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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
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SUBJECT: _____

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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MEMO

TOY WING ON, alleged member of the
firm of QUONG WAH SING & COMPANY,
228 West 22nd street, Chicago, Ill.
departed for China with out having his
case preinvestigated.

(Departed through the port of San
Francisco, Cal. August 1913).

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
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Feb. 7, 1911.

Commissioner of Immigration,
Seattle, Wash.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of January 12th, No. 25576,
I desire to report that Toy Wing On, a Chinese merchant of
Chicago, was readmitted at this port on the 3d instant.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Luther C. Steward,

Acting Commissioner.

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Official copy respectfully referred to Inspector in Charge,
Immigration Service, Chicago, Ill., reference being made to his
file No. 736.

Luther C. Steward
Acting Commissioner.

Department of Commerce and Labor
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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
ROOM 522, COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILL.

No. 736.

June 28, 1910.

Inspector in Charge,
Immigration Service,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

In the matter of Toy Wing On, alleged returning merchant of the Quong Wah Sing Company, Chicago, ad interim investigation, I beg to say that I have examined the manager of this firm, who testifies that the firm is still engaged in business and that the applicant still retains his ownership in the store. No fact appearing from this investigation adverse to the claims of applicant, I believe that he is entitled to landing upon his return upon identification.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Howard D. Eby.

Chinese Inspector.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED to Commissioner of Immigration, Seattle, Wash., in response to his letter of the 15th inst., No. 25576.

(Signed) P. L. Prentiss
Inspector in Charge.

Room 522, Commercial National Bank Bldg. CHICAGO

June 25, 1910.

Case of : Howard D. Ebey, Examining Inspector.
TOY WING ON : Edward B. Kan, Interpreter.
Merchant returning. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Applicant, TOY WING ON, sworn by Inspector Ebey, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Toy Fong is my boyhood name. Toy How Yick is my marriage name.

Q Is your name also Toy Yee Hong? A. Yes, my friends call me that sometimes. It is a sort of a nick name.

Q Your father didn't give you that name? A. No, my friends gave me that name.

Q Are you the manager of the Quong Wah Sing Co.? A. Yes.

Q Formerly located at 181 Wabash Ave and moved to 18 Van Buren St.? A. Yes, and we have now moved to 305 So. Clark St.

Q How many members in the firm? A. Twenty-six.

Q How many employed in the store? A. Almost ten, sometimes there are about eight or nine. Holiday time, we hire a few more.

Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)
A. Oh yes, my partner, Toy Wing On.

Q What is your interest in the store? A. Fifteen hundred dollars.

Q When did he join the firm? A. He has been there a long time.

Q About how long? A. Over ten years. I was not the manager at that time.

Q Did he work in the store? A. Yes.

Q Did he work outside of the store at any time? A. He might have worked outside before. But for the last few years he worked only in the store.

Q During the few years before he went to China, did he do any work outside of the store? A. Never.

Q Did he receive any wages in the store? A. Yes.

Q How much? A. \$40.00 a month.

Q Did he receive any profit on his interest in the store? A. Before he did but not lately.

Q How long has it been since he receive any profit? A. Ever since I have been manager there he has not got any profit.

Q How long have you been manager? A. Six years.

Q Do all the men who work in the store receive forty dollars a month? A. Some of them forty. Some of them more.

Q How much of a stock of goods do you carry? A. Over forty thousand dollars.

Q Is your firm still in business? A. Yes. We are moving now and fixing the store. In a few days, we will open for business again.

Q Can you give me the names of the men who are employed in the store? A. Yes.

Q Name them: A. Myself, Toy Fong, Toy You Long, Toy Hong, Toy Lung Jing, Toy Yung, Toy Shuck, Toy Hing Chuck, Lee Jack, Toy Hen. That is all at the present time, but later on at holiday time, we will have more.

Q When Toy Wing On returns to the United States, will he resume his employment in the store? A. Yes.

Q Has there been any change in his ownership in the store since he went to China? A. No.

(Signed) Toy Fong.

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April 18th, 1909.

Toy Wing On,

c/o Quong Wah Sing & Co.

