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Democrats Lauded Bill and Republicans and Progressives Attacked

MR. PAYNE HOWLED CALAMITY

Special Interest Champion Painted V vid Picture of Ruined Industry overished Labords Colonel

Washington, April 28.—General de. court expressly stated that no moral bate on the Democratic tariff bill in wrongdoing was to be found in the rethe House wound up tonight in a final outburst of oratory. Democrats spent decision declared it was a direct blow the day lauding the measure, while al- at the practice of re-organizing corpoternately Republicans and Progres- rations, to get rid of onerous contracts sives attacked its provisions.

The House, weary after a week of tariff oratory, did not produce a numerous attendance and most of the tic Lamar, v speeches of the day were made to empty benches. However, Representative Payne, of New York, the ranking Republican member of the Ways to see and Means Committee and the father of the present tariff law, had a goodsized audience on hand to listen to his denunciation of the bill. He painted a vivid word picture of ruined industry and impoverished labor which he presented as the inevitable result of the Underwood bill. Republicans vociferously applauded when he declared that the reduction in the cost of living promised by the Democrats as a result of the tariff revision was a fal-

the free list while leaving on the duti- less of the motive with which it was able list the hair of the Angora goat, States," he said, "and that 2,999,999 of nary interest of the old stockholders

them are raised in Texas. Representative Murdock, the Proleader criticised the tariff policy of both the Democrats and Republicans. He said the Underwood bill was an "unreliable, chaotic jum-ble" and urged that the tariff be plac-ed in the hands of a non-partisan tar-

Representative Rainey, of Illinois Democrat, declared the bill represent ed a new era in the government's fisden of taxes upon the consumers of wealth to contribute its fair share toward paying the government exp-

He pointed out that no government that had adopted an income tax system and given it a fair trial had repealed it.

"We make the tax highest upon the great incomes and lowest upon the small incomes, taxing 425,000 in all, and expecting to collect from them at least \$70,000,000."

He said the tax would reach 126,000 incomes, that amounted to between \$4,000 and \$5,000 a year, from which the government expects to collect only \$630,000 an average of \$5 per income, and would reach 100 incomes, amounting to more than \$1,000,000 each per year, from which a collection of nearly \$6,000,000 is expected.

Mr. Rainey said he knew of no swollen fortune which has not been made possible by the favors of government, and that a protective tariff conferred upon protected interests the right not only to levy axes, but to collect and distribute the dividends to the holders of watered stock. He declared that the revision would end the al-liance between the protected woolen mills of the East and the wool produc-

ing States of the West. This," he continued, "is not a free trade bill, but it will fail of its purpose if it does not bring about a freer exchange between the products of this and other countries, each nation, each section producing what it is best adapted to produce, and trading its products for the products of other sections and nations."

Representative Payne defended the Payne-Aldrich tariff law, and declared the Underwood bill as a tariff for revenue measure "a signal failure." "If this bill becomes a law as it now stands, the next four years will be weary waiting," he said, "that the proposed bill is a revision downward, I frankly admit," Mr. Payne concluded.

Representative Murdock, leader of the Progressives, criticised the Under-wood bill as "unfair, unscientific, un-reliable, chaotic and jumbled."
"If this bill passes," he said, "before Christmas, its sponsors will be offerings amendments."

The Bill in the Senate. Chairman Simmons today divided the Senate Finance Committee into three sub-committees to consider the tariff bill. Senators Stone, Thomas and James were assigned to the metal, erthenware, wool and silk schedules, and the free list, not connected with any particular schedules; Senator Williams Chiral schedules and schedules are schedules. liams, Shively and Gore to sugar, agricultural and flax schedules, the income tax section and administrative
features of the bill; Senators JohnRoosevelt as a "Wild Man from Afleatures of the bill; Senators John-son. Smith, of Georgia, and Hughes to rica." the chemical, cotton, wood, pulp and paper, and sundries schedules. Paper, and sundries schedules.

Representative Chandler, of New York, Progressive, advocated the reduction of the fortres a lively defense of the Underwood duction of cortein to the finally closed at a night session with by the European powers, and duction of cortein to the finally closed at a night session with by the European powers, and duction of cortein to the finally closed at a night session with by the European powers, and duction of cortein to the finally closed at a night session with by the European powers, and sundries schedules.

duction of certain tariff duties and replied to Representative Heffin, of Alabama, who he said, had called Theodore Roosevelt "the Wild Man from Africa," and in the same breath had invoked the spirit of Andrew Jackson to guide the deliberations of a Democratic Congress.

