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BRYAN PREDICTS EARLY SETTLEMENT OF JAPANESE ISSUE

Secretary of State Says Satisfactory Solution of California Questions Will Be Reached.

DECLINES TO GIVE OUT DETAILS
Governments Will Keep Correspondence Secret for Present.

NEW TREATY IS DISCUSSED
Japan Does Not Care to Be Party to Civil Suit.

HOUSE POSTPONES HEARING
Committee Having Raker Bill to Bar Asiatics in Charge Will Consult Bryan Before Taking Up Proposed Measure.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—After an executive conference, the house immigration committee today declined to open hearings on the Raker bill to bar Asiatic immigrants. Chairman Burnett declared the committee would itself not ready yet to proceed with the bill and other members said they wished to hear from Secretary Bryan before taking up the measure.

The address of the Japanese minister of foreign affairs to the parliament at Tokyo yesterday was read in the meeting and discussed at length. A communication from the state department also was received. For an hour and a half the committee debated, with Representative Raker urging immediate opening of the hearings. Further consideration finally was postponed until January 29.

Mr. Bryan is hopeful of a satisfactory solution soon," said Mr. Bryan, who declined, however, to indicate the basis of his hope. He explained that no exchanges between the Japanese embassy here and the state department had followed the delivery of Baron Makino's address before the Japanese parliament yesterday, but that an understanding had been reached between the Japanese foreign office and the state department, whereby the details of the extensive correspondence between the two governments should not be disclosed.

Mr. Bryan declined to say whether an answer would be delivered to the last Japanese note delivered by Viscount Chinda last August.

New Treaty Discussed.
A new treaty to define the rights of Japanese in America, though not taken up in any of the official notes, was informally discussed between Secretary Bryan and Ambassador Chinda, but without advancing the subject very far. It was then contemplated that the Webb law be tested in the United States courts, but the Japanese government did not care to become a party to such proceedings. It is said to be a treaty that can meet the approval of the United States senate officials here are a loss to conjecture what the next step will be.

No Friction Says Wilson.
President Wilson referring today to the address of the Japanese foreign minister let it be known that so far as the Washington government was concerned, there was no interruption in the relations between the United States and Japan. No pressure, it was stated, had been exerted for an answer to the last Japanese note, nor had there been any request for a new treaty. The president did not indicate what would be the next step in the situation, but intimated it would be along lines that would manifest a continued friendliness toward Japan. Whether a new treaty would be negotiated was not stated.

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Grand Jury Looking Into Charges Against the Chicago Packers

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—Investigation of charges that Swift & Co., packers of Chicago, profited to the extent of \$80,000 by what is said to have been an effect of rebating arrangement with the Ann Arbor railroad company, was begun by the federal grand jury here today.

A dozen packing house and railroad men were among the witnesses, who appeared before the grand jury today. The shipments involved in the charges, to points on the Ann Arbor road, the main line of which runs from Toledo, O., to Frankfort, Mich. This road is alleged to have hauled consignments of beef of less than a carload at carload rates. The beef was "peddled" from town to town along the line, it is alleged.

Most of the beef was consigned to the Saginaw Beef company at Saginaw, Mich. One shipment to Owosso, Mich., has been closely investigated by government agents.

Attorney Edward E. Greer of the Interstate Commerce commission is acting with District Attorney Wilkerson in the case. The inquiry may require a week or more.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Newman Erb, president of the Ann Arbor Railroad company, issued a statement here this afternoon saying that the investigation of rebates in Chicago refers to transactions of three years ago before the present directors and officials came into the management of the property.

"I have just learned," he said, "on inquiry to our general offices at Toledo, that certain packing houses were shipping meats in carload lots over our lines, which were stopped at local stations for partial delivery. Promptly on the discovery by the operating officials, the practice was stopped and bills rendered against the packing houses for the highest rates to the local points where the shipments could bear, and which were paid by the packers."

Deputy is Smuggled Out of Mexico City By O'Shaughnessy

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 22.—Jorge Vera Estanol, one of the 110 deputies thrown into jail by President Huerta on October 10, 1913, was smuggled out of town last night by Nelson O'Shaughnessy, American charge d'affaires, and sent safely on his way to Vera Cruz.

