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Decision of Governor Johnson to Sign Anti-Alien Bill Informally Communicated to Chinda.

TOKIO IS EXPECTING FRIENDLY ADJUSTMENT

Rejoinder to Bryan's Notification Not Expected for a Week - The Washington View.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 15 .- President Wilson has arranged to confer with Secretary Bryan early tomorrow be fore the cabinet meeting to draft a reply to the formal protest by Japan against the California anti-alien bill Governor Johnson has announced he will sign.

The note will be submitted to the cubinet and then delivered to the Japanese ambassador.

Indications are that the attitude o the federal government toward the legislation itself as well as questions of discrimination raised by Japan wil be fully defined.

Washington, May '15,-Governor Johnson's decision to sign the California anti-alien land bill despite onpan's protest was unofficially com municated today to Viscount Chinds the Japanese ambassador, as a matter of information with the understanding that Secretary Bryan may later present Governor Johnson's answer officially, with such comment as he may wish to make in behalf of the federal government.

Mr. Bryan is in New York and in his absence the subject will be considered by Counsellor Moore to have i ready for the secretary to lay before the cabinet at tomorrow's session when an effort may be made to reach a final determination on the line of palicy for negotiations with Japan.
When the ambassador has received

Secretary Bryan's formal communica-tion it will be necessary for him to communicate it to the foreign officat Tokio and receive instructions for preparing a rejoinder so that probably week will elapse before the negotia-

tions can proceed.
Interest has been excited by Gov ernor Johnson's quotation of that part of the California law which appears to limit his action insofar as it recog nizes Japan's right to the existing treaty of 1911 and there is some spec ulation as to whether that was intended to foreshadow a refusal on the part of the California authorities to be bound by stipulations of any treaty tween the United States and Japan

that would appear to be in conflict with the provisions of the new law. Officials here fail to discover an other point not suggested to Secretary Bryan when he was in Sacramento with the probable exception of refer ence to the fact that the present state constitution in terms sanctions and even requires the enactment of such legislation as the Webb act.

The fact that, though announcing his intention to sign the act, Governor Johnson has not actually affixed his signature is regarded here as an act of courtesy, intended to hold the door open to a last word from the adminis-tration if it should desire to communicate further with him before the fina act of approval.

Tokio Expects Friendly Settlement. Tokio, May 15 .- The foreign office is optimistic as to the outcome of the controversy over the Californian alien land ownership legislation. In reply to an inquiry this morning a high offi-

"Negotiations between Japan and the United States are progressing satisfactorily. We expect to reach a friendly and permanent solution of the

CAR STEPS TOO HIGH OR SKIRTS TOO TIGHT?

This Question before City Council it Warefare between Street Rail-way and Woman's Clubs.

By Associated Press.
Youngstown, Ohio, May 15.—The
Woman's club league of Youngstown and the local street car company have engaged in an interesting clash in which the height of car steps and the width of women's skirts figure. The women have petitioned the city council to compel the car company to lower trolley car steps within eight inches of the street because the peti-floners were embarrassed when they hearded cars. It was said the com-pany would maintain the present light si iri was at fault and not the car

Vetoes Colorado Boxing Law.

By Associated Press,
Denver, Colo., May 15.—Governor
Ammons has vetoed the boxing bill,
but the bill permitting racing under

all over the country. It will serve as ous vote of the members of the Unity an excellent opportunity to educate church instructing their pastor to per the outside world to the methods of form no more marriage ceremonies sanitation in use here, and it is believed will prove of great benefit to
Asheville. Dr. L. B. McBrayer. In
charge of the bealth department
here, and L. M. McCormick, city baca similar stand on his own initia-

Wilson in Political Conference.

DYNAMITE BLASTS TERRORIZE STATES

Joint Investigation May Be Made of Series of Disasters in Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia-Scores Killed and Hurt.

By Associated Press.

plosions of dynamite and powder in western Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia, and attempts to explode heavily filled magazines is causng anxiety, and a joint state investigation is a possibility. Since last Satirday more than 10 persons have been killed, scores have been injured, some fatally, and much property has been

ast Saturday, when 500 sticks of dythe Sunshine Coal and Coke company's mine near Masontown, Pa., resulting in powder and 500 pounds of dynamite

the death of four and the injury of Pittsburgh, May 15.—Frequent ex- two score. Yesterday 1700 pounds of dynamite and 70 kegs of powder stored in the magazine of the Consolidated Coal company at Eckhart, Md., let go jured.

