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NATIONAL CAPITAL NEWS LETTER.

"Sweet Girl Graduates" Invade Washington.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 14.—Japanese immigration to the United States promised to give the American inspecting officials a peck of trouble during the next year or so. Despite the passage of the law at the last session of congress, practically amounting to exclusion, subjects of the Mikado continue to land in Mexico with a view to slipping across the southern border when opportunity offers.

Advice recently received here are to the effect that thousands of Japs are settling in Mexico, but that they show every inclination to head for the United States. Under the new law Japanese will be refused admission unless they are armed with passports to the United States issued by the Tokio government.

In case the laborers, according to our treaty arrangements with Japan, such passports will be refused.

Japan, however places no obstacles in the way of her subjects shipping to Mexico. Thousands of coolies have gone to that country under contract with the Mexico Coal and Coke

company. An officer of that concern, writing recently to the Commissioner General of Immigration, urged that measures be taken to affectively close the Mexican borders against the Japs.

He stated that some months ago his company imported 1,800 Japs to work in its mines. Shortly after their arrival in Mexico at least thirteen hundred of the coolies had disappeared and there was every reason to believe that they had come across the border and engaged in work in the Northwestern states. The indications are that if many more like complaints come here the corps of inspectors on the Mexican border will be largely augmented for the special benefit of the Japs laborers.

American automobile manufacturers are about to invade Europe in an effort to find a market there for wares. They intend to enter there for their wares. They intend to enter into lively competition with the motor builders of France and Switzerland. Their campaigns will be conducted in a characteristically Yankee fashion. Plans have already been perfected for an American automobile tour through Europe this summer. The proposed tour has aroused interest among European manufacturers and dealers in automobiles. The tour covering 1,000 miles, will begin at Havre and end at Liverpool. The start will be made about the middle of June, and there are already more than a hundred entries. European trade periodicals, according to official information received in Washington, are already sounding serious notes of alarm concerning what they are pleased to designate as the American "Automobile invasion." It is not the tour alone that is causing protest, but what is regarded as the presumption of American manufacturers, who announce their intention of entering into competition with continental cars in the foreign field. There is a present and constantly increasing demand on the continent for light and expensive motors, a type of car common to American trade, but one that has up to the present time been little exploited in Europe.

In the construction of big, powerful and expensive cars, France has always maintained the supremacy; but the increasing and almost universal interest in automobiling, especially in Europe, where good roads invite all classes to indulge in the pleasure of motoring, has created a demand for lighter and less expensive machines. This demand is practically ignored by the Europeans, and especially by the French manufacturers, and people who are anxious to enter into the arena of the automobile world to enjoy the delights of motoring at a nominal expense, are looking to the United States to supply the demand.

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Experiments conducted in the Sanitary Research Laboratory and Savage Experiment Station of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology shows that ninety-three percent of the suspended organic solids and ninety-eight per cent of the total suspended matter determined as turbidity can be removed after a short period of sedimentation by filtration of the liquor through sand, without coagulants.

The present methods, that of sedimentation in large fields, is pronounced unsatisfactory, expensive and based on a wrong principle. The sludge resulting from the sedimentation tanks is declared innocuous after being pressed. It is said to make good soil and to have some value as a fertilizer.

There was a decided loss of hair in the United States Senate when on March 4th that body lost Clark of Montana, Carmack of Tennessee, and Spooner of Wisconsin. As a result of this loss it is likely that the bald-headers which have been slightly in the minority for the last decade, will rule again in point of numbers. Senator Kittredge probably is the balddest man in the Senate, unless it be Mr. Gallinger of New Hampshire. Perkins of California is not far behind these two in his scarcity of hair, and Senator Long makes a close fourth. Both of Washington's Senators, Senators Piles and Ankeney, are not in much danger of becoming bald, and neither is Senator Gamble of South Dakota.

The annual invasion of Washington by "sweet girl graduates" is in full swing. All sections of the country are represented, high school girls from the West and South mingling with those from the East and North. The Middle West is especially well represented,

big delegations being here from the graduating classes of the normal schools and seminaries of several Mississippi valley states. The young students are making a number of side trips, taking in Arlington and Mount Vernon. Other pilgrimages will be made into historic Virginia, and arrangements are being made to take a large party to the Homestead Hotel at Hot Springs, Va., where the sight-seers will inspect the cottage in which Robert E. Lee spends his summers and will visit other points of interest in the mountains.

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