

BOYCOTT STILL ON

ORIENTALS STILL FIGHTING AMERICAN GOODS.

Chinese Feeling Against American Goods so High That American Tobacco Was Burned in the Street—Standard Oil Is Being Severely Injured by the Boycott.

That Germany and England are behind the Chinese boycott is the startling charge made by a prominent American commission merchant of Hongkong, who arrived in Seattle Friday from China, says the Seattle Star. The merchant reached Tacoma Thursday on the steamer Shawmut.

On account of his business relations with both Germany and England interests in China, he is loath to allow his name to be used in an interview in connection with the subject, but when assured on this point by a Star man, who boarded the Shawmut at Port Townsend for the purpose of securing the interview, the American merchant spoke willingly and freely.

Boycott Only Begun.
Contradictory to statements made by Secretary of War Taft, the merchant says that, instead of the boycott being broken, it has only just begun.

"I cannot understand," said he, "how the secretary can have the nerve to bring such an erroneous report back to the United States with him. I do not believe that he investigated the boycott question as closely as he should to warrant his making such an assertion."

In an article appearing in the North China Daily News in September, written by a prominent Chinese merchant, it was stated that 70 per cent of American manufactured goods was consumed by China. Any person familiar with this subject in the Orient knows this to be incorrect. China consumes about three-fourths of one per cent of the manufactured American goods.

"English papers in China snap up all such articles for the purpose of deceiving their readers."

"Between July 15 and October 1, the New York Exporting & Importing company did not take a single order for China. The British American Tobacco company, operating vessels on the West river, China, has placed its boats out of commission. The last round trip of one of these boats, taking two months, was made without selling one ounce of tobacco."

"So intense was the feeling in Hongkong against American goods that the Chinese burned heaps of the company's tobacco in the streets."

"Regarding the sale of American flour in China," continued the merchant, "in order to do any business at all, compradores (contractors) are forced to resack the American flour and brand the same as Chinese. One compradore is now erecting a mill in Hongkong with a capacity of 2000 barrels daily."

American manufacturers, who have awakened to the real danger of the situation, have sent emissaries to China to try to heal the breach, according to the Shawmut passenger.

"Getts Brothers, the big merchants of San Francisco," said he, "sent out their manager, Mr. Tuttle, recently. After a thorough investigation, he threw up his hands and returned home."

"If the backbone of the boycott is broken, as Secretary Taft claims, why are the American representatives returning discouraged and disgusted?" asked the Shawmut passenger.

"Many of the prominent firms in China who have hitherto been doing trading largely in American flour, have suspended business altogether."

"The only American goods now being sold to China are those contracted for before the boycott and which the Chinese patrons in China are obliged to receive."

Standard Oil Hit.
The merchant states that the supposedly invincible Standard Oil company has also felt the effect of the

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boycott and that recently a shipment of several thousand cases of oil from Shanghai to Ningpu was refused when delivered at their destination.

"On the arrival of the oil at the latter port," said his merchant, "during the meeting of a guild, at which 300 Chinese merchants were present, it was unanimously resolved that not one dollar's worth of American goods would be purchased by them."

"And if this looks like a discontinuance of the boycott, I want to know?" concluded the American.

These statements bear out the warning of J. J. Hill, given in an exclusive interview with the Star on his last visit here. Mr. Hill declared that the boycott was the most serious problem confronting the United States at the present time.

NORTH MCKAY ITEMS.

New Irrigation Pipe Line Is Laid in Umatilla River.

North McKay, Nov. 28.—The fall crop never looked finer in this neighborhood.

William Ellis has been elected a school director in district 39, succeeding Fred Hill, resigned.

The heavy grades on the new section line road have been materially reduced by plowing and scraping, principally in the two gulches near J. S. Wheeler's.

Henry Seales, who bought out Frank Wilhelm, is having the dwelling papered and painted throughout. Charley Kidder is doing the work. Mr. Rucker has rented the place from Mr. Seales and has moved there to reside.

The 16-inch pipe which D. Baughman has placed in the bottom of the river through which to convey water onto his land for irrigating purposes, is now securely covered by rock in the bottom and will be ready for early use next year.

Miss Lillian Hayden, who has been ill for some time past with paralysis and spinal trouble, is now in St. Anthony's hospital at Pendleton, threatened with typhoid.

Some one stole a \$45 watch from Joe Francis' cabin last week, at the mouth of Birch creek.

Frank Wilhelm and family have moved from the mouth of McKay creek to Tekoa, Wash. While getting ready to move, he left eight turkeys in a box in his wagon over night, and next morning the turkeys and box were missing and have not been located.

FOR RIVER TRAFFIC.

Several Boats Are Now Getting Ready for the River.

Although the matter of river transportation on the upper Columbia is still in an uncertain state, business men of Arlington have shown their faith in the "open river" idea by subscribing to a fund to build a wharf-boat at the foot of Main street, says the Walla Walla Statesman. Over \$1000 toward the fund was subscribed at a meeting of the Arlington Commercial club and business men.

At present there are but three boats plying this portion of the upper Columbia: Mountain Gem, Columbia and Dr. Blalock's gasoline launch Island Queen, but in the near future there will be more.

This meeting proved beyond doubt that steam navigation on the Columbia has been dragged from dreamland and is now an assured fact. The business men of the Arlington locality showed an enterprising spirit and their action will be an abrupt mark in the future history and development of this city.

PRESBYTERIAN FAIR.

Women Will Hold a Sale of Useful Articles at the Bowman Building This Week.

The women of the Presbyterian church will hold a two-days' fair at the vacant room in the Bowman building on Main street on Friday and Saturday of this week.

A large amount of useful merchandise has been donated, including cooked food, art work, needlework, handkerchiefs, clothing of various kinds, and numerous varieties of goods that are appropriate for the occasion.

The fair will be under the management of Mrs. William Blakeley, who has appointed the following women to assist in the different booths which will be maintained: Mrs. W. H. Fowler, Mrs. J. R. Dickson, Mrs. John Rust, Mrs. Clarence Penland, Mrs. W. A. Storie, Mrs. John McCourt, Mrs. Sam Thompson, Mrs. Fred Lockley, Mrs. Maud Crawford and Mrs. Bert Huffman.

TOURNAMENT TOMORROW.

Annual Thanksgiving Shoot to Be Held by Sportsmen's Association.

The regular Thanksgiving shoot will be given tomorrow by Pendleton Sportsmen's association beginning promptly at 9 o'clock.

A large number of prizes have been offered by local business houses and individuals and the shoot promises to be well attended.

The members of the association announce that there will be plenty of guns and ammunition at the grounds for those who may not be supplied.

Among those who are expected to come from a distance are Crollier, the well known expert shot from Portland, and Dr. W. M. Phy, of Hot Lake. Local sportsmen will attend in large numbers and the event promises to be one of the most interesting ever given by the association.

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