

# ASSEMBLY PASSES ANTI-ALIEN LAND LAW, 60 TO 15

Various Amendments Voted Down After a Debate Which Lasts for Two Hours

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Viscount Chinda Calls at the White House and Visits Secretary Bryan

ened the measure to include all aliens who had not declared their intention of becoming citizens. In order not to embarrass foreign corporations of large interest in the state the committee made the corporation clause of the bill, section 8, apply only to "aliens not eligible to citizenship," although Assemblyman Sutherland, one of the committee, advocated the striking out of the section entirely.

Assemblyman Cary's amendment to this effect was the first taken up. His supporters urged that Japanese corporations had not appeared as land owners in the state, and that to avoid offending other foreign capital this question might safely be left to the next legislature. Opponents feared the delay incident to the amendment would open the way to the defeat of the measure, impatiently demanded a rollcall, and voted against the amendment, 64 to 8.

### AMENDMENT IS DEFEATED

Assemblyman Shannon pointed out that the bill did not cover closed corporations, but also was defeated in his attempt to amend.

Assemblyman Finnegan contended that the Japanese could evade the law by transferring title among themselves within the year of ownership permitted, but a viva voce vote defeated this amendment.

Assemblyman W. A. Johnston then proposed to put the bill back in its primary form by amending it to read throughout "aliens not eligible to citizenship." He received considerable support on his plea that foreign capital had done much to develop the state and that work should not go abroad that California did not desire foreigners to come within its boundaries, and also that an alien sometimes desired more than a year to decide whether to remain after coming to the state.

### "AMERICA FOR AMERICANS"

"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." "America for the Americans," replied Assemblyman Scott. "If these young Englishmen do not think enough of their country to make them make not only a living, but frequently sufficient to return to the old country and live in ease, to become patriotic citizens, let us have men who will."

"It is a question greater than dollars and cents," said 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 the baby? Not an octopus. It was the beginning of a new race problem—a problem of the fusion of races unassimilable." The amendment was lost, 56 to 20. Assemblyman Bradford, spokesman for the bill, waived argument.

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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 conferences with Viscount Chinda, the Japanese ambassador. The ambassador called first at the White House to talk with the president, 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 their legislative proceedings, the president and his secretary of state unofficially have conveyed to certain influential persons in California the hope that the projected legislation would 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.

### STILL IS DISSATISFIED

The purpose of today's conferences, 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 that the bill in its present state does not do this, in spite of the assertions of the promoters of the measure in the California senate that the discrimination contained in the first bill has been removed.

### DIFFICULT TO AMEND

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 measure 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 with his government at every step in the exchanges.

## TOKYO IS AROUSED OVER LAND BILL

TOKYO, April 15.—The leading newspapers of Tokyo—the Asahi, the Kokumin Shinbun and the Jiji Shimpo—which are usually conservative, have assumed an extremist attitude on the

# FEATURES OF LAND BILL

## How Aliens May Acquire Realty

Important features of the anti-alien land ownership bill are: Section 1. No alien shall acquire title to or own real property within this state, or take the same by descent, devise or purchase, except as provided in this act. Section 2. An alien may acquire title to real property by devise, descent or purchase and hold the same for one year from the date of acquiring such title, and if any alien, the date of so acquiring such title be a minor he may hold such title for one year after attaining his majority. At the expiration of said period real property so held by an alien shall escheat to the state of California, as hereinafter provided, unless during the period of one year after acquiring such title, or, in the case of a minor, during the period of one year after attaining his majority, such alien shall become a citizen of the United States or shall declare his intention according to law to become such a citizen. Section 3. It shall be the duty of the district attorney of the county wherein the property is situated, or the attorney general of the state should the district attorney fail or neglect to act, when he shall have reason to believe that any real property in the state is being held contrary to the provisions of this act, to institute suit in behalf of the state in the superior court, praying for the escheat of the same in behalf of the state, and he shall proceed therein as in cases provided by law for escheats of lands or property where such property has no known owner, provided, that due service of process shall be made and service upon the holder of the title be had as provided by law. The burden of proof shall be on the owner of the lands alleged to be held contrary to the provisions of this act, and he shall be held liable for the same if he fails to establish, not exceeding 20 per centum of the amount which shall be bid for such real property at any such sale thereof. Any such proceeding shall be suspended upon proof that the alien owner of the real property involved has become a citizen of the United States, or has filed the certified copy of his declaration of intention to become such citizen provided for in section 2 of this act, or that the title to such real property has been conveyed by such alien in good faith absolutely to a citizen of the United States. Section 4. This act shall not apply to real property now owned by aliens so long as the same shall be held by the present owner or his wives or children, and the right, title or interest in or to any real property hereafter acquired by any person entitled to hold the same shall not be questioned or impeached by reason of the alienage of any person through whom such title may have been derived. Section 5. No contract, agreement or lease of real estate for agricultural purposes for a longer period than five years shall be made to any such alien, and no contract, agreement or lease of any town or city lot for a longer period than five years shall be made to any such alien, and any lease, agreement or contract of real estate made to any such alien contrary to the provisions of this section shall be null and void. Section 6. Every corporation, the majority of the issued capital stock of which is owned by aliens who are ineligible to become citizens of the United States under the naturalization laws thereof, shall be considered an alien within the meaning of this act.

