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BIG BUSINESS AS USUAL IS AFRAID

"Wait Until You Hear From Merchants and Business Men of the State."

IS PLEA NOW BEING MADE

Those Opposed to the Bill Are Frantically Throwing the Japanese War Ghost on the Screen.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] State Capitol, Sacramento, Cal., May 2.—Weary and worn from long sessions, their nerves on edge as the result of tremendous opposition to anti-alien land legislation that has been brought to bear at the last moment, the members of the California senate today prepared to act upon the Webb substitute for the Birdsall bill, which prevents the ownership of land by Japanese or Chinese in this state.

The effect of their acting as a buffer between the pressure from Washington that alien land legislation be dropped and the insistent demands of their constituents that it be rushed to completion is telling on the lawmakers. And add to the critical situation, alarmists, sent post-haste to Sacramento by the big corporations of the state, who believed that Secretary Bryan's visit would stave off the alien legislation, are whispering "war with Japan" in the lobbies and corridors, and insisting upon delay.

All Kinds of Scares. "Wait until you hear from the merchants, the business interests of the state," they pleaded with the legislators.

Army and navy officers are predicting that action at this time by the California legislature might result in grave eventualities, according to an advocate of delay at the capitol today.

That fortifications at San Francisco have been sketched with in the last week has been called to the attention of the legislators, that Japanese servants are quietly disappearing from many San Francisco homes was pointed out as another significant feature.

Before the Webb bill was called up for action an ominous undercurrent has pervaded the capitol. Although the progressive leaders declared the bill would be passed, there was a feeling that more important developments than have yet appeared were impending. Those who have heretofore been free to discuss the anti-alien developments were extremely reticent, when the senate was called to order.

Japs Make Suggestions. Secretary Bryan arrived at the capitol early and remained in his private office until the senate convened. He did not even leave the building for breakfast, having it served in his office.

The senate galleries were again packed. Among the spectators were the two Japanese who have attended the daily sessions, and who were accompanied by a score of their countrymen. A long conference between Bryan Governor Johnson, Attorney-General Webb and Senator Boynton, administrative leader, about which the greatest secrecy was maintained, preceded the action of the senate.

A score of telegrams were read to the senate by the clerk, all but two urging the adoption of an anti-alien land law. One from the Japanese Association of America urged that careful consideration by the legislature of any laws that might affect the friendly relations between this country and Japan.

Many of the telegrams were from organized labor bodies, urging the immediate passage of an anti-alien land law. These came from all parts of the state.

SPANKED THE PROFESSOR FOR DISOBEYING ORDERS

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Seattle, Wash., May 2.—S. Herbert Anderson, professor of physics at the University of Washington, was publicly spanked by several hundred undergraduates, when he arrived on the campus today, wearing a collar and necktie. This is "University Grounds Day" and an edict had been issued by both faculty and students that all should appear garbed for hard labor with pick and shovel and without white collars or ties. Anderson ignored the rule. He took his punishment in good part and removed the objectionable linen. Governor Lister and ex-Governor McBride, who took part in the day's events obeyed the rule, and sans neck adornment spoke to the students after a hearty meal on coffee and beans.

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NOMINAL CHARGE IS CONTRARY TO RULES

Interstate Commerce Commission's Ruling Upholds Southern Pacific's Increase in Rental.

That railroad companies cannot make a nominal charge for the use of sites for warehouses by private parties is the view held by the interstate commerce commission, the railroad commission has ascertained. The railroad commission was called upon to investigate a complaint by shippers along the line of the Southern Pacific that the company had increased the annual rental for warehouse sites from \$5 to \$25, the last named figure being the minimum under the ruling.

The railroad commission has been notified that the interstate commerce commission has held that a nominal charge, such as \$5, is unjust and shows preference to the shippers having the lease. It is pointed out that one merchant might lease a site at little or no cost, and his competitor might there be at a disadvantage.

Complaint has been made to the railroad commission that many of the shippers could not afford to pay the increased rental demanded by the Southern Pacific, and the railroad commission took the matter up informally, as it had no jurisdiction.

