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## LOADED WITH TROUBLE.

### CALIFORNIA HOUSE ADOPTS MEASURE AIMED AT JAPANESE.

It is worded so as to forbid Any Foreigner From Owning Land for More Than One Year.

Sacramento, Cal., April 15.—An anti-alien land ownership bill, designed primarily to prevent Japanese from acquiring title to real property within the State so worded as to prohibit any alien from owning land more than one year except upon a declaration of his intention to become a citizen, was passed by the lower house of the legislature by a vote of 60 to 15. After two hours had been spent in debating proposed amendments the bill went to a roll call without word of argument.

The measure was drafted by a sub-committee of the judiciary committee as a substitute for bills previously introduced, all of which specifically provide that "aliens ineligible to citizenship should not hold lands."

The committee, however, proceeded on the theory that such a statute might be held in violation of the treaty rights of Japanese to include all aliens who had not declared their intention of becoming citizens.

In order not to embarrass foreign corporations the committee did make the corporation clause of the bill apply only to "aliens not eligible to citizenship."

Several proposed amendments were defeated in quick order before Assemblyman W. A. Johnson proposed to put back in the bill throughout the "aliens not eligible to citizenship" clause.

"Many a young Englishman," he said, "coming to America with money to invest, has promised his parents that he never would surrender his allegiance to the mother country; but he made no worse neighbor for that, and his children have grown up as good citizens as any of us."

"It is a question greater than dollars and cents," replied Assemblyman Bloodgood. "It amounts to another great race problem. Ten miles from Sacramento I saw a Japanese man and a white woman living together. There was a baby. What was that baby? It was the beginning of a new race problem, a problem of the fusion of races unassimilable."

The amendment was defeated, 56 to 29.

## EFFORTS TO PREVENT FRICTION.

### Wilson, Bryan and Japanese Ambassador Hold Conferences Over Anti-alien Bill.

Washington, April 15.—Efforts to prevent friction between the United States and Japan over the proposed California alien land holding bill were continued today by President Wilson and Secretary Bryan, in conference with Viscount Chida, the Japanese ambassador. The ambassador called first at the White House to talk with the president, and then proceeded to the state department to confer with Secretary Bryan.

There was no announcement as to the nature of the conferences, but it was admitted that the California problem was under discussion.

Without offending the people of California by any official interference with legislative proceedings, the president and his secretary of state have unofficially conveyed to certain influential persons in California the hope that the projected legislation will not be permitted to take a form that would justify the Japanese government in asserting that it constituted a breach of the treaty obligations of the United States. The purpose of today's conference, it is understood, was to ascertain whether the senate bill as amended still is objectionable to Japan and if so in what respect. The ambassador is said to have indicated that further changes must be made in the bill before it can be said to be acceptable to Japan and that these changes must take the form of amendments to place all aliens on even terms. The Japanese government contends the bill in its present state does not do this, in spite of the assertion of the promoters of the measure in the California senate that discrimination contained in the first bill has been removed.

It was pointed out today that as it stands, the bill would permit the subject of a European state to acquire land in California by the simple process of declaring his purpose to become a citizen of the United States while the Japanese can not acquire citizenship. It is admitted that it would be difficult to amend the meas-

## THEIR JOBS ARE SAFE.

### REPUBLICAN POSTMASTERS WON'T BE REMOVED ARBITRARILY.

Burleson Explains That Administration's Policy Will be to Continue Efficient Men in Office.

Washington, April 15.—Postmaster General Burleson announced today that it was the administration's policy to continue all Republican postmasters now in office to the end of their terms, providing no charges were sustained against their efficiency. The policy applies to all classes of postmasters.

"My department will be run on business lines and not by politics," said Mr. Burleson, explaining the new policy. He declared there might be some removals but he believed that the majority of the postmasters were efficient and would not be disturbed. "There will have to be specific charges of inefficiency, however," he added, "before any one will be removed."

Mr. Burleson said the decision had been reached after conferences with President Wilson, who favored the merit system.