## "MIKADO" AT SANTA ROSA WILL PACK THE HOUSE

Cast Is Composed of Well Known Musicians and Histrionic Students

(Special Dispatch to The Call) SANTA ROSA, April 15.—Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera, "The Mikado," will be presented at the Columbia theater here Wednesday and Thursday nights this week by a company of talented local musicians under the personal supervision of Richard Kipling for the benefit of Santa Rosa lodge No. 646, B. P. O. E. The advance sale has been the largest of any attraction ever presented in this city. There will not be a single seat vacant at either night's performance.

The cast, which completed its rehearsal tonight with a full dress rehearsal, is comprised of the following: The Mikado.....Dr. Fred O. Pryor Nanki Poo.....Miss Edith Copeland Ko-Ko.....Paul D. Gray Poo-Bah.....David Keith Fish Tuck.....Will C. Grant Yum Yum.....Miss Imelda Kinslow Pitti Sing.....Miss Madeline Gale Peep Bo.....Miss Ruth Hill Katesh.....Mrs. R. D. Gale Umekella carrier.....Judge Thomas C. Denny The chorus—Ladies: Miss Alice Lettold, Miss Gladys Barry, Miss Hazel Devoto, Miss Esther Scott, Miss Helen Dixon, Miss Gwendolyn Overton, Miss Edie Keller, Mrs. E. L. Kinley, Mrs. David Keith, Miss Gladys Hodgson, Miss Edie Devoto, Miss Helen Sawyer, Miss Ray Landis, Miss Katherine Miller, Miss Lucila Simpson, Miss Leone Nesbit, Mrs. Kamakia Kipling. Gentlemen: Michael G. Hill, Victor G. Michael, E. Abendroth, Maurice Uhlmann, Earl M. Fulvler, Harold Laughery, Ober Peterson, Eugene Stanser, George Palmer, Arthur Wright, Willard Constock, A. B. Mader.

Refuge for Girls—At a meeting held at 130 McAllister street Monday afternoon in the interest of the California Refuge for Girls Mrs. Lee Matson of the home told the life stories of some of the unhappy girls who have come under her care. Mrs. M. Collins Jones spoke on the character of the work accomplished at the home.

Haled into court on a charge of failure to provide for a minor child, William Fraser, a garage employe, learned for the first time yesterday that he was the father of a six weeks old baby. When Fraser was shown the child, he kissed it and said that it was the only gleam of happiness he had seen in many a day. Mrs. Lauretta Fraser, 22, Eugenia avenue, from whom Fraser is separated, caused his arrest. Fraser has a former wife, Mrs. Florence Fraser, 769 Valencia street, from whom he is divorced. He has a daughter, Ruth, nine years old, by Mrs. Fraser No. 1. Fraser was brought before Judge Shortall several weeks ago, when he was ordered to pay \$20 a month for her support. After hearing Mrs. Fraser No. 2 testify, the judge ordered Fraser to pay \$20 a month for the support of the new born. "It make only \$50 a month," explained Fraser, "please make it easier." Judge Shortall then decreed that Fraser shall pay \$30 a month, \$15 for the support of each child.

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# FUGITIVE SAYS SPOUSE BEAT HER

Wife of Southern Physician Jailed Here on Charge of Infidelity

Six Year Old Son Orlando Is Left in the Care of Landlady

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Mrs. Reames said yesterday, "Rather than stand these abuses, I suddenly packed my grip and left without any excuses." Detective Burke received information from Spartanburg, S. C., that a warrant had been issued for Mrs. Reames' arrest on an infidelity charge. Since she has been in this city Mrs. Reames has been employed in a department store in Grant avenue, working for the support of herself and child.

Her eyes flashed fire when she was asked by the newspapermen whether she would submit to extradition and return with an officer to North Carolina. "Not on your life," she exclaimed. "I will fight to the bitter end. My husband is a cruel man and I will not return to him. I have engaged a lawyer and he will sue out a writ of habeas corpus for my release. My husband has trumped up this serious charge against me. It is only a mean trick of his."

The authorities of Spartanburg wired Detective Burke that Mrs. Reames might be found in the company of Roger McCaslan, who disappeared about the same time the woman did. Mrs. Reames emphatically denied that McCaslan came to this city with her and says that to the best of her knowledge he is in a town near Los Angeles. Mrs. Reames, a philosophical woman, with a nervous temperament, chatted willingly about her plight. "The people of San Francisco are

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"I used everything I heard of but got no relief, in fact got worse. My ears swelled two or three times their own size and turned almost black and I was in despair. A friend asked me if I had tried Cuticura Soap and Ointment; so I went and got a box of Cuticura Ointment and cake of Cuticura Soap and commenced. By the time I had used one box of Cuticura Ointment and one cake of Cuticura Soap I was well." (Signed) Mrs. Mary Oakes, Apr. 26, 1912.

