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JAPAN IS PROTESTING

Sec. Bryan in California Trying to Compromise Controversy Between That State and Japan

CALIFORNIA STANDS PAT

Danger of War With Japan is Being Talked in Some Quarters in Washington—Latest Revolution in Mexico Seems to Be Gaining in Force—Foreign Investors in Mexico Are Suffering Heavily—A Growing Revolt Against the Democratic Tariff—Protest From Every Part of the Country Continue to Pour Into Washington.

(Special to The Caucasian.)

Washington, D. C., April 29, 1913.

The chief interest at the National Capital to-day is centered around the mission of Secretary of State Bryan to California in trying to smooth out or compromise the serious controversy that has arisen with Japan. The California Legislature seems to be determined in passing a law absolutely prohibiting Japanese from owning or leasing land in that State.

It is admitted that California, and indeed every State, has the right to pass such a law, with reference to the Japanese or any other foreigners, yet Japan has protested so vigorously that such a law would be an unfriendly act, that President Wilson has been moved to try to induce California to modify her position, though other States, Washington and Arizona, have passed similar laws.

Secretary Bryan has been sent across the continent on this mission, but it seems, from the reports from California to-day, that his mission has failed. Indeed, those who are familiar with the situation predicted from the beginning that it was a useless trip for him to take and that he and President Wilson could have had as much, if not more, influence with the State of California, if such a radical and unprecedented step of sending the Secretary of State in person had not been resorted to.

There is a great deal of talk here about the unprepared condition of this country for war, and the danger of Japan attacking us through the Philippine Islands or in the Hawaiian Islands. We do not believe there is such danger, but it is noticeable that such a proposition is being seriously discussed at the capital and also around some of the Executive Departments.

The Situation in Mexico.

The new and last revolution in Mexico against the present government seems to be gaining in force each day. If the opponents of the present government could get together, it would seem that they could overthrow the Huerta regime, within a few days. And even if we are to judge the future by the past, the success of the present revolution would at once mean the starting of a new revolution against whatever new government might be formed.

The damage that has been inflicted and that is daily being inflicted upon American citizens and their property, in Mexico, is enormous. Similar injuries are, of course, being suffered by English, Canadian, French, and other foreign citizens, who have large investments in that country.

There is a growing demand that this Government should intervene to establish a stable government in Mexico, as we did in Cuba, but the propositions are so different that any wise administration will hesitate to take such a step.

The Growing Revolt Against the Democratic Tariff.

Protest from every part of the country continues to reach Congress against the proposed Democratic tariff bill, which is now being rammed through the House. Not only the cotton and wool industries, but every other industry, most seriously affected, are sending large delegations here and pointing out the injuries and in many cases the ruin that will result if such radical reductions become a law.

In this connection, however, it is proper to suggest that as radical and dangerous as the Democratic tariff bill is, yet it is not as bad as the Democrats promised or threatened to pass if they were put in power. They declare that "protection was unconstitutional and robbery." If this position is sound, then there should be no tariff duties that would result in any protection to American products and American labor. The only excuse that the Democrats have ever given for levying any tariff duties, was in order to raise revenue, and they have always apologized therefore and expressed regret that

any "incidental protection" would result therefrom.

Our Democratic friends now have the power to pass an income tax law. They have declared that this is the fairest kind of tax to everybody, while the tariff duties have been denounced as the most unfair form of taxation. Therefore, from their standpoint, they should abolish all tariff duties and raise all revenue from the income tax.

One thing is certain, however, and that is, if the people had a chance to vote again to-day, there would be no danger of a Democratic administration getting in power, even by accident. This condition has created such a feeling in the country that there is every evidence of the Republican elements getting together for common defence of the industries and prosperity of the country. And if they do, their forces will be largely augmented by tens of thousands of disgruntled Democrats.

It is clear that the next President of the United States will not be a Democrat.

To Place Free Sanitary Drinking Cups on the Southern.