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Democratic Congress.

LEGAL CIRCLES DO Supreme Court of United States Renders Decision Which Justice Lurton Pronounces Alarming-

Affects Railroads

Washington, April 28.—In a deci-

to four, in a decision which Justice

Lurton, who dissented, declared "was

Railway Company responsible for a

\$125,000 judgment against the North-

ern Pacific Railroad Company, which

it succeeded, despite the fact that the

Corporation lawyers who heard the

or escape payment to unsecured creditors. Its effect they thought would be

The principle, as laid down by Jus-tic Lamar, was stated in this lang-

made. For if such contract organiza-

NEW YORK PRISON CHARGES.

State Penitentlary. Auburn, N. Y., April 28.—Charges of

prison brutality, waste and general in

competency in connection with the

management of the Auburn State pris-

in the report of Governor Sulzer's spe

cial commission of investigation were

characterized as "made for political

effect," in a statement given out today

in commissary cannot carry great sig-nificance," he explained, "when it is

known that the average per capita cost

for feeding the inmates during the

past eight years was about nine cents

per day. It is not strange that the

investigators obtained large figures, when it is known that to produce

them it was necessary for them to weigh the soup left in bowls at meal time and other refuse. As for rec-

ommending my dismissal, this must

appear humorous, as my resignation

has been tendered several times dur-

ing the last two years, and even with-

The warden made no specific reply to the charges of brutality in connec-tion with which Governor Sulzer's

commissioners declared that 28 pris-oners had gone insane during the past year and that the prison doctor was "careless and unfeeling."

ADDITIONAL CIRCUIT JUDGE.

Carolinas, Virginia and Maryland Are

Concerned.
Washington, April 28.—The Senate

oday passed the bill authorizing an

additional circuit judge for the Fourth

Circuit with an amendment present-ed by Senator Cummins abolishing the

judgeship made vacant by the remov-al of Robert W. Archbald, who had

been assigned to the Commerce Court.

The fourth circuit includes the dis-

tricts of Maryland. West Virginia, Vir-

ginia, North Carolina and South Caro-

KILLED BY TRAIN.

Was Standing on Norfolk Southern

Track at Norfolk. Suffolk, Va., April 28.—Henry Grady

Stevens, 23 years old, employed by the

John L. Roper Lumber Company, was

struck by a Norfolk Southern train

this morning and died several hours later in a hospital. Stevens was stand-

ing on the track talking to his brother

and did not notice the approaching

train. He was knocked down and

when picked up was unconscious.

in the past two weeks.

"The glittering statement of waste

by Warden George W. Benham.

on, which were made public last night,

Brutality, Waste and Incompetency

organization

Were Ordered to Evacuate sion of momentous importance, espe-Scutari With Briefest cially as to railroads, the Supreme Court today laid down the general Delay principle that a creditor of a corpora-

tion, not a party to its re-organization may hold its successor for his In this specific case, the court, five

alarming," held the Northern Pacific King Nicholas' Army Has Marched North, Leaving Few Batteries Behind-Powers Will Take Command of City

> Albania and the situation at Saloniki no damage was done. is difficult to understand.

rent date confirms the report that orders were given for the Bulgars to evacuate all places occupied by the "Corporations insolvent or financial- Greeks, but that later these orders ly embarrassed often find it necessary to scale their debts, and readjust stock issues with an agreement to conwere countermanded and that official they never were given.

A Bucharest dispatch dated April Proceedings in Both Senate and

But, of course, such a transfer by large concentrations of opposing sioner of labor statistics. portant engagements were fought last intimating that it was the work of Representative Garner, the Texas member of the committee. "There are 3,000,000 goats raised in the United and established his debt, the subordinate states and established his debt, the subordinate states are states and established his debt, the subordinate states are states and established his debt, the subordinate states are states and established his debt, the subordinate states are states on April 10th and fighting between the vice, but deferred action until next would still be subject to his claim in Bulgarians and the Turks. the hands of the re-organized com-

The Daily Telegraph calls attention pany. There is no difference in principle if the re-organization instead of being effectuated by private sale, is consummated by a master's deed, under a consent decree." to the fact that, whereas a few weeks ago the Servians were endeavoring to defeat and capture Dvadjid Pasha's army, these operations appear to have ceased and suggests that the cessation of the Servian attack is connected with Essaad Pasha's coup.

