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JAPANESE LABOR WAS FOR C.P. RAILWAY

Reason Shown For Rush of Asiatics to Canada ---What W. L. King Found Out.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 1.—(Special.)—Drafts of five-year contracts now in force between Gotch and six corporations for the supply of Japanese labor were presented at the closing session Saturday of Commissioner King's investigation.

The two principal ones were those signed by Governor James Dunsmuir for the Wellington Coal Company and that of the C.P.R. The others were: Macdonell, Gzowski & Co.; British Columbia General Contract Company and two saw mills. Gotch made a hard fight against the presentation of these contracts, but it was urged that unless he presented them Governor Dunsmuir, Marpole, for the C.P.R., and others would be called to testify.

In the contract of the Wellington colliery, 500 miners are to be employed, the total wages being paid to the Canadian Nippon Company, at a rate from $1.35 to $1.90 per day. The Canadian Nippon Company is to receive $5 for each man supplied. An agreement with the C.P.R. is similar, lasting till 1919, at similar wages, the Japs being entitled to free transportation and low freight rates. Here is a summary of the results of the investigation, altho Commissioner King's report probably will not be ready for a week:

That no one is promoting a Chinese or Hindu invasion; the Japs' Boarding-house Association is responsible for the influx from Hawaii; the Canadian Nippon Company frankly admits having brought in 1400 laborers, forty being supplied to the Wellington Colliery Company, 150 to the British Columbia General Contracting Company, and over one thousand to the C.P.R.

FEWER JAPS FOR AMERICA.

Japanese Investigator Arrives Home With His Recommendations.

TOKIO, Dec. 1.—Baron Ishii, chief of the bureau of commerce of the Japanese foreign office, who visited the United States and Canada for the purpose of investigating the immigration problem, arrived in Tokio to-day and conferred with the officials of the foreign office, with whom he engaged in a thoro canvass of the situation for the coming week. In an interview, Baron Ishii said:

"My visit to the United States and Canada convinced me that the opposition to the Japanese is based partly upon race prejudice, tho considerable of it is due to labor troubles instituted by agitators. I found Japanese residents in the United States and Canada who resent the incoming of their countrymen from the Hawaiian Islands and Mexico, which is disliked. While it is proper for Japanese to conserve the interests of the Japanese now residing abroad, many of whom are prospering and living peacefully in America, in my opinion, it will be necessary, in order to keep absolute faith with the United States, to prevent immigration of laborers thitherto altogether, because an exclusion act would be disagreeable. We should send laborers to Canada in great moderation."

The foreign office is now engaged in investigating the representations of the United States ambassador concerning the character and number of emigrants.

The indications are that the Japanese government will give formal but verbal assurances of a future rigid exclusion of all that can be termed strictly labor immigration to the United States, being careful also in limiting the number moving for Canada.

HAD HIS POCKET PICKED IN ROTUNDA OF BANK

Business Man Lost $400 in Cash and Big-Cheque at Saturday Noon.

While standing in the line waiting to do business at the Molsons Bank, Bay-street branch, at noon on Saturday, a King-street business man had his pocket picked for a cheque for $2769.68 and $415 in cash.

He was on his way to deposit the money in the Sovereign Bank and did not miss it until he arrived there.

He then remembered a lot of jostling in the line, but could not give the police any adequate description of any one there at the time.

The banks have been notified to suspend payment of the cheque, and the police are working on the case.

GIVEN GOLD WATCH.

Miss Florence May Dewey was on Saturday presented with a handsome gold watch by the employes of the Mlln-Bingham Co., in recognition of her splendid performance in the recent ladies' walking contest, in which she finished sixth.

You Can Telephone Thru Your Chest

Odd Discovery Which Will, at Least, Result in Some General Experimenting.

"It's wonderful—wonderful; I don't believe it," exclaimed Mr. Bowser, looking up from his Sunday World so suddenly and with such emphasis that the cat, which had been dozing comfortably in his lap, fell to the floor and scampered into the seclusion of the darkened dining room.

"What is it now?" asked Mrs. Bowser, with mild interest. "Did your horse win?"

Mr. Bowser snorted. "No, madam," he said. "It's a discovery. Just been made. You can talk thru your chest. Think of it, thru your chest."

"Don't be so foolish," admonished Mrs. Bowser, placidly resuming her knitting.

"It's thru the telephone," hastily explained her spouse.

