

AKKI REQUESTED FOR COAST JAPANESE

Protests of His Countrymen in California Reason for the Recall

Ambassador's Mistakes in Gauging Sentiment of Nippon

Also Many

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE CALL
TOKYO, Dec. 24.—The decision of the Tokyo authorities to request the return of their ambassador from Washington, unusual as is such an occurrence in diplomatic circles, caused no surprise among the Japanese people, though doubtless it has done something to increase the already growing apprehension as to the immediate adjustment of the immigration difficulty.

The Japanese in California have been clamoring for the recall of Viscount Aoki ever since the anti-Japanese eruption in San Francisco, and it is freely rumored here that, though not entirely referring to complaints from California, the Japanese government has been adjusting its policy in the opinion of others, however, it is more probable that the authorities did not finally reach this decision until receiving the report of their commissioner recently dispatched to investigate conditions among the Japanese in the United States and Canada.

The general feeling throughout Japan may be regarded as a very emphatic acquiescence in the government's action. Some of the vernacular papers do not hesitate to roundly abuse the unfortunate ambassador, though there is evidently no good reason for this. His only mistake seems to consist in having taken too lenient a view of the situation. Viscount Aoki is Japan's most experienced and estimable diplomatist and holds a high place in the regard of all foreigners.

MAKES SERIOUS MISTAKES

But his country appears to have been persuaded that it was not for her interests that he should continue to represent Japan in the United States. He is alleged to have made some serious mistakes in that capacity. The first and greatest of these is said to consist in his having led the president of the United States to understand that Japan might possibly acquiesce in "Pacific" in the present, a suggestion that would effectively exclude the emigration of Japanese laborers to America. It now appears that the attitude of the Tokyo authorities was wholly at variance with that of their ambassador. He is supposed to have caused no little anxiety and embarrassment in Washington.

Japan avers that, though she has never questioned the right of the United States to legislate as congress may see fit, she has never said or done ought to lead the Washington authorities to infer that she might be willing to affix her signature to a document discriminating against any class of immigrants. It is now thought advisable to ease the embarrassment somewhat by a change of ambassadors.

As far as the public can discover here, the immigration question with the United States is as far from being settled as ever. There seems to be every indication that the conference with the Canadian representative is going to prove a success.

Canada, it is reported, will be satisfied with Japan's assurance that there will be no further Japanese immigration. The Japanese authorities have exercised a strict supervision of immigration with an effectual reduction in the numbers proceeding to Canada, both from Japan and Hawaii.

WANTS MORE THAN PROMISE

The United States, it is said, desires something more than a verbal agreement that Japan must pass an exclusion law herself, or acquiesce in congress doing so. Japan intimates her inability to see how she can be expected to preserve her national dignity and do anything more than exercise a careful control over the character and number of those emigrating to America, so as to limit emigration in a reasonable degree.

The report of Ishii, the commissioner sent out by Japan to make an exhaustive investigation of conditions among Japanese subjects in Canada and the United States, does not tend to confirm American apprehensions and complaints on the immigration question. Ishii does not see that the Japanese have much to fear on the Pacific coast so long as they behave themselves, and the residents of the countries where they go are willing to employ them. He certifies his conviction, notwithstanding his having passed through the Vancouver riot.

Ishii said that the Japanese on the Pacific coast are in themselves no menace, nor have they been guilty of anything that can exercise a prejudicial effect on the civilization or other interests of the regions where they dwell. He finds that for the most part they consist of two classes, settlers and laborers.

The former, he avers, are a thoroughly respectable class of people, and might worthily be welcomed in any community. Individually there is room for improvement among some of the laborers, but on the whole they are regarded as having fairly succeeded in their lawful ambition. Many of them become settlers as soon as they secure sufficient funds. Employers of labor everywhere appear to welcome them, and they can hardly be blamed for accepting the employment.

EQUALS THE AMERICAN

Ishii held that, as far as he could discover, the Japanese farmer abroad is in no way inferior to the American farmer of the same grade. It is his opinion that the Japanese government exercises supervision over the quantity and quality of those persons emigrating to Canada and the United States, nothing more can reasonably be expected.

This report will no doubt have the immediate effect of confirming the Japanese government and nation in their conviction that the trouble in Canada and the United States is in no way due to the Japanese themselves. If the character and conditions of the Japanese immigrants are normal, it will appear that the root of the difficulty is with the unprincipled agitators and jealous laborers that dislike the obvious prosperity of those whom they cannot outdo in fair competition.