The interstate commerce commission's ruling means that the increase in rental has the approval of the commission, being less discriminatory than \$5 rental.

Met the Emperor.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Tokyo, May 2.—George W. Wickersham, former attorney-general of the United States, and Mrs. Wickersham, were received in an audience by the emperor this evening. The Wickersham party is on a tour of the world.

CONTRACT AWARDED TO JERSEY CONCERN

Will Install Metal Furniture for Supreme Court and Library Building for \$14,948.

The contract for metal furniture for the supreme court and library building was awarded today at the capitol to the Sneed company, of Jersey City, N. J., the bid being the lowest. The Jersey City concern will furnish the furniture for \$14,948. Other bids submitted were as follows: Library Bureau Company, \$22,667, and Art Metal Company, \$19,985.

The contract provides that the fixtures shall be installed and the contract completed in 150 days.

The bids were opened yesterday and were held under consideration until today.

An Aviator Killed.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Oakland, Cal., May 2.—While assisting in the launching of a new hydroplane on the Oakland estuary, at 1:30 this afternoon, Herman C. Janssen, aged 30, an aviator of Los Angeles, was instantly killed when he was caught in the propeller of his machine. His head was crushed to a pulp by the whirling propeller. He was assisting Roy Francis.

Twenty-five Drown.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Natchez, Miss., May 2.—Patrick C. Grogan, a planter; W. L. Crime, his clerk, and 23 negro deck hands were drowned here today when the river steamer Concordia, smashed into a bridge pier and sank while attempting to turn into the swollen Mississippi from the Tennessee river. The Concordia went down eight minutes after striking the pier.

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[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, May 2.—Following the plea of former United States Senator Watson, of West Virginia, that congress cease its inquiry into the conditions of the coal districts in that state, Senator Kern, of Indiana, announced today his determination in the senate to demand that the investigation be pushed to the limit.

Watson, who is a coal miner, telegraphed that the strike in the Paint and Cabin creek districts is over, and that further inquiry would be futile. Senator Kern, in his speech, declared: "The strike is not the question. Peonage is the question. Hunting men across the hills like escaped convicts and beasts is the question. We are going to have an inquiry. I propose to have it shown that when federal experts investigated conditions last year, whole pages of their report were suppressed by the department of commerce and labor."

"Do you realize that within 250 miles of the capitol of this nation a drum-head court-martial for the past 30 days has been trying 'Mother' Jones, who for 40 years has been engaged in humanitarian work, and who is one of the greatest women in the country? She is probably known to more American people than any other American woman."

THE MAY QUEEN AND THE TUG OF WAR

These Were the Two Big Features of the Willamette May Day Exercises Yesterday.

The May Day festivities at Willamette yesterday all came off on schedule time and were the best ever held notwithstanding the intermittent sprinklings of rain.

The May breakfast did a rushing business from 7 to 9 and the Y. W. C. A. report that they cleared about \$75 as a result.

Even the male members of the faculty presented themselves on the call for all men of the institution to work or else sacrifice their right to eat. In consequence of their labor the campus presents a considerably improved appearance.

The tennis tournament came off slow as the ground was in rather poor condition. The women's singles were the only events concluded. Miss Sherwood of the junior class, defeating Miss Reeves of the seniors, and Miss Luce, of the sophomore class, defeating Miss Smith of the freshmen.

Then the whole crowd sat down to dinner prepared by the college classes. Following this the coronation of the May Queen took place, followed by the May Pole dance. Prof. Walsh was master of ceremonies and crowned the queen with a very appropriate speech. Dean Mendenhall's May Day chorus rendered several excellent numbers and the crowd adjourned to the athletic field to see the field meet.

Willamette simply walked off with the field contest, taking 79 points to Pacific's 43.

As the closing event the tug-of-war across the mill race offered the most spectacular performance on the day's program.

The freshmen and sophs tugged away for four minutes, nobody being dragged into the icy fluid. After a one-minute rest the strain was again taken up and continued for three minutes, but during this neither side was pulled in.

The judges decided that the sophs won and in accordance with the rules each of the freshmen team jumped in the race.

