

JAPAN MUST NOT PUT YANKEES OUT

United States Won't Assent to Eviction in Lower California

MIGHT BE GRAVE ISSUE

Serious Conflict Between Mexico and Washington Still a Possibility

Washington, April 1.—The State Department does not accept as authentic a press dispatch from Mexico City published yesterday and saying that Japanese corn corporations have been granted concessions to exploit agricultural lands in Lower California.

It has called the American embassy to report the "actual facts and circumstances of the case."

It is recognized that a serious conflict between Mexico and the United States might arise in the event of the granting of such concessions by the Mexican Government to Japanese interests if those lands belong to the California and Mexican Land Company, of Los Angeles, an American concern.

It was said at the department, in substantiation of the statement by General Amado Aguirre, Under Secretary of Development and Agriculture, that "the lands which were given in a concession in 1884 to the Mexican Land Company were declared the property of the preconstitutional government April 7, 1917, that the United States Government had protested against the action of the Mexican Government."

Will Protect Citizens' Rights

It was not questioned in official circles that the United States will not assent to the dispossession of the American owners of the Mexican property which appears to be the subject of negotiations with Japanese concerns and will take whatever measures that may be necessary to protect the rights of American citizens.

It was pointed out at the State Department, however, that General Aguirre's statement went no further than to say that "Japanese subjects or companies are arranging to acquire lands in Lower California said to belong to the California and Mexican Land Company, of Los Angeles."

Private Interests May Back Deal

The possibility that private Japanese interests are negotiating directly with the Mexican Government, the latter desirous of obtaining a loan and the former to get concessions, is not being overlooked here.

Acting Secretary of State Phillips yesterday made the following formal statement in response to inquiries:

"The State Department has no official information on the subject of the concessions said to have been granted by the Mexican Government to Japanese corporations for the exploitation of agricultural lands in Lower California. The newspaper report published yesterday is not clear on the subject, and the department has instructed the embassy at Mexico City to report the actual facts and circumstances of the case."

"Nothing appearing in Senator Aguirre's interview definitely identifies the concessions alleged to have been granted with any portion of the tract of the California-Mexico Land Company at Los Angeles."

COMPANY HAS LARGE BILL AGAINST MEXICO

Los Angeles, Calif., April 1.—(By A. P.)—Supplementing his denial last night that the California-Mexico Land and Cattle Company, which owns and operates a tract of 830,000 acres in Lower California, that it contemplated any leases or other arrangements with Japan that were not first approved by the State Department at Washington, Harry Chandler, president of the company, said today his company had submitted a bill of \$512,000 for loss of cattle, horses and other supplies in the Madero revolution.

"After the Madero revolution," said he, "when there was a number of small revolutionist chiefs through that section, the cavalry was mounted on our horses, the cavalrymen were riding on our saddles, the wagon trains were using our wagons and generally they took what they wanted. We submitted a bill of \$512,000 for loss of cattle, horses and other supplies in the Madero revolution, and the bill is still in process of adjustment with the Mexican Government."

The Japanese, "the Germans of the Orient," have carried forward their plans to "Japanese America" so far that it is necessary for California to start a counter-movement of propaganda, United States Senator James D. Phelan said at a public meeting at Sacramento last night.

The Senator urged enactment of more drastic land laws, which he said the late Theodore Roosevelt had justified by the statement that Japan herself had erected barriers to protect herself against Chinese coolies.

Senator Phelan had earlier addressed a joint session of the California Senate and Assembly, advocating measures to prevent Orientals leasing land in California and to abolish the "picture bride" practice by which Japanese women enter the United States.

"Of late years," Senator Phelan said, "Congress has assumed or exercised powers which have been detrimental, in the judgment of many, to the interests of the states, and the states should be alert to guard the interests of the people. Treaties have been negotiated by which aliens claim equal rights with citizens and when laws have been enacted by the Legislature affecting purely domestic questions, they have been ignored or circumvented."

"The Japanese menace seems to be con-

ceded by all who desire to preserve the soil of California for the white race. The Japanese are nonassimilable, and therefore they remain a permanently foreign element.

The matter of Oriental immigration has been brought before the conference in Paris, where the constitution of the league of nations is being drafted. The Japanese, against the protests of the United States and Australia, ask for racial equality. I do not believe the conference will attempt to trespass so far upon the sovereignty of constituent nations as to dictate in matters affecting immigration, naturalization, land ownership, education, inter-marriages and the elective franchise, but it must be borne in mind that Japan is one of the five powers sitting in the conference, and it must be made clear that the United States, regards THIS as a question of self-preservation and cannot compromise it."

Mexican Governor Uninformed

Calexico, Calif., April 1.—Esteban Cantu, Governor of Lower California, today said he had no knowledge whatever of the alleged pending sale of Lower California land by the California-Mexico Land and Cattle Company to a Japanese syndicate except what he had gained from press reports.

PER UN SOLLECITO TRATTATO DI PACE

Wilson e Lloyd George ne Riconoscono l'Urgente Necessita'

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Parigi, 31 marzo.—Un colloquio tra il Presidente Wilson e Lloyd George ha avuto luogo nella residenza del Presidente, prima della riunione del Consiglio dei quattro, per gli opportuni accordi sulla urgente necessita' di una sollecita pace.