Senor Estanol is a prominent attorney and was minister of public instruction in the late President Madero's cabinet. He was released from the penitentiary by court order.

Senor Estanol and his friends, believing that his life was in danger, appealed to Mr. O'Shaughnessy, who got a private car and with great secrecy put Senor Estanol on board. The car was then attached to the regular train for Vera Cruz, from which port it is assumed Senor Estanol will sail at once.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 22.—A fresh roll call of the Mexican soldiers and refugees who fled to the country from Ojinaga, Mex., and who are now at Fort Bliss, shows that several hundred more Mexicans are dependent on the United States for food and shelter than first counts indicated.

The total number of dependents on this government are 4,287. Of these 3,526 are Mexican soldiers. The rest are women, children and male civilians. Forty more soldiers who were left wounded at Presidio and at Marfa, Tex., are also to be brought here.

Murder and Suicide in Dining Room of Hotel in Honolulu

HONOLULU, Jan. 22.—In the presence of a room full of diners in the Seaside hotel here tonight, a man known by the name of Woodward, who arrived yesterday on the steamer Sonoma, shot and killed his former wife and then committed suicide.

The woman had married Charles A. Stewart of San Francisco last Saturday. She came recently from San Francisco and was married under the name of Margaret Rhyerson. Immediately after the ceremony Stewart left for Honolulu.

Mr. Stewart remained at the Seaside hotel, where she had been staying. After she had taken a seat in the dining room Woodward, whose real name is believed to be A. W. Wagner, entered. He walked up to Mrs. Stewart's table and, after a few words had passed between them, he drew a pistol and began firing. Both died almost instantly.

Stockmen Declare for Federal Control of the Open Range

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 22.—Federal control of the open range, more effective sanitary regulations, protection of American live stock owners and ranchmen in Mexico, education of the children on farms and approval of the work of the federal department of agriculture and the administration of national forests were the chief recommendations contained in the resolutions adopted at the closing session of the seventeenth annual convention of the American National Live Stock association today.

RESIGNATION OF JUDGE WITTEN ACCEPTED BY LANE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The resignation of Judge James W. Witten, chief law officer of the general land office since the position was created more than twenty years ago, was accepted today by Secretary Lane. Judge Witten, a native of Missouri, is well known throughout the west, where hundreds of thousands of people have been before him at land drawings and registrations. He will practice law here.

High Potato Rate Suspended.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Proposed increases in rates on carload shipments of potatoes in western classification territory, which would have amounted to 20 per cent, were suspended today by the Interstate Commerce commission, pending investigation, from February 1 to

SPEER A CAMPAIGN MANAGER FOR NEGRO

Former Marshal of Court Charges Federal Judge with Activity in Politics.

MADE HIM WALK "TIGHT ROPE"
Witness Says Jurist Had All Attendants Adjusting Shades.

KEPT POPULIST OFF THE
Thanks for Liberal Satisfy His

"WHAT IS THERE IN IT FOR ME?"
Testimony that Son-in-Law Had Been Favored Taken Up by Committee of House of Representatives.

MACON, Ga., Jan. 22.—Testimony on the charge that Federal Judge Speer had favored his son-in-law in his court, were taken up today when the committee of the house of representatives resumed hearing testimony. R. C. Ellis of Tifton, Ga., corroborated the testimony of J. S. Ridgell, examined yesterday, regarding the citation for contempt by Judge Speer of attorneys for alleged delay in obeying an order of a referee in bankruptcy.

Mr. Ellis was one of the attorneys named in the citation. Some of the attorneys, who had through error in settlement received dividends for their clients in the case, had not been named in the contempt citation, the witness testified.

J. B. Hart, president of the Macon National bank, testified that Malcolm Jones was regularly employed as counsel, but that A. H. Heyward had been retained as special counsel to represent the bank when an application was made to have the institution designated as a depository for bankrupt funds. Hart denied that Heyward had been employed because he was a son-in-law of Judge Speer.