181 Wabash Ave., Chicago.

Sir:-

I hand you herewith copy of the papers upon which you desire to visit China and return to the United States, and would instruct you to present the same to the Inspector in Charge at Portal, North Dakota for his endorsement upon your departure through that port.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer,

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

April 12th, 1909.

Mr. O. B. Holtan,
Chinese Inspector in Charge,
Portal, North Dakota.

Sir:-

I hand you herewith papers in the case of Toy Wing On, merchant of this city who desires to visit China and return to the United States.

I inclose the sworn statements of the two white witnesses whom I regard as credible men upon the regular forms used, and also a transcript of the notes taken in the examination of applicant and Toy Fong, the manager of this firm of Quong Wah Sing. This firm of Quong Wah Sing is a bona fide mercantile establishment and does a large business in Chinese and Japanese bric-a-brac and fancy goods among the white people. I believe the statement of the manager as to the value of the goods on hand is a very fair one.

The bona fide members of the firm are without doubt entitled to the privileges of merchants. The two white witnesses state that they have been acquainted with applicant as a member of this firm for considerably more than the required period of one year, and that during that time they are positive that applicant has done no manual labor except such as was incident to the firm.

The testimony of both the applicant and the manager is con-

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sistent, and from my examination and observation, I am of the opinion applicant is what he claims to be, a bona fide merchant and entitled to the privilege he requests. Will you please inform me what your probable decision will be in order to save applicant an unnecessary trip to Portal should your decision be adverse?

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

522 Commercial National Bank Bldg. CHICAGO April 7th, 1909.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
TOY WING ON, : Charley Kee, Interpreter.
Merchant departing. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, TOY FONG, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Toy Fong.
Q What is your full Chinese name? A. Toy How Yick and Yee Hong.
Q Are you still the manager of the firm of Quong Wah Sing, 181 Wabash Ave., this city? A. I am still the manager of Quong Wah Sing & Co., but we are now at 18 Van Buren St.
Q When did you move to 18 Van Buren St.? A. Last week.
Q Will your firm carry about the same stock at the new number as at the old number? A. Just about the same.
Q Has there been any change in the partnership in your firm since a list was furnished me in January 4th, 1907? A. No, no change.
Q Do you know this man? A. Yes, Toy Wing On.
Q How much of an interest has he in your firm? A. \$1,500.00.
Q How long has he been a member of your firm? A. He has been a member of the firm for about ten years.
Q How long has he had a \$1,500.00 interest? A. Since he first became a member.
Q How much of the time that he has been a member of your firm has he worked in the store? A. Ever since he became a member of the firm.
Q How much of the time that he has been a member of your firm has he worked in the store? A. Ever since he became a member of Quong Wah Sing.
Q During the past year, has he done any work in laundries, restaurants, or any work outside of the store? A. He used to be in business in California.
Q But during the past year, has he done any work in restaurant or laundries? A. No.
Q Give me the names of your partners that devote all their time to the firm's business? A. Myself, Toy Toon, Toy Hong, Toy Chan, Toy Wing On, Toy Seak, Toy Hung Tuck, Toy Lung Jan, Toy Pak Lung, Toy Bow Sang and Toy Lee Jack.
Q What salary do you pay Toy Wing On? A. About \$450.00 a year.
Q Does that include his profits? A. No that is salary.
Q Is he going to China on his own business or on business of the firm? A. He is going back to China to see his family and to buy goods for the store too.
Q What would you say is the value of the goods your store has on hand at the present time? A. About forty-thousand dollars.
Q Do you know whether Toy Wing On is married or not? A. Yes, he is married.
Q Do you know how much of a family he has? A. He has a family in China.
Q Do you know whether has has any children? A. He has two boys.
Q When he returns to the United States, will he come back into the store? A. Yes.
Q Have you understood my questions? A. Yes.

Witness signed his names in English & Chinese.

(Signed) Toy Fong,

(Signed) Toy How Yick,

Witness.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer,

Inspector.

Case of TOY WING ON.