Apparently the Ambassadors conference in London today postponed its decision until the next meeting which

is set for May 1st. The coup referred to was mentioned in a Sunday dispatch from Cettinje Montenegro, which stated that Essaad Pasha, the defender of Scutari, who surrendered the city to the Montenegrins and who was permitted to depart with his troops, has moved into Albania and pronounced himself King. It is said he has 26,000 troops, and i is rumored that he has a secret understanding with the Montenegrins. London, April 28.—"There is no cause for pessimism even now." This was the only official utterance that could be obtained regarding the result of the momentous conference of the Ambassadors of the powers on the

Balkan situation today. The conference lasted more than three hours and another arranged for May 1st indicates that the diplomats still expect to find a peaceful solution of the problem caused by Montenegro's defiance of the powers. The rep resentative of the Montenegrin gov ernment in London received instructions today from Cettinje ordering him to protest formally against the demand by the European powers for the immediate evacuation of Scutari by the

unjust and cruel.' The demand of the European powers is couched in the following terms: 'We have the honor to declare collectively to the Royal Government of Montenegro that the taking of the fortress of Scutari does not in any way modify the decision of the European powers relative to the delimination of the frontiers of Northern and Northeastern Albania, and consequent ly the city of Scutari must be evacuated with the briefest possible delay and must be handed over to the European powers represented by the command ants of the International Naval forces lying before the Montenegrin coast. The Royal Government of Montenegro

is invited to give a prompt reply to this communication." The Montenegrin representative in London, to whom this demand was cabled back from Cettinje, said today: "I have been ordered by my government to protest formally against this unjust and cruel demand, and once more to ask the European powers to examine in an equitable manner the vital question of Montenegro's future. and to place that nation on an equal footing with the other Balkan allies.
Troops Have Evacuated

Vienna, April 28.-Crown Prince Danilo, of Montengro, and his troops have marched out of Scutari toward the north, according to dispatches re ceived here today. Only five batteries of Montengrin artillery remain in the

Government circles in Vienna re gard the movement of the Montenegrin troops from Scutari as equivalent to evacuation of the fortress demanded

BRIBERY CASE HALTED

Member of Legislature Charged With first of seven members of the West Wils Virginia Legislature to be brought besist.

EARTHQUAKE SHOOK COUNTRY SPEECH Montreal, Ottowa and Northern New York in Zone of Disturbance-No One Killed-Alarm

Montreal, Can., April 28 .- A slight earthquake shock was experienced to Resent Japanese here shortly after 7:30 o'clock this evening, but no damage is reported Interference from any section, though the inmates of a hospital in the west end of the

Ottowa, Ont., April 28 .- An earthquake shock was felt here tonight. Houses were badly shaken, but no one was killed or injured, according to early reports.

WILMINGTON, N. C., TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 29, 1913.

Syracuse, N. Y., April 28.—Earthquake shocks were felt in several vil-London, April 28.—The mystery surrounding events in the Balkans is deepening. No further news has been deepening. No further news has been deepening. No further news has been for a minute. Houses were jarred and dishes rattled on the shelves but

A dispatch from Saloniki of curent date confirms the report that or lers were given for the Bulgars to describe the saloniki of curent date confirms the report that or lers were given for the Bulgars to less described by a loud rimbling sound.

"If we must have war or submit to this indignity I am for war," eried Mr. Sisson. "I am with the people of Calles of the Bulgars to loud rimbling sound." People Ran to Streets followed by a loud rumbling sound. Buildings shook so badly that people ran into the streets in fear that they would collapse.

CONGRESS IN BRIEF

House-Night Session of Latter Washington, April 28 .- Senate: Met Committees on Education and La bor agree to favorably report nomina-tion of Charles P. Neill, as commis-

sult of the tariff revision was a fal-lacy.

Mr. Payne criticised the Ways and Means Committee for putting wool on Means Committee for pu Senator Kern's resolution for inves tigation of West Virginia coal strike was reported and will be up Thursday. Considering resolution calling for an official analysis of political and geographical composition of consular ser-

> Chairman Simmons divided Finance Committee into three sub-committees for consideration of tariff bill. Passed bill authorizing additional United States Circuit judge for Fourth Confirmed several postmasters and H. S. Beckenridge as Assistant Secretary of War. Passed urgent deficiency bill as passed by House.

> Adjourned 6:02 until noon Thurs House: Met at 11 A. M. Resumed general tariff debate which cheduled to close tonight. Representative Rainey spoke in favor of tariff; Representative Payne against it.

Representative Sisson delivered 'war speech" supporting proposed California anti-alien law. Recessed at 6:35 P. M. until 7:30

COLLISION OF STEAMSHIPS.