Court Attendants Busy.
John M. Barnes, postmaster of Thomson and former United States marshal, charged that after his appointment as marshal Judge Speer kept him walking "the tight rope" all the time and acted as an instance that while court was in session all the court attendants, including the marshal, were kept busy adjusting the window shades.

The witness charged that Judge Speer took and active part in politics and that he acted as campaign manager for Judson W. Lyons, a negro, at the republican national convention of 1908.

Barnes testified that he went to Judge Speer to thank him for a liberal fee received as custodian in a bankruptcy case. The judge, he said, remarked: "You thank me very beautifully, but what is there in it for me?"

While acting as marshal Barnes said he was instructed by Judge Speer to summon only white men as jurors.

Told to Bring Keys.
Barnes testified that prior to the Greene-Gaynor case he was instructed to bring the keys of the grand jury box to the court room.

Judge Speer and R. N. Talley, his secretary were present in the room.

"I don't recall whether I put my hand in the box or whether Judge Speer did, but a package of fifty names of jurors was taken out," Barnes testified.

One name Barnes recognized was that of a prominent populist. He had told Judge Speer, he said, that he was intelligent.

"We won't take him," he quoted Judge Speer as saying.

Another name was that of a resident of Valdosta, the home of Talley. When that name was reached, Barnes said, Judge Speer and Talley had held a long conversation in low tones. The man was afterward made foreman of the jury. Barnes charged that the grand jury which indicted Greene and Gaynor contained the names of two fugitives from justice.

Loss of Life from Eruption in Japan Much Exaggerated

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—An official report giving the casualties and damage caused by the eruption, earthquakes and tidal waves of last week on the Japanese island of Sakura and in the town of Kagoshima was received today by the Japanese consular general here. The report says:

"On Sakura, nine villages composed of 80 houses were destroyed, out of the total of eighteen villages on the island. The number of deaths among the population was not so considerable as at first believed and probably will prove unexpectedly small.

"In Kagoshima, the deaths amounted to eighteen, the severely injured numbered eighty-seven, and the slightly hurt, seventy-one. Thirty-five houses collapsed, 118 were partly destroyed and many others slightly damaged. The principal public buildings were not injured.

"In Kimotsu and Kiru counties the damage caused by falling ashes and pumice stone affected 20,000 people, who will need relief.

"Nearly half the fugitives have returned to Kagoshima, where order is being restored. The public schools are to be reopened in a few days.

"In regard to the famine in the northern island of Hokkaido, the conditions are about the same as in 1905, but no worse, and the rice crop of the entire country is expected to be above the average."

LOGGING HOUSE IN FORT WAYNE BURNED

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Jan. 22.—With the hotel register missing, authorities are having difficulty in obtaining a list of guests in the National hotel, a small lodging house here, which was destroyed by fire today, resulting in the death of one man, believed to be E. W. Smoot of Gary, Ind., and the serious injury of three others.

The recovery of the injured is doubtful. The fire broke out shortly after 7 o'clock and spread so quickly that there was no chance to awaken sleeping guests.

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STEAMSHIP WAR DECLARED

Hamburg-American Line Dropped by the Combination.

ITS DEMANDS ARE REJECTED
Claim for Larger Share of Steerage Business in North Atlantic Trade is Rejected by Conference at Paris.

PARIS, Jan. 17.—War was officially declared today between the Hamburg-American line and the other steamship companies, when delegates of the North Atlantic Shipping conference reorganized the combination, leaving out the Hamburg-American. A notice excluding that company was promptly issued.

The declaration issued by the representatives of the transatlantic shipping companies was as follows:

"At the conference of the continental lines interested in the North Atlantic passenger trade, held in Paris January 21, the demands of the Hamburg-American line, which did not see fit to appear in order to explain its justification of its claim for an increased proportion of the steerage passenger traffic, were fully considered.

"The lines were unanimously of the opinion that neither past nor present conditions warranted the demands put forward by the Hamburg-American line, but that on the contrary they were in flagrant contradiction with the position the Hamburg-American line has emphatically maintained in similar instances toward other companies.

