

ASIATICS WILL DIG THE PANAMA CANAL

Panama will draw thousands of Japanese and Chinese laborers from Oregon, Washington and Idaho, for the new isthmian canal commission is satisfied that it will be impossible to dig the Panama canal with white labor, and preparations are being made to hire as many Japanese and West Indian laborers as possible. An agreement has been all but concluded between the war department and at least one contract labor concern by which 2000 or 3000 Japanese laborers will be brought from Hawaii to the isthmus, where they will be employed in digging the big waterway. The contract, as already drawn up, meets the approval of the war department and the canal commission, and it will be signed as soon as a legal opinion on one or two points is rendered by the attorney general.

Laborers coming from Hawaii will not be barred by the alien contract labor law, since the Hawaiian islands are American territory. It is still a question, however, whether laborers can be brought from any foreign country to work on the isthmus, for the point will probably be raised that the alien contract labor law bars such a proceeding.

If this point can be overcome, the government will make arrangements to secure as many as 20,000 Japanese laborers from Japan. Chinese labor will also be employed, if it is found by the government's lawyers that the exclusion act does not bar Chinese from the canal zone.

The old canal commission had practically decided to use Chinese labor in digging the canal, and it had also been suggested that the Japanese labor might be used. In any event, it is accepted as a fact that the canal cannot be dug by white labor, as white men cannot stand the climate and the work, and that foreign labor must be procured.

At the office of Secretary Metcalf, of the department of commerce and labor, it was said that the question of the alien contract labor law had not been raised and referred to the solicitor general for an opinion.

Commissioner General of Immigration Sargent, when asked about the matter said, that he was not prepared to express a definite opinion, but that off-hand he was inclined to believe that the laws in question would and do apply to the canal zone. Mr. Sargent cited section 33 of the act of 1903, which reads:

"That for the purpose of this act the words 'United States' as used in the title as well as in the various sections of this act shall be construed to mean the United States and any waters, territory or other place now subject to the jurisdiction thereof."

Under this provision the laws are applied to Porto Rico, Alaska, Hawaii and the Philippines, and as the canal zone is unquestionably the territory of the United States and solely

under this country's jurisdiction, the point is made that the laws must be applied to it.

An attorney in the department to whom the question was broached expressed the opinion, after reading the statute, that the whole question would hinge on the word "now" in the section cited.

"The section says 'any waters, territory or other places now under the jurisdiction thereof,'" said he. "That act was approved March 3, 1903. Was the canal zone under the jurisdiction of the United States at that time? The treaty by which we came into possession of the strip was not ratified until February 24, 1904. Under the circumstances I am of the opinion that the immigration and labor laws cannot be applied to the canal zone. However, the question of the construction of that section, of the significance of the word 'now' contained therein, is one that might be raised."

Up to the present time no effort has been made to enforce the immigration and labor laws in the canal zone. On the contrary, the canal zone is still regarded as foreign property, in that aliens to the United States from there are still subjected to the head tax of \$2 each.

It is not believed that labor interests will interpose objections to the use of Chinese or other foreign labor in the digging of the canal, but the point might be made that if the canal zone is territory of the United States, and a part thereof, Chinese permitted to enter there for work on the canal might claim that they have thereby been admitted into the United States and had the right to come to the states.

In such event American labor interests would be up in arms to repel a threatened yellow invasion. The question of the federal eight hour law as applied to labor on the Panama canal is now before the attorney general, and the pending contracts for labor will not be actually signed until that question is settled.

Plans for Duluth-Denver Line.

Omaha, Neb., April 21.—It is reported on high authority that the Hill system will this year construct a line from O'Neil, Neb., to Theford, Neb., on the Omaha-Billings line, and thence southwest to some point on the Omaha-Denver line. This will complete the Northern Securities route from Duluth to the Twin Cities and Sioux City to Denver. The new route will be the shortest between these points.

Observance of Good Friday.

Chicago, Ill., April 21.—Services in the Catholic churches and in many Protestant churches, and the closing of the schools, the banks, the board of trade and the stock exchange marked the observance of Good Friday in Chicago.

THE MARTINEAU CENTENARY.

Brother of Harriett Martineau Died at the Great Age of 95.

London, April 21.—Many observances were held today of the centenary of the birth of James Martineau, the celebrated philosopher and divine, and brother of Harriett Martineau, the authoress. The most notable observance of the anniversary was that held in Dr. Martineau's native city of Norwich, where special services were held attended by representatives of the British and Foreign Unitarian society and other societies. Commemorative gatherings were also held in London and in Manchester, Oxford, and other centers.

James Martineau was born in Norwich, April 21, 1805. He was for many years a professor in Manchester New college, and removed to London when that institution was transferred here in 1858, becoming one of the pastors in the chapel in Little Portland street. He became principal of the college in 1868, retiring from the pastorate in 1874. He was one of the founders of the "National Review." He lived to the great age of 95, his death having occurred but five years ago in Golden Square, this city.

In New York.

New York, April 21.—Good Friday was generally observed in New York. The six exchanges of the city—New York stock, Consolidated Stock, Produce, Coffee, Cotton and Metal—suspended business, and most of the larger financial houses were closed. The New York Stock Exchange will be the only exchange to resume tomorrow, the others having adjourned until Monday. Special services were held in a majority of the churches.

Honored English Baroness Now 93.

London, April 21.—Baroness Burdett-Coutts, looking remarkably well for one of her great age, today celebrated her 93rd birthday. All day long a procession of telegraph boys bringing messages from every part of the world, messenger boys carrying flowers and friends bearing parcels, kept arriving at her home in Stratton street, King Edward, Queen Alexandra, and other members of the royal family were among those to send congratulatory messages.

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