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NEWS NOTES FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL CITY

FIND NEW ROUTE.

Japanese Laborers Entering United States as Students.

Washington, Aug. 29.—The department of commerce and labor has referred to the State department a new question which has arisen under the administration of regulations excluding Japanese of the laboring classes. The incident reveals a method not hitherto considered whereby thousands of Japanese laborers could gain access to this country without recourse by the United States.

Miyuki Komura was recently admitted through Seattle on a passport showing him to be a student. He had about \$50 in his possession at the time. Instead of going to school immediately, he went to work. Next he crossed into Canada and found employment. He decided to re-enter the United States, which he did near Port Hill, Idaho, and was taken into custody.

Canada refused to allow him to be sent back to the Dominion. This brought the matter before the head of the department of commerce and labor, and it being decided that the law gave no authority for his deportation to Japan, he was discharged.

Authorities here consider the case of considerable importance. If there is no provision for deportation in such cases, there will be nothing to prevent other Japanese from making use of the same expedient to get into this country and to remain here.

MUCH LAND NOT TAKEN.

Uncle Sam Has Nearly 50,000,000 Acres in Northwest.

Washington, Sept. 1.—The general land office has compiled its annual statement showing the area of the public domain remaining undisposed of July 1, 1908. From this statement it appears that the government still has an area of 734,859,296 acres of surveyed and unsurveyed land, including the following:

Alaska, 386,021,509 acres; Arizona, 42,769,202; California, 29,873,493; Colorado, 23,596,697; Idaho, 26,785,002; Montana, 46,592,440; Nevada, 61,177,059; New Mexico, 44,777,905; Oregon, 16,827,913; Utah, 36,578,998; Washington, 4,359,001; Wyoming, 27,145,302.

In Oregon there are 4,769,456 acres of unsurveyed land, Washington, 2,287,176 acres, and Idaho 19,476,044 acres. In Alaska all the land is unsurveyed.

Goes Straight to President.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 1.—On a secret mission of such importance that it has not been transacted in the usual way with some of the cabinet ministers at Washington, Baron Kogoro Takahira, Japanese minister to the United States, today held a personal conference with President Roosevelt. What his mission was the baron would not say. "Everybody will know about it in a little while," the Japanese statesman explained. "Until then the public must wait." Asked if his visit had to do with the forthcoming visit of the fleet to Japan, all Baron Takahira would say was: "I think the American sailors will get a great welcome when they reach the shores of our country."

Liquor Taxes Falling Off.

Washington, Aug. 28.—The monthly statement of the collections of internal revenue shows that the total for July, 1908, was \$22,029,316, which is a falling off of \$2,899,500 as compared with July, 1907. The most noteworthy decrease is in the receipts from the retail liquor dealers special tax which amounts to \$216,149. This indicates that 8,046 retail liquor dealers went out of business during July, which is said to be largely due to prohibition legislation in the various states.

Brazil and Argentine Quarrel.

Washington, Sept. 2.—An early conflict between Brazil and Argentine Republic is probable, according to advices received almost daily by the state department. Spencer Eddy, American minister to Argentina, has cabled the state department that the Argentine chamber of deputies has voted a credit of \$55,000,000 for armaments. Argentina is in the market to buy warships, and any country having such for sale can find a cash purchaser.

Kermit Stops Runaway.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 29.—It was stated here tonight that Kermit Roosevelt, second son of the president, stopped a runaway team of horses this afternoon, after a wild chase on horseback along the shore road into Bayville, and probably saved the lives of Mrs. Frank Hilton, of New York, and her two small sons.

Discuss Tariff Changes.

Washington, Aug. 28.—The subcommittee of the senate committee on finance, which has under consideration proposed changes in the administrative features of the tariff law, today completed its preliminary work in Washington and adjourned to meet in New York at the call of the chairman, Senator Burrows.

Alaska Marshal Removed.

Washington, Sept. 1.—The department of justice announced tonight that George Perry, United States marshal at Fairbanks, Alaska, had been removed by order of the president. The reasons were not disclosed officially, but Perry's leaning was toward the mine-owning interest.

LOWER ARMOR BELT.

Naval Experts Decide to Change Line on Future Fighters.

Washington, Aug. 27.—It is announced here today that at the summer conference of naval officers at the naval war college at Newport, at which have been discussed the designs for the new warships for the past six months, it was decided to lower the armor belt on the battleships to be constructed after the Florida and the Utah have been finished. The armor belts on the Utah and the Florida will be the same as that on the Delaware.

