

JAPANESE BANDIT IN JAIL

Mr. Gonda, Leader of Notorious Gang of Cutthroats and Outlaws, Sent to Chain Gang on Vagrancy Charge.

Captain of Organization of Criminals Reformed for a Short Time, but Went Back to Old Life Last Month.

M. Gonda, the worst Japanese outlaw that the police of Seattle ever had to deal with, was arrested last night by Patrolmen Hubbard and Brafford, and today he was sent to the chain gang for thirty days on a vagrancy charge.

The arresting officers said Gonda had not been working for a month, and during that time he had caused several fights in the Japanese colony. Two weeks ago he was stabbed in the face by a Jap named Yeda, because Gonda is alleged to have tried to hold him up. The police said they expected more trouble from him and they wanted him put in jail for awhile.

Two years ago Gonda was at the head of a gang of outlaws and cutthroats that for six months created terror among the Japanese residents of the city. In that time a dozen Japanese were stabbed and assaulted and every crime was laid at the door of the Gonda gang. Gonda was arrested several times, but managed to escape with light jail sentences.

Gonda promised to reform and give up his practice of levying tribute on his countrymen and forcing the payment at the point of a knife. He left the city for awhile but soon returned and went to work. He kept his promise to the police to be good, and it was reported that he was a reformed man. A month ago he went back to the old life and since then he has been closely watched. While no specific case could be lodged against him, the police made use of the vagrancy ordinance.

None of Gonda's friends appeared in court to defend him. He said he couldn't understand English, but he was sent to jail anyhow, because it is an old game of his to pretend that he cannot understand English.
