

# JAPANESE FAVORED BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Seattle Commercial Organization Will Send Resolutions to President Decrying Proposed Immigration Treaty.

## HOLD DISCRIMINATION WILL INJURE COAST

Document Sets Forth That Enforcement of Provisions Will Close Ports Under Mikado's Control to Americans.

**H**OLDING that the Japanese are entitled to every consideration and that the proposed immigration treaty with Japan is not in accord with the best interests of the Pacific Coast, the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, at its meeting this afternoon, passed strong resolutions addressed to the President and the secretary of state. The resolutions were introduced by Judge Thomas Burke in his capacity of chairman of the chamber committee on national affairs and are as follows:

### Make No Discrimination.

"According to the reports of the Associated Press dispatches from Washington the settlement of the question involving the rights of Japanese children to attend the public schools of San Francisco is to draw after it the negotiation of a new immigration treaty with Japan.

"It is the opinion of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce that a majority of the people of the Pacific Coast are not in favor of any immigration law that will treat the people of Japan differently from the way in which we treat the people of any European country. We recognize that the United States and the Empire of Japan are bound together by ties of trade, commerce and old friendship which in the past have proved of great advantage to both countries and if preserved, contain a sure pledge of still greater benefits for the future.

"We believe that any immigration treaty which would discriminate against Japan by denying to the people of the country ordinary rights or privileges granted to the people of other civilized countries would be uncalled for and would be detrimental to the trade and commerce of the Pacific Coast and, by checking the growth, development and prosperity of this section, would tend directly to narrow the field of employment for our own people and decrease the demand for our own labor.

### Would Harm Coast Business.

"It would injure the Pacific Coast farmers by barring the way to a large and profitable market for flour and other food stuffs. It would strike directly at those manufacturing industries throughout the country which are now supplying steel rails, machinery, tools and other appliances for the development of Japan, Korea and Manchuria. It would practically close Japan, Korea and Manchuria to American capital and to the use of American skilled labor that would otherwise be largely employed in the development of the resources of those countries.

"Moreover, as the enforcement of the terms of any new immigration treaty putting Japan on a different footing from that of other nations or any law or regulation made pursuant to such a treaty, would necessarily be in the hands of bureau officials, its administration would, in our opinion, be almost certain to sow the seeds of disagreements, dissension and strife between the two countries.

"Therefore, be it resolved, That in the opinion of this chamber it would be against the best interests of the Pacific Coast and of the whole country to conclude any treaty or enact any law the effect of which would be to treat the people of Japan in a manner different from the treatment accorded to the people of other civilized powers.

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the President and the secretary of state."