Last Monday an attempt was made to blow up the Brownsville-Uniontown passenger train at Leckrone, Pa. A track walker found nine sticks of dy namite placed under the joints of the rails of the Monongahela railroad. A The epidemic of accidents began jar would have exploded the dyna-Within 75 yards of the railroad mite. namite exploded in the magazine of was the plant of the Cameron Powder company, containing 20,000 pounds of

Heavy Property Damage Done

by Tornado to Towns in

Omaha Vicinity.

By Associated Press.

Omaha, Neb. 15,-Reports early to

day show that the tornado which

formed in the southern part of Seward

county last night took a tell of 17

lives, injured 40 persons and destroyed

At least three towns-Seward, To-

struction being at Seward, where 11

persons were killed and 30 injured. At

Tomaro four lives were lost and much

property destroyed. At McCool June-

The property loss in Seward is estimated at \$100,000.

The tornado apparently originated

outhwest of McCool Junction and,

The storm crossed this city near the

Southern limits, but its strength had

been so far spent that the damage

done here was nominal. Many Oma-

hans sought refuge in cellars and oth-

Hall Named at Black Moun-

tain. Rollins at Rutherford-

ton, Green at Wilmington

Gazette-News Bureau.

Washington, May 15.
The president sent the following

Candell, Saint Paul; John L. Gwalt-

Beaufort; Lee H. Yarborough, Clay-

ton, Plato C. Rollins, Rutherfordton;

William H. Elhredge, Selma; Duncar

Tryon; Hector McL. Green, Wilmington, and Howard C. Curtis, Southport.

Another Suffragette "Bomb."

(By Associated Press)

utside the national gallery

London, May 15.--A militant suffragette "bomb" was found today

contains invaluable art tresures and is

in the very center of London on Trafalgar Square. The machine con-sisted of a tin can filled with live

Want Health Certificates before

Montelair, N. J., May 15.—The eugenies movement has gained fur

ous vote of the members of the Unity

L. Webster, Siler City; W. H. Stearns,

Wyatt Building,

er places considered tornado proof.

gathering force as it moved to the

ion two deaths occurred.

at Tomaro and Seward.

DEBATE ON TARIFF NEBRASKA STORM STILL UNDER WAY KILLS 17, 40 HUR

Republicans Refuse to Let Penrose-LaFollette Amendment Come to Vote.

(By Associated Press)

Washington, May 15 .- When the tariff bill came up in the senate again today there was a wrangle over whether it or Senator Kern's resolution for an investigation of the West Virginia coal strike situation should property valued at \$250,000. have the right of way. Mr. Kern finally agreed to defer his resolution until 5 o'clock.

An agreement to vote on the question of public hearings after five hours debate was about to be made by consent when Senator William Alden Smith blocked it. "The attitude of the other side of the chamber," said he, "is so arbitrary in this matter that I do not feel it

alls for any generosity from this Debate was then resumed on the Penrose-LaFollette amendment the motion to refer the bill to the

inance committee.

was to instruct the committee to give public hearings. Senator Kern, however, agreed to et the tariff bill have the right of way nd call up his investigation resolu-

The amendment

tion at 5 o'clock. Among communications from the strike zone which Mr. Kern has re-ceived was one today from a West Virginia postmaster, charging that real conditions in the coal fields were withheld from the public and that a former United States official was

ASHEVILLE WILL HAVE **EXHIBIT AT CONGRESS**

On Municipal Sanitation to Be Held in Greenville Beginning Monday.

The health department of Asheville has decided to make an exhibit at the Municipal Sanitary congress to be held in Greenville, S. C., beginning next Monday. The promoters of the congress requested some time ago that such an exhibit be made but it has been decided to comply with the

This exhibit will be practically the same as that which was shown at the International Congress on Hygiene at Washington last fall, which received such favorable comment all over the country. It will include a typhold chart, showing that the city is practically free from this disease, throughout the year, a fly exhibit, sisted of a tin can filled with live giving the methods by which, the house fly is exterminated here, pictures of the source of Asheville's water supply, and many other inter-

ting features.
The Municipal congress is to be national conference, devoted to the discussion of municipal sanitation and government, and it is expected that there will be a large attendance of physicians, sanitarians and those eugenics movement has gained fur in touch with city government from ther foothold here with the unanimteriologist, will attend the congress tive, and will read papers on important

Arson Trust Broken Up. Amons has vetoed the boxing bill, but the bill permitting racing under or present law.

By Associated Press.

