

JAPAN DISSATISFIED WITH BILL PASSED BY CALIFORNIA'S SOLONS

Probable That Mikado's Representative Will Await Bryan's Return Before Making Any Formal Move.

MAY ASK REFERENCE OF MATTER TO THE HAGUE

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Saturday, May 3.—In the midst of his preparations for leaving Sacramento this evening, Secretary of State Bryan sent word at noon today to Governor Johnson and the presiding officers of the two houses of the Legislature asking for another conference, to be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, May 3.—It was learned today that the Webb bill, in its present form, is not satisfactory to the Japanese government. Although there is possibility of amendment in the lower branch of the Legislature or in conference, the conviction obtains that for the present nothing remains to be done, from the Japanese point of view, but to await the return to Washington of Secretary Bryan. Then it will be in order to take the subject up diplomatically, probably the first step being to ascertain whether the administration can be counted on to begin a legal test of the constitutionality of the new act.

If the question between the United States and Japan should not be settled within the next three months, it was intimated here today that Japan might make a formal request for the submission of the issue to arbitration at The Hague tribunal.

The special arbitration treaty between the two countries, negotiated in 1900, which is believed to cover the case, will expire by limitation unless renewed on August 24. It will be necessary for Japan to claim the benefits of the treaty before that date.

The particular provision of the treaty is:

Provisions of Treaty.

"Differences which arise of a legal nature or relating to the interpretation of treaties existing between the two contracting parties which it may not have been possible to settle by diplomacy shall be referred to the permanent court of arbitration established at The Hague by the convention of July 29, 1899; provided, nevertheless, that they do not affect the vital interest, the independence or the honor of the two contracting parties or do not concern the interest of third parties."

Diplomats here do not believe the question of Japan's honor, as it has been referred to in connection with the California situation, would come under the exemption referred to in the treaty.

Secretary Bryan has telegraphed President Wilson he would leave Sacramento tonight and arrive here next Thursday. Until that time the President, it is understood, will make no comment.

Officials here hope no bill will be signed by Governor Johnson until President Wilson has had an opportunity to confer with Secretary Bryan as well as the Japanese ambassador.