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VIKINGS AND SIRENS.

The week embracing the last days of August and the first days of September, are to witness pleasant doings in this port. The Norwegian Sangerfest will be the star event of that period and will yield marvels of pleasure with its grand choruses of 300 voices and the brilliant corps of soloists and special groupings in music that will make it notable. Thousands will flock here to hear this fine aggregation, and must linger to enjoy the "Coming of the Vikings," the new and leading feature of the annual Regatta, following instantly on the musical feast.

Never has Astoria put up such an unique entertainment and its novelty and brilliance will compensate for an unlimited patronage. The city will achieve much by the co-incident pleasures of the great song-scheme and the marine festival billed for this season.

HE KNOWS A GOOD THING.

Admiral Chapman, of the Astoria Regatta; Chapman, of the Chapman Advertising Company, of Portland; a keen and appreciative business man; has a good word for Astoria, her commercial claims and her future! He speaks by the card, for he knows a good thing, and never under-estimates it, nor over-values it. We want the good will of such men in Portland; we need it, and there are none there to deny us, if they will but look us up and get acquainted with us. We have a future that means much to Portland, for she must, as the metropolis of Oregon, have large and definite interest in all that concerns us and our progress; she cannot afford to overlook us nor disparage us; we shall contribute immensely to her growth and wealth, as we grow industrially and commercially, and we want her aid and interest. We want her every business man, like Chapman, to know us, size us up, and take a hand in our destiny. We are going to handle all of Portland's shipping some day, soon, and we are going to have branches of all her great plants and industries and wholesale stores, and it behooves her people to get next to our plans, means, advantages and prospects, and lend a ready and wise hand in their adaptation. Chapman has given them a cue worth following up!

THEY KNOW, NOW!

Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, has spoken; and the truer combines, industrial, and financial know, now, just what to expect, at least so long as this honest and fearless man is at the head of national affairs.

He has said they shall obey the law of the land; that they shall cease to rule, viciously and arbitrarily, to the undoing of the people, and the markets of the country; that they shall be made responsible to actual government and relinquish their predatory status, and ally themselves with other lesser, and law-abiding, businesses.

The President will surely keep his word; he has never broken it yet, and the Titanic struggle will soon be on, and we shall all know who possesses the real power and authority, the trusts, or the people.

It is said the great "interests" will amalgamate to undo the effect of this policy by depressing the money and industrial marts of the country to the point of panic; that they will beggar the land, to discredit Roosevelt and his administration. Well, let them. The country can better stand such a season as this portends, rather than fall in the final establishment of pure and genuine popular government, and the triumph of such a climax of ruthless and selfish domination.

The people must stand religiously and unviolably by the President and great secretaries, and give his plan and purpose the commanding force of popular sanction and endorsement. He is fighting for them, and in their own defense, and his; they must back him, to the last man and the last hour of the conflict.

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TO KEEP THEM OUT

Immigration Officers Busy Looking Into Situation.

BILL FOR NEXT CONGRESS

Reports Are Continually Arriving That Chinese And Japanese Are Being Smuggled Into the United States from Canada and Mexico.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—With a special commission appointed by authority of Congress gathering information in Europe with Secretary of Commerce and Labor Straus making a tour of the Northern and Western Border and extending his trip into the Hawaiian islands, and with Commissioner General of Immigration of aliens, it is apparent to even the most willfully indifferent, that the question of immigration is one which is giving the government much concern.

Congress attempted to deal with the general question of immigration, which is growing in importance with each succeeding year, by making new regulations governing it, and it also gave the President power to restrict the incoming of Japanese laborers, authority of which he availed himself. There is little trouble now met with in the enforcement of the Chinese exclusion laws although the success with which the Japanese are getting into the country in defiance of the regulations seems to be stirring up the Chinese to renewed efforts to break into a country which seems to be the Mecca of wage earners from all parts of the earth.