"Listen: 'The sound vibration in the lungs is communicated to the transmitter thru the chest, instead of thru the lips, and is then carried over the wire in the usual way.' The immensity of it all seemed to inspire him with awe for a short time, and he read and re-read the item.

"Well, what's the good of it anyway?" enquired Mrs. Bowser.

"Don't display your ignorance," he answered crossly. "In the cause of health—it will be the means of saving thousands of lives, thousands of lives. By Jove." He sprang to his feet. "I'm going to try it." In wild haste and excitement he hustled to the telephone in the hall, only to retrace his steps to the kitchen. He seized a chair and waddled back to the telephone. Fearful of the accidents so usual in the family, Mrs. Bowser, with a sigh, followed. She found him maintaining a precarious foothold on the chair. The receiver he held to his ear; the transmitter was pressed to his breast, or, to be correct, he was leaning standing against it.

"Hello, Central," he said, as tho addressing a picture on the wall in front of him, and as he spoke the half doubtful, half expectant expression on his face resolved itself in an illumined smile of intense satisfaction. "It's all right, dearie," he said, turning in triumph to Mrs. Bowser, "it—What?" he started suddenly. He moved violently as he spoke, and before Mrs. B. could reach him there was a wild contortion in midair, and then Bowser, telephone, picture and chair were in a heap on the floor.

"Insulted her! Insulted her! That's what Central said. How did I insult her?" he muttered vaguely as Mrs. Bowser bent over to assist him to rise.

"You forgot you were speaking thru your chest to 'dearie.'," she said.

As a matter of fact, telephoning thru the chest is not only possible, but quite practical, as no doubt scores of Sunday World readers, who have by this time experimented for themselves, already know.

One lady telephoned—thru the chest—to The World Office to claim credit for Canada in the matter. She says she was given the wrinkle by a Toronto man of scientific tendencies six months ago, and found it to be quite satisfactory in performance.

Manager Dunstan of the Bell Telephone Co. had not tried the experiment, and when assured by The World reporter that he was talking thru his chest, excused himself for a minute and went for a chair to try it.

At first The World could not near, but as Mr. Dunstan shifted the transmitter, the words would come over the wire all right.

"I do not think it would be practical," said Mr. Dunstan, "nor any handier than the present one. It is very interesting, however."

Whether it would be feasible to arrange the device on an operator's bodice, thus doing away with the necessity of talking into the transmitter, he could not say.

Houston, Texas, Fireswept.

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 2.—At 12.30 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the block bounded by Main, Fanning, Congress and Preston-streets. The fire is by no means under control, and it appears now as if the firemen will be unable to cope with it. Loss now over half a million.

COBALT OUTPUT SETS A RECORD

November More Than Doubles Shipment of Any Previous Month ---2500 Tons.

COBALT, Dec. 1.—(Special.)—The shipments from Cobalt camp for the week ending Nov. 30 are the heaviest for the year, amounting to 950 tons.

The LaRose, Jacobs, Temiskaming, Townsite, Foster, Nova Scotia, Tretheway, Silver Queen and Temiskaming and Hudson Bay are the week's shippers. The total output for the month of November is nearly 2500 tons shipped by fourteen mines.

Last week the Foster, Townsite, Nova Scotia, Temiskaming and Hudson Bay, Tretheway and Silver Queen shipped to Copper Cliff and accepted the bullion from the smelter. The output for November is more than double any previous month.

GIRL BECOMES A MOTHER MAN JAILED WITHIN HOUR

13-Year-Old Lena Breslin Preyed on by Inmate of House Father Was Helping.

Keeping her secret from her parents up until the last hour before a tiny girl baby arrived, afraid of being murdered, she says, by her seducer if she told of the assaults, pretty 13-year-old Lena Breslin, daughter of Solman Breslin, a tailor living at 18 Alice-street, then told her parents the story of her disgrace.

Dr. J. M. Johnston was immediately sent for at 11.30 p.m., and on his certificate after the birth an hour later, the police at No. 2 station, Agnes-street, notified Crown Attorney Corley, who called Magistrate Kingsford, and a warrant was sworn out, at 2 o'clock Sunday morning, for the arrest of Hunya Kowarski, a Russian Jew, aged 30, living at 45 William-street. He was arrested by Plainclothes Officers McConnell and Ironsides and landed in the cells before 3.30 a.m.