"The lines therefore refuse to recognize these claims and resolve to carry out the existing agreement among themselves, but without the Hamburg-American line, with the object of upholding an organization which has given entire satisfaction during the long period of twenty-two years, and thus protecting the recognized position of the various lines toward each other."

Will Raise Special Fund to Organize Working Women

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Special assessments on all unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, to raise a fund for further organization of women workers, was voted at today's meeting of the executive council. Plans for concentrating efforts for effectual organization of women will be determined later.

CONDITION OF PERKINS NOT CONSIDERED SERIOUS

SIoux CITY, Ia., Jan. 22.—The condition of George D. Perkins, publisher of the Sioux City Journal, who has been ill for two weeks, and now is in a hospital for treatment, is not considered alarming by the attending physicians and the members of his family.

The National Capital

Thursday, January 22, 1914.

The Senate.
Met at noon.
Foreign relations committee voted to favorably report the nomination of Henry M. Rindell of Peoria, Ill., for ambassador to Russia.
Military committee voted to favorably report the nomination of Colonel W. C. Gorgas to be surgeon general of the army.
Debate continued on the Alaskan railroad bill, with Senator Pittman speaking.

The House.
Met at noon.
Reopened debate on postoffice appropriation bill.
Chairman of judiciary and interstate commerce committee worked out a plan for co-operation on the administration trust bills.
Democratic caucus prepared to meet tonight to consider resolutions for congressional investigation of the Michigan and Colorado mine strikes.
Mines committee continued its hearings on immigration committee deferred hearings on proposed legislation to exclude Asiatics.

Wife of President Is Plaintiff in Suit for Farm

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 22.—Title to eighty acres of land in the date growing section of Coachella valley, in which Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the president of the United States, appears as a party in "interest," was involved today in a contest heard by the register and receiver of the United States land office.

The contest was filed by John T. King, who had acted for Mrs. Wilson against Elaine Compton and Homer J. Goddard, who are alleged to have filed subsequent claims.

The contest was based on the circumstance of the failure of a Coachella county newspaper to republish correctly a notice of King's filing for Mrs. Wilson, when the typographical error in the original notice had rendered the legal publication invalid.

C. I. Compton was the editor of the paper. Maud Compton, his sister, according to King, filed a homestead entry on the eighty acres afterward and subsequently sold her relinquishment to Homer Goddard, who then filed a desert land entry upon it.

King's filing was made through the medium of state lien land scrip.

Sugar Trust Denies Ownership in Beet Sugar Factories

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—The American Sugar Refining company has no longer a controlling interest in beet sugar refineries or a voice in their management, according to the testimony today of Edwin F. Atkins, chairman of the board of directors, on resuming hearing in the government's suit to dissolve the company under the Sherman anti-trust law.

Mr. Atkins testified that in August, 1911, the company had sold outright its one-half interest in the stock of the Western Sugar Refining company of California, and had also disposed in October of the same year of its holdings in the Carver Sugar company, both beet sugar concerns. One of the contentions of the government is that the American Sugar Refining company is a power in the beet sugar industry.

Mr. Atkins gave a list of ten beet sugar concerns in which the American Sugar Refining company still held stock. Although the total par value of these holdings reached over \$22,000,000 in only one case did the holdings amount to over 50 per cent.

Bryan Intimates He Wants to Sit in the Senate

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Democrats in the capital were gossiping today over whether Secretary Bryan meant to launch a senatorial boom when at a democratic dinner last night he declared it had been his ambition since boyhood to sit in the United States senate. His own career, he said, all through his earlier years had been based on a hope that he eventually would go to the senate.

Famous Herd of Buffaloes to Be Sold

GETTYSBURG, S. D., Jan. 22.—The famous "Scotty" Phillip herd of buffalo, kept in a 10,000-acre pasture near Fort Pierre, S. D., has been placed on the market by Phillip Phillip and George Phillip, Jr., sons of and administrators of the estate of the late James (Scotty) Phillip. This herd of buffalo, the largest in the United States, now includes 70 head of yearlings, 55 head of 2-year-olds and 25 head of 3-year-olds or older. These are all full bloods, most of them born in captivity.