At present a plan is being worked out to secure sufficient efficiency under the civil service, fourth class postmasters having been placed under that jurisdiction on an executive order by Mr. Taft.

## GEORGIA FRUIT CROP.

### State Entomologist Believes That Not More Than Third of Crop Will Be Produced.

Atlanta, Ga., April 14.—While the present cold snap has apparently done no harm to fruit, according to reports, State Entomologist Lee Worsham now expresses the belief that not exceeding a third of a crop will be produced this year.

"Still later and revised information from all parts of the State from the cold snap of some days ago indicate a much heavier percentage of damage than was thought, at first, or even a week afterwards. I honestly believe that not more than a third of a crop will be gathered this year. The loss will run close to \$2,900,000."

## TO REVISE PARTY CONSTITUTION.

### State Chairman Evans Will Name Committee Shortly.

Columbia, April 14.—The committee of seven members to investigate the constitution of the Democratic party and make a report containing suggestions for a plan to safeguard the primary will be appointed at an early date, according to John Gary Evans, chairman of the State Democratic executive committee, who was among the visitors in Columbia today.

Under a resolution of the State executive committee the committee is to make report to the full committee before the end of the year. The report will be submitted to the 1914 State convention for consideration.

William Sulzer can find no better model than Woodrow Wilson. The President is a party leader who knows his trade.—New York World.

ure to meet this objection without developing strenuous opposition from the large European colonies in California. The negotiations are being carried on very cautiously and it is assumed that the Japanese ambassador is communicating at every step in the exchanges.

## PRESS IS EXTREME.

### Papers of Tokyo Take Very Violent Attitude.

Tokyo, April 15.—The leading newspapers of Tokyo, The Asahi, The Kokumin Shimbun and The Jiji Shimpō, which are usually conservative, have assumed an extremist attitude on the projected alien land ownership legislation in California. The Kokumin Shimbun is almost violent, while The Asahi is pessimistic.

The younger element among the political factions which incited the recent rioting have called a mass meeting for Thursday next. It will be held in a building, the capacity of which is 15,000.

Lengthy special dispatches from San Francisco and Washington indicate that the situation is hopeless, but many of the Japanese assert their confidence that the Americans, particularly Californians, will surely deal justly and fairly with the questions.

Delegations representing various bodies are calling on the secretary of the American embassy, Arthur Baily-Blanchard, almost hourly in an endeavor to bring about an amendment of the proposed measure.

## HEADED FOR CAPITAL.

### REBELS PLAN TO CAPTURE CITY OF MEXICO.

State Troops in Sonora Take Another Town and Gen. Obregon Asserts That They Will Take Capital Within Sixty Days.

Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico, April 15.—Although evacuating Empalme, which immediately was occupied by State troops, the 600 federals here late today fortified a strong position in a suburb of Guaymas.

All federal forces evacuated Empalme early today, moving across the bay to Guaymas, while State troops occupy the town, according to direct advice received today. It was reported that the federals prepared to depart by boat for the south, leaving the State troops in full possession of the State.

The Guaymas-Empalme garrison consisted of less than 600 men, while the State troops have begun mobilization of nearly 5,000 troops to assault the California gulf port town.

The destroyer Paul Jones arrived in Guaymas bay today from San Diego, Cal., with meningitis serum for the cruiser California's crew. There are no cases of the epidemic here or at Empalme. Only one case is said to have been developed on the California some time before it arrived here. The patient died and was buried at sea.

## WILL TAKE CAPITAL.

### Rebels Expect Soon to be in Mexico City.

Naco, Ariz., April 15.—Within 60 days the constitutionalists will take Mexico City, was the declaration today of Gen. Alvaro Obregon, commander-in-chief of the Sonora insurgent State troops, which on Sunday took Naco, Sonora. "If the federals do not leave Guaymas we will be joined in the campaign by 2,000 troops from Sinaloa State and 2,000 from Tepic territory under command of Col. Martinez Pinozo, 4,000 under Gen. Zapata from Morelos and 15,000 from Coahuila under Gov. Carranza.