Contential of interest of Faith against which the city's fire Jacksonville, Fig., May 15.—The Jacksonville, Fig., May 16.—The Jacksonville, Fig., May 15.—The Jacksonville, Fig., May 16.—The Jacksonville, Fig., May

Underwood, Mann and Murdock Arranging Assignment of Party Members to Committees.

BIG CHAIRMANSHIPS WON'T BE DISTURBED

Lively Fight for Places on Rivers and Harbors-Mr. Clark May Head Public Buildings.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 15 .- Representaive Underwood of Alabama, democratic leader of the house, Representative Mann of Illinois, republican leader, and Representative Murdock of Kansas, progressive leader, are conferring on the preliminary plans for the assignments of the various members to committees. Both the minor ity leaders will soon submit their recommendations to Mr. Underwood,

The proportion of minority repre sentation on the various committees to be allowed by Mr. Underwood is satisfactory to the leaders of the other two parties. The ways and means committee, one of the five already named, comprises 14 democrats, six republicans and one progressive, and about the same proportion of representation of the majority and minorit will be observed in the other import mare and McCool Junction-suffered ant committees. The ways and mean from the elements, the greatest decommittee majority will be called to committee assignments.

Representative Burnett of Alabama will retain the chairmanship of the immigration committee, it is understood, leaving Representative Clark of Florida an aspirant for the chairmanship of the public buildings commit-tee, of which Mr. Burnett has been acting head slave the elevation of Morris Sheppard of Texas to the sennortheast, struck with full force both

A lively fight is on for places on the rivers and harbors committee of which Representative Sparkman Florida will remain chairman in all probability. Representatives Murray of Massachusetts and Mahan of Con secticut want to be the New England members and Representative Kettne of California the Pacific Coast repre-sentative on the committee. Representative Bathrick of Ohio; Jonop of Wisconsin; Dupree of Louisiana and McKellar of Tennessee are mentioned as preferring rivers and harbors as-

Representative Slayden of Texas ship of the committee, on which he is next in rank to Representative Hay of Virginia, who will retain the chairmanship. If Mr. Slayden gives up the library chairmanship, Representative

heir to the place.

Representative Leever of South Carolina will get the chairmanship of ag-riculture, a foregone conclusion for months. Most of the present chairmen of the blg committees will re-

nominations to the senate today: Postmasters—W. D. Pethal, Spencer; Joseph S. Stallings, Spring Hope, W. C. Hall, Black Mountain; P. J. SITUATION AT PATERSON ney, Taylorsville; Mrs. Nellie G. Row-land, West Raleigh; C. W. Whitehurst,

Conviction of Juinlan Intensifies Strikers Hostility to Authorities.

By Associated Press.

Paterson, N. J., May 15 .- Relation tween city and county authorities and the striking silk mill workers were made more acute today because of the conviction of Patrick Quinlan. Industrial Workers of the World leader, found guilty yesterday of inciting riot. He will be sentenced probably tomorrow and faces a maximum penalty of seven years in prison and ine of \$2000. He is perhaps the most conspicuous

ender of the Industrial Workers of the World ever convicted of an offense of this character.

Four other leaders of the organizaion are yet to be tried for inciting They are "Big Bill" Haywood. Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Carlo Treska and Aloph Lessing. Quinlan is out on bail and his law yers are making preparations for an

FLAGLER NEAR DEATH

Hotel and Railroad Magnate Not Ex pected to Survive Iline Has Been Sick.

REDFIELD TAKEN TO TASK IN HOUSE

Threat to Investigate Wage Reductions Draws Republican Fire, and Underwood Justifies It Because of the Attitude of Manufacturers Toward Revision.

Redfield's broad intimation to business that the federal government would investigate cuts in wages that looked like reprisals for the passage of the tariff bill brought out a sharp ross fire of speeches today between

Chairman Underwood and Represen-

tative Mondell, republican, of Wyom-

Mr. Mondell declared Representative Underwood's statement that wage uts would be investigated could be forgiven, because it was made in the neat of debate"

Secretary Redfield had no such exuse he said, "Every right-minded citizen," con-

tinued Mr. Mondell, "hopes for the favorable conduct of the country's inlustries, but I know of no law which says any man shall continue to give loss, that los will be repaired?" employment to labor under adverse conditions and continue his business

Mr. Underwood amid applause by the ready to remedy the injury."

