

AMERICA'S OVERSHADOWING PROBLEM LOOMS IN EVER-INCREASING MENACE

Imperative Need of Anti-Alien Laws Stirs Federated Societies of Oregon to Action for National Defense

Stalwart and uncompromising in his fight for the return of America to the people to whom it belongs, Mr. M. F. Wright, executive secretary of the American Fraternal Federation, headquarters at Portland, is giving valuable aid in the educational effort to obtain the necessary legislation and public support. The data given in the article below was gathered by him and he assumes responsibility for the entire article. The facts which he gives ought to make every American thoughtful on this vitally important subject.

The New York Tribune in a recent editorial said: "The present discussion about lessening the restrictions upon immigration seems to overlook the fact that the main purpose of limitation is to give the country time to assimilate its enormous number of foreign born."

This statement is correct in the case of the foreign born that can and will become assimilated, but what about the foreigner that cannot and will not become assimilated? The problem that is facing Oregon and the Pacific coast states at this time is the problem that already has been faced and is now a national problem in the Hawaiian Islands, that of Oriental control, and the Japanese are the principle menace at this time as on this coast, as it has been on the islands in the Pacific, thanks to the so-called "gentlemen's agreement" which has gentlemen on but one side.

Two Classes a Handicap.
We quite agree with Mr. Haynes, the National Prohibition Enforcement officer, who, while visiting in Portland last week said:

"There are two classes of people that are making our work hard. The alien and the group of big, rich and influential business and professional men who seem to think themselves above the law. The alien cannot understand our ways, cannot see why a man who has been used to liquor all his life, cannot have it now. I have a little sympathy for him, but of course he must be made to obey this country's laws."

"As for the business and professional men who are defying the constitution, I do not have any sympathy."

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They know the law, they want laws for the protection of their property and business, but yet they openly defy a part of our constitution. And too many of these men are holding responsible public positions.

The protection given the Japanese by the big business men may be likened to the above statement, their greed for gold is as strong, and stronger than their greed for boots. They think of themselves only and not of the country in which they live, nor how they jeopardize the population or prosperity.

Predicts Gigantic Struggle.
In his book, "The Problem of the Pacific in the Twentieth Century," General N. Golovin is of the mind that the problem is how to avoid war between the United States and Japan, and states that all too soon "the Pacific and the countries bordering upon the ocean will be the arena of a gigantic struggle" between the United States and Japan, and that the United States will fight as a disadvantage when the conflict comes, not because Japan already enjoys strategic advantages, but because America "will not realize her shortcomings until the war is actually upon her." In sharp contrast with this headlessness he depicts Japan as "igniting the flame of racial hatred," preparing for a "holy war for the rights of the yellow race."

Idea of All Japanese.
In an English language school in the Hawaiian Islands an American teacher was teaching a class of Japanese children Americanism, telling them that what they are—that they may be as men and women, whatever they may ever be or have they owe to the United States of America; their education, their money, their all. One little Jap boy spoke up and said, "I don't understand. You say everything Uncle Sam. My Shota teacher, he say different. Everything, all, the Mikado."

"So while we harbor, protect and attempt to teach these children who are our future citizens, their parents, who cannot and will not become citizens, are tearing down our work and instilling their own teachings, and instilling prejudice against the United States into their brains.

True of All Undesirables.
The same is not only true of the Japanese but of all undesirable immigrants, and the government officials and the immigration officials see this and are redrafting the present immigration laws to fit the occasion, according to the following from the Portland News of recent date:

"BILL REDRAFTED.
"Alien Law to Be Changed; New Regulations."
By Lawrence M. Benedict, United Press Staff Correspondent.
"Washington, Jan. 18.—The house immigration committee set out today to redraft the present '3 per cent' immigration statute into such shape that it will stand as a permanent law.
"A score of more changes will be considered. One of the most important is President Harding's recommendation that all aliens be required to register several times a year so a close tab can be kept on their activities and the pace at which they assimilate American ideals.
"Another major proposal to be taken up by the committee is that the '3 per cent' law hereafter be based on the census of 1890 instead of the census of 1910. Going back to the 1890 census would greatly increase the quotas for the northern countries of Europe which would supply desirable immigrants and at the same time reduce materially the quotas for the countries of southern Europe."
Jap "Americans" Increasing.
A perusal of the tenth biennial report of the Bureau of Labor of the State of Oregon informs us that there are now 1701 Japanese and Chinese children under the age of 14 years, that were born in Oregon and are future citizens. This is the number now residing here. Of these but 544 are Chinese; that there were born in '20 44 Japanese and 47 Chinese, but in 1921 there were 75 Japanese children born, an increase of 31 births, while there were but 46 Chinese children born in Oregon in 1921, a decrease in births of 1.
This report also places the number of Japanese in Oregon at 4,614, of whom 800 are females. They are classified as follows:
In commercial pursuits 249, agriculture 480, industrial 83; number of males working for wages, in commercial pursuits 245, agriculture 738, industrial 852; females working for wages in commercial pursuits 66, agriculture 49, industrial 24.
Japanese Becoming Dominant
It is interesting to note in the above that the industrial workers exceed the farm laborers and that 83 Japanese control industrial plants and 480 control agriculture. There are 3,756 Chinese in Oregon of which 258 are females. Of these 443 are in commercial fields and 233 in agriculture. While 240 male Chinese are earning wages in the commercial field, 162 in agriculture and 1308 in industrial, but 37 female Chinese are wage earners in the commercial fields.
The above will show that the Japanese are coming and the Chinese are going.
Considering Profits Only.
The Commercial Club committee