CUMMINS OBJECTS TO BILL

Iowa Senator Says Smith-Lever Appropriation is Unjust.

TOO MUCH AID FOR THE SOUTH
States that Raise Great Quantities of Products Are Not Given Help in Proportion to Those Less Favored.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Because, as he alleges, the Smith-Lever agricultural extension bill discriminates against the great agricultural producing states of the north and middle west in favor of the south Senator Cummins of Iowa announced today that he intends to introduce amendments when the measure is taken up in the senate which will change the distribution of the \$3,000,000 fund which will go to the states as federal aid to agricultural extension work.

Senator Cummins has prepared statistics in which he asserts that the bill as drawn up twelve southern states which produce about \$2,000,000,000 worth of agricultural products will get nearly 80 per cent of the fund, while the twelve leading agricultural states of the north, including Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, North Dakota and Wisconsin, producing over \$6,000,000,000 annually, get only 36 per cent of the fund.

Bill to Aid Woman

Representative Stephens today introduced a bill to pay Jennie Sherman of Genoa \$1,000 for the loss of a hand while she was employed as a domestic at the Genoa Indian school. A little Indian girl got caught in the ironing machine and Jennie Sherman in her effort to extricate the girl from the mangle had her hand cut off.

Banks Make Application

The following banks have filed applications to join the new banking system: Nebraska—First National, Brunswick; German National, Columbus; First National, Utica; First National, Seward. Iowa—First National, Deep River; First National, Carney; First National, Belmont; American National, Keokuk; Farmers' National, Oskaloosa; First National, Story City.

Collett Sails Wednesday

A. J. Collett of Omaha, son-in-law of Mayor Dahlman, who has been appointed the new director of public improvements of San Domingo, is in Washington for instruction and called at the State department today. Mr. Collett sails for his new post next Wednesday.

F. J. Dishner of O'Neill is in Washington after a short visit in New York.

W. P. Diddock of Walthill is in this city on business with the commissioner of Indian affairs.

Half Million Loss in Fort Worth Fire

FORT WORTH, Tex., Jan. 22.—Fire starting in the plant of the Fort Worth Compress company shortly before 3 o'clock this afternoon in a high wind appeared to be beyond control. It spread to the Fort Worth & Denver freight house adjoining and threatened \$400,000 worth of compressed cotton in the warehouse.

The flames at 3:30 spread to fourteen dwelling houses, imperiling fifty more and fears were expressed of loss of life. The loss at that hour was estimated at about \$500,000, much of it in cotton. The Denver & Rio Grande loss was given at about \$200,000.

Pindell's Nomination Will Be Reported

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The nomination of H. M. Pindell of Peoria, to be ambassador to Russia, was ordered favorably reported today by the senate foreign relations committee.

WILLIAMS TELLS OMAHA POLICE HE LED BANDITS

Prisoner Confesses Details of Murder and Robbery at Hazel McVey's Resort.

SAYS BLONDY DID SHOOTING
Nickell Killed Because He Was Nervous When Covered.

ESCAPE FROM OMAHA WAS EASY
Trio Went at Once to Iowa and Then to Missouri.

DETAILS OF CRIME WELL LAID
Plan Worked Perfectly All But the Shooting of Nickell.

SORDID STORY TOLD POLICE
Williams Outlines His Connection with Crime and Says the Others Now Under Arrest Are All Innocent.

Omaha police are still waiting for the photograph of the man arrested at Kansas City by Officers Fleming and Murphy in the hope that it may be identified and thus connect the man with the holdup in the McVey resort when Henry Nickell was killed.

While a dozen or more persons listened in astonishment, at the cool manner in which the details of the robbery and murder of last week in the Hazel McVey resort rolled from his lips, Joe Williams, 26-year-old cowboy and soldier of fortune, smiled as he completed his confession to Superintendent of Police Ryder, and showed not the slightest trace of fear for the consequences of his connection with the affair.