Two Vessels Badly Damaged on St. Johns River.

Jacksonville, Fla., April 28-In a colision today in the St. Johns river, the steamers Morgan, of the Van Steamship Company, and the British steamer Ethelstan, sustained damage which made it necessary for them to be towed into this port. The collision is believed to have been due to a mistake in reading signals.

The Morgan, carrying passengers and freight, outward bound for Miami, had her wheel house and rail torn away and the deck ripped. The wheel also was badly damaged. Damage to Montenegrins, which is described by the Ethelstan was confined largely to the government of King Nicholas as the bow steam and rail. Surveys will be made here tomorrow to ascertain the exact damage to both steamers.

NINETY-SEVEN DEAD REMOVED

Victims of Coal Disaster Pittsburgh, Pa., April 28.-Another body was taken from the Cincinnati mine of the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke Company at ment will not prevent the States from Finleyville, near here today, bringing the total dead to date 97, one of which was a rescuer. Funerals of victims continued during the day and evidences of the disastrous explosion of last Wednesday are gradually disappearing. Investigations on the part of the Federal government, the State and local authorities were started to-

OUTLINES

Canada and Northern New York experienced an earthquake shock early Ninety-seven dead have been remov-ed from the coal mines in which an

explosion occurred near Pittsburgh Former rebel troops in Chihuahua. Mexico, have mutined, made prisoners of their commanders and refused to

battle with the forces. The powers yesterday served formal notice on Montenegro that her army must evacuate Scutari; Monte- a week of routine tariff debate, memnegro protested but her troops moved

The tariff debate in the House closed last night in a flood of oratory, Democrats lauding the Underwood bill and Republicans and Progressives howling calamity. Secretary Bryan yesterday conferred

Wilson's earnest desire that they de- P. Neill as commissioners of labor sta-

Sisson of Mississippi Wants

city, where the movement was most pronounced, were considerably excit-

Alabama Representative Contended That States Have Right to Protect Their Civilization-Danger of Concession.

Washington, April 28.-A "war speech" in support of the proposed California anti-alien law, was delivered in the House today by Representative Sisson, of Mississippi.

aliens from acquiring land."

non-resident aliens should be allowed to hold a single foot of land in the ter-ritory of the United States. What would Washington say in answer to the question, war or submission? What would Jackson say? What would Cleveland say? What would McKinley say? I resent the efforts of Japan to force us to submit to her demands.' Mr. Sisson took the position that Mr. Sisson, "should only assure an alien government that the people of that alien nation would be dealt with fairly in accordance with the law of the State. Any other position would lead to the Federal government's taking out from under the laws of the States, the citizens of another nation. But all citizens or aliens resident in a State must be held subject to its laws, and to exempt the alien would give him privileges over and above those accorded to American Citi-

Répresentative Mann, the Republi can leader, suggested that the United States had the constitutional right to treat with foreign governments to secure for American citizens property rights abroad, and that Mr. Sisson was contending that the foreign governments did not have a similar right. Mr. Sisson contended that the people of California had the right to pass laws regarding alien holdings of land as in their judgment seemed best, when such laws did not infringe upon

the Federal constitution. Sisson discussed at length points of international law involved in the dispute and declared that California was endeavoring to do only what Jap-

an had already done. "If Japan now threatens us with war what would she do when millions of her citizens have acquired land in our country?" he said.

"I lay down the proposition that' an alien population holding land within our borders would be a fixed and constant menace. We must preserve to the American farmer the right to own the soil of our country without competition, which would down his stand ard of living. I would not surrender it unless we had spent the last drop of blood in American manhood and impoverished our country for a hundred generations.

"Treaty-making can never deprive the States of a reserved power," tinued Sisson. "This California question is far-reaching and important in its results. Nearly all of the States have statutes regulating the rights of aliens in reference to acquiring real estate. Nearly every State has some imitation.

"This Democratic administration should announce with no uncertain tone to the world the doctrine that Congress proposes the right of the people of these States to determine who shall own land within the States, and that the United States govern ed States.

"If the President and Senate should commit themselves to any other condition we will have internal broils at home and international complications and meddling into our domestic affairs occasioned by the constant com-plaints of the alien land owner to his own government.

"I accord to the Japanese all the equal rights with ourselves. I would as quickly resent a demand from our government upon Japan, to permit an American citizen to own land in Japan contrary to the laws of Japan, as I do not resent Japan's efforts to compe us to submit to her demands. I think it the duty of every loyal citizen of all our States to stand for California and her rights in this fight for her own citizens and their descendants.' About half the membership of the House sat in amazement while Mr.