"With this force and with Carranzas as our commander will march triumphantly into the national capital. Gov. Carranza doubtless will be the next president."

The State troops opposite this point, numbering nearly 2,000, are recuperating from the Naco campaign before departing toward Guaymas. They will leave within a week.

## RAILWAY AGAIN OUT.

### Rebels in Jimenez Once More Destroy The Bridges.

Mexico City, April 15.—Repairs on the Mexican Central railway north of Torreón were almost completed when a message was received from Jimenez announcing that the rebels had cut the bridges to the north and south of that point and dominated the region.

Announcement was made after a cabinet meeting today that the government would send strong forces into all the disturbed districts to carry on a vigorous campaign. The interest of the public, however, is divided between the ordinary phases of the revolution and threatened financial crisis.

## HOW LONG?

### War Department Tired of Protecting Mexican Fugitives.

Washington, April 15.—The war department today asked the state department to decide how long the United States should continue to keep "open house" on the Arizona-Mexican border for the entertainment of Mexican federal refugees who have come into the United States to escape capture by rebel armies. As a result it is probable the state department will give instructions to release the several hundred Mexicans now kept on the border and being fed from the stores of the United States army maintaining the border patrol.

Many of these refugees have been cared for at Nogales, Ariz., ever since their flight from Nogales, Mexico, a few weeks ago. When the number of alien boarders was increased by about 300 through the recent flight of Gen. Ojeda's forces from Naco, Mexico, into Naco, Ariz., the commander of the American forces at Naco decided to ask for instructions as to how long the refugees should be fed from the government larder.

Volley ball, which attracted so much local interest last spring, is again taking up the attention of the members of the gymnasium classes at the Y. M. C. A. and a number of teams will be organized in the near future to play throughout the spring.

## PEACE IN BALKANS.

### ARMISTICE BETWEEN BULGARIA AND TURKEY NOT SIGNED.

But Not Doubted That an Arrangement Has Been Made and Peace Will Follow Soon. There is Rumor of Friction Between Bulgaria and Servia.

London, April 15.—News of the actual conclusion of an armistice between Turkey and Bulgaria appears to be premature, but there is little doubt that it is on the eve of arrangement. First reports regarding the armistice came from Constantinople and the Russian government is in receipt of similar news. According to reports current in St. Petersburg the armistice will be the result of Russian mediation.

In diplomatic circles in London the view is held that the peace conference will soon reassemble in the British capital. A Constantinople dispatch admits the existence of some sort of truce as a precursor of an armistice.

## WANTS NO MONEY.

### Scutari or Nothing is the Cry of Montenegro.

Cettinje, Montenegro, April 15.—The government has notified its representatives abroad that Montenegro rejects pecuniary compensation for Scutari and will only yield to overwhelming force.

## BULGARIA WILLING.

### Finds Last Note of Powers Satisfactory to Her.

London, April 15.—The Bulgarian government, according to a Sofia dispatch to The Post, has notified the other governments of the Balkan league that the terms of the latest note of the great powers are acceptable to Bulgaria and asks the allies to assent promptly to the conclusion of peace. It is probable, adds the dispatch, that an armistice will be arranged this week.

## GROWING MORE STRAINED.

### Relations Between Bulgaria and Servia Not Pleasant.

London, April 15.—A Vienna dispatch to The Chronicle says that the relations between Servia and Bulgaria are becoming increasingly strained. Servia claims for herself Egri Palanka, Kratova, Veles, Uskup and Okrida, in total disregard of the treaty concluded before the war between Servia and Bulgaria, under which most of these towns, being Bulgarian, would go to Bulgaria.

The Neue Freie Presse, the dispatch adds, learns that Bulgaria suspects her allies of purposely delaying the conclusion of peace in order to retain the Bulgarian army at Tchatalja as long as possible, while Servia concentrates her army along the Vardar river and Greece has forces near Saloniki. Bulgaria now is preparing to divert all available troops from Adrianople and Tchatalja to Macedonia.