Washington, D. C., April 26.—Arrangements have been made by the Southern Railway to furnish sanitary individual drinking cups to passengers on all trains and a large supply of cups of the collapsible paper type has been ordered. As soon as the cups have been received each conductor will be furnished with a supply and any passenger desiring a cup will receive one free of charge on application to the conductor.

Furnishing drinking cups to passengers on the large number of trains operated by the Southern Railway will involve a substantial expenditure which is being undertaken to provide for the convenience of patrons of the railway. All common drinking cups have been removed from trains in compliance with United States Government regulations and the statutes and ordinances of many States and municipalities.

President Gets \$260,000 a Year.

The statement that the total salary and allowances made to the President come to \$260,000 a year has caused people all over the country to throw up their hands and exclaim: "That can't be right." But it is right! The actual amount appropriated each year depends on Congress and the figures vary somewhat from year to year. For the coming year the authorized expenses as provided for in legislative, executive and judicial bill are in round numbers as follows: President's salary, \$75,000; clerk hire, \$70,000; contingent fund, \$25,000; President's travelling expenses, \$25,000; household expenses, including horses, automobiles, etc., \$25,000; fuel, \$6,000; care and repair of greenhouses, \$12,000; printing invitations, etc., \$3,000; lighting White House and grounds, etc., \$9,000. Total, \$260,000.—Union Republican.

Family of Army Officer Burned to Death.

San Francisco, Cal., April 27.—Two women and three children were burned to death to-day in a fire that destroyed two frame barracks occupied by non-commissioned officers of the Sixth Infantry and their families. The victims were members of the family of Sergeant Schall—his wife, her mother, and his three young children. Schall made a frantic effort to save his family and when at length he was dragged from the burning building, he lost control of himself and was taken to the hospital under guard.

Epidemic of Measles in Randolph County—Death of Prof. Garner.

There is an epidemic of measles at Asheboro and Why Not in Randolph County. Mr. G. F. Garner, superintendent of the Why Not Academy and Business Institute, died Sunday afternoon after a three weeks' illness from measles and pneumonia. Several deaths have occurred at Asheboro.

Woman's Suffrage Amendment.

(Thomasville Davidsonian.)
Hon. R. L. Haymore, one of the commissioners appointed by the Legislature to offer certain amendments to the Constitution, on his way to a meeting of that body, let it slip that a woman's suffrage amendment would be offered and intimated that Hon. E. J. Justice was to be the champion for women's rights. Mr. Justice is a candidate.

Street Car Service Tied Up.

The street car service in Asheboro is tied up on account of a strike by the conductors and motormen which took place Monday morning, when every car was turned in at the barns. The company is now trying to operate with strike breakers, but under difficulties.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS.

When the Montenegrin army entered Scutari last week they found the Turkish troops and population starving.

Representative Bartlett, of Georgia, introduced in Congress Saturday a bill to reduce letter postage to one cent.

Memorial service of the Confederate soldiers of the Civil War were held in many cities throughout the South Saturday.

American recognition of the new Chinese Republic will be delayed because of the disorganization of the Chinese Parliament.

Rev. K. D. Holmes, pastor of the Steele Street Methodist Episcopal Church, at Sanford, died suddenly early Thursday morning.

Dr. W. D. Bigelow, Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Chemistry at Washington, resigned from the Government service Saturday.

One hundred and twenty persons perished in a mine explosion at Finleyville, Pa., Thursday. Some of the bodies were horribly burned.

Simon Hicks, a negro of Lenoir County, was killed a few days ago by Jacob Dove, another negro. The killing was without provocation.

President Wilson will speak in New Jersey to-day and to-morrow in behalf of jury reform and a proposition to call a constitutional amendment.

A bill was introduced in Congress Saturday to create a Bureau of Public Highways, carrying an appropriation of \$24,000,000 for use in the States.

Postmaster-General Burleson says that all postmasters must work eight hours a day. They will not be allowed to leave their duties for others to perform.

The Chief Inspector of the Interstate Commerce Commission reports that 10,000 persons had been killed in wrecks in the United States during the past year.

Miss Annie King, a trained nurse, was run down and fatally injured by an automobile in Charlotte a few days ago. Miss King went to Charlotte from Statesville.