Sission, immediately after the session began, took the floor. Wearled with bers paid close attention to Mr. Sisson's argument, and his speech was frequently interrupted by applause.

TILLMAN DIDN'T FIGHT.

Most of Forty Nominations of Presi-Accepting \$15,000

Charleston, W. Va., April 28.—The to the anti-alien law, admitting California's right but conveying President to oppose the confirmation of Charles to Oppose the Confirmation of Charles Democratic Congress.

Tackson once killed a man named for court of charles Dickinson in a duel." said Mr. Burnett, referring to the Burnett, referring to the Burnett referring to the Great Referring to the Burnett referri tistics, the Senate committee to which

MEXICAN REBELLION

Government Troops Have Refused to Fight Rebels and Seized Their Commanders-Insurrectos Overrun Mexico.

El Paso, Texas, April 28.—Ex-rebel troops under Gen. Jose Inez Salazar mutinied today at Casas Grandes, refusing to proceed in the campaign against the constitutionalists of Chihuahua State. Salazar with his staff officers is reported to be held prisoner by his own men.

The troops, whose leader had accepted the Huerta national govern-ment, were ordered to proceed to Chihuahua to enter the active campaign against the insurgents, threatening the State capital from the south. The order when given by Salazar met with refusal by a majority of the men, pri-vate advices relate. All Federal troops had been removed from the Cases Grandes district, center of an extensive American lumbering district along the Mexico Northwestern Railway, a British and Canadian owned line. Traffic on the Northwestern has been annulled and this morning's train returned here.

the constitutionalists side, Juarez, Chi- tion. huahua City and Parral will be the only points on the border held by the Huerta government. The adjoining frontier States of Coahuila and Sono-"I believe," said Mr. Sisson, "that no ra already practically are in control on-resident aliens should be allowed of the revolutionists.

EASY SHERIFF LOSES OFFICE.

Let Prisoners Attend Races and Baseball Games. Albany, N. Y., April 28.-A new sheriff of Suffolk county was named by Governor Sulzer today because the executive does not believe that a man the Japanese government in protesting who allows his prisoners to attend against alien land legislation was enagainst alien land legislation was endeavoring to exempt its citizens from the operation of the laws of States.

"The President and Secretary of the laws of States."

The President and Secretary of the laws of States.

Investigation of charges against Brush, the Governor declared, showed that the escape from jail of a woman prisoner on the day set for her trial was due to "careless management." The same woman, he says, was entertained at "Thanksgiving dinner in the sheriff's apartments, while jewelry of her's was redeemed from a pawn

Continuing, the Governor's state-ment adds: "It is amply proved by the testimony that prisoners serving time were permitted the freedom o the streets outside he jail walls. They cared for a horse, the private property of the sheriff, in a stable some d tance from the jail; and also for the horse of a warden or turnkey. These horses were used for racing at the fairs and these prisoners, acting as stable men, and other prisoners, attended these fairs; took care of the horses at the race meet; were spectators at baseball games, dressed up in their Sunday clothes, so that it was impossible to distinguish such prisoners from reputable citizens."

THE DUNBAR CHILD.

Identification Complete by Physician. Annoyed by Amateur Detectives. Opelousas, La., April 28.-Identification of the four-year-old boy, recently taken from W. C. Walters, itinerant tinker at Columbia, Miss., as Robert Dunbar, son of C. P. Dunbar, of this place, was made today by a physician who performed an operation upon the poy prior to the time he is alleged to have been kidnapped.

Considerable annoyance is being experienced by members of the Dunbar family from activities of amateur and professional detectives who claim to e employed on the case. One detecive who said he was employed by Governor Brewer, of Mississippi, insisted upon watching the boy eat. The family has considered the advisability of requesting the authorities to protect them from inquisitive strangers. Last night members of the household became so alarmed by the actions of three "shadowers" lurking in the vicinity of the residence, that citizens were called upon to drive the "sleuths"

OSBORNE SWORN IN.

Greensboro Man at Last Inducted Into Office-Notes.

(Special Star Telegram, Washington, D. C., April 18.-Col. W. H. Osborne of Greensboro, today took the oath of office and entered upon the duties of United States Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Several hundred people, including Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, Senator Overman and Representatives Webb and Doughton, witnessed the ceremony.