Kowarski has a wife and one child, and has been employed as caretaker of McCaul-street Synagogue. He has been here some three years. When he first came to Toronto he was helped to earn a living by the father of the little girl. Breslin, as vice-president of the synagogue, got him a position, and advanced him money to bring his wife out.

Little Lena is said to be the prettiest girl in the "ward," and the baby is said to "take after her."

The warrant charges Kowarski with "carnally knowing a girl under 14 years of age." The penalty is 14 years' imprisonment.

Kowarski was an inmate of Breslin's house until his family came out from Europe some months ago.

FELL OVER BANISTER.

Little Daughter of Dr. Bowie Will Probably Die.

BROCKVILLE, Dec. 1.—(Special.)—Phyllis, the little daughter of Dr. R. A. Bowie, lies in a precarious condition at her father's home, as a result of falling from the bannister at the third flight to the floor below, a distance of 25 feet. Her skull was fractured in two places, and she has been unconscious since noon yesterday, when the accident occurred. The chances of recovery are slight.

SWANSON WILL RECOVER.

George Swanson, who fell down an elevator shaft in the Toronto Bolt Forging Co.'s works at Swansea Saturday morning, is progressing favorably at Grace Hospital. He is expected to recover.

FIRED 4 SHOTS AT HUSBAND WHO OBJECTED TO ATTENTIONS

Geo. Hodge, After Bidding Good-Night to Mrs. Wm. Lee, Uses Revolver in Attempt on Lee's Life.

William Lee, aged 40, a laborer, living at 22 Inkerman-street, escaped being murdered at the hands of Geo. Hodge, a hackman, aged 18, of 24 Inkerman-street, who fired four shots from a 32 calibre revolver at Lee, because the older man remonstrated with his wife for being too intimate with Hodge.

Hodge was arrested at midnight Saturday by P. S. Beatty of No. 5 station and locked up in No. 2 station.

Mrs. Lee asked her husband to go down town with her to buy the Sunday groceries. He told her to go herself as he did not feel well. Mrs. Lee did not return until late, and when she came in her husband, who had heard her talking to Hodge at the door, remonstrated with her.

Hodge, who was listening, rushed into the house, burst open the door leading to the dining room. Taking aim at Lee, who was then standing opposite in the corner, he fired four shots in rapid succession. One bullet entered below the hinge of a door near which Lee was standing. Two went thru a woman's hat hanging on a nail in the middle of the door, the fourth sank in the middle bar.

At the sound of the first shot Lee ducked to the floor, and when the revolver was emptied got up without a scratch. He turned on Hodge, who struck him with the butt of the revolver on the head. Lee then ran to No. 5 station, where he told his story. Hodge went to his own house, where he was arrested.

Mrs. Hodge, mother of the prisoner, said that Mrs. Lee had a key to her son's room and often came in there.

Lee claims there was no reason for Hodge's act.

The revolver, a cheap one, was bought recently at a Yonge-street hardware store.

Hodge was charged with shooting with intent. He had been employed at intervals by P. Maher.

VERY UNCERTAIN FOOTING.

SIR 'ENRY (anxiously): Oh, I say, I don't like the w'y the blessed guys are snappin', do you?

ONE OUTLET IS THRU CANADA

New York Has Reached Climax of Commercial Supremacy, Says J. J. Hill.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—New York, in the opinion of James J. Hill, head of the Great Northern system of railroads, has reached the climax of her commercial supremacy. In an interview, to-day the railroad builder of the northwest expressed this view, his reason being that this city cannot hope to maintain its commercial control when its chief claim is, as he states, that it is the dearest place in which to do business. The cost of everything relating to trade and commerce," said Mr. Hill, "has increased here beyond the point of profit. Traffic will be forced to seek other outlets; business, other locations."

"The tax imposed upon business in New York is enormous. Your real estate, your docks, your means of communication are all burdened with heavy charges. The price to live and do business in New York is growing beyond the ability of the people to stand. They will be forced to go elsewhere, seeking places where the cost is more reasonable.

"Traffic cannot be dammed up. It will seek an outlet somewhere by going around the edges or making for itself entirely new channels.

"There are two outlets for the west possible of development, besides New York and the adjacent ports. One is thru Canada, down the St. Lawrence, and the other down the Mississippi to New Orleans.

"The products of the west are bound to reach their markets. Therefore, if they are blocked and overtaxed on their way thru New York they will find new channels for themselves."

O. A. C. WINS AGAIN.

Team of Five in the Live Stock Show Judging Wins Trophy.