may say that House bill No. 34, if passed, will injure Oregon and Portland commercially, that the big Japanese and other shipping interests will withdraw from Portland. They may say this from a selfish standpoint, because they fear for their pocketbooks. If they were real men, who would stand firm for an American merchant marine, they would not have their fear. They are so eager for gold that they fight the American merchant marine and allow the Japanese to carry our timber from our shores in Japanese ships, and the timber loses its American identity before it leaves the mills by being sawed into Jap squares.

The Willamette river is full of Japanese ships and ex newspapers brag of our shipping, while hundreds of American vessels lie rotting in the harbors because the American standard of living will not allow them to compete.

British Teach Us Lesson.
How different it is in the British Empire! British grown and controlled cotton raised in India is sold to the world with the proviso that it be carried from that country only in British bottoms. The same is true of other exports in British countries. But we sell our products simply for the money and care not how they are exported, even though our merchant marine rot in the harbors and our American sailors cry for work.

If our big business men would look to the welfare of our shipping interests as well as to our exports, our sailors would prosper and our flag be known on the seas. Why should the big interests plead for the alien land holder, especially the Japanese? The American cannot hold or lease land in Japan, so why can the people of the United States not retaliate?

Obsession of All Japanese.
Almost one month ago the Japanese janitor, Fred, at the Auditorium hotel, 203 Third street, Portland, stepped into the grocery store of S. McKeraghan of 204 Third street. Mr. McKeraghan is of Irish birth, but a good naturalized American. The Jap who appeared to be under the influence of liquor said, "You—You—born in old country, you American citizen. Me—born Japan, not, can't be, no vote, not right. What difference me born Japan, you born Ireland, both men. Not fair. Some day Japan and America fight. I shed blood for Japan, Whip United States." At this moment McKeraghan ordered the Jap out of his place of business. Mr. McKeraghan will testify to the above and produce other witnesses.

Greeks Save Up Fortune.
A few days ago a certain Greek entered the grocery store, at East Morrison and East Twentieth streets and asked the proprietor if he could get a blue envelope, or one blue lined. Not having one, he offered the Greek a white envelope but he declined it saying it was too easy to see through

as he wanted to send a check or draft back to the old country and didn't care to have it examined. On inquiry he said the check was for \$25,000. "Gee," exclaimed the grocery man, "I never saw a check that big," and the Greek showed it to him. When asked how he got so much money, he said "worked for it many years and saved." It is quite probable that it was the earnings of a family of several men who are sending it to Greece, and will follow it soon to live in ease.
America a "Good Thing."
Another incident we can prove is that of certain Greek brothers who own a barber shop and bootblack stand on upper Washington street, and employ white barbers. One brother looks after the business here, the other resides in Greece and the earnings of the shop are sent there. Every few years the brother here returns to Greece and the other comes out here and conducts the business.
The same arrangements are made by a pair of well known Italian brothers who are in the novelty concession business, following the fairs, street shows and carnivals, who make trips to Italy frequently where they invest their American made money.
"Last year Italians in America sent of their earnings to their home land not less than \$250,000,000."—Telegram, Jan. 17, 1923.
Worst Phase of Problem.
In one block in the north end district of Portland there is not less than five joints operated by foreigners with families. Of one place in particular we can produce a man who will testify that he entered to use a telephone. The man was in front of the place with two children. He called the woman and himself took the children and walked down the street. The woman conducted the visitor to the telephone in the rear room and there offered to sell him bootleg whiskey, and also offered herself as a prostitute.
These conditions exist because we do not have the proper anti-alien laws to govern the alien in our country, and because the big interests want the alien labor.

Standing of Contestants
Following are some of the nominations sent to the Contest Department of The Western American's big subscription campaign, just starting. Pick out your favorite candidate and assist them in getting subscriptions, for that is the only way they can keep in the lead.

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