

CALIFORNIA ALIEN LAND BILL IS MODIFIED TO PERMIT JAPS TO HOLD THREE YEAR LEASES

SENATE SOFTENS RIGOR OF LAW AGAINST JAPS

Bryan Succeeds in Mitigating Anti-Alien Land Legislation—Nipponese Permitted to Lease Agricultural Land in Three Year Periods.

Amendment Not Sure of Passage in House as Met a Divided Vote in Senate, Johnson and Bryan Confer

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 2.—The mission of Secretary of State Bryan to California 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. It passed by a vote of 25 to 13.

Land Owners Active.
Whether Secretary Bryan had a 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 those land holders in Sacramento, San Joaquin and Contra Costa counties who lease nearly one million 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.

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."

Fate of Bill in Doubt.
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.

CHINA RECOGNIZED BY AMERICA WHEN ASSEMBLY MEETS

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

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

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

SUFFRAGETTES PLOTTED FIRING LUMBER YARDS

Scotland Yard Unearths Plot For Wholesale Destruction Among Papers Seized at Militant Headquarters—Government Buildings Doomed.

Bottle of Nitro-Glycerine Found in Pleadilly Circus Tube Station—Publisher of Paper Released.

LONDON, May 2.—Scotland Yard detectives arrested Edward Clayton in connection with a suffragette plot to burn all lumber yards in London. The arrest was based on letters written to Clayton by Miss Annie Kenney, the militant suffragette, listing lumber yards and describing the most effective way of setting fire to them with chemicals.

Clayton refused to comment on the charges, but the police admitted the evidence to be used against the prisoner was found in the raid here on suffragette headquarters.

Sydney C. Drew is under arrest today on a charge of printing yesterday's issue of the "Suffragette," the militant organ, ordered suspended by the home office. Drew conducts a small printing shop.

Leaders Arraigned.
Clayton, Miss Kenney and others arrested in the raid of suffragette headquarters were arraigned today in Bow street court and their applications for separate trials denied.

In his opening statement, Crown Prosecutor Bodkin read several letters he alleged Clayton wrote to Miss Kenney. Some of these, he said, were found at suffragette headquarters and others in Miss Kenney's flat. One of the letters set forth plans to burn several government buildings in addition to the lumber yards. It included diagram and locations, the hours watchmen were on duty and other information. Another suggested starting the fires with torches soaked in benzine, benzoline and alcohol.

Remanded to Prison.
During Prosecutor Bodkin's statement, "General" Mrs. Flora Drummond and Miss Kerr fell asleep in the prisoners' dock.

After Prosecutor Bodkin had outlined the crown's case the trial of the suffragettes was continued to Monday. Drew and Miss Lennox were released on bail. The others were remanded to Holloway prison.

Drew was admitted to bail on his promise never again to print the Suffragette, the militants' official mouthpiece. Miss Lennox was released on the representations of her physicians, who asserted that her health would be jeopardized by incarceration.

A bottle of nitroglycerine was found today in the Pleadilly Circus tube station, throwing passengers into a panic. Suffragettes are suspected.

MOTORMAN INSISTS ON RACING WILSON
NEWARK, N. J., May 2.—While President Wilson's automobile was on route to the Soldiers' Home at Kennerly, N. J., where he desired to visit General E. Bird Grubb today, the motorman of an inter-urban car insisted on running his car alongside the president's machine.

MELLEN DENIES PROFIT IN NEW HAVEN DEAL
BOSTON, May 2.—Denial that he personally profited as the result of stock transactions of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, was entered here today before Interstate Commerce Commissioner Prouty by President Charles S. Mellen of that company.

President Huerta Controls Less Than One-Half of Mexico



CHIHUAHUA FACES CAPTURE BY REBELS SURROUNDING CITY

EL PASO, Texas, May 2.—Chihuahua City, Mexico, is facing capture by an insurgent army, according to reports received here today. Three thousand federals are rushing from the south to the defense of the city.