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# Silks in the Refrigerator Official Seizes Articles

Customs Inspector M. A. Graham found one roll of pongee silk, two silk shirts, one silk shirtwaist pattern and one silk and ivory fan, yesterday, concealed in the refrigerating chamber of the army transport Sherman. The articles were seized and will be condemned and sold at public auction.

certainly a hospitable lot," she exclaimed. "Even if they do bring me back to my husband, I will fight it out and come back here to live. When the exposition opens, I will be here." She was arrested in her apartments at the Avon hotel, Ellis and Jones streets. Her son was left in the custody of the landlady.

Mrs. Reames' maiden name was Grace Harmon. She lived in Spartanburg, S. C., and she said yesterday that she comes from a prominent family of the south. Her father is dead. "Doctor Reames threatened my life more than once," she continued. "The reason why I did not stay in Carolina and separate from him is because divorce is an uncommon thing back there. A person is an outcast in Carolina if she obtains a divorce."

Los Angeles, 112 Round Trip, via Santa Fe. On sale April 13—return limit May 2. The Angel leaves 4 p. m. Daily.—Adv.

# WILL FOR MILLION NOW WORTH \$431

John A. Benson's Estate Divides Following Land Fraud Suits

Although John A. Benson, partner of F. A. Hyde in land transactions that resulted in their indictment by the United States government for fraud, left a will bequeathing to his heirs nearly \$1,000,000, Public Administrator Hynes yesterday filed with Judge Graham the final account, which disclosed the estate inventoried at \$431.

That Benson was a millionaire at the time of his indictment was alleged by his first wife, Emily Benson, and her son, Dr. John K. Benson, in their suit to have Mr. Benson's divorce declared non-effect so that the first wife might inherit the community property. The report of Administrator Hynes shows that at the time of Benson's death he was worth \$530, and since that time claims amounting to \$399 have been paid. The remainder will go to his widow.

# STATE GUARD WILL SHOOT

(Special Dispatch to The Call) SACRAMENTO, April 15.—Adjutant General Forbes issued an order today announcing that the California Rifle team will leave the state August 17 for Camp Perry, O., to participate in the national shoot there August 25.

The regimental elimination shoot in this state has been called for July 20-25 and the state shoot at a date between August 1 and 15 at a place to be named later.

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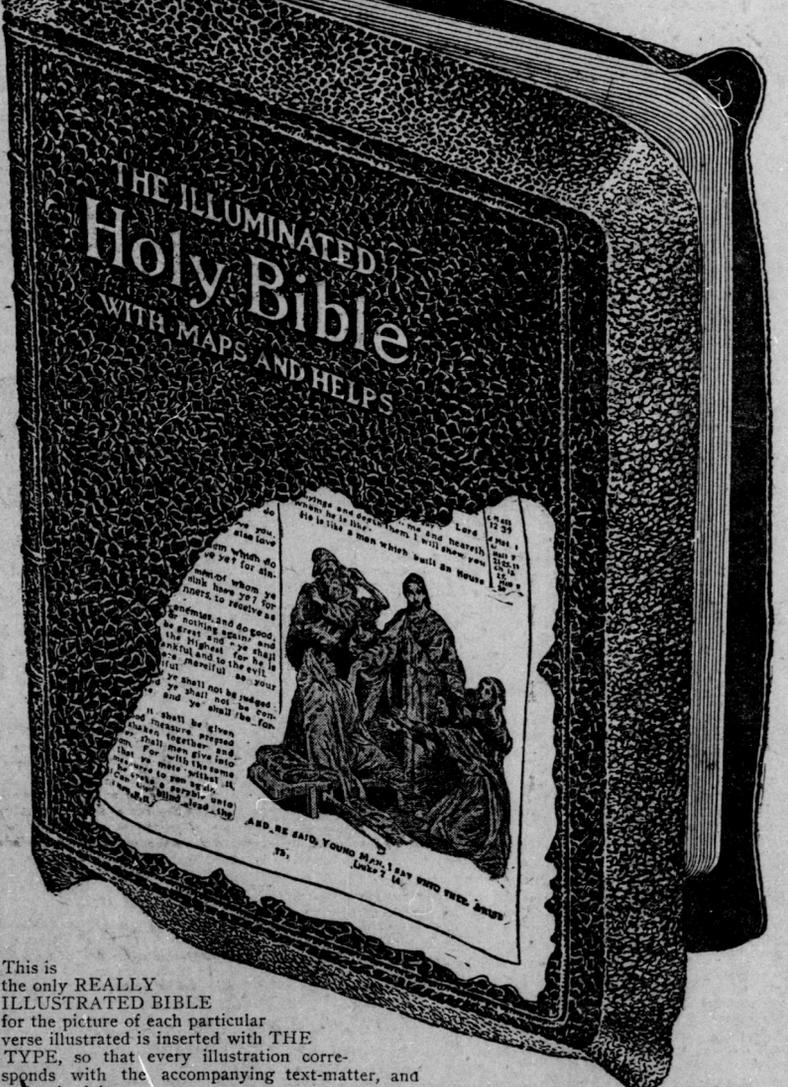
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