The day closed with the junior play at the Grand. The house was packed, the different college classes sitting in sections as did also the husky delegation from the high school.

The play was well rendered and full of life and added to the different class stunts that took place during the evening, making it an extremely lively as well as interesting affair.

Seek Buried Treasure.

New York May 2.—To search for the \$2,500,000 believed to have been buried by former President Paul Krueger of the Boer republic on a coral reef in the Indian ocean, and to recover, if possible, the bodies of Captain Robert F. Scott and his companions, in the Antarctic, an expedition headed by August De Castellane Seymour, of New York is en route today to San Francisco. The expedition will sail from that city to the Antarctic regions.

CAPITOL FIGHT IS NEARING ITS CRISIS

Reported That Controversy Between Expert and State Printer Will Get Into Courts.

That there will be something important develop in the state printing controversy within the next few days is whispered around the capitol. The contest between Governor West and Expert Harris, on one side, and State Printer Duniway has about reached the show-down stage, and it should develop in a very short time just what they hold.

Expert Harris has shown much activity of late. He has issued orders to the state printer as to composition measurements, and, in case the orders are ignored, as it is now rumored they will be, legal steps are said to be contemplated.

The correspondence of the state printer and the governor has been continued, but so far no printing contract has been let outside of the capitol. A proposition to print certain pamphlets has been under consideration this week, but the governor insists that Duniway has waived all rights concerning the printing of the job, while Duniway says, according to law, he must furnish the stock and binding.

Will Try to Float Her.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Seattle, Wash., May 2.—Preparations are being made today to remove some of the steamer Curacao's cargo, in a final effort to float her during the highest tide of the month, next Tuesday, according to wireless messages from the United States survey ship Gedney, which has been standing by since the steamer went ashore on Flah-egg Island, southeastern Alaska, four days ago.

Four Inches of Snow.

Livingston, Mont., May 1.—Four inches of snow fell here today. Reports indicate that there is a general snowfall throughout the Alberta province of Canada.

SEEKS TO JUSTIFY INCREASE OF RATES

Light Company to Install \$1000 Worth of Motors at Plant of Salem Construction Company.

The railroad commission this afternoon is hearing evidence on the complaint of the Salem Construction Company that the Portland Railway, Light & Power company is charging too much for its juice. An increase in rates which would amount to \$41 per month was proposed by the light company and the construction company balked. The light company showed that it proposed to install, free of cost, motors and transformers which would cost a total of \$1856. The policy of the company, it was asserted, is to charge customers for the motors and in this instance they cost over \$1000. Transformers installed outside are paid for by the company.

It was denied by the company that the reason it proposed to increase the rate was because the P. E. & E. had been used to convey current to the construction company's plant and the railroad company refused to allow this any longer. This would necessitate the construction of new lines to the construction concern's plant.

Weather Forecast

Oregon—Fair tonight. Heavy frost east, light frost west portion. Saturday fair and warmer. Northwest—winds.

RUSSIA NOT BACKING LITTLE MONTENEGRO

On the Contrary Has Advised It to Surrender Scutari to the Powers.

MAY SETTLE THE MATTER

Now Thought Armed Force Will Not Be Necessary to Force the Surrender of Scutari.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] London, May 2.—Belief that Russia, secretly backed Montenegro in its defiant stand against Austria was swept away today with the receipt here of a dispatch from Cetinje which frankly stated that Russia, in an official note, strongly advised King Nicholas to surrender Scutari to the powers. Diplomats here expect Montenegro to act on Russia's suggestion; that the situation in the Balkans will gradually clear, and that armed steps to force Montenegro to evacuate Scutari will be unnecessary.

Trading on the continental bourse today was normal, except in Vienna. War talk was renewed in the Austrian capitol after Emperor Franz Josef had called his advisers into consultation.

Will Appoint a Judge.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, May 1.—President Wilson expects to appoint a successor to former United States Judge Cornelius Hanford for the western district of Washington soon. Senator Poindexter of Washington, visited the White House today, and it is understood that he discussed the matter with the president. It was reported that Stephen Chadwick, of Seattle, is certain to be named.

