

MAY CAUSE TROUBLE

Death of a Jap Immigrant at Whatcom.

The death of a Japanese immigrant at Whatcom, which occurred the other day while he was incarcerated in the city jail at that place, may cause serious trouble. Immigration Inspector Beach had arrested the Jap, whom he suspected of being in this country illegally, and his death, it is claimed, occurred from convulsions, brought on by fear, induced by the arrest.

The Japanese merchants of Whatcom have taken up the case and will communicate with the local Japanese Consul, Mr. Goro Narita, 429 Olympic Avenue. The communication, it is claimed, deals with the unjust arrest, upon the poor evidence upon which the Jap was held, and upon the alleged delay in investigating his case.

The Japanese population on the Sound is vitally interested in the proceedings. They view with disfavor, as is only natural, the rigid examination which the intending immigrant from the Sunflower Kingdom is compelled to go through, and the wholesale deportations which are resulting as a consequence, and apparently intend to see the matter through to the end.

It is claimed that the Jap had been passed by the United States inspector at Vancouver and that his arrest was uncalled for. After being incarcerated he was taken with convulsions and died in a short time. This, informants claim, resulted from the chagrin, worry and fright which followed.

Locally but little outside of the foregoing is obtainable.