The decision to lower the armor belt was made because of the advance toward perfecting torpedoes. The naval authorities decided that the greater protection below the water line was needed.

Five-inch rather than six-inch guns have been decided on as the better for the secondary batteries. Military masts will be abandoned and the new battleships will be provided with one and possibly two steel fire-control towers 90 feet high.

OPEN ROSEBUD RESERVE.

Government Will Dispose of Indian Lands October 19.

Washington, Sept. 2.—The Rosebud Indian reservation lands, which, under the proclamation of the president, are to be disposed of by lottery on October 19, are located on the south side of the State of South Dakota, and adjoining the lands in Gregory county, which were opened in 1904. They are said to be very desirable for farming and stockraising purposes.

From present indications the approaching opening will be even larger than that of the Gregory reservation, since a much larger area is to be opened. The plan adopted for this registration and drawing is similar to that used in the Gregory opening, but certain objectionable features which imposed hardships on applicants have been eliminated.

Colombia Will Play Fair.

Washington, Sept. 2.—Minister Gertes, of Colombia, issued a statement today in which he said: "In view of the pending conflict between Holland and Venezuela, a rumor has been circulated to the effect that a revolutionary movement will soon take place in Venezuela and that Colombia will permit the bulk of the necessary fighting men to cross her frontier and enter Venezuela. It is true that Colombia has serious grievances against Venezuela, but no matter how grave they are, or may become, the government of Colombia will not secure redress by unfair means."

Pure Food Law Not Bar.

Washington, Aug. 28.—The United States pure food law, instead of hampering foreign trade, has benefited it, and seems to have carried with it a greater respect for foreign labels, is the opinion expressed by the United States consul, Dominic I. Murphy, at Bordeaux, France. In a report on French exports to the United States, Consul Murphy says the records of the Bordeaux consulate show that the declared values of exports of French foods and food products to the United States during the first year of the operation of the pure food law actually increased.

Big Overcharge on Rice.

Washington, Aug. 27.—The Bayou City Rice mills, of Houston, Tex., has filed a complaint with the Interstate Commerce commission against the Houston & Texas Central, the Northern Pacific and other roads, alleging excessive rates on rice to Portland. On a shipment of three cars, it is alleged, a 78-cent rate was charged, 55 cents being the proper rate. Reparation of about \$400 is asked for and an order making the 55-cent rate the maximum.

Report Treaty Failure.

Washington, Aug. 27.—Attempts are being made today to verify a report that leaked out of diplomatic circles yesterday to the effect that all efforts to effect an immigration treaty between the United States and Japan have failed. The statement was made by a visitor to Washington who is thoroughly conversant with affairs in the Far East, after conference with a member of the State department.

Important Matters On.

Oyster Bay, Sept. 2.—For the first time on a Sunday night, during President Roosevelt's stay here this year, Acting Secretary Forster Sunday night went to Sagamore Hill with official business for submission to the president. He was at the executive's summer home for some time, and on his return here remained until a late hour at the executive offices. The nature of this seemingly pressing business was not divulged.

Ambassador Thompson Injured.

Washington, Aug. 28.—The State department today received assurances from David E. Thompson, ambassador to Mexico, who was injured by being knocked down by a bicycle in the City of Mexico yesterday, that he was doing well and suffered only from a badly broken and dislocated arm.

Roosevelt Cannot Attend.

Oyster Bay, Sept. 1.—President Roosevelt has declined the invitation to attend the trans-Mississippi congress at San Francisco, beginning October 6. The report that the president had accepted is an error.

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What Papers Do You Read ?

H. B. Geer tells of a farmer who once said: "I don't believe in your book learning, study and all that; I'd rather learn by experience." He did. That man a couple of years later lost out as a farmer and moved to town, where he made a very poor living working by the day and doubtless working for men who studied and read and thought about their business, and applied in it, as far as practicable, that which they had learned from books, periodicals and the experience of others given therein. It is the men who read; the men who study; the thoughtful men who support the farm journals. They are the men who read books and papers on agriculture, fruit growing, poultry culture and bee-keeping. They are the men who stand in the front rank; the leaders in their respective communities. These men have found that it pays to read and study on any subject in which they are interested and apply their knowledge in their everyday work.



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