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Chinese Says Countrymen Are Leaving Coast.

LABOR GREATLY NEEDED

Therefore, Goon Dip Says, the Bars Should Be Let Down for Few Thousand Every Year—Prophecies a War Soon.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 7.—(Special.)—That the United States should relax in some degree the Chinese immigration laws is the opinion of Goon Dip, a pioneer Chinese merchant of Portland, who has lived on the Coast for 30 years.

"There were 150,000 Chinese on the Coast 10 years ago," said Goon Dip, who speaks English fluently. "and today there are not more than 60,000. In 10 years more, unless Congress should change existing laws, there will be but 10,000 or 15,000. The Pacific Coast Chinese are either dying off or returning to China. Many that visit their native land never return to this country because of the difficulty of entering. It seems to me the Government should treat the Chinese as liberally as it does the Japanese or other alien races. A few thousand Chinese should be allowed to come to the Coast annually. They furnish a kind of labor which is much needed and for which the whites are unfitted.

"Besides, China as a nation is advancing and, with America's interest in the Orient, she should treat the Chinese more fairly."

Goon Dip has for years supplied all the Chinese labor for the Northern canneries. He predicts that the next war in the Orient will come as a result of the greed and rapacity of the Russians and Japanese and says that such a conflict is inevitable, in order that China's holdings in Manchuria may not be despoiled.