By Associated Press. democrats, "if you look through the Washington, May 15.—Secretary tariff hearings you will find statement after statement of manufacturers that if a democratic house reduced the taroff in the interests of the people they would take the reduction out of the abor in the factories and mills. "Man after man said, 'what reduc

tion you make will come out of labor.' We intend that where these in We intend that where these inlustries are making enormous profits and many of them are, that reducable profits and they shall not continue to make these profits at the expense of their labor. We won't in-terfere with labor but when a manufacturer says he is cutting wages be cause of tariff reductions, we want to know if he is telling the truth."
"Will you promise," interrupted Mr.

Mondell, "that if any industry shows : "When the bureau of commerc inds," returned Mr. Underwood, "that injury "The situation is just this," rejoined sure this side of the house will stand

Steps toward Closer Association Among the Churches Will Be Taken.

(By Associated Press) Atlanta, Ga., May 15.—Possibility of an organic union of all the branches of the Presbyterian churches in America was voiced here today in the sermon of retiring moderator Dr. Mark A. Matthews of Seattle at the opening session of the Northern Presbyterian Assembly. This declaration was greeted with applause and cheers by more than 800 commissioners representing the membership of the entire organization who are tending the 125th annual assembly

of that body. Memorials protesting against any definite action looking to a union at the present time with any other Presbyterian organization were read at today's session of the United Presbyterian assembly. These protests were submitted to the committee on union appointed at the last assembly and will be embodied in their report, which probably will be submitted

Friday. Atlanta, Ga., May 15 .- Although of cupied today with the consideration of important business matters at the meeting tonight of the "Pan-American Townsend of New Jersey may fall Pentecost." At this gathering, for the first time in the history of Presbyterianism, the representatives of the four leading Presbyterian church organizations, the Northern, Southern, United and Associated Reformed, will meet together to discuss questions of common interest.

During the ten day joint session which begins tonight, important steps toward a closer association among the four organizations are expected to b taken. A proposition to amalgamate these organizations into one will, it is CROWING MORE SERIOUS anderstood, be presented for consideration but there is no certainty that such a proposal will be adopted.

such a proposal will be adopted.

During the day moderators will be elected by both the northern and southern organizations, this part of he annual business of the United Assembly having been disposed of last night, when Dr. R. M. Russell, of New Wilmington, Pa., was chosen moder-ator of that church for the coming

Veterans Plan Camp Fire Meeting. A feature of the program for today was a meeting of confederate and civil war veterans, called for late this afternoon to arrange for a "camp fire" meeting later this week. More than 100 veterans are among delegates to the assemblies here.

At tonight's meeting, J. K. Orr, ommittee, will welcome the delegates to the city and responses for their respective organizations will be made by Dr. T. S. Clyce, retiring moderator of ed Assembly: Dr. Mark A. Matthews, retiring moderator of the Associated Reform Assembly. Mr. James Mc-Donald of Toronto, elder of the Canadian Presbyterian church will deliver an address dealing with "The Church's Responsibility for

church in America," declared Retiring hoderator Dr. Mark A. Matthews of Seattle, in his sermon today at the opening session of the Northern Presbyterian church general assembly.

Union Pacific Withdraws Demand for Exclusive Privileges over Central Pacific.

By associated Press. San Francisco, May 15 .- The San railroad company has devised a new plan for the dissolution of the Union Pacific and Southern statement today that the Union Pacific prepared to submit it to Attorney-General McReynolds. It is probable, says the newspaper, that the plan will commission informally so that a prior

It is said that the Union Pacific is willing upon certain conditions to practically every shipper in withdraw its previous demand for any Carolina will have joined in the petiexclusive privileges over the Southern Pacific property, thus opening the way for the Western Pacific and Atchison, Topeka, & Santa Fe to claim a share line and share in the use of the Industrial tracks thereon.

PLANTED IN W.N. CAR.

During March and April, Not Counting Many Planted in Small Orchards.

During March and April of this ear there were planted in western North Carolina 25,000 apple trees. This statement was made today by Col. T. Gilbert Wood, agent of the and and industrial department of the Southern railway with headquarters nere. Col. Wood has spent considerable time within the past two weeks in compiling data about the apple industry of the section, and the above statement is taken from actual figures,

This number of trees was planted in six counties of western North Carolina, and represents only the trees planted by the larger orchardists. It was impossible for him to see or get hairman of the local entertainment in touch with every men at all interested in orchards, and it is entirely possible that several thousand others were planted, of which he knows noth-This number, however, exceeds the Southern Assembly. Dr. H. H. any for this period of time for west. Bell, retiring moderator of the Unitern North Carolina, thus indicating that the apple industdy of the section is receiving considerable impetus. Col. Wood, in compiling these fig

ures, has come in close touch with the orchardists of the section and the methods which they are using, and he says that he finds a marked improve sy faith thrust into Christ we dreater care is given to the selection should bring about organic union of all the branches of the Presbyterian church in America." declared Berrian church in America." declared Berrian church in America.

