

News of the Week

A Tokio cablegram, carried by the Associated Press says: The situation brought about by the California alien land law is becoming serious. A mass meeting, composed for the most part, of irresponsible people, demanded the most extreme measures of retaliation by Japan. During the gathering the singing of war songs aroused the feelings of many of the lower classes who were present. Anonymous writers in the newspapers give an outline of the plans for the seizure of the Philippines and Hawaii, and at the same time denounce the Japanese government's submission to the United States. It is said the changed conditions in Japan make it impossible for the movement to restrain the newspapers and the lower classes.

On the other hand, government circles are showing a friendly spirit. Hamilton Wright Maibe of New York and John Mott, secretary of the international committee of the Y. M. C. A., were the guests at a luncheon given by Baron Noboaki Makino, the foreign minister, at which some of the most prominent Japanese and Americans were present. A very cordial feeling prevailed.

Shortly after the luncheon Messrs. Maibe, Peabody and Mott and a number of representative Japanese Christians and Americans met at the residence of Count Shigenobu Okuma, former premier and minister of foreign affairs. Count Okuma delivered a speech, during which he said that diplomats, the courts and commercial men were helpless and that only the influence of Christianity remained. On the other hand, he declared war was impending. Mr. Mott agreed in replying that the in-

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fluences of Christianity was now superlative.

Dispatches were sent by the meeting to President Wilson and others imploring them to use all their influence on Christians and thoughtful people to avoid a calamity.

At the great mass meeting held here there was an hysterical anti-American outburst. Deputy Matsunura urged the dispatch of a Japanese fleet to California as a first step toward establishing Japan on an absolutely equal footing in the United States.

Twenty thousand people listened to the remarks of the firebrands, who apparently are engineering a campaign to mould public opinion in Japan.

The foreign land ownership bill passed by the Japanese diet in March, 1910, prohibits foreigners, except under certain restrictions, from owning land in Japan and they may not own land at all in Saghalien, Formosa, Hokkaido or the fortified zones. The law has never yet been officially promulgated.

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington relating to the same subject says: President Wilson kept in touch with the situation in Japan and California. He read with interest the dispatches from Tokio expressing the popular feeling against the bill, and studied the text of pending measures as well as a synopsis of similar laws in New York and Texas. The president told his callers that the federal government of necessity must refrain from interference with California while in the process of legislating, and could not make its attitude known to inquiring nations until the bills were passed. He added, however, that if any impression had been circulated in Japan that the administration here had become indifferent to the developments in California, such a view was unjustified and that the judgment as to the measures should be withheld until they were finally framed and passed.

In the meantime, the president declared that every effort was being made to keep in communication informally with the California legislature. It is unlikely that the president will communicate his views directly or take any step that will interfere with the legislative process, but he hopes through members of congress here to do his utmost to prevent any obvious violation of treaty obligations. Should treaty rights be violated, he is hopeful that Japan will withhold judgment until the American courts have dealt with the question.

George Bowers, United States fish commissioner, has resigned. Dr. Hugh M. Smith, deputy, has been designated as acting commissioner, and he will finally succeed Mr. Bowers.

The International Harvester company has threatened to move its binding twine factory from Albany, N. Y., to Germany. A prolonged strike is the cause of this threat.

John E. W. Wayman, former state attorney for Cook county, Illinois, committed suicide in Chicago. He was ill from overwork.

A Springfield, Ill., dispatch, says: A state morals court, with women as judges, to protect working girls against unprincipled employers, will be proposed in a bill to be introduced in the Illinois legislature.

A New York dispatch to the Louisville Courier-Journal says: A New York priest is making a wax candle sixteen feet high which he hopes to have placed in the Vatican to be

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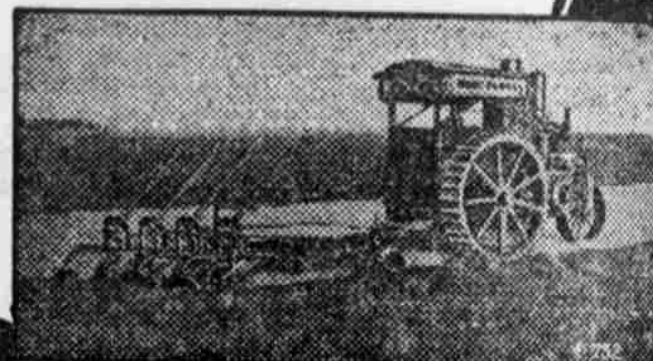
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