The unexpected occupation of Sonora and Chihuahua states by government troops is expected finally to blot out the revolutionary activities in Mexico.

The entire organized opposition to Huerta holds control of 384,798 square miles, or slightly more than half the area of the nation. The population of these revolting sections is 4,500,000 or a little less than one-third of Mexico's total.

Venustiano Carranza was governor of Coahuila under Madero. He has had himself proclaimed provisional president in opposition to Huerta. He is establishing a "Junta" at Washington, D. C., and is said to represent the Madero interests. He is the acknowledged leader of the "Constitutionalist" movement.

The maytorena revolt in Sonora and Sinaloa is aided by the Yaqui Indians. Governor Maytorena holds Hermosillo, the capital of Sonora, which he has never surrendered to Huerta, and has the resources of the state at his back. He is said to acknowledge Carranza's leadership.

The National line of railway north of Monterey has been torn up by Carranza; it is also cut south of Monterey, and shuts off all northern egress. The international line from Monclova to Eagle Pass, is in Carranza control. The Central, for most of the way from Torreon to Chihuahua City also fell into his hands when he captured Jimenez, the Huerta army headquarters for the north. North of Chihuahua City to Ciudad Juarez, opposite El Paso, is also in control of Carranza forces.

The Southern Pacific railway of Mexico runs from the Arizona border south through Sonora, Sinaloa and Tepic for a thousand miles. It is nearly all in the hands of Maytorena forces.

The Southern Mexico line from the city of Puebla to the city of Oaxaca, (Continued on page 2.)

LOS ANGELES VICE PROBE CONTINUED
LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 2.—William Appel, a detective, testified today before the grand jury probing vice conditions here. It was reported that Appel denied the possession attributed to him of letters bearing directly upon important features of the investigation.

ACCUSED GRAFTERS FACE TRIAL UPON CRIMINAL CHARGE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 2.—Criminal prosecution of several, probably all of the eight San Francisco detectives implicated in allegations of graft and corruption by members of an Italian bunco ring was predicted here today by District Attorney Chas. M. Fickert. Detective Frank Esola, already indicted, was expected to surrender himself at police headquarters late today, when the indictment formally charging him with accepting a bribe will be returned to Superior Judge Dunne.

Julius Secoo, proprietor of a notorious cafe, who recently appeared before the grand jury, will be formally charged with perjury and grand larceny at the same time. Secoo has been in custody in default of bail ever since the indictment was returned several days ago.

The grand jury hopes to end its inquiry today, and besides Esola, the men who stand in danger of criminal prosecution are Detectives Arthur McPhee, James McGowan, Louis Drolette, John Sullivan, William McHugh, Charles Taylor and Charles Joseph. These men already have been charged with "unofficerlike conduct and with consorting with bunco men," by the police commission and also face dismissal from the police force.

Seven subpoenas were issued from grand jury chambers early today on instructions from Fickert and it was believed the investigation would end with their testimony.

DUNDEE MAY FIGHT WITH AD WOLGAST
LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 2.—Johnny Dundee, who battled twenty rounds to a draw with Featherweight Champion Kibane at Vernon Tuesday night, may meet Ad Wolgast in the same ring in June. Promoter McCarey has suggested the match, and it is satisfactory to Dundee's manager, providing a ringside weight of 133 pounds is stipulated. Wolgast's attitude has not been learned.

BRYAN GRATIFIED BY CHINA'S RECOGNITION
SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 2.—Upon receipt of official word from Washington that the Chinese republic had been granted recognition Secretary of State Bryan today expressed himself as highly gratified.

"I have taken a deep interest in the recognition of the Chinese republic," Bryan declared, "and I am glad to see that it has reached a point of stability where our government can extend this formal action."

Bryan positively refused to discuss any phase of the anti-alien situation.

SENATE TO PROBE COAL DISTRICTS OF WEST VIRGINIA

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 mine owner, 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. Poonage 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 the 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 capital of this nation a drumhead 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 people than any other American woman."