Si apprende che i ministri degli esteri delle quattro grandi. Potenze ed un

delegato del Giappone dovranno riunirsi martedì per discutere la procedura da osservarsi a Versailles o in qualunque altro luogo i commissari degli Alleati incontreranno la commissione di pace della Germania.

Il Generale Magin che, secondo quanto e' stato rapportato, sara' nominato comandante delle truppe alleate per le operazioni nel Balcani ed in Russia, ha avuto oggi una conferenza con Clemenceau, al Ministero della Guerra.

La stampa francese pubblica che probabilmente importanti e finali decisioni saranno prese, durante questa settimana, dalla conferenza della Pace.

Mr. Daniel, segretario della Marina degli Stati Uniti, ed il suo seguito partirà domani per l'Italia, ove conferirà con gli alti ufficiali della Marina italiana. Non e' conosciuta se il segretario Daniel visiterà l'Adriatico, ove stazionano parecchie navi da guerra americane.

Roma, 30 marzo.—La impossibilita' di lasciare Parigi da parte del Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri, On. Orlando, ha reso necessario il differimento dell'apertura della Camera dei Deputati al 23 maggio prossimo. Cio' ha creato un

certo malcontento tra alcuni onorevoli e nei circoli politici al ritenere impossibile che possano tenersi le elezioni generali nel susseguente mese di giugno.

La Camera dei Deputati sara' obbligata ad avere lunghe sedute per ratificare le condizioni di pace che verranno decise alla Conferenza di Parigi. Molto probabilmente le elezioni generali si terranno in Ottobre.

Tutti si augurano che avvenga una pronta soluzione ed dei problemi alla conferenza di Parigi e che l'On. Orlando possa tornare subito a capo del governo per sistemare parecchie questioni di vitale importanza per la nazione, le quali, se non abilmente e fermamente maneggiate, potrebbero impedire che il propolo d'Italia possa godere dei frutti della vittoria ottenuta a prezzo di tanti sacrifici.

Parigi, 30 marzo.—Le notizie pubblicate dal giornale "Luzerner Tagblatt" del 17 corrente, circa lo stato d'animo dei trentini che sarebbero ora malcontenti dei loro italiani, sono assolutamente insussistenti e frutto della propaganda tendenziosa contro l'Italia. Una categoria smentita al riguardo trova nelle dichiarazioni recentemente

trasmesse e provenienti dalla Missione Americana a Bressanone.

L'Ober del giorno 5 corrente informa che il governo jugo-slavo ha sequestrato tutti i giornali della Germania, Austria ed Ungheria, compresi quelli datati da piu' di un mese e ne ha impedito la lettura e la diffusione.

La "Suisse" del 22 pubblica che in questi ultimi mesi inglesi, americani ed altri hanno avuto occasione di poter constatare l'italianita' della citta' di Fiume. L'ultimo espediente di aggiungere ai pochi croati di Fiume la popolazione non solo di Sussak, ma del paese sino al Golfo di Buccari, e' stato di chiarito assurdo dai croati di Fiume e della conferenza di Parigi. Il giornale rileva che argomenti storici ed etnici invocati dai jugo-slavi per negare l'italianita' di Fiume, sono fondati su falsa versione storica, su statistiche falsificate e su ingenuo sotterfugio nel considerare Sussak ed i paesi vicini come parte integrante di Fiume.

Two Years for Stealing Auto

Paris, April 1.—Felix Marcel was sentenced on Saturday to two years' imprisonment for stealing the automobile of Brigadier General W. W. Harris, of the American peace delegation, on January 7.

N. Y. CLUB FOR VETERANS

\$5,000,000 Home for 77th Division Is Planned There

New York, April 1.—Plans for erection of a \$5,000,000 clubhouse for the Seventy-seventh Division, comprising selective service men from this city, on the site of the old Astor Library here were published yesterday by the Seventy-seventh Division Association, with an announcement the present structure is being renovated to serve as a temporary club when the division returns from overseas.

The permanent clubhouse is expected to be the finest military clubhouse in the country, with 300 sleeping rooms, restaurant and grill rooms, assembly hall, gymnasium and swimming pool.

Fall Kills Army Flier

Riverside, Calif., April 1.—Lieut. C. M. Ripberger, of Moline, Ill., was killed yesterday as the airplane in which he was flying over March Field, near here, fell 1000 feet. Cadet Packard, of Bakersfield, who was with him in the machine, was seriously injured.

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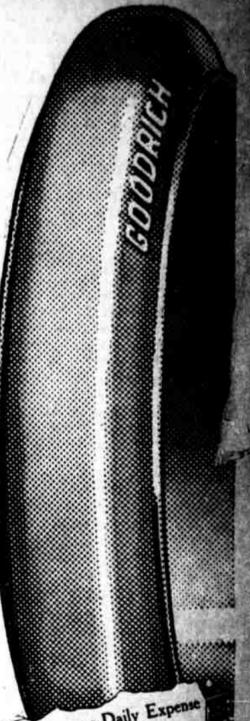
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