Nebraska has notified the State Department at Washington of its ratification of the seventeenth amendment to the Constitution providing for the direct election of Senators.

Secretary of State W. J. Bryan went to California Thursday to try to persuade the California Legislature to reconsider the proposed alien land law, which is obnoxious to Japan.

By direction of Secretary of War Garrison, the Panama Canal Zone will be without saloons during the coming fiscal year. At the present time there are thirty-five saloons in zone towns.

Three million six hundred and ten thousand dollars was what floods in the Middle West cost the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, according to a statement issued by the company Saturday.

Joe Sutton, a seventeen-year-old boy, of Waynesville, N. C., is in jail awaiting trial on the charge of attempting criminal assault on his eight-year-old niece, who lives in a remote section of Haywood County.

The one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Stephen A. Douglas, Democratic candidate for President against Lincoln, was observed all over Vermont last Wednesday. He was the father of Judge R. M. Douglas, of Greensboro.

James Bryce, for six years Ambassador to the United States from Great Britain, said his farewell to the American people in New York Friday night and has returned to England. Mr. Bryce made a fine record as ambassador.

Suffragists, for the second time in a week, again stormed the Capitol Saturday to argue why women should have the ballot and be admitted to suffrage on the same plane as men, through the adoption of a Constitutional amendment.

The Seaboard Air Line Railway has awarded a contract for fifty locomotives of the "Pacific" type at a total cost of about \$1,000,000. Contracts for 1,000 box cars; 250 coal hoppers, and 250 flat cars have been made.

BILKINS IN WASHINGTON

Major Bilkins Returns Home Again Empty-handed

BILKINS STIRS 'EM UP

Wilson Merely Stumbled Into a Good Job Because He Had Failed to Keep His Accident Policy in Good Shape—Something About the Federal Gunboats and Daniels Ascendancy in Politics—Some Real Modern History.

(Correspondence of The Caucasian-Enterprise.)

Bilkinsville, N. C., April 22, 1913.

I hev jist got back from Washington City an' will rapport the fruits of my visit, hit bein' the second ofense erlong that line since Col. Billy Wilson stumbled into the Presidency because he had failed to renew his axident policy, or because he carries the left hind foot on a graveyard rabbit, I don't know which. When I rode up to the White House on Bob, they wuz sort of a commotion ermong the government police an' detectives who act as body guards ter the President an' famby, an' I wuz afraid that Jodesevus Daniels mite forget the record that his paternal ancestor, a native of North Carolina, Wilson County, made when he guided the Yankees up the Neuse River an' pintoed out how the Yankee gunboats could an' did practically destroy the town of New Bern, proceed to Kinston, landed soldiers there an' killed somethin' over twenty of the citizens there, mostly men too old to be in the army an' who had taken up arms to try to protect their women folks an' children from awl sorts of outrageous conduct on the part of the sailors an' soldiers aboard the Yankee fleet. The fleet then proceeded up the Neuse River az far az hit could an' landed a large detachment of soldiers an' they proceeded az far az Raleigh, whar they wuz another fite with home citizens, some bein' killed on both sides. Those killed at New Bern were mostly buried there. The home people killed at Kinston sleep in that town an' a beautiful monument wuz erected and unveiled there only a few years ago to keep green the memory of the citizens who fell there. Just South of the city of Raleigh, hardly a mile from the State capitol buildin', stands an old breast-works of earth which had been hastily built in an effort to repel the Yankee invaders. But they proved too strong for the people of Raleigh, an' the Yankees captured the whole town an' held hit for some months. The Yankees killed there lie in the Federal cemetery just outside of the eastern limits of the city. Most of the defenders of Raleigh (home citizens) lie in that beautiful spot, Oakwood cemetery, just outside of Raleigh, dead, dead, dead. No braver, no better citizens ever lived. Daniels failed to reach Raleigh, I believe, but he did not fail to come far enough to lead the Yankee army well on their way toward Raleigh. Men branded as traitors in secular an' Biblical history could hev shown better excuses for their treachery than could Daniels, whose beloved son, located at Raleigh some years ago to conduct an' alleged newspaper an' who, assisted by political hoodlums, red shirts ballot-box thieves, registration tricksters, a crooked, deceitful electkshun law which iz known awl over the country az a law, if hit even deserves the name of a law, which hez reached the acme of human political trickery, though hit wuz gotten up to bear (in appearance only) some of the earmarks of fairness an' justice between man an' man an' between political parties. The hands of many of the legislators who passed the law were at the moment stained with the crimson of human injustice instead of the clear waters from the fountain of justice. A few more or less good men were caught in the vile net an' remain in hit yet because they happen to believe a certain way politically an' hev not the sense nor the courage to cut loose from the net which wuz placed so carefully for the sole purpose of entrappin' credulous mankind, which iz often easily done because many men are az silly, politically, az young birds in a nest, who know no better than to swallow each an' every worm offered by the mother bird. But mother birds air generally regarded az both sensible an' honest an' so the birds do not fare so badly, after awl. But you can't say az much for many so-called men, many of whom are so dishonest that they hope the bosses will receive them, an' then hit becomes an easy matter, or course. The great sin of the present age iz a desire to be humbugged in some way an' the political bosses are proud to do the job.

