

PRESIDENT THANKS GOVERNOR GILLETTE

For Service. He Has Rendered Country in Staving Off Anti-Japanese Legislation.

REP. DREW IN FULL HARMONY

Will Amend Measure to Conform To Wishes of Government In the Matter.

Second Letter Will Not Be Made Public at White House—Recognize Pacific Coast Feeling.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 27.—Gov. Gillette has received the following message from President Roosevelt regarding the postponement by the legislature of action upon anti-Japanese bills:

"White House, Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.

"Hon. J. N. Gillette, Governor of California, Sacramento, Cal.: Will mail you full letter on legislative tomorrow. This letter will set forth why you think that the only bill that is proper in this relating to the ownership of real property by aliens with the amendments suggested by Secy. Root. I most cordially thank you for your attitude and for the service you are thereby rendering, not only to California, but to the entire Union. THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

The alien bill referred to is the one introduced by A. N. Drew, of Fresno, prohibiting aliens not eligible to citizenship from owning land in the state.

Secy. Root's amendment would remove the discriminatory feature by eliminating the phrase 'who shall not be eligible to citizenship.' Mongrelism are the only aliens who may not become citizens.

DREW BILL AMENDED.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 27.—When the A. N. Drew bill prohibiting aliens owning land was called up for consideration in the assembly today, its author asked that it be put over. Mr. Drew has held a conference with Gov. Gillette and will amend his measure to conform to the wishes of the federal government.

Drew received the following letter from the governor yesterday:

"My Dear Mr. Drew: Your note received. I am inclined to think that the best possible law that can be passed on the question of alien ownership of land would be the law adopted by Oklahoma. You will find it in the session laws of the state of Oklahoma, 1907. The book is on file in the state library.

"I would strike out the first line, the words 'who is not a citizen of the United States,' because that is useless. An alien is a citizen of the United States."

"Then I notice the second line of section 3, instead of having 'device' the word is 'device.' I suppose this must be a typographical error. To this bill I think it will be added."

"The bill, extending the time in which leases can be given—some many years on agricultural property and some one year in other short, in my opinion, this would apply to all aliens alike. I would not be reasonable as to the length of time for which leases should be granted.

"I am also of the opinion that President Roosevelt's suggestion that I should not in fact I have telegrams from them which would indicate such to be the fact."

"Of course the question whether or not it would be policy to pass an alien law in this state, bearing on the fact that the legislature would have to consider, but if such a bill is to pass, as I say, I am inclined to believe that one such as the Oklahoma law probably would be the best."

"Yours very truly,

"J. N. GILLETTE."

MR. DREW'S REPLY.

"Mr. Drew's reply was as follows: 'I am strictly in accord with the changes you suggest. The words 'who is not a citizen of the United States' are surplus and could have easily been left out, but they are found in both the Illinois and Oklahoma laws. I am glad the president takes the views of the assemblyman into account. I am sure that he will work in harmony with yourself. However, I deem it advisable that some law should be enacted at this session of the legislature.

"I will be the wisest on our part to take this step at once, bearing in mind that the legislature would have to consider, but if such a bill is to pass, as I say, I am inclined to believe that one such as the Oklahoma law probably would be the best."

"Yours very truly,

"A. M. DREW."

The assemblyman's request to postpone action on the bill was made inasmuch that he may prepare such amendments as would be acceptable to President Roosevelt.

On motion of Assemblyman A. M. Drew, author of the anti-alien law, action on all anti-Japanese bills was postponed for one week when the measure came up as a special order of business today.

THE SECOND LETTER.

Washington, Jan. 27.—President Roosevelt's second letter to Gov. Gillette of California, relating to the Japanese situation, now on its way to the chief executive of California, will not be made public at the White House, the discretion of doing this being left with the governor. The letter is understood to advise against legislation of any kind at this time bearing on the Japanese, even if not directly discriminating against the citizens of Japan. At the same time the president recognizes the existence of a sentiment favoring a non-discriminatory law prohibiting aliens from holding land in the state and it will be pretty clear from this letter and from talks that he has had with California congressmen, including a short conference today with Senator Flint, that he does not oppose such a law. He does not want it understood, however, that he encourages or desires a law of this kind, because the Japanese may regard it as being aimed at them, although they may accept its provisions without remonstrance.

