

LOCAL UNIONISTS WOULD OUST JAPS

Portland's Industrial World Moves on Orientals in Trades Here.

UNION MEN NOW ACTIVE

**Bakers, Bartenders, Cooks and
Walters Affiliate Themselves With
Japanese Exclusion League of
San Francisco to Aid.**

While the Central Labor Council of this city has not taken official action towards boycotting employers of Japanese labor, individual labor unions, directly concerned, are exerting themselves to bring about the retirement of these Asiatics from local industrial activities. This is particularly true of the bakers, the bartenders and the cooks and waiters' unions.

To the extent that their efforts in that direction can be expedited, these organizations have affiliated themselves with the Japanese Exclusion League, of San Francisco. This league does not have a formal organization in this city.

Fight Will Cover Trades.

Local trades unionists, in their efforts to rid Portland of this class of foreign laborers, are operating through their individual organizations. Members of the bakers' union, for instance, are directing every influence on the management of some of the large bakeries of the city to secure the replacement of Japanese employees by white men.

The cooks and waiters are none the less aggressive in urging hotel and restaurant men to dispense with the services of the little brown men and substitute white help, carrying union cards.

In connection with the campaign being waged by the bakers and the cooks and waiters an attempt is being made to interest the grocers of the city to the extent that these dealers will suspend further trade relations with bakers, hotel and restaurant men who insist on retaining Japanese help.

Most active among the labor organizations, perhaps, in the anti-Jap movement locally is the Bartenders' League. In many of the saloons of this city Japanese are employed as chefs and janitors, while, in several of the fashionable resorts, subjects of the Mikado find employment as assistants to the men behind the bar.

Virtually every one of these resorts carries the union card and employs only union bartenders and dispenses only union goods.

With these employers members of the bartenders' organization are employing a forceful argument in their demand that Japs be ousted from these minor positions and white men substituted. The bartenders remind the saloonkeepers of the proposed constitutional amendment for statewide prohibition and emphasize the fact that a white man, with a vote on this subject, aside from all other consideration of his superiority, is to be preferred to the alien, who is without the right of suffrage.

Action Not in Nature of Threat.

This argument is not being employed by the bartenders in the nature of a threat. At the meeting of the State Federation of Labor a resolution, declaring against the proposed prohibition amendment, was adopted.

But the argument is being used, however, for its worth in convincing the saloonkeeper that he can ill afford to assume the risk of antagonizing any class of voters by employing the little foreigners.

Some time ago the Central Labor Council appropriated a small sum of money, which has been expended in the circulation among employers generally of anti-Jap literature. This is the only extent to which the central body of organized labor thus far has participated in the controversy.

ANTI-JAP MOVEMENT DENIED

Renewal of Demonstrations Unlikely—Unionists Back Action.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—While there has been nothing in the nature of a renewed anti-Japanese movement in this city or state, the special dispatches from San Francisco mentioned as having been received in Tokio are believed to have been inspired by the action of the Labor Council last Friday in adopting a resolution advising all unions "not to unionize or permit their members to work in houses where Oriental labor is employed."

The adoption of the resolution followed a discussion of the proposed boycott movement against saloons where Chinese and Japanese help is employed and the action was designed to extend the scope of the movement to embrace all houses employing Orientals. It received considerable publicity at the time as an "anti-Asiatic" movement, but the Japanese were not specifically mentioned.

Complying with the recommendation of the Labor Council, the Waiters' Union adopted a resolution prohibiting its members from wearing the working button in houses where Orientals are employed.

Secretary Beck, of the Waiters' Union, said that if the Council would finance a general boycott against restaurants and cafes employing Orientals the union would call out its 500 men now working with these people.

JAPAN EXTENDS LAND RIGHTS

Ownership to Be Permitted to Citizens of United States.

TOKIO, Feb. 24.—Foreign Minister Komura, speaking in the Diet today on the land-ownership bill, said the government desired the passage of the measure because it was in accordance with the usage of civilized nations, in which foreigners were permitted to own land without restriction.

He said that a change in the Japanese laws was necessary, as Japan was about to make new treaties.

The proposed law permits the ownership of land in this country by such foreigners only as come from a country which extends similar privileges to Japanese residents. The Associated Press understands that the right of ownership in this country will be extended to Americans, notwithstanding the restrictions placed upon Japanese by certain states of the Union.

TOKIO SURPRISED AT SPEECH

Japanese Papers Feature Shaw Address—Regret Opinions.

TOKIO, Feb. 24.—Special dispatches to the newspapers from the United States report a recrudescence of the Japanese movement at San Francisco. Today all of the local papers featured

the speech of Leslie M. Shaw, former Secretary of the Treasury, in which he is reported as having said that war between the United States and Japan was inevitable.

The speech has caused a most gloomy impression among Japanese and foreigners alike.

KNOX SETS FEAR AT REST

Agitators' Talk Should Not Disturb Serious-Minded Persons.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—"There is not the slightest likelihood of any trouble with Japan, any more than with any other country with which we have excellent relations of friendship."

This statement was made today by Secretary Knox to the Associated Press. The Secretary of State expressed great surprise that notice should be taken of trifles. Secretary Knox continued:

"Mr. Shaw's speech was obviously nothing but an argument for ship subsidy, and what General Bell said made no reference to the trouble in the Far East and was quite evidently an ordinary argument for increased appropriations for the Army.

"As for the San Francisco report, everybody knows that our immigration arrangement with Japan is working entirely satisfactorily. If, in spite of this, agitators will talk, no serious-minded person should be disturbed."