Williams, with Mary Parrish, arrived in Omaha from St. Joseph at 6:15 o'clock last evening, in charge of Detectives McDonald and Rich. When the train pulled in, over 400 persons crowded up to the grating to catch a glimpse of the pair, but most of them failed, for the prisoners were immediately placed in closed automobiles and hurried to police headquarters, where for the next two hours they were subjected to a severe cross-questioning by Superintendent Ryder, Captains Dempsey and Maloney and half a dozen detectives.

After the police had finished talking with the prisoners, newspaper photographers asked Williams to pose for them. As he accommodated them he showed his teeth and laughed. "Make it a good one boy, because I'll probably be the last one. But laluk-bibbel!"

The police refused to allow the photographers to snap the woman, because they declare that she is not connected with the case and know nothing of her companion's crime until after her arrest.

Williams Claims Credit.
"I planned the robbery, and it was no one else but me who took charge of the loot after the escape from the place," declared Williams as he settled down in his chair and plunged into the work of dictating a new confession.

"The other persons in jail in various cities, and Lawrence Gilbert, whom I am told is held here, are not the members of my gang. I do not know where my two former comrades are, and I do not know their real names nor their antecedents or where they are now. I conceived the idea of robbing the McVey place, and I ordered the other two to refrain from shooting. This last point was made clear before we started, it being agreed that we would not shoot unless cornered.

"I was in the kitchen, cutting the telephone wires and occupying Hassel McVey's attention when the shots were fired. The second bullet nearly struck me. I cursed Blondy at the time, and afterwards, for being a fool, but it did no good then, or course."

Had Been Here for Months.
Williams, in his confession, says he came here shortly before the Ak-Sar-Ben carnival and has been around Omaha at intervals since. When he conceived the idea of the robbery, he immediately set about getting two more men. He said that several days before the robbery he met "Blondy" in an employment agency office, and there the first recruit was made. That night the pair broke into the Max Kaplan pawnshop on South

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A Self-Imposed Tariff

The tariff question is a vital affair to the nation and to individuals. Everyone talks about it and has some notion or other about what the government ought to do.

How many people realize that the nation is just a large family and that the same principles that apply to its management apply equally to the comparatively little affairs of each household?

Do you run your household with the same efficiency you expect there in the Administration?

Are there not several branches of expenditure in which you impose an unnecessary tax on your purchases by hasty and careless buying?

Think it over.

There is no better way to institute a reform than to cultivate the habit of reading the newspaper advertisements.

They keep you informed daily about practically everything there is for sale in this city. If you use their announcements intelligently you can eliminate from your household the tax of worthless and unattractive purchases.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Friday:
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity—Unsettled, with probably light snow or rain.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour	Deg.
6 a. m.	17
7 a. m.	17
8 a. m.	17
9 a. m.	19
10 a. m.	19
11 a. m.	20
12 m.	20
1 p. m.	21
2 p. m.	21
3 p. m.	21
4 p. m.	21
5 p. m.	21
6 p. m.	21
7 p. m.	21
8 p. m.	21
9 p. m.	21
10 p. m.	21
11 p. m.	21
12 m.	21

Comparative Local Records.

1914	1913	1912	1911
Highest today	34	43	41
Lowest today	16	23	17
Mean temperature	29	34	30
Precipitation	.00	.00	.00

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State	Temp.	High	Rain
Omaha	21	21	0.00
Cheyanne, partly cloudy	26	28	0.00
Davenport, cloudy	28	30	0.00
Denver, cloudy	19	23	0.00
Des Moines, partly cloudy	29	30	0.00
Dodge City, cloudy	28	30	0.00
Landis, cloudy	28	30	0.00
North Platte, cloudy	28	30	0.00
Omaha, partly cloudy	24	33	0.01
Rapid City, cloudy	20	28	0.00
Salt Lake City, rain	40	45	0.20
Santa Fe, cloudy	32	42	0.00
Sheridan, cloudy	28	30	0.00
Sioux City, partly cloudy	28	30	0.00
Valentine, cloudy	28	30	0.00

T indicates trace of precipitation.
- indicates below zero.

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.