The president strongly thinks that it would be best to take no action pending the developments of the next two years as to immigration.

Sensor Flint understands the president's attitude to be one of opposition to legislation of any sort, but in spite of the inclination of the California people to follow the leadership of the president, it is possible that the senator is convinced that there will be a law of non-ownership of lands by aliens. This will reach the Japanese directly although all aliens will be on practically the same footing and Japan cannot officially make protest.

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NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA

House Committee on Territories Working Hard to Report Separate Statehood Bills.

MAY BE READY NEXT WEEK

Republican Members Preparing Measure but Will Show It to Minority Members Before Submitting.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Every effort is being made by the house committee on territories to report the Arizona and New Mexico separate statehood bills by the end of next week. The statehood bill is being framed by the Republican members of the committee, but will be exhibited to the minority members before hearings are held by the full committee.

The bills probably will provide for grants of land by the federal government instead of grants of money as has been done in some cases to the territories that have been granted statehood. These grants of land are to be primarily for the purpose of liquidating certain territorial debts. A thorough investigation of the debts, both county and territorial, in New Mexico and Arizona, is being made with the object of determining how much land should be granted by the bill. It is proposed, it is said, to give New Mexico two representatives and Arizona one at-large in the house.

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UNSOLD LOTS.

Senator Heyburn Introduces Bill for Their Re-Appraisal.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Senator Heyburn of Idaho, has introduced a bill authorizing the re-appraisal of unsold lots in townships under reclamation projects and giving to the secretary of the interior authority to sell all such lots on partial payments. The bill provides that where lots have not been sold within two years after the first appraisal they may be re-sold, and then re-sold. In many cases it has been found that the original valuation was too high.

YOUNG TAFT ILL.

Over-exertion During "Prom Week" At Yale the Cause.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 27.—Over-exertion during "prom week" together with his duties as member of the "prom" committee and the effects of the changeable weather, caused the illness of Robert A. Taft, son of President-elect Taft, who was removed from his apartment yesterday to the Yale infirmary. His condition is not serious and the illness is said to be principally a case of acute indigestion. He will probably be in the infirmary about a week.

BROWNSVILLE AFFAIR.

Senate Leaders Draft Bill, Approved By President and Foraker.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Senate leaders have drafted a bill for the settlement of the Brownsville case, which meets with the approval of President Roosevelt and Senator Foraker.

AMERICAN NATIONAL LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 27.—The American National Livestock association convened this morning for its second day's session with a good prospect of before adjourning, the perennial fight between the cattlemen and sheep men over the subject of the grazing and range control would break out before final adjournment. The cattlemen, who are in the majority, are largely in favor of federal control and are in the majority, and their views will doubtless prevail, but it is not expected that it will be without a warm contest.

Dr. Dyson said that tuberculosis was now appearing among the improved breeds of cattle direct from the range and that the danger of spread of the disease was growing greater, causing an economic loss of millions of dollars annually through condemnation of carcasses by the United States meat inspection.

The fact that the amount of range was gradually decreasing added to the menace.

The speaker urged the use of the tuberculin test in livestock as an infallible means of determining the presence of the disease.

He alluded to the inconsistency of laws which prohibited the shipment of diseased meats but not regulating the shipment of milk and butter products.

Dr. Dyson urged the strict segregation of diseased cattle.

Dr. Dyson was followed by I. T. Pryor, president of the Cattle Raisers' association of Texas. His address was devoted to the "Benefits Derived from Livestock Organization and Co-operation."

E. S. Goolery, president of the Arizona Wool Growers' association, addressed the convention.

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"Will Be No Sidestepping," Says Clegg.

H. B. No. 37—the prohibition bill—has been referred to the judiciary committee of the house. In the natural course of the consideration of bills, the committee should take up No. 37 within a short time. When asked as to when the judiciary committee would begin the consideration of the prohibition bill, Representative Brigham Clegg, chairman of the committee, replied:

"No date has been set for the consideration of H. B. 37. There are several prohibition bills now before the committee, and I am informed there will be others. We will take up all the bills on this subject at once, and give them a thorough hearing, selecting the best one and discard the others."

"I wish to state that there will be no sidestepping in committee on this measure. It is an important bill and one in which the people are interested, and I propose that it shall receive a full, calm, honest and sincere consideration on the part of the judiciary committee. We will get to it as soon as possible in the regular order of business, and all sides will be given a fair and impartial hearing. We will meet the issue squarely, without fear or favor, and when the time comes to vote on the measure, I shall vote according to my best judgment, after a full consideration of the rights of all concerned."