President Billy Wilson iz now hidin' under a haystack in rear of the

White House burn an' I can't get him to come out an' face me. I may hev to give hit awl up about that offer.

Az ever,
ZEKE BILKINS

TARIFF WRANGLE IN THE HOUSE

General Debate on the New Bill Ended Monday.

General debate on the Democratic tariff bill in the House wound up Monday night in a final outburst of oratory. Democrats spent the day landing the measure, while alternately Republicans and Progressives attacked its provisions. The Senate committees are getting in shape to consider the measure.

Plowing by Moonlight in Mecklenburg County.

Mr. G. V. Kellar, a Mecklenburg farmer, says the Charlotte Observer, operates on his farm a 60-horse power tractor, dragging twelve 28-inch disk plows and cutting a swath 12 feet wide and 12 inches deep. During the moonlight nights Mr. Kellar operated his plow at night as well as day. The tractor cuts two acres an hour, 48 acres in a day and night. Mr. Kellar figures that it costs him about 60 cents an hour, to operate the outfit. Only two men are required to look after it. It does the work of about forty horses. After going over the land once Mr. Kellar goes over it a second time, using two eight-inch disk harrows, with forty 20-inch disks, thus cutting up the soil so that it will retain its moisture all summer.

Two Negroes Attack Conductor Singleton on Norfolk Southern.

Conductor Singleton on the Norfolk Southern was assaulted by two negro passengers, John Moyle and his father, Jim Moyle, who boarded the train at Farmville Saturday afternoon. The negroes were boisterous and when told to be quiet, the elder negro drew a knife and slashed the conductor across the back. John Moyle then drew a revolver and fired point blank at the conductor. The bullet struck a belt buckle and glanced off. The conductor was taken to a hospital when the train reached Wilson and the two negroes were placed in jail.

Rocky Mount Girl Has Miraculous Escape.

While at work in a cotton mill at Rocky Mount, Eva Womble, thirteen years old, was caught in the belting and was carried over the shafting and fell from the ceiling to the floor, sustaining what were at first thought to be serious injuries. The girl's dress was hung in the belting and when the power was turned on suddenly she was carried up with the belt, whirled over the shafting and from there she fell to the floor. No bones were broken and it is believed she was not seriously injured.

Senate Votes for Additional Circuit Judge for This District.

The United States Senate Monday passed the bill authorizing an additional Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit with an amendment abolishing the judgeship made vacant by the removal of Robert W. Archbald, who had been assigned to the Commerce Court. The fourth circuit includes the districts of Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

Prominent Tarboro Man Sentenced to Roads for Retailing.

Tarboro, N. C., April 29.—R. H. Denton, one of Tarboro's most prominent business men, was Monday sentenced by Recorder Pender to twelve months on the roads for selling liquor, the sentence following the biggest raid ever made in the State, it is declared. Thirty-nine barrels of liquor were found at Denton's livery stable, the stuff being valued at \$2,000. Denton appealed to the Superior Court and his appearance bond was fixed at \$2,000.

