

MEXICO PROBLEM CLEARING

MAY REFUSE TO SELL TO JAPAN

Chandler Says State Department Must First Approve

LOS ANGELES, April 1.—An announcement by President Harry Chandler, of the California-Mexican Land and Cattle Co., that his company's 500,000 acres of Lower California land will not be sold to Japanese interests without the approval of the state department, was looked upon here today as somewhat clarifying the situation caused by reports that the land would be sold to Japan.

Chandler's statement said the reported sale of the land would be made only after the approval of the American government. Denial is made by Chandler that the company held any grant or concession, as Gen. Amado Aguirre, Mexican minister of the interior, is reported in press dispatches to have said.

The letter also said the Japanese negotiating at that time would not consummate the deal without the approval of the American government. Denial is made by Chandler that the company held any grant or concession, as Gen. Amado Aguirre, Mexican minister of the interior, is reported in press dispatches to have said.

Chandler declared the land was secured thru direct purchase from the Mexican government, at the full cash price asked.

The reference by the Mexican official to special concessions made in connection with the sale of these lands must refer to lands adjoining ours, which were secured by an American syndicate headed by J. P. Morgan, at about the same time that our lands were purchased from the Mexican government, the letter said.

Their titles were secured thru concessions which provided for special colonization efforts.

NOT YET, BUT SOON!



THINK LAND DEAL PRIVATE MOVE

This New View Now Taken by American Officials

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The proposed sale of Mexican lands in Lower California to Japanese interests appears to be merely a private transaction, without international significance, officials here believed today.

In the absence of any official announcement on the subject, the view conveyed by officials today was that unless it was clear that a carefully laid plan of aggression by some foreign government was behind such transactions as are reported going on in Mexico, the United States government might not interfere.

Advices at hand here, it is understood, indicate that neither the Mexican nor Japanese governments are involved in the deal in Lower California.

Mexican Ambassador Bonillas, in an interview with the United Press today, labeled the "Jingo attempt" to create ill-feeling between the United States and Japan, thru the "Japanese bugaboo," as groundless and malicious.

Regarding the report that Mexican land is being confiscated by the government and sold to Japanese, Bonillas said:

Bonillas Explains
"The exploitation of lands in Mexico by the government can only be effected thru lengthy official procedure, after its owners have refused to make a sale."

"The negotiations would go thru local, state and federal channels, and would become publicly known. Much American land in Lower California has been unutilized by its owners in the past few years. Permission to till all vacant lands has been given residents of the state by executive order. This order in no way affects the title or ownership of the land, but some evidently believe that it means confiscation. The Mexican embassy has received no confirmation of the Mexico City announcement of negotiations of Japanese corporations for agricultural concessions in Lower California."

Bonillas, however, sees no menace to the Monroe doctrine or defiance to the United States in such proposals. He pointed out that the Mexican constitution permits Japanese immigrants to become citizens and own property, as do all the other Latin American republics.

He stated that he would publish to the world the causes and sources of delay in the peace work if speedier action were not forthcoming. He was represented as being hopeful this would not be necessary. In all quarters it was agreed, however, that he has brought strong pressure to bear on his colleagues. Wilson's warning to his conferees regarding delays is understood to have taken the form of a speech, in which he told them the world is expecting facts, action and results. He is said to have expected they would get his viewpoint and achieve results.

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TRUST TRUCE IS NOW AT AN END

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The government's war truce with big business presumably is at an end. Resumption of federal action against "trusts" was indicated today, following a statement by Attorney General Palmer on the dissolution of the Corn Products Refining company, found guilty under the anti-trust law.

20,000 Autoists Are Without Licenses

Approximately 20,000 King county autoists are without new license tags, and subject to arrest Tuesday if they venture on the streets in their machines without them. Just 22,620 autoists had obtained temporary licenses when the county auditor's offices closed, Monday night. Total receipts so far are \$365,569.30, as compared with \$243,356 taken in last year. It is estimated by County Auditor Wardall that this year's total receipts will be between \$500,000 and \$600,000.

