

PROHIBIT COOLIE INFLUX.

Restriction Measure Introduced In Congress.

Representative Livernash has introduced in Congress a bill intended to guard against the danger of having the United States invaded by a horde of Chinese laborers when the Gresham treaty with China expires on the 7th of next December.

When that treaty dies in December not only will there be no law against the entry of Chinese laborers into the United States, but there will be a positive invitation to the yellow men to come into this country in unlimited number if the contention of the imperial Chinese government is right, and big authorities on international law are agreed that it is.

The representatives of organized labor at Washington are very much alarmed over the situation and regard it as vital that something be done by Congress at the present session. The Livernash bill meets with their hearty approval, and they will give it immediate and vigorous support.

As already reported in the papers, it has leaked out that some months ago China denounced the Gresham treaty. The effect of the denunciation is to kill the treaty on the 7th of December. What will then follow, it is claimed by ex-Secretary of State John W. Foster, the legal adviser of the Chinese Minister at Washington, is this: There will immediately revive two sections of the Burlingame treaty of 1868, under the terms of which Chinese persons of all classes may freely enter the United States, notwithstanding the Platt act adopted by the last Congress. Here are Mr. Foster's own words upon the matter:

"After the 7th of December, 1904, all the provisions of the treaty of 1894 will cease to have any effect, but the expiration of that treaty does not leave the two governments without any provision on the subject of immigration. The stipulations contained in articles 5 and 6 of the treaty of 1898 are revived, and come into full force and effect."

"It is clear that it is not the intention of either Government to abrogate that treaty in the negotiation of the treaties of 1880 and 1894. President Arthur, in a message to Congress, says: 'The negotiations of the treaty (of 1880) have recorded with unusual fullness their understanding of the sense and meaning.' In their report of the negotiations the American Commissioners stated that the Chinese plenipotentiaries would not consent to 'the absolute abrogation of the provisions of the Burlingame treaty (1868) relating to the free intercourse between the people of the two countries.'"

"After satisfactory explanations by the American Commissioners, they report that they 'proceeded to the consideration of such modifications of the Burlingame treaty as would be acceptable to both Governments.'"

"And in announcing the final signature of the treaty the Commissioners state that the essential point in the negotiations and in the treaty was to grant the United States the power to regulate the immigration of Chinese labor without absolutely abrogating the treaties by which immigration into the United States was recognized."

"The negotiations and the terms of the treaties of 1880 and 1894 make it clear that their only effect was to modify and temporarily suspend the stipulations of the Burlingame treaty as to free immigration, and President Arthur communicated this fact to Congress in his message of 1882. In referring to the treaty of 1880 he says: 'A new treaty was concluded with China. Without abrogating the Burlingame treaty, it was agreed to modify it,' etc."

"Hence, it follows that the termination of the treaty of 1894 by limitation revives in full force the provisions of articles 5 and 6 of the treaty of 1868. That convention contains eight separate articles relating to a variety of subjects, but articles 5 and 6 were the only ones modified and suspended. Such a revival of treaty rights is not unusual in international practice."

Article 5 of the Burlingame treaty contains this language:

"The United States of America and the Emperor of China cordially recognize the inherent and inalienable right of a man to change his home and allegiance, and also the mutual advantages of the free immigration and emigration of their citizens and subjects, respectively, from the one country to the other, for purposes of curiosity, of trade, or as permanent residence."

Article 6 of the same treaty contains this language:

"Chinese subjects visiting or residing in the United States shall enjoy the same privileges, immunities and exemptions in respect to travel or residence, as may there be enjoyed by the citizens or subjects of the most favored nation."

With these provisions revised and in effect as treaty provisions, of course, the present Chinese exclusion laws would fall to the ground, because the

Platt act, passed in 1902, extended the exclusion laws only consistent with treaty obligations. The moment the treaty obligations so shift that immigration becomes free by treaty that moment the statutory law gives way.

Under the circumstances the country will be open to free immigration of all classes of Chinese on and after December 7th unless meanwhile Congress adopts some provision doing away with the dangerous limitation imposed by the Platt act. The dangerous language of the Platt act was put into that statute against the protests of the California Chinese exclusion commission, whose members pointed out just what its effect would be on the falling in of the Gresham treaty this year.