Applicant, TOY WING ON, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A. My boyhood name is Toy Goon and my marriage name is Toy Wing On.

Q What is your occupation? A. Merchant.

Q What firm? A. Member of the firm of Quong Wah Sing, 181 Wabash Ave. We have just recently moved to 18 Van Buren St.

Q When did you move to Van Buren St.? A. Last week.

Q How much of an interest have you in that store?
A. \$1,500.00.

Q How long have you been a member of the firm? A. Since K.S. 24.

Q How long have had a \$1,500.00 interest? A. Since K.S. 24.

Q You put that money in at the time you entered the firm?
A. Yes.

Q Why are you going to China at this time, on your own business or on business of the firm? A. Business for the firm. I am going home to see my folks also at the same time.

Q What salary do you draw? A. \$450.00 a year.

Q Does that include the profits or dividends on your interest in the firm? A. Only salary.

Q Give me the names of the partners who devote their time to the firm's business? A. Toy Fong, Toy Toon, Toy Chan, Toy Hung, Toy Lung Jan, Toy Hong Shuk, Toy Seak, Toy Wing On, Toy Bow Sang, Toy Pak Lung and Lee Jack.

Q How many men work in the store? A. Eleven.

Q What is the value of the goods your firm has on hand?
A. It is over forty thousand dollars worth of goods.

Q How many men that you have named draw salaries in the firm?
A. Those that I have mentioned all draw salaries.

Q Are you registered? A. I was registered as a merchant.

Q Are you married? A. Yes.

Q How many children have you? A. Two.

Q Give me their names and ages? A. Toy Len Heung, eighteen; Toy Len Toy, thirteen.

Q Where are these boys now? A. In China.

Q What village? A. Hoy Gong village, Sun Ning District.

Q Have you any daughters? A. No.

Q Is your wife living? A. Yes.

Q What is her family name? A. Hong Sue She.

Q Have you any brothers in China? A. Yes, two.

Q Where do they live? A. Same village.

Q What are their names? A. Toy Shear Wong.

Q What is the other brother's name? A. Toy Shear Gin.

Q What is your name? A. Toy Shear Goon.

Q Is Toy Shear Goon your boyhood name or your marriage name?
A. Boyhood name.

Q Are these names that you have given, your brothers' marriage names or their boyhood names? A. Boyhood names.

Q Are they married? A. Yes.

Q What are their marriage names? A. Toy Wing Dung is Toy Shear Wong. He is the oldest. Toy Wing Shing is Toy Shear Gin.

Q Who is the oldest of your brothers? A. Sher Wong. I am next to him. Wing Shing is the youngest.

Q Have you any other brothers except these two in China?
A. That is all.

Q Do you intend to bring any one of these sons with you on your return? A. Yes, I intend to bring a boy with me.

Q Which one? A. The oldest.

Q How long has it been since you have worked in a restaurant or laundry? A. I never did work in any laundry or restaurant.

Q Since you have been in this country, you have done no manual labor except such as was necessarily incident to the business of the stores you have been connected with? A. Always a merchant.

Testimony of applicant, TOY WING ON, continued:

- Q What do you intend to do with this boy if you bring him in?
A. I am going to send him to school.

Q Have you understood the interpreter? A. Yes.

Applicant signed his testimony in Chinese & English.

(Signed) Toy Wing On, Applicant.

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(Signed) Charley Kee, Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.

Applicant recalled April 8th, 1909. Place the same.

Q Did you bring your certificate with you today? A. No, I was registered as a merchant and I left my certificate with the firm of Quong Wah Lee of San Francisco, and it was destroyed in the Earthquake. (Witness then produced a paper, being the affidavits of three white witnesses, dated November 30th, 1896, to the effect that Toy Wing On was a merchant of the firm of Quong Wah Lee, 365 Du Pont St., San Francisco, Cal. and this paper is stamped, "Departed from San Francisco on the steamer Doric, Dec. 10, 1896. Landed May 5th, 1898, Ex S.S. Gaelic, April 30, 1898")

Q Have you understood me? A. Yes.

Applicant signed his name in English.

(Signed) Toy Wing On, Applicant.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.