MADERO'S SISTER WEDS CONGRESSMAN
NEW YORK, May 2.—Mercedes Madero, sister of Francisco Madero, the slain president of Mexico, is married here today to Antonio Canallizo, a member of the Mexican congress from Lower California under President Madero.

GIRL'S SUICIDE LEADS TO CONVICTION BY JURY
MARSHFIELD, Ore., May 2.—A jury in the circuit court at Coquille today returned a verdict of guilty in the case of Guy Greenleaf, a chauffeur, charged with attempting criminal assault. Greenleaf was arrested following the suicide of Erma Knorr, aged fourteen, several weeks ago. The girl had previously made a confession to her mother involving Greenleaf.

JAPAN TO BOYCOTT SAN FRANCISCO FAIR AND BLACKLIST PORT

TOKIO, May 2.—Not only will the commercial leaders of Japan refuse to exhibit at the Panama Pacific exhibition, but, irrespective of the California legislature's attitude an embargo will be placed on all California ports should the anti-alien land bill be passed, according to announcement made here today.

BOOST EFFORTS IN CITRUS TARIFF END IN FAILURE

Amendments Intended to Raise Proposed Schedule For Lemons, Grape Fruit and Oranges Lost as Are Those For Figs, Raisins, Olives.

Efforts of Republicans Grow Weaker and Weaker—Almost a Certainty Bill Will Go Through.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—All amendments offered by California congressmen to offset proposed sweeping reductions in the citrus fruit schedule went down to overwhelming defeat in the house today. The citrus fruit paragraph as embodied in the Wilson-Underwood tariff bill, was adopted.

Fighting valiantly with but scant hope for success, California congressmen bitterly assailed proposed sweeping reductions in citrus fruit duties contained in the Underwood tariff bill. The democratic majority resisted these efforts, alleging California lemon growers seek an unfair advantage by taxing the whole country with the object of monopolizing the eastern as well as the western markets.

Assaults Grow Weaker.
The republican assaults upon the tariff bill are growing weaker each day, and it is now almost certain that the citrus schedule will be approved as it stands. The minority leaders hope to harass the democrats by resorting to guerrilla tactics and hereafter will offer numerous amendments to every schedule.

Another partisan brush is expected when the wine and liquor schedule is reached. Tomorrow the wool schedule comes up for consideration and despite the fight promised by Ohio and western democrats, it is certain the schedule will go through unamended.

Representative Underwood hopes to put the entire tariff bill through either next Tuesday or Wednesday, devoting one whole day to the income tax feature.

All Amendments Lost.
During the debate on the citrus schedule Representative Knowland of California offered an amendment intended to boost the duty on figs and raisins, and Representatives Hays offered an amendment proposing to continue the Payne rate on olives. Representative Bell offered an amendment changing the duty on lemons to 1 1/2 cents a pound, and that on oranges, limes, grapefruit and shaddock to one cent per pound. All were defeated.

Representative Stevens' proposal for a one cent rate on lemons and three quarter of a cent on other citrus fruits also was rejected.

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BRUTAL MURDERS OF AMERICANS IN SOUTHERN MEXICO

GALVESTON, Texas, May 2.—Blood curdling stories of brutal murders of Americans in Mexico were told here today by fourteen 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 women leaving the bodies of their murdered husbands on Mexican soil.

Sentiment against Americans in Mexico, the refugees declared, is stronger under the Huerta regime than under Madero. Hundreds of other refugees, they said, were at Tampico and other ports, unable to escape from Mexico because the railroad tracks have been destroyed and freight steamers are forbidden to carry passengers. Most of the American refugees at Tampico, it is said, are penniless.

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RUSSIA ADVISES MONTENEGRO TO GIVE UP SCUTARI

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 despatch 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 bourses today was normal except in Vienna. War talk was renewed in the Austrian capital after Emperor Franz Josef had called his advisers into consultation.