## FLORENCE BOY MEXICAN VICTIM.

### William Corrie Killed During Border Fighting.

Florence Times. When the news came over the wire to The Times a few days ago that two Americans from a war ship had been killed in the fighting on the Mexican border it was little thought that one of these was practically a Florence boy. One was William Wallace Corrie who belonged to the good ship California, which was on the coast for the protection of American and foreign interests. He and his companion had shore leave and were in the American town watching the progress of the fight. The Mexican town is divided from the American by just a street, and across this the bullets were flying.

It is said that the young men were shot by the chief of police on the Mexican side.

Young Corrie was the son of Alex Corrie who learned his trade in the old Northeastern shops of this city and was for some time engineer on the Northeastern road. He went to Charleston afterwards as engineer on the old South Carolina road and he there married Miss Jennie Wharton.

They afterwards went to Atlanta and there the young man was born.

Afterwards they went to San Antonio, Texas. The young man as he grew up went into the navy, and he was a fine boy. He is a nephew of Mrs. E. A. McCorkle of this city and of Mr. Herbert Corrie of Mars Bluff.

## MANY ASK EXEMPTION.

### DEMOCRATS SAY INSURANCE COMPANIES WON'T ESCAPE TAX.

Work on Cotton Schedule Opponents Make Determined Effort to Effect Nothing—Duties Still Under Consideration—Meeting Closes.

Washington, April 15.—Democratic representatives from sections are being besieged by and by personal representatives of insurance companies protesting against their inclusion as tax organizations under the bill now under consideration before the house Democratic caucus. Representative Hull of Tennessee, author of the income tax feature, said today his desk was piled with mail from insurance companies protesting that they are not profit-making organizations. The matter may be brought up in caucus, but the Democratic leaders declare that insurance organizations were given careful consideration when the law was framed and that opposition will not avail.

With the caucus making slow progress on the tariff bill the wool schedule probably will be reached tomorrow, when the opposition Democrats will make their most strenuous fight. The anti-free raw wool representatives have organized for the contest, and, although the odds against them are admittedly overwhelming, they propose to make a determined struggle to bind the caucus to a 15 per cent duty on raw wool, as a substitute at the request of President Wilson. Representative Ashbrook of Ohio is chairman of the free wool opponents' conference. Failure in the caucus may result in requests for exemption from the pledge, so the fight may be continued on the floor of the house.

Citrus fruits and cotton and wheat were the chief targets of the opposition in the caucus today, the cotton schedule still being under consideration at adjournment.

No changes were made in the committee's bill as a result of the day's discussion, advocates of increased duties on wheat, as well as those favoring its free listing, being voted down, and members who urged increased duties on citrus fruits, pineapples, cotton yarns and other articles meeting a like fate.

Representative Underwood, chairman of the ways and means committee, who was ill yesterday, was able to resume control in the caucus. Representative Rainey of Illinois had charge of the agricultural section for the committee.

The most formidable fight was offered by some of the Southern members on the cotton schedule. Representative Webb wanted to increase goods. The Webb amendment would increase the rate, beginning at 10 per cent on the low grades and running up to 30 per cent on the higher grades.

The amendment was voted down by a vote of 19 to 84.

## POWERS REPLY TO BALKANS.

### Note with Satisfaction Disposition for Peace on Part of Allies.

Sofia, April 13.—The representatives of the Powers today handed to Premier Guechoff their reply to the last of the allies regarding the proposals for mediation. M. Guechoff promised to obtain the allies' views on the note. The reply of the Powers reads: "The Powers note with satisfaction the disposition of the allies in favor of peace and reply in the following manner to the points raised by the allies' note. To the first point, Bulgaria's demand regarding the Turko-Bulgarian frontier, no objections are raised. On the second point the Powers point out that the fate of the Aegean Islands, having been reserved for consideration of the Powers, this point can only be admitted subject to decisions arrived at regarding certain of the islands.

"On the third point the Powers inform the allies that they are ready to communicate to them at once the north and northeastern frontier of Albania and that the southeastern and south frontier will be communicated to them as soon as it is determined.