Representative Godwin, who has been in his district looking over his farm land, returned to Washington H. E. C. Bryant, Washington cor-

respondent for the News and Observer, has resigned and will devote all of his time in the future to the Washington Bureau of the New York P. R. A.

MOUNTAIN FOREST FIRE.

Licking Up Everything Above Linville Falls, N. C. Charlotte, N. C., April 28.—A Linville Falls special states that a disastrous forest fire has been raging on Linville mountain for several days and that the loss to timber, fencing, galax and berry bushes will run up into the State were strongly in favor of the thousands of dollars.

30 years.

ground made of vegetable mould, burned to a depth of two inches in places, until Mr. Bryan could present his the heat was so great. As the fire views, swept up the mountain it licked up Sens

ABOUT CALIFORNIA

WHOLE NUMBER 13,310.

Secretary of State Bryan's Conference With State Legislature

TALKED WITH CLOSED DOORS

California Has Right to Bar Orientals But It Would be Against Earnest Wish of President Wilson-Situation.

Sacramento, Cal., April 28 .- California in the fullness of her right as a State, may enact a rigid land law barring Orientals from ownership, but such action would be against the earn-If the mutineers should go over to est wish of the National administra-

This is the substance of the message William Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State and personal representative of President Wilson, delivered today to a secret conference attended only by Governor Johnson, Lieut. Governor Wallace and the 120 members of

the California Legislature.
Secretary Bryan arrive in Sacramento at 6 o'clock this morning. With his consent, plans were laid for an immediate hearing and shortly after 11 o'clock the first session of the conference began. Until the doors of the one and even at spoke only after legislators had ex-plained fully the public demand for alien land legislation that brought

about the present situation. Those who expected Secretary Bryan to expound a new theory of State's rights were disappointed, as were those who expected predictions of war. Advice in the hame of President Wilsan was all Mr. Bryan had to offer, and the paramount question here tonight s whether such advice will overcome the previously announced determination of the Progressive Republican majority to enact an anti-alien land iolding law along lines already agreed

Secretary Bryan re-affirmed the State's right to act in a manner it saw it, but suggested several alternatives to the passage of a bill restricting aliens "ineligible to citizenship" basing his reasons on the broad founda-tion of public policy. Briefly, these alternatives in the order in which they were suggested, are as follows: 1. Delay immediate action and allow the State Department to try to accomplish the ends desired by means of a new treaty with Japan. 2. Delay immediate action and ap-

point a commission to investigate the subject of alien land ownership and act in conjunction with the President in securing relief. 3. Enact a law similar to the stat-

ute in Illinois, which permits aliens to hold land for a period not exceeding six years and applies alike to all Enact a law similar to the Fed-

eral statute governing land ownership in the District of Columbia, which is general law applying to all aliens. Of these alternatives, it may safely be said, according to leaders in the Legislature, that the last two are out of the question. Many Democrats fa-vor turning the matter over to the State Department, while the Progressive Republican majority apparently remains unchanged in its support of a bill that would apply its restrictions to Orientals alone.

The conference with Secretary Bryan served to show the breadth of the entiment in favor of an alien land law that shall be effective in checking the Japanese and Chinese immigration. A dozen or more Senators and Assemblymen declared the people of the State were almost a unit in demanding such a law, and it was threatened that unless the Legislature act at this time, the matter would be taken up through the initiative and passed by the people themselves. The conference opened with Lieut. Governor Wallace in the chair and Secretary Bryan seated with Governor Johnson and Speaker C. C. Young, of the Assembly, on the platform.

retary Bryan was introduced and in a brief statement asked the conference to tell him the exact situation. "I was sent to Sacramento at the request of President Wilson," said Mr. Bryan, "to consult with the Governor and the members of the Legislature on the pending alien land legislation. am more interested in the methods to be employed than in the end to be attained, and I would be pleased to hear suggestions from any of you be-fore speaking further."
Senator Boynton, administration

floor leader, thanked Mr. Bryan on behalf of the Legislature for his visit. He then outlined the situation for the visitor, saying in part: "At the time President Wilson's tel-

egram was received last week, an-nouncing the wish to send Secretary of State Bryan to confer with this Legislature, there were two bills on this subject before the Senate.

"It was apparent that the people of the State were strongly in the state.

The fire reached to Linville Falls such a law probably would have been passed before this time if it had not been for the telegram from the Presi-It was so dry at this time that the dent. At his request we postpoped further consideration of the matter

Senator Boynton then requested Mr. pines and hemlock in places with a great crackling roar, shooting to the tops of trees 75 to 100 feet high.