JOHN Y. SMITH TURNS THEM DOWN QUARREL BETWEEN DRUNKEN MEXICANS STOOKEY BILL NOT IN FAVOR

Delegation from Utah County Made Acquainted With His Sentiments. Insurance Men Have Others in Mind Which Are Being Perfected.

HE IS AGAINST PROHIBITION. MURDERERS ARE FUGITIVES. OPPOSITION TO CLAUSES.

Petition Signed by 10,000 Residents Fails to Secure Senator's Prospective Vote for Cannon Bill. Those Dealing With the Converting of Policies and Payment of Fire Insurance Are Blackballed.

A committee of 30 representative men from Utah county waited upon Senator John Y. Smith, at the Kenyon, last night to secure from him a statement of his position on prohibition. They got it. Professor Brimhall, of the Brigham Young university, at Provo, acted as spokesman for the meeting. He stated that at a mass meeting of the citizens of Provo, held the previous evening he and the other men present from that place had been selected to bring to him the wishes of over 10,000 of the people of Utah county calling upon the members of the legislature from that section to work for the enactment of a law prohibiting the manufacture or sale of liquor in the state. Mr. Brimhall also called the attention of the senator to the fact that the other members of the committee came by the appointment of the mayors of the different cities in Utah county, and urged upon the senator the necessity of considering their suggestions.

SENATOR SMITH'S ATTITUDE. In reply Senator Smith said: "A great majority of the leading business men of Salt Lake and other large cities of the state are today opposed to state-wide prohibition. They do not view with favor the practical confiscation of \$5,000,000 or \$10,000,000 worth of property owned by the people engaged in the liquor traffic. "If it were only the objections of the brewer, the distiller and the saloon man, which we were to encounter, our road to action in the matter would be simple. But the interests of others are so closely interwoven with those of the men whose measure is investment in the liquor traffic that the sudden enactment of a prohibition measure would be a financial calamity to the state.

"There are thousands of influential business men of the state who believe that at this time the enactment of an absolute state-wide prohibition law would be too drastic, but who stand almost to a man for the correction of the liquor traffic as it is conducted at present.

"There are thousands of men who indulge moderately in the use of alcoholic beverages who do not look with favor on legislation making their use criminal.

"It is from the pointed logic of this class of citizens the greatest opposition to prohibition is encountered. It is an emphasis in the declaration for saloon regulation and correction. If, however, the question resolves itself into the continuation of the liquor business as it is at present conducted, or absolute state-wide prohibition, I will certainly champion your cause for prohibition.

An attempt was also made to see Senator Gardner by the committee, but at this time they were disappointed. The three house members from that district were seen however, and each of them stated his intention of carrying out the wishes of the legislature, which was to amend the prohibition law, which was created considerable surprise in the committee, as it is reported that he had previously stated his intention of working for prohibition. Several of the members of the committee give it as their firm belief that the senator will be found in the eye column when the vote is called for in the senate.

CHICAGO SMOKIEST CITY IN THE WORLD

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Chicago is the smokiest city in the world. The smoke inspector says so.

"This fact," he declares officially, "is proved by the reports of the health department which show that fresh air diseases are going up while other diseases are down on the down side."

"Smoke seems to penetrate everywhere in Chicago," it gets into the stores, enters the most remote corners and on the counters and the rain it causes is enormous."

The annual loss to manufacturers of articles is said to be \$600,000,000.

KING MENELIK

Report of His Death Lacks Confirmation. London, Jan. 27.—No confirmation can be had of the report published in a Paris newspaper that King Menelik of Abyssinia is dead. The latest news received here direct from Addis Ababa, is to the effect that the king was much better and that he had gone up country on a trip.

WILSON, ADAMS AND POOLE, FORGERS, ARE SENTENCED

Helena, Mont., Jan. 27.—In the district court today, Judge Clements sentenced John Wilson, Fred Adams and George Poole to 15 months' each in the state penitentiary, they having pleaded guilty to a forgery charge. These are the men who secured a pad of blank checks closely resembling those used by the American Smelting and Refining company and filling them out, imputed more than 100 Helena merchants.

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