(By Associated Press)

The text of Dr. Matthews' sermon being given especial attention. The was "The Victories of Faith against crops and market conditions very nate, is mementarily expected accordiate."

By the exercise of God-ward closely for the purpose of finding out that organic is a statement attributed to the continued, "that organic is a statement attributed to the continued, "that organic is a statement attributed to the continued, "that organic is a statement attributed to the continued, "that organic is a statement attributed to the continued, "that organic is a statement attributed to the continued, "that organic is a statement attributed to the continued, "that organic is a statement attributed to the continued, "that organic is a statement attributed to the continued to the contin

Odell Company of Greensboro Files Complaint of Discrimination in Railway Freight Rates.

NUMEROUS INTERVENERS AND MORE TO COME

tions shall come out of the unreason- Damages Are Prayed for on All Shipments Received in the Past Two Years.

> Gazette-News Bureau. Wyatt Building, Washington, May 15,

Becoming exasperated at the failure of the Southern rallway to grant the promised relief in freight rates in North Carolina a broadside was fired esterday when the Odell Hardware ompany of Greensboro for itself and ther receivers of freight in North Carlina, took the matter into their own hands by filing their complaint with the interstate commerce commission. The petition, while presented in the name of the Odell firm, in reality attacks the entire structure of class and commodity rates into the state from western and official classification territory points. A large number of in-terveners have joined in the fight of he Greensboro firm, including practically the entire furniture and other

boro, High Point and many other points in the state. The petition, which was filed by United States Assistant Attorney General Wade Ellis, asks that relief be granted, and in addition prays for a refund of overcharge on all freight re-

manufacturing industrie of Greens-

The long fight over the discrimination against the North Carolina shippers in favor of Virginia chies has be laid before the California Railroad reached a climax, The railroads' promunderstanding with the commission cal construction of the verbal agreemay be reached before the details are ment, have failed to make good. made public. It is stated the Union Through attorneys here the shippers Pacific seeks principally the purchase will push their claims through the in-of the Central Pacific. terstate commerce commission. It is understood here that within a week tion filed by the Greensboro firm The Allegations.

The petition directly alleges that the system of making rates into North of the business on the Benecia short Carolina of adding excessive local rates of the Southern railway to the through charges up to the sessions of their respective assemblies. In defining the new plans, however, cities results in wholly depriving commissioners of the Northern, it is stated that the Union Pacific cuts North Carolina of the benefit of its Southern and United Presbyterian | down its offer for the Central Pacific advantages of location and natural rechurch organizations looked forward by approximately \$12,000,000. Its sources; that when North Carolina with unusual interest to the opening original offer was \$103,000,000. | merchants attempt to sell in the marmerchants attempt to sell in the mar-kets of North and South Carolina, Georgia and other southern states, they have to pay the same rates as Lynchburg and other Virginia cities, notwithstanding they are located only half the distance between the Virginia cities and the southern markets, and that the entire burden of the complaint is really directed against the charges imposed by the Southern railway from the Virginia cities into North Carolina and beyond,

Damages are prayed for on behalf of the Odell Hardware company on all its shipments into Greensboro in the last two years, and specific relief is prayed for. Answers of the Southern railway

and the other defendants will be filed in 20 days, and the case will then be set down for hearing, probably at various places in North Carolina. Rate Adjustment Possible.

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, May 15.—Twenty Union ounty citizens appeared before Governor Craig today with petitions signed by 2000 persons asking that five years sentence of J. C. Marsh, former depot agent at Marshville, be changed to a fine.

The judge, solicitor, Scaboard Air Line, jurymen and ministers are among those asking for a change. It is the largest petition for commutation ever received. That there is some prospect of a settlement of the rate situation was gathered from Chairman Travis today. He said the rallroads, he thought, are sincere in their efforts to reach an agreement.

CEMENT IS DONATED FOR GREAT HIGHWAY

By Associated Press.

Chicago, May 15.—Enough cement to construct the proposed ocean-toocean highway has been donated by members of an organization of cement manufacturers in session here. Each member agreed to give one per cent of his annual octput for three years. The subscription is estimated to be worth \$2,500,000.

To Repay Guntemalan Debt.