If the Japanese authorities take this view of the situation and they have been withholding opinion until the return of their commissioner, it is difficult to see how they can be expected to take a different view of the question from that at present entertained. They suggest that there is nothing left for them to do, but to act as they would with a neighbor who might hint that their presence was unwelcome, and simply do not trouble them.

Nations, no more than individuals,

C. W. French, promoter and head of the Pacific steel company, capitalized (on paper) at \$100,000,000. Pacific coast financiers say French tricked \$500,000 from California capitalists by shady tactics in connection with his steel company.



FRENCH STYLED "MASTER ROGUE"

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Oscar A. Trippe, another prominent attorney of Los Angeles, lent his name as general counsel of the concern, and Willard Fuller, known nationally as a steel manufacturing expert, was announced as general superintendent. An option on nearly 1,000 acres of land near National City gave French the security, and this in as far as the corporation ever went, although it was organized nearly two years ago.

PROMOTER OF RAILROADS

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 11.—C. W. French, whose home was in Mansfield, O., obtained his early fame in Ohio as a promoter of railroads. He projected belt lines at Youngstown and at Akron. He also proposed to build a line from Akron, O., to Newcastle, Pa., of which nine miles of sixty was actually constructed in 1902. It was in this proposition that he succeeded in interesting Zephth W. Davis of Canton, O., now president of the Diamond Portland cement company of this city.

In this plan French had a further scheme of building an air line from the connection with the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie railroad, a Vanderbilt line, arrested in San Jose was sworn to by C. H. Geldert April 2 of last year. The police have been looking for French ever since that date and, although he had lived in the best hotels and had been in California continuously since that time, he had successfully eluded capture until Friday, when he was forced to stop in San Jose as a result of the wreck of the Sunset express and was recognized on the street there by Geldert's brother.

Geldert's charge against French is that French secured from him \$10,000 on a draft by making the representation that he had money on deposit in a Los Angeles bank, which was untrue. The French case will come up in Judge Shortall's court Monday morning. Attorneys T. J. Crowley and Emilio Aastroto will represent Geldert, and Attorney Jesse W. Bryan will appear for the defendant.

Trading on the names and recognized integrity of his associates, French's method of operation was to induce financiers to underwrite the steel company representing to them that the stock had been also underwritten by the Union trust company of Pittsburgh. The securities turned over to French by these financiers were then taken east and hypothecated with money lenders who were willing to take the risk of collection. Several notes given to French for this purpose have appeared and suit has been begun on them.

French secured letters of introduction from his influential associates and used them in baiting his hook with which to catch new victims. General Harrison Gray Otis gave French letters to his personal friends and business acquaintances and by means of these many of those who gave French a hearing in courtesy to Otis became victims. Otis evidently had the utmost confidence in French, for in his letters given him Otis commended French in the highest terms and personally vouched for his integrity and the honesty of his pretensions.

PACIFIC "STEEL" COMPANY.
The Pacific steel company, which one dupe said should be spelled "Pacific steal company" was French's principal enterprise, although he is said to have also started the organization of a company to build a railroad from San Luis Obispo and Bakersfield to the ocean, thus giving an independent oil men an outlet to Hildewater and circumventing the Standard oil company.

to Toledo. He also figured on building the Lake and River railroad from Sandusky, O., to Beaver, Pa., connecting at Beaver with the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie.

At this time he had the ear of the Vanderbilt people, but the hard times of 1903 came along, capital was not forthcoming and the projects were abandoned. The building of these lines would have meant a disruption of the traffic agreement of the Erie and Vanderbilt interests.

One road which French succeeded in actually building was the Ashland and Western, now known as the Ashland and Western. This road went into the hands of the bond holders in due time and recently has been sold to Joseph Ramsey and associates.

SHIFTS TO THE PACIFIC

Complaint was made against French, accompanied by startling rumors in connection with the Akron-Newcastle air line, of which nine miles was built to Mogadore, O. He was never tried, the case being quashed en route to court.

It was admitted by associates of French here that French several years ago shifted operations to the Pacific coast, where he was next heard from in connection with the Pacific steel company of San Diego, Cal., a \$100,000,000 project. This project received much notoriety.

For several months the police department of this city has been searching for evidence in connection with some of French's alleged deals here and detectives have sought out Davis. His connection with the case is asserted, although Davis' associates here insist that Davis has made no move in the case. Davis, whose residence is a great mansion near Canton, was not in that city this evening, nor could he be found in Cleveland. His associates denied knowledge of his whereabouts.

Want Owners of Tools

Nels Knudson and Charles Johnson were arrested by Detectives Driscoll and Matheson in Pacific street Friday night. They had a quantity of carpenter's tools bearing the names of "Walsh" and "J. Brown."

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