The Livernash bill provides for repealing this objectionable limitation as to consistency with treaty obligations, and if it becomes law it will have the effect of making the present exclusion laws run on notwithstanding the revival of the Burlingame treaty.

FROM COAL MINING CAMPS.

Over Thirteen Thousand Quit Work in Iowa.

As a result of a failure of the Iowa operators and their employees to agree upon wages and the price of powder, 13,500 miners refused to go underground April 1.

The miners have from \$50,000 to \$80,000 in their strike fund, about enough to last six weeks. Thirteen thousand five hundred miners will go out.

The miners ratified the Minneapolis agreement as to a 5 per cent reduction in the scale, but were unable to agree with the operators on the question of day wages for top men, drivers, day employees or on the price of powder.

Earnest efforts to reach an agreement to arbitrate were made but the operators refused to consider the proposition of the miners. The operators state they will not make any effort to replace the strikers. They anticipate that a compromise will eventually be reached before the fall season opens.

Des Moines and the entire state of Iowa are confronted with a coal famine as a result of the lockout which has closed every mine in the state, and that section of Missouri included in the territory embraced by the affected district. But little coal is for sale in the state. Local dealers today placed double rush orders in Kansas City, Omaha and St. Joseph and other neighboring cities, but it is only possible to secure coal in limited quantities from those points. Unless the situation is eased within the next three weeks, manufacturers will be compelled to shut down.

Leading operators say they will be prepared to supply the demand for a long while yet, and that they have no thought of compromising. The miners say the situation must remain as it is for at least 60 days, at the end of which time negotiations for an adjustment will either be made or the strike will be continued with the help of the National Mineworkers of America.

Where They Agree.

The Illinois miners and operators have signed the state agreement, effective for two years. When the joint convention met last Sunday there was not one dissenting vote against the agreement reached by the joint scale committee.

The scale agreed upon by the joint scale committee of Altoona, Penn., giving 60 cents a ton for pick mining, was ratified by the miners' convention April 2. The scale fixes for one year the wages of 60,000 mine employees.

All the collieries in the Wilkesbarre, Pa., district were idle April 1, the miners remaining away from work to celebrate the anniversary of the eight-hour day victory in the soft coal region.

Complete recognition has been accorded the miners in the Kanawha, Gauley, Elk and Guyandotte River districts, W. Va., and all the men employed, about 10,000 in number, both in the mines and on the outside work, will become members of the Miners' Union.

As to Differentials.

John Mitchell, national president of the United Mineworkers of America, in his speech before the joint convention of the operators and miners of Illinois, contended that the agreement at Indianapolis, related to the scale only as a basis point in each state, and that the differentials in the various fields of a state must be threshed out by the miners or operators of the various states. This is the position taken by the miners in the conference, and is the main reason why they are holding out for higher rates in the northern fields.

The result of the vote taken Tuesday in the various locals of the Michigan district of the United Mineworkers of America shows that the proposition of the operators won by a large majority.

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Compared With Others.

Papers like the Times tell their readers with great gusto about the lawless, shiftless, unreliable American workman. Such people ought to be compelled to live in Mexico where the workmen do not form unions. They do other things, however, and the employers even go to the length of offering them prizes for good behavior. From an exchange we clip the following interesting news item:

"A \$500 prize decreed by Governor Villard, of Mexico, for the workman of Toluca, who in the course of one year was not seen to enter saloons, who was never arrested for any offense, who never failed to attend to his work, and who proved to have behaved honestly all through the year, was won by Pascual Quintero. Smaller prizes were distributed among other workmen who proved to have behaved decently."

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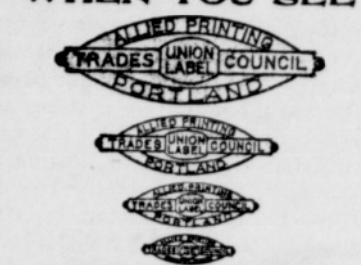
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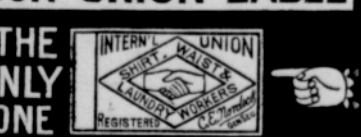
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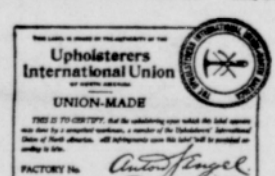


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