The recent trip of Commissioner General Sargent to the northeast coast was prompted, apparently by the report that a "long, low, rakish craft," of time-honored piratical appearance, had been landing, or attempting to land, Chinese on the coast of Maine or Massachusetts. The craft, manned by Portuguese sailors, who are supposed to be given to such deeds as she was accused of, was reported at various points along the coast, and the customs collectors with commendable vigilance scoured the country to find if possible the iniquitous Chinese who were alleged to be trying to smuggle themselves under the folds of the starry flag. The weather was stormy and the doughty collectors had no summer outing searching the rocky coast. They discovered they said, that the piratical-looking craft was bound for New Haven, that it claimed to have been driven in-shore by stress of weather, and they failed to find any Chinese.

Rumors occasionally reach the immigration service in Washington that Chinese, as well as Japanese, are being smuggled across the border of New

Brunswick, Canada, Mexico and shipped across from Cuba. The officials are watching every point at which they think the unwelcome aliens could get in, although there are a few thousands of miles of border which they cannot watch all the time. They are picking up Japanese all the time, but as to the Chinese nothing tangible is discovered. Yet, it seems reasonably certain that some Chinese percolate through the lines. Only a few days ago it was reported that Chinese were trying to get in from Mexico, by masquerading as Mexicans, with sombreros, sashes highheeled boots and all the rest of the costumes, even sacrificing their queues and disguising the slant of their eyes with the aid of grease paint. Their speech was said to have betrayed them when they failed to give the "r" its proper sound and they were chased back across the line.

Canada seems to be getting considerably stirred up over the question of Oriental immigration. A recent issue of the Vancouver World contained a sensational article featured on the front page with a head running across the page: "Evidence of Plans to Flood Vancouver B. C. with Japanese." The article stated that several agencies existed in Vancouver and Honolulu for the importation of Japanese to Honolulu, Mexico and British Columbia. The Japanese Consuls were represented as opposing the immigration schemes and F. Yosby, director of the Canadian Nippon Contracting Company, said that the Japanese from Hawaii were lazy, morbid and incompetent and not desirable immigrants. Consul Morikawa at Vancouver, is reported to have said that he warned the Japanese to stay away from here as there was nothing for them to do.

On the other hand, N. Annon representing the Japanese General Contract Company declared that the Japanese would all get work in British Columbia. It was alleged that the Japanese Boarding-House Union of Vancouver and the Syndicate of Japanese Hotel Keepers in Honolulu were working together to aid the immigration of their fellow countrymen into British Columbia.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser of July 24th reports that K. Saaki was charged before United States Commissioner A. C. Bowman with taking five Japanese into the United States for \$10 each. Notice of his intention was received from Bellingham and the Japs were stopped at Ballard. They said they were meeting with no difficulties up to the time of their arrest.

In order to stop the influx of Japanese a branch of the Japanese-Corean Exclusion League has been formed in Vancouver. J. Kier Hardie leader of the British Labor party, has been invited to address a meeting in Vancouver, and it is planned to have a parade and a big demonstration in case he does so. Evidently the workmen of British Columbia are determined to prevent the horde of Asiatics from invading that colony if they can do so.

They will doubtless be roundly condemned by certain persons in Boston and other places where the Oriental question is much better understood than in the unformed and essentially raw communities which have nothing better

than their experience to guide them in opposing the unrestricted immigration of cheap labor from the Orient. So long as the Japanese question continues to be merely local, affecting but a small section of the country on the Pacific Coast, why should Boston or any other community be dragged into it? Boston might favor staking the coolies and the "Frisco hoodlums" out in a "sand lot" and letting them engage in a Kilkenny contest, if such an affair would be strictly ethical and if, further, such a proceeding might not result disastrously to the down-trodden Japanese. Boston has grown measurably accustomed to the incoercibility of San Franciscoans—or some of them—but what is she going to do about the rambunctiousness of the British subjects in Vancouver?

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