An international honor of no small degree was captured on Saturday by five students of the Ontario Agricultural College at Chicago.

For the third time, the "team" entered by the college in the annual judging competition at the big live stock show was successful in winning the handsome silver trophy, which now becomes the permanent possession of the college.

There was keener rivalry than ever from the teams entered by United States colleges, but the Guelph bunch were too much for 'em.

ST. MARY'S POWER BYLAW.

ST. MARY'S, Ont., Dec. 1.—It is announced that a debenture bylaw for $20,000 will be sufficient to cover the cost of a distribution plant here for Niagara power. This is $10,000 less than was first estimated.

BITTER SPEECH IN THE DOUMA

Stolypin Necktie Phrase Which Will Stick to Premier---Ashamed of Citizenship.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 30.—The "Stolypin Necktie," an expression used by Fedor Roditcheff, the orator of the Constitutional Democrats, in the douma this afternoon, to designate the summary regime of drumhead court-martials instituted by Premier Stolypin in August, 1906, and decreed out of existence by the second douma last April, is the phrase on all lips in the capital to-day. The phrase has already become historic and has completely blotted out the effect of the ministerial declaration in subsequent debates and destroyed the complacency of the Conservatives, restoring the tense atmosphere of the earlier douma.

Upon M. Stolypin who, in company with his colleagues, was sitting next to the Speaker's tribune, the words fell as a thunderbolt, recalling the most painful incident of his career as premier. He turned deathly white, clenched the desk and stared motionless for several minutes at the unprecedented storm let loose by the reactionaries surging past him. Finally he left the chamber without uttering a word. The Associated Press learns that to the ministers with him in the pavilion, M. Stolypin announced firmly his decision to challenge M. Roditcheff to a duel.

Roditcheff's Denunciation.

During his speech, M. Roditcheff said the Russification policy of the government in Poland and Finland made him ashamed to call himself a Russian citizen. He referred to the "carpet bag" patriotism of this policy, and declared that since the crude time of the Moscow czars, the autocracy had done nothing to elevate the condition of the people, had ruined happy and prosperous sections of the Russian Empire, and had inculcated, in place of the original Slavic principle of liberty and civic rights, a Byzantine despotism which had brought rapine and desolation in its train.

He maintained that the opposition parties loved the country passionately, but they wished to make it possible for the humblest inhabitant to have the same equality before the throne and in the eyes of the law, and the same pride in Russian citizenship, as the highest dignitary in the empire.

"MITCH" IS BACK.

He dropped into The World office last night, and while shaking hands all round, he explained that it was mainly the holly and mistletoe sentiment that had brought him home.

Conditions out on the Pacific coast, south of the boundary, are not of the brightest, according to "Mitch," who says that the streets of Seattle are full of men whose resignations from jobs were accepted before they knew anything about it, and who are ready to take any kind of work, from a chauffeur's job to reading poetry to invalids.

FARMERS ARREST AN INCENDIARY

Tomas Kow Confessed to Burning Barn and Strawstack---Wanted to Go to Jail.

PORT HOPE, Dec. 1.—Thomas Kow, a French-Canadian, thirty-nine years of age, who speaks broken English and says that his home is at 505 Notre Dame-street, Montreal, is now in the cells here charged with incendiarism.

About 5 o'clock this morning a large frame barn belonging to John Harcourt at Port Britain, about three miles west of Port Hope, was set on fire, and in spite of all that could be done by neighbors was completely destroyed with its entire contents, consisting of twenty-six head of cattle, twenty hogs, nine horses and the year's crop of grain.

Immediately afterwards a straw stack some distance away belonging to Bill Brown was set on fire and burned. Sculthorpe and Dickinson, two farmers, who had been attracted to the first fire, noticed tracks leading from the barn. They easily followed them thru the fresh snow that had fallen during the night. The tracks led to the straw stack and from there to the school house. Thence they followed the footsteps to Wesleyville, where they saw Kow ahead of them.

When he saw them coming he stepped into the ditch at the side of the road and waited for them, but offered no resistance and was brought to Port Hope. There he was placed in the cells by Chief Bond. Speaking to a reporter Kow told an extraordinary story, and there is some doubt as to whether he is of sound mind. He says that he was on his way to Kingston from Toronto, and that he deliberately set fire to the barn and strawstack for the purpose of being sent to jail. He says that he also tried to set fire to the school house, but did not succeed in doing so. He says that he has served eight months in jail at Ottawa for stealing $50, and also four months in Montreal for assault upon a girl. There was but $400 insurance on Mr. Harcourt's barn.