Politics the Curse of Pensions as Well as Public Schools.

Lincoln Times.]
There are Confederate veterans in Lincoln County worth \$10,000 who draw pensions. Others have been turned down because they were worth over \$500. Why? Wherever the fault lies it is a piece of injustice that is aggravated and gross. We believe every soldier should have a pension, or none of them.

A Monopoly Ridden State.

Lincoln Times.]
The railroads have robbed our people of \$6,000,000 a year for a number of years in excessive rates, to say nothing of the vast capital that has been kept out because of high freight rates, and the Democratic party is chargeable as accessory after the fact, in this crime upon the people of the State.

MARCHED UP THE HILL

And Then Marched Down Again, Was the Result of the Rate Conference

NO AGREEMENT WAS REACHED

Railroads Turn Down States' Proposition and Suggests That Question of Freight Rates be Submitted to Interstate Commerce Commission—Railroads Claim Rates Asked for Would Ruin Their Business—Mr. Travis Claims Percentage of Profit of Roads in This State Greater Than Anywhere Else—Governor Asked to Call Extra Session of Legislature.

The two days' conference between representatives of the railroads operating in this State and the special legislative committee and Governor Craig in regard to cheaper freight rates in North Carolina came to a close yesterday afternoon without having accomplished anything. The railroads refused the proposition of the special committee and suggested that the question be submitted to the Interstate Commerce Commission. Governor Craig was asked by some of the shippers present at the conference to call a special session of the Legislature within thirty days to consider the question of freight rates, but the Governor did not indicate his position as to a special session.

Large Number Present.

Quite a number of shippers from all over the State were on hand Tuesday morning when the representatives of the railroads, the special committee appointed by the last Legislature, and Governor Craig, met in the Senate chamber to discuss the matter of freight rates to points in this State. The railroads rejected the proposition which had been submitted to them at the last conference on April 19. After being in conference for several hours the railroads asked until noon yesterday for a final conference. At the meeting yesterday the railroads stated they could not accede to the wishes of the committee and suggested that the matter be referred to the Interstate Commerce Commission, saying this tribunal would have to pass upon it anyway. Mr. Travis, Chairman of the Corporation Commission, said this had been done before and at that time the representatives of the railroads showed a willingness to treat with the State. Mr. Travis further stated that the net earnings, per ton mile, of the railroads in this State was greater than anywhere else.

Mr. Norman Johnson, editor of the Merchants Journal, speaking for the Merchants' Association, said the failure of the railroads to concede to the committee's proposition was nothing short of damnable. (Governor Craig suggested this language was not exactly parliamentary.) Mr. Preston, speaking for the Charlotte shippers, said they were ready to keep up the fight for better freight rates. The committee stated that they didn't want to bankrupt the railroads, but simply wanted to be put on an equal footing with Virginia in the matter of freight rates.

Governor Craig, in adjourning the rate conference yesterday afternoon, told the representatives of the railroads the people of North Carolina would get justice by lawful means and pledged himself to appeal to the people.

Just what kind of an appeal he will make to the people the Governor did not say. He did not say he thought of calling an extra session of the Legislature, though some of the shippers asked him to do so.

Sunday Funerals Abolished.

The Catholic priest in Bridgeport, Conn., has denounced that there will not be any more Sunday funerals among the Catholic in that city except in emergency cases. He thinks the grave-diggers should rest on the Sabbath day.

Green County Husband Kills His Guest.

Claud Goff, of Snow Hill, Greene County, was shot and fatally wounded by his cousin, Joseph Goff, Sunday night. Joseph Goff claims the deceased made improper proposals to his wife.

5,000 Persons Rendered Homeless by Break in Levee at St. Johns.

Eight hundred acres of the finest farming land in Mississippi were flooded and 5,000 persons are rendered homeless by a break in the levees at St. Johns Monday. The break will relieve the pressure at New Orleans.