WE WILL FURNISH FLAX SEED TO FARMERS

H. A. Brewer, of Portland, Trying to Encourage the Growing of This Great Staple.

Editor Journal:

H. A. Brewer, the new manager of the Portland Linseed Oil Works, has made arrangements to distribute flax seed for growing this crop for oil seed. Mr. Brewer is very much interested in the movement to establish the flax industry in Oregon and will send fourteen pounds of tested first class flax seed to any responsible grower who will put out the crop. Those who wish to seed more than that amount will be supplied with flax seed at cost and even on credit, with no interest to pay on the cost of the seed until after harvest. Any threshing machine can rig up to thresh this crop at a small expense of five to seven dollars, so there is nothing in the way of a great many growers in the valley who have any land left unplanted putting in this crop during May. All who are interested should drop a line to Mr. Brewer at above address, Portland, Oregon, and get literature and full information as to seed and terms. There is now an opportunity to start a new industry both in growing flax seed for oil and for the fibre. Our people should take hold of it and co-operate with Mr. Brewer. R. HOPPER.

HE MADE THE VOYAGE WITHOUT A MISHAP

Likened to the actions of a yearling steer bit by a New Jersey mosquito and intent upon eating up great chunks of distance, Tom Caulfield, financier, rancher and retired political expert, rolled into the city this week in his "automobile" after picking potato bugs and feeding his livestock on the farm in Polk county—just for exercise. Tom looked cheerful, but muddy. His machine listed somewhat in the wash of the chuck holes on the west side road and several times he was compelled to shorten sail to keep from foundering. His ground cruiser was equipped with a good keel in the form of chains on the lee gear and the scuppers of his ship were running with brown liquid. The pilot's temper was getting ruffled somewhat when he pulled into port and made fast in the Wilson garage, but after shaking the paws of some of his old Salem cronies, his usual good disposition returned and today Tom is basking in the sunshine and acting most amicable with every one.

If practice makes perfect, voters of western cities should be well qualified.

Americans Murdered.

Galveston, Tex., May 2.—Blood curdling stories of brutal murders of Americans in Mexico were told here today by 14 Americans and an Englishman who have just arrived here on the steamer Beryl from various sections of the southern republic. Nine women and six men made up the party, several of the women leaving the bodies of their murdered husbands on Mexican soil. Sentiment against Americans in Mexico, they say, is stronger under Huerta than under Madero.

TRACTION ENGINES MUST KEEP OFF ROADS

New Law Concerning Use of Roads by Traction Engines to Be in Force Soon.

County Judge Bushey today received a special copy of the new state road law, passed by the last legislature, which goes into effect soon.

The carrying out of the law will necessitate more labor on the part of the county court. It requires that any person desiring to haul heavy loads over any highway with a traction engine must first make application to the county court, and 15 days previous to the filing of the application, must post at the court house and at three different locations in the district in which the road is situated, notices to the effect that the application has been made. Then, in the event no remonstrance is presented, and the court believes no damage will be done to the highway in question by reason of the hauling of heavy loads over it, the application shall be granted.

Unless permitted by the court, it shall be unlawful hereafter for any person using a traction engine on any Marion county road for any other purpose than hauling grain separators, clover hullers, hay and straw balers, wood saws and other equipment necessary for harvesting purposes. With the exception of these items, no steam or gasoline engine can be operated on any improved highway, according to the provisions of the act.

The law requires that if the county court finds reason to believe that the highways are being damaged by traction engines, it shall issue an order for the appearance of the guilty party or parties in court, and, upon conviction, shall fine such persons not less than \$50 or more than \$250 or sentence them to imprisonment in the county jail not less than 25 nor more than 120 days.

CHINA RECOGNIZED BY UNITED STATES

Youngest of the Great Nations Takes Off Its Hat to the Oldest Gentleman of All.

Washington, May 2.—Recognition of the Chinese republic by the United States government was made today, according to cable advices received here by Acting Secretary of State John Bassett Moore from American Charge d'Affaires Williams, at Peking.

