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A CHINATOWN FOR CHICAGO.

The Inhabitants for the Celestial Village Arrive.

ACTORS, ARTISTS AND ARTISANS.

No Fracture of the Exclusion Act Need Be Feared, as Precautions Have Been Taken to Prevent Other Chinese From Smuggling In—Every Villager Will Have to Be Identified—Will They Return?

The China got in yesterday with the inhabitants for the Chinese village at the World's Fair on board.

Contrary to the alarming reports that there were 1,000 Chinamen on board who were going to take this opportunity to slip through the Restriction Act, there were only 235 who can land on the World's Fair account.

The landing of the Chinese villagers was made possible by a special Act of Congress.

William A. Bissell, manager of the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad in this city, and W. F. White are the men to whom the concession for the village was granted. Mr. Bissell said yesterday: "According to the published stories it would appear that I was responsible for a scheme for smuggling Chinese into the country. As Mr. White and myself have to pay $50 for the transporting of each of our men to Chicago, you can readily see that it would hardly do for us to land more men than we need. Every one of our men will be identified fully. There are, of course, many other Chinamen on the steamer, but there are only 235 of our party.

"We have so far spent $20,000 on the Chinese building at Chicago, and it will cost us $40,000 before we get through."

A CROWDED STEAMER.

The steamer was fairly crowded with passengers, there being eighty-seven in the cabin, including the crew of the steamship and 728 Chinese in the steerage. Of this number 117 of the Chinese are for San Francisco, thirty for Portland, twenty-two for Panama, 174 for Havana and the rest for Chicago. This is by far the largest party for the Fair that has arrived, and the steamer Coptic, which is at present about half of the entire crowd, as nearly as many are booked to arrive on the next China steamer. The party on the China includes a number of women, and in the hold of the steamer is the material that will complete a fair-sized Chinese village in which the people will live during the Fair. The party includes some of the best merchants and artisans to be found in the Flowery Kingdom, and most of them are very different from the coolies of our own Chinatown. Many of the men can speak English, and some of the party intended for Chicago were educated in the United States. The coolies bound to other points, however, number twenty-five per cent greater looking fat than they appeared to be when the China steamed up the harbor and dropped her anchor off Harrison street wharf it would be hard to find. The other Chinese kept at a respectful distance away and did not presume to become in any way familiar. The first man to step on shore and extend any sign of levity was a fellow named Ah Tong Sin, and his jollity was explained when it became known that he is a jester of the first water and has cracked his jokes under the very eaves of the Emperor of China himself. She is a fat-faced, jolly-looking fellow, and has been in this country for years and, ever when in his most serious mood has a smile on his face.

A 5,000 WIVE TOUR.

The freight or baggage belonging to the party consists of material for the houses, a theatre, restaurant and joss house, and it is intended that the latter shall be the grandest and most elaborate place of the kind ever erected outside of China. It is said that the theatre company will have to be boxed the whole including the main joss himself. The restaurant is also intended to be a gorgeous affair, and in it meats will be served not only to Mr. Chinese but to any of the visitors to the fair who may feel inclined to try a plate of chop suey. This word, and a series of three new ones, the theatre will present during the 5,000 people will attend it every 10 o'clock in the morning and close at 11 o'clock at night. The piece that will be played are the scenes and incidents in the life of one of the rulers of China that lived 1,000 years ago, and which is said to be the best play ever written in China.

The exact date of the landing of the will be shown, and every change of the pieces will be shown from the time of planting to that of making and drinking the tea. The village will also have a first-class Chinese band, and Oriental music of the best quality will be sent out from it.

The people of the Chinese curios will find a store in the village, where they can purchase trinkets and fans of all kinds that will be made right on the ground.

The landing of the Chinese will be done under the personal supervision of Collector Phelps, and when the party is ready to go to the fair they will be taken to Oakland on a special train. Collector Phelps was on the Pacific Mail Dock when the China got in, and—not to be taken for a Chinaman—to prevent any of the Chinese party leaving he went to their going back to China again after the fair is over Collector Phelps said that was another matter.

WILL THEY GO BACK?

He said he thought the actors and merchants of the party would return, but the laborers and mechanics would no doubt remain, as there is now to form them to go back if they do not want to do so.

The Chinese leaving the party of thirty landed at Tacoma, Friday, and who claimed to be actors going to the fair, was, in his opinion, a fraudulent one, as the company having the Chinese exhibits in charge have contracted to bring the entire outfit by way of San Francisco.

Under the instructions to the Deputy Collector at Tacoma, and he will act accordingly," last Mr. Phelps did not say whether his orders were to prevent the party landing or not.

PRECAUTIONS TAKEN.

Mr. Bissell was asked why he sent to China for the inhabitants of the village when there are so many Chinese here. He replied that it was impossible for him to make it clear to Chinese here, but the men with whom he negotiated, thinking that without them no Chinese village could be established, set a price that could not be paid. Consequently actors spoiled the contract in China.

