that there could not possibly have been any collusion between them.

“The evidence secured so far,” said District Attorney Fickert today, “has been that of alleged accomplices, and I am afraid it will not be sufficient upon which to base the arrest of the accused detectives. From today on I will devote every effort to getting corroborative evidence. I intend to interview Private Detective McCarthy, who worked up the evidence against the bunco men. I think he can help us corroborate the allegations of DuBois, Gallo and DeMartini.”

WOMEN MUST TELL THEIR EXACT AGE OR NOT VOTE

W. E. Hanson, of Hood River, today requested an opinion from the attorney-general on the question of whether women must tell their exact age when registering. Hood River women have insisted that it was unnecessary to say anything further than that they are over 21. The attorney-general ruled sometime ago that women must tell their exact age, and this ruling answers the Hood River query. It was proposed during the session of the legislature to make it unnecessary for voters to give their age, but the law, as finally enacted, does not contain this provision.

The Strike Progressing

San Francisco, April 23.—The strike of union wireless operators against the Marconi company is progressing as well as could be expected, according to the claims here today of S. J. Kosenkamp, president of the Commercial Telegraphers Union. He asserts it will be several days before the strike can be made very effective but declares that within a week the company will find itself in a critical situation.

MRS. CARRIE KIRSH IS SEEKING A PAROLE

Has Served Two Years for Manslaughter and is Said to be in Failing Health.

When the prison parole board meets this afternoon at the penitentiary, an application for parole submitted by Mrs. Carrie Kirsh will be taken under consideration and the final decision will be looked forward to with much interest in view of the fact that the applicant was convicted of manslaughter in Multnomah county shortly after Jesse P. Webb was convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to hang for the killing of one Mr. Johnson and later saved from the noose by Governor West, who commuted his sentence to life imprisonment.

According to Webb's wife and daughter, who were largely responsible for the action of the governor, Mrs. Kirsh invaded the Webb home in Seattle and enticed the husband and father away to Portland, where he killed a man by the name of Johnson and after robbing the victim, cut the body to pieces and placed it in a trunk. The court records show that Mrs. Kirsh urged Webb to commit the crime and for this reason, she was found guilty of manslaughter. Webb was sentenced to death, but just as the superintendent of the prison was reading the death warrant on the day set for execution, Governor West intervened and commuted the condemned man's sentence.

Mrs. Kirsh Hysterical

Upon being advised that the parole board was to meet today, Mrs. Kirsh grew hysterical last night and has been sobbing and moaning since then. Just what action the board will take in her case remains to be seen, but in view of the fact the prisoner is failing in health, according to the superintendent of the institution, and that she has served two years already, chances for a parole are favorable.

Mrs. Kirsh, when brought to the prison, was unable to withstand the shock of being locked behind barred doors and stone walls and was transferred to the asylum, where she worked in the sewing department for several months. Public sentiment revolted at throwing a murderer in the midst of the unfortunate insane and Mrs. Kirsh was brought back to the prison. According to the prison officials, Mrs. Kirsh has been seeking a parole for the past year or so and at each time the parole board meets, grows frantic and causes great disturbance in the woman's ward. Superintendent Lawson declares the woman is failing in health.

BURGLARIOUS GANG WILL GO TO THE PEN

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Francisco, April 23.—To plead guilty to the charge of robbing a clothing store, Patrick Shea, Bert Sierling and Maud Shea, members of an alleged burglarious gang, recently rounded up by the police, appeared before Superior Judge Dunne today. They will be sentenced Saturday.

Miss Jessie Clifton, the pretty San Francisco art student, who was arrested with the gang, is in the city hospital, suffering from the effects of an operation she is alleged to have performed upon herself.

More Operators to Strike

Seattle, Wash., April 23.—When the steamer Pueblo reaches San Francisco, Wireless Operators Scott and Strauss are expected to join the strikers. “They did not leave the ship here,” said M. L. Kennedy, chairman of the local executive committee of the strikers, “because they had signed the ship's papers for their return to San Francisco. There are 15 operators in Seattle now on strike, and as the ships come in, the operators will walk out. Naturally, owing to the nature of our work, it probably will be two or three weeks before the strike will be completely organized.”

REQUISITION ISSUED FOR BOLD SWINDLERS

Besides Being Bigamist, Ellis is Alleged to Have De-frauded Woman.

HONEYMOON VERY BRIEF

Miss Bock Finds That Ellis Has Wife and Three Children, and Her Marriage is Void.

Governor West today issued requisition papers for Joseph E. Ellis, alias J. H. Duffy, alias P. T. Richards, Bossie Duffy and Jans Doe Duffy, under arrest in California, who are charged, at Portland, with having defrauded Annie S. Bock by pretending that they were owners of a large tract of land in Columbia county. Ellis engineered the deal and secured \$1965 from Miss Bock by pretending that she would have a one-half interest in a sawmill.

In an affidavit accompanying the application for a requisition, Miss Bock says she saw an advertisement of a marriage bureau in a paper, and wrote from Gainesville, Fla., for a list of the eligibles. Some she was in correspondence with Ellis at Portland. He represented himself to be a lumberman, with \$50,000 worth of property. He needed capital to develop his interests by building a sawmill, he said, and soon secured loans aggregating \$600. They were married at Hawkinsville, Ga., and Ellis got more money.

They returned to Portland, and Ellis kept putting off the delivery of deeds to the Columbia county property. Recently he disappeared and Miss Bock hired the Burns detective agency to locate him. It was soon ascertained that he had departed with another wife and three children for California. Ellis, it is said, will fight against being returned to Portland for trial.

Bryan Invited to Come

State Capitol, Sacramento, Cal., April 23.—At 11:40 p. m. today the California assembly ordered the chief clerk to transmit to President Wilson by telegraph the resolution adopted by that body by a vote of 59 to 11 inviting Secretary of State Bryan to consult with the lawmakers on the form in which the proposed anti-alien land law shall be couched.

Discussing the Tariff

Washington, April 23.—The house today continued the discussion on the tariff bill. It was expected that open discussion would conclude Monday, when consideration under the five-minute rule will begin.

A score of set speeches, mostly made for home consumption comprised today's discussion; Chairman Underwood, of the ways and means committee, and Major Leaders, in the house, expect to speak at length, but extemporaneously, in explaining the bill. The Republicans and Progressives will divide half of the time allotted for debate.

Was Badly Burned

Seattle, Wash., April 23.—Miss Louise McClean was painfully burned about the face and upper part of the body in a fire at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Sarah McClean, about 6 o'clock this morning. The fire was caused by an overheated chimney. In the excitement the fact that Miss McClean was upstairs asleep was forgotten for some time. Otto C. Memite, a letter carrier, rushed to her room and carried her to the roof.

AT LEAST A HUNDRED MINERS ENTOMBED

Explosion Kills Several and 100 Are Buried in Pennsylvania Coal Mine.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Pittsburgh, Pa., April 23.—Several fatalities are reported, and nearly 100 miners are believed to be penned in as the result of an explosion today which wrecked entries 12 and 13 of the Cincinnati mine of the Monongahela Consolidated Coal Company, at Courtney, Pa., 50 miles south of here. News of the disaster was received here this afternoon. The company admits that the explosion occurred. It is stated that ten miners were taken from the mine, and there is hope of rescuing the remainder of the entombed men.