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Mr. Bryan in California

Following are the Associated Press dispatches which tell the story of Mr. Bryan's work in California:

Washington, April 29.—Practically all of today was devoted by President Wilson to consideration of the situation arising from California's projected anti-alien land law. The president was in frequent telegraphic communication with Secretary Bryan at Sacramento, Cal., and

laid the entire subject before the cabinet in a two-hour meeting. He also conferred at different times today with John Bassett Moore, acting secretary of state, who, in turn, was visited by Viscount Chinda, the Japanese ambassador.

No telegrams from or to Secretary Bryan were made public at the White House. Mr. Moore declined to discuss the negotiations and reticence was maintained at the White House. That the president was somewhat worried about the outcome of the situation was the only impression gained by those who had talked with him today. As far as could be learned the attitude of the national government still is one of hope that if the anti-alien bill is passed at all, it will be along the lines of laws existing in New York, Missouri, Minnesota, and other states.

Secretary Bryan's proposition to the California legislature to suspend the passage of anti-Japanese legislation until the president has had an opportunity to negotiate a new treaty with Japan to replace the convention of 1911 is believed to represent the ultimate concession which the administration is willing to make in reference to public feeling in California. The secretary's statement that in event of the turning down of the president's advice he would feel obligated to do everything possible to "minimize the ill-feeling that may be aroused" is regarded here as marking a purpose on the part of the government to become an intervener with the Japanese in any suit which they may bring before the federal courts to nullify the action of the California legislature.

Assuming that one of the questions which Mr. Bryan has trans-

mitted to the president on behalf of the California legislature is as to the probable time for negotiating a new treaty with Japan and just how such a convention could be framed to meet the views of California without being objectionable to Japan, it may be seen that such a method of settling the present issue already has been given some consideration. The existing Japanese treaty was intended to meet a temporary need in quieting the unrest on the Pacific coast over the school question. Neither party has been satisfied with its workings, and it is remarkable for its omissions, compared with other treaties of trade and commerce. For instance, probably no provision for the acquirement by Japanese, not even the extremely limited favored nation clause, covers the usual common law right in such matters, and, singular to say, there is no provision whatever against discrimination.

When Secretary Bryan started for California he was aware that while there was absolutely no treaty prohibition against Japanese, as the Californians now propose, he must rely on their patriotism and patience in assisting the national government in overcoming the present difficulty. President Wilson and John Bassett Moore, of the state department, who has devoted much attention to the consideration and definition of the rights of aliens with the United States, were in early consultation for more than an hour early today regarding the California situation.

Senator Works of California today set out his views on the situation in a prepared statement in which he upheld the right of his state to enact such laws as the one in question and approved the viewpoint of the California legislators generally.

When the cabinet assembled John

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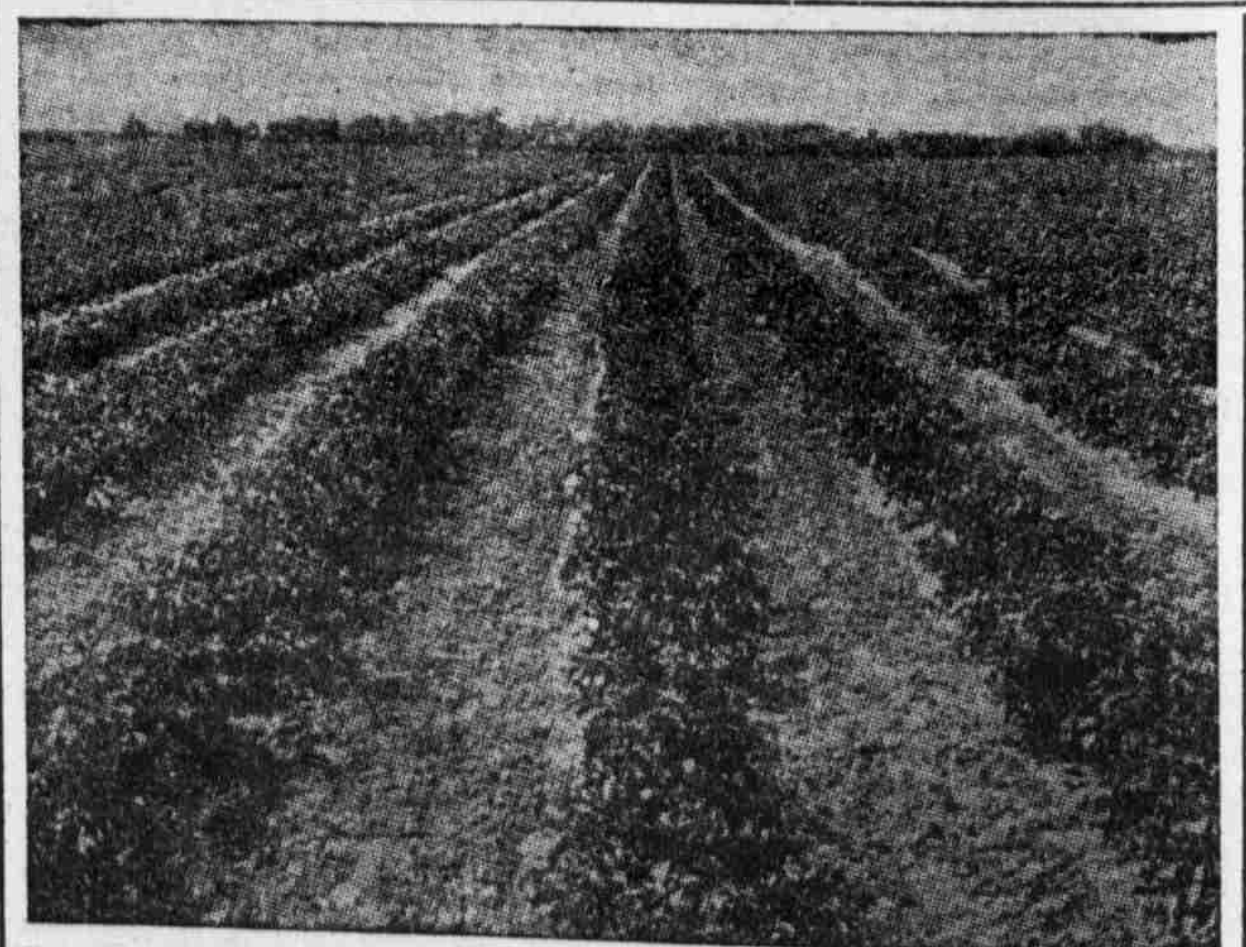
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