The concession destined for the World's Fair was granted to certain parties named by O. H. Simons, United States Consul at Hongkong, and under the act passed by Congress they will be entitled to admission.

The conditions of identity give the family, individual and tribal name of the Chinese, and also the age, height, build, peculiarities, the nature and character of business, where and how long pursued, and former and present occupation, residence and signature.

"I have instructed my deputies to examine each one very carefully," said Collector Phelps, "and to be sure that the exposure record and description of each. This record will be found useful when the time comes for their return to China.

"Mr. White has requested us to make the inspection as rigid as possible, and we have been instructed to examine the Chinese before any landing with the local Chinese residents. The request will be complied with because it will be a protection to this Government.

"We will use every precaution in our power to prevent any fraudulent landings, and we hope to be successful. Just what this Government will do with them at the end of the Exposition is a problem that will not be easily solved."

Forged Chinese Certificates.

TACOMA, April 15.—Forged certificates have been detected among the alleged Chinese merchants aboard the Northern Pacific steamer Nagoi now here. There are 272 Chinamen, 231 of whom say they are merchants, aboard the Nagoi, all of whom will be deported, provided there is no hitch in proving the forged certificates. Several have been detected, and the matter is in charge of Collector Wasson. The signatures of the American Consuls in China have been forged, and it is believed there are certificates in China given over entirely to forgeries of this nature. Wasson will compel the Chinamen to identify themselves positively and will not recognize the certificates.

AT LIBERTY TO INDORSE.

Democratic State Committeemen Absolved From a Pledge.

The Executive Committee of the Democratic State Central Committee met last night at the Grand Hotel and rescinded the action it took after election, whereby the members pledged themselves not to indorse any applicants for Federal appointments.

In consequence, the throng of anxious Postmasters and seekers for more important positions and the sitting extra pages in their petitions and taking on an air of greater faith in ultimate success.

Senator White and Congressman Geary were present and briefly addressed the committee on the political situation as seen at Washington.

Mr. Geary said that President Cleveland would probably state that he desired to appoint John D. Wise Collector of the Port, and he asked the California delegation to indorse him for that position.

"The delegation concluded not to oppose the President's selection," interjected Senator White, "and we at once indorsed Mr. Wise as the choice of the delegation for the position."

The following resolution, introduced by R. P. Troy, was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The President of the United States has announced his intention to appoint one of the Democratic State Central Committee of California, in view of the action and consistent opposition of the Democratic State Central Committee and the high executive ability that has characterized the life of John H. Wise, ex-Collector of the Port of San Francisco, he is being so highly honored by the Chief Executive of the nation; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and that a copy of the same be transmitted to Mr. Wise through Max Popper, Chairman of the committee.

A protest was received from the San Jose City Central Committee against the State Committee taking any action looking to the end that irregular action was indulged in in the selection of a candidate and his indorsement for the position of Postmaster at San Jose.

It was decided to send the committee a copy of the resolution adopted at the last meeting, in which it was decided to take no action looking to the indorsement of candidates for the position of Postmaster at San Jose.

A committee consisting of J. J. Flynn, P. J. Sullivan and J. L. Franklin was appointed to look into a San Luis Obispo County dispute, in which it is asserted a bolting Democratic faction has set up a movement of the Democratic County Central Committee for the postoffice at San Miguel.

WORLD'S FAIR MATTERS.

The Woman's Exhibit Still in a Muddle—Fresh and Wanton Discomfort.

Mrs. Frona Wait did not appear as expected before the California Woman's Board of Directors yesterday. The large panel pictures which form part of the display by Californian women are still in an art store on Market street. The State lady managers are still of the same mind as when Mrs. Deane declared that Mrs. Wait had acted without official authority, and the women's exhibit settles Mrs. Wait question is held back. Though the $2,500 appropriated for the sorties of the State's contribution to the Women's National Building is on to be expended, everything remains in a muddle.

Secretary Mackay informed the committee that Mrs. Hudson of Ukiah, whose Indian pictures have created an interest in her work, had gathered 1,000 Indian baskets for the World's Fair, all of which would be a very novel addition to California's display.

The committee on ways and means sent out of pamphlets from the horticulturists and wine men for the coming Fair.

A letter from C. F. Smurr, General Freight Agent of the Northern Pacific Company, was read. It objected to the Northern Pacific being left out of the list of lines brought by the Atlantic Pacific route instead of over the Central Pacific.

"We have been told by Mr. Smurr in a letter of explanation," said President M. Scott, "that if he knew this to be one of the next best thing. We cannot help it if he is not informed."

"I've been with the committee all day," added S. W. Ferguson, "If you had the same experience with them it is about time you were dead. I'm ready to do now. They are over the hill and gone and refer me everywhere and make excuses and