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BELLINGHAM, Wednesday, Dec. 14.—White men, it is alleged by the Japanese, attempted Monday night to wreck the newly purchased Oriental Mill, at the corner of Dock and Laurel Streets. Had it not been for the interference of T. Furushima, the manager, he himself says, the machinery might have gone to pieces and several Japanese might have been severely if not fatally hurt. Men with guns and Jiu Jitsu wrestlers are guarding the mill and a pitched battle will result if there is interference with the Japanese workmen.

Furushima is daily expecting trouble, and he says that he will be prepared if it comes. He has armed several of his men and has men on the lookout for prowlers. He says he has ordered them to shoot if necessary, and he declares that he will do the same.

"I will protect my property," said he, "if it costs me more than a thousand dollars. One of the watchmen is a Jiu Jitsu wrestler of considerable renown among his countrymen on Puget Sound, and is able to throw twenty men."

There are also three or four Jiu Jitsu wrestlers among the crew. These, however, are in the third class. The champion is in the second class.

Furushima says he is not afraid of any boycott that the union shingle weavers may put upon his product.

"It is cheap to talk in newspapers and outside of them," said he today, "but it doesn't cut any ice with me. I am going to mind my own business and expect to get along all right."

He says if the union men force his product off the market in this state he will ship the shingles to Canada and if he fails there he will send them to Japan. He is sure he can find a market for them in his own country, if nowhere else.