"On the fourth point the Powers state that the solution of all questions of financial character having been reserved for a technical commission in Paris, in which delegates of the belligerents shall take part, they do not see any reason for giving any of their views at present on the question of indemnity."

The Baltimore Sun's "high tide on the coast of Julep" is a well-minted paragraph.—Houston (Texas) Chronicle.

## GREAT BELGIUM STRIKE.

### NOW WELL OVER A QUARTER OF A MILLION OUT.

So Far Walkout Has Been Confined to Industrial Centres—Men Preserve Admirable Discipline.

Brussels, April 15.—Out of the welter of contradictory and incomplete figures it is impossible tonight to do more than approximate the total number of workmen who have joined in the strike throughout Belgium for manhood suffrage. Independent estimates place the number between 280,000 and 300,000 although the Socialists, who are responsible for the movement, claim 400,000.

Except in the industrial centres the strike has had no apparent effect. The general public has not been inconvenienced and consequently is not impressed and as the strikers generally maintain admirable discipline, they have not alienated the sympathies of the Liberal capitalists who are contributing to their funds. The proprietor of a large hotel in Brussels is giving \$20,000 weekly until the strike has been lost or won.

The situation was the subject of debate in the senate which reassembled today. Answering attacks by the Liberals and Socialists, the premier said the government was and is ready to take conciliatory action but that it had no intention to abdicate before the strike.

## STOLEN JEWELRY RECOVERED.

### Handsome Ornaments Found at Americus, Ga., by Carpenter Engaged in Digging Post Hole.

Americus, Ga., April 14.—Jewelry valued at \$1,700, which was stolen at Blackville, S. C., six weeks ago, today was unearthed by W. P. Compton, a white carpenter, while digging a post hole in the yard of a local warehouse. South Carolina and Georgia detectives have been conducting a vigorous search for the jewelry, which consisted of a pearl lavalere and a handsome locket. A reward of \$100 was offered for the recovery of the articles.

## BIG FIRE IN COLUMBIA.

### Several Stores and Hotel Badly Damaged—Loss Over \$100,000.

Columbia, April 15.—Fire early this morning in the 1400 block on Main street, consumed the stock of goods of Lorick & Lowrance, practically ruined the store building, burned the rear of the Columbia Hotel building and damaged the goods and store of the Jones Crockery Company, entailing in all a loss of from \$100,000 to \$150,000, partially covered by insurance. Water and smoke damage added to the fire loss.

The fire broke out this morning about 4 o'clock in the rear of the block on which the Lorick & Lowrance Company store stands and soon the entire store and the rear of the Columbia Hotel were in flames. The firemen had to fight the flames down a narrow alleyway and the blaze proved to be a very stubborn one. Cartridges and powder which was stored in Lorick & Lowrance's store, exploded at frequent intervals, adding to the danger to the firemen and adding a spectacular scene to the occasion. After two hours' strenuous work the fire was gotten under control.

At one time a falling wall narrowly missed burying six firemen beneath the smouldering ruins. One of the fire fighters was overcome by the heat and had to be carried out to the fresh air before he revived.

Guests in the hotel were awakened by the early alarm of fire, and frightened by the explosion of the cartridges and the nearness of the flames fled without waiting to robe themselves in their day garments. Several women escaped from the building in their night clothes and were taken across to another hotel. One man, said to have been a Mr. Jones, an auditor of the Southern Railway, jumped from a second story window to the ground and escaped uninjured. Most of the hotel furnishings was either burned or damaged by smoke and water.

Abbeville, April 14.—This has been one of the coldest days ever experienced here in April. It has been cold and raw all day and snow and sleet have been falling at intervals.

Governor Blease has appointed Sam J. Nichols, of dictagraph memory, a special associate justice on the Supreme Court to hear the R. B. Evans case in place of Chief Justice Gary, who is disqualified to sit in the case. Now what do you think of that?—Orangeburg Times and Democrat.