Davis A. Rees, age 74, resident of Carbonado for 32 years, died Monday at his home in that town. Funeral services will be held at Carbonado Thursday afternoon under the auspices of the Odd Fellows.

28 ARE INJURED IN CAR WRECK

PORT HURON, Mich., April 1.—Twenty-eight persons were injured none fatally, last night, when an interurban car ran off the tracks it making a curve near here. Most of the injured were from Port Huron and vicinity. The car was jammed, and from the injured were several women and children.

MRS. CLANCY IS DEAD
Mrs. Emma Florence Clancy, age 60, resident of Seattle for 35 years, died at Vancouver, Wash., on March 29, of paralysis. Funeral services will be held Tuesday in the Catholic church at Vancouver.

BIG SHORTAGE OF FARM HELP

U. S. Employment Service Appeals for Men

Farm help in Eastern Washington is so scarce that, in ideal planting weather, such as the present, teams are kept in the barns because of lack of drivers, according to reports received by the local offices of the United States employment service, at 119 Cherry st.

There never has been such a shortage in the history of the state, state the appeals, and farmers are willing to pay \$75 and board and room to experienced help, while they will give \$60 to \$65 a month and meals to any kind of help.

The reason given for the present shortage of farm labor is that a great many former farm workers are still overseas, while the returned soldiers prefer city work. Applicants should apply at 119 Cherry st.

George F. Ferrigo, age 68, former Alaskan miner, who had resided at Redmond for the past seven years, died Sunday morning, following a short illness. Funeral services will be held at Redmond Tuesday afternoon.

ASK THIRD TRIAL FOR GOTTSTEIN

Defense Attorneys Again Appeal for Real Estator

Motion for a new trial for William Gottstein was filed by his attorneys in superior court late Monday. Gottstein was twice convicted of the murder of John Murray near Des Moines October 4, and faces a sentence of no less than 10 years for second-degree murder.

Gottstein, now in the county jail, was convicted of the crime under a first degree murder charge in November, but secured a new trial. A variety of customary complaints, taking exception to the jury and citing errors in the trial, with a claim of new evidence are contained in the new motion.

HENRY L. PITTOCK HAD ESTATE OF \$9,000,000
PORTLAND, Ore., April 1.—The late Henry L. Pittock, publisher of the Portland Oregonian, left an estate valued at \$1,894,778, according to the report of the appraisers.

SLOW PROGRESS MADE ON PEACE

Wilson Bringing Pressure to Bear on Colleagues

BY CARL D. GROAT
United Press Correspondent
PARIS, April 1.—Despite President Wilson's impatience at recent delays, there was strong evidence that the "big four" was still encountering bars to progress when it resumed its sessions today.

Reparations, French territorial claims and the Hungarian situation were understood to constitute the principal subjects for consideration. Some of the more optimistic delegates believed the reparations question would be rapidly cleared up, barring unforeseen changes in the present demands of various interests. Others, however, declared the matter of reparations was still far from settlement, altho admitting there seems to be a tendency to square all demands with Germany's ability to pay.

The "big four" problems were further tangled by injection of the Hungarian question yesterday afternoon. The "little five," or foreign ministers council, was called in to discuss it, but decisions, if any were reached, were not revealed. The French have succeeded in bringing up the question of the left bank of the Rhine before the "big four." This matter also was considered at yesterday's session, but as in the case of other matters, no statement was made regarding what happened.

President Wilson's closest friends

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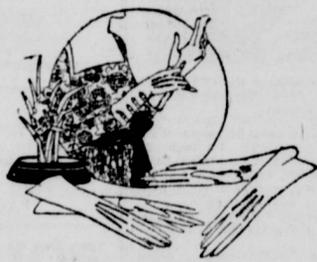
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