Before leaving for California to confer with state legislators at Sacramento, Secretary Bryan instructed the Peking legation to hand President Yuan Shi Kai America's official recognition, the day the new Chinese assembly was organized. Its organization was effected today.

Notification from President Yuan that the message of recognition has been read to the assembly and accepted also was received at the state department today. It expressed the appreciation of the Chinese people and their chief executives.

DYNAMITED SAFE OF SPRINGFIELD FIRM

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Eugene, Or., May 2.—The safe of the Springfield Wine company at Springfield, was dynamited early today and between \$150 and \$200 in cash taken.

The robbers carried the safe into an alley in the rear of the store before using the explosive. One of the robbers was apparently injured, as blood was seen on the ground nearby. As the safe weighed 1000 pounds, several men must have assisted in the dynamiting.

WOULD ALLOW JAPS TO LEASE THE LANDS

Amendment Passed Permitting them to Lease Land for Three Years.

IT IS A FATAL ADMISSION

Shows Californians Do Not Object to the Japs as Neighbors, But as Land Owners.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] State Capitol, Sacramento, Cal., May 2.—The mission of Secretary of State Bryan, to mitigate the rigor of expected anti-alien land legislation was at least partially successful here today, when the forces of the Johnson administration divided on an amendment to permit Japanese to lease agricultural lands in three-year periods.

The amendment, which was introduced by Senator Boynton, one of the Johnson floor leaders in the senate, passed with the active assistance of the Democrats, and with the vote also of Senator LeRoy Wright, of San Diego, the only Taft Republican in the senate, by a vote of 25 to 13.

Big Land Holdings Did It.

Whether Secretary Bryan had a great hand in what seems to be a setback for those who would exclude the Japanese is not apparent. The action of the administration in backing the leasehold amendment came ostensibly as the result of pressure from these landholders in Sacramento, San Joaquin and Contra Costa counties, who lease nearly 1,000,000 acres of their delta lands to Japanese. But just before the senate convened Secretary Bryan, Governor Johnson, Attorney-General Webb and Senator Boynton held a secret conference, and it is regarded as possible that in this secret session Bryan played a trump card, which may have had something to do with the resultant action.

Not What People Want.

But all the progressives would not follow Boynton. Senator Birdsall, the original sponsor of the anti-alien bill, voted against the leasehold amendment, and Senator Finn, of San Francisco, also a progressive, declared against it on the floor of the senate, saying: "It is not what the people of California want."

What will be the fate of the Webb amendment and of the Birdsall bill when amended by the Boynton clause was still problematical when the senate took a recess until 1:45 o'clock this afternoon. The impression was general, however, that the leasehold concession may have met the wishes of the federal administration, and that the enactment of the Birdsall-Webb measure will be proceeded with.

THE FAKE BABY CASE IS THROWN OUT OF COURT

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Francisco, May 2.—By throwing the case out of court in sustaining the demurrer of the defense that no public offense was committed, Superior Judge Dunne brought to an abrupt close here today the trial of Dr. W. W. Fraser, a Weaverville, Cal., physician, who was accused of effecting the substitution of a living baby for the still-born child of Lieutenant Charles H. Slingsby, the heir to vast English estates. District Attorney Pickett announced that he would take an appeal.

Carries Some Insurance.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] New York, May 2.—Twenty-three million dollars is the amount of the insurance which is placed today on the art treasures of the late J. P. Morgan. Fifteen million of this amount covers the Morgan collection in the Metropolitan museum here.

AFTERNOON PROGRAMS AT SCHOOLS APPRECIATED

The May Day exercises held in the various schools yesterday afternoon were more than pleasing. At the East school Halle Hinges was crowned queen. The winding of the May pole was done by the seventh and eighth grade pupils. Several pretty drills were offered.

The Richmond and Yew Park schools united in a very fine program at the Yew Park school. Field games, drills, dances and other fine features were offered.

At the Grant school there was a fine program and Virginia Dorcas was crowned queen. Over 200 pupils participated. The program was very extensive including songs and very pretty drills. At the Englewood school there was also a very fine program.