THE CURE FOR IRELAND.

Self-Government as It Exists in Canada, Says Redmond.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—(C.A.P. Cable.)—John Redmond, speaking at Glasgow, drew a direct analogy between the political position of Canada and Ireland. The remedy which made the Dominion prosperous and happy was that which Ireland needed, he said. He pointed out the divergence between the French and British in Canada was much greater than between the Catholics and Unionists in Ireland, yet Sir Wilfrid Laurier enjoyed the confidence of both the former to a remarkable degree. He expressed his appreciation of Canadian support of home rule for Ireland.

POLICY HOLDERS TO PROSECUTE

One of the Tasks in Campaign Against Insurance Companies.

The Canadian Life Policyholders' Association have issued an open letter to policyholders, saying:

"The insurance report for last year, which has just been handed out by the department at Ottawa, contains many discouraging surprises. Even the most pessimistic policyholder was beginning to feel that, after the severe condemnation which the managements received from the public, and from the royal commission, it would be sometime before the old abuses would creep back into life insurance affairs. It is therefore with much surprise that the first report after the investigation is found to contain evidences of irregularities and extravagance equalling, if not surpassing anything that was found to exist previous to the investigation. Reading over the report one begins to conclude that, feeling secure in the fact that public attention would be off guard for a time, the managements decided it would be safe to do their work in the same old way for a while longer at any rate.

"The report itself is gotten up in the same manner as heretofore, and consequently is of absolutely no value to anyone who has not made a special study of the matters with which it deals. Hence it is safe to say that the irregularities that may be detected from the government report are only a few of what are likely to exist, as was shown by the investigation to be the case with previous reports.

Legislation Necessary.

"In every respect the report proves conclusively that the policyholders need not hope for any improvement in Canadian life insurance affairs until proper legislation is placed on the statute books. It is, therefore, the duty of every policyholder to do all in his power to see that this legislation is enacted without further delay. Many months have elapsed since the commission made its report. All parties concerned have had ample time to consider the question in all its phases. The cost of delay falls heavily upon the policyholder. He suffers by reason of a continuation of the irregularities in the affairs of his company, and pays for the lavish circulation of literature in which the companies are now indulging and which is designed to belie the royal commission, and their excellent report and to stampede the policyholders into betraying their own interests.

"It is not to be expected that policyholders will read many of the 3352 double-column pages of evidence taken by the royal commission; but every policyholder should procure for himself and read carefully the report of the commission. It is only a small volume and contains all the principal irregularities and mismanagements of every company examined, together with the recommendations as to the kind of legislation which should be enacted to prevent a continuation of these irregularities in the future. A copy of this volume may be had free of charge by writing to the secretary of the Policyholders' Association. We will also willingly and promptly supply any policyholder with any information he may desire, regarding any company or any feature of insurance. This assistance will be cheerfully given to any person irrespective of whether he is a member of the association or not. But of course we would urge every policyholder to become a member of the association without delay.

Two Tasks Ahead.

"At present our association has two very important tasks before it. One is to counteract the influence which the insurance companies, assisted by the Life Managers' Association and the Life Underwriters' Association, are endeavoring to exert in an attempt to either kill or mutilate the draft bill submitted by the royal commission.

"The other task which we have before us is to regain for the policyholders the large sums of money that have been improperly taken from the funds of a number of our Canadian companies or that have been lost in investments in unauthorized securities, every dollar of which losses the directors are personally liable for. Very shortly proceedings will be instituted for this purpose against the directors of a number of the companies."

The association has taken up permanent quarters at 61 Victoria-street, Toronto. The secretary is R. Laidlaw, B.A.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS.

To Col. W. M. Button. Born in Buttonville, Markham Township, Dec. 1, 1816.

TORONTO IS IN THE LEAD.

Toronto is the best show town of its size on this continent, for its theatres get the biggest, best dressed and most intellectual audiences. The season is now in full sway, and Dineen's, the renowned hatters and furriers, desire to call the special attention of the gentlemen of the firm's splendid offerings of fine fur-lined overcoats, ranging in price from sixty-five to one hundred dollars, which cannot be duplicated elsewhere. See them to appreciate the value. A specialty is also made of opera hats. It is always entirely safe to deal at Dineen's, Yonge and Temperance-streets.