

JAPANESE FIND MANCHURIA NO PROMISED LAND

Climate Is Too Bitter, Rice Will Not Grow in Far Northern Land.

This is the first of a series of five articles on Manchuria prepared for The Times by Science Service.

By Science Service

OXFORD, O., Dec. 23.—If Japan ever looked northward to Manchuria and dreamed of a great "promised land," where some of her crowded millions could journey to make home, that probably has faded.

In the past few years, immigrants from Japan, as well as from China, have moved in to take Manchuria's untilled fields and to settle as pioneers. For the Japanese the experiment has not been a success.

This is the conclusion of an American student of population, Dr. Warren S. Thompson, director of the Scripps Foundation for Research in Population Problems, and professor at Miami university, here.

Riceless Manchuria

Dr. Thompson visited the Far East during this last year, observing results of the experiment in human settlement now going on in the laboratory of Manchuria.

Manchuria is not home to the Japanese settler, and he does not seem to be able to make it so, said Dr. Thompson. The Japanese has eaten rice all his life. But when he takes his family to Manchuria, he finds that rice can not be grown in that northern country. He must learn to raise soybeans, millet, and kaffir corn. His wife must learn to cook these foods, and the family must accustom themselves to the new diet.

Manchuria's climate, too, is unfamiliar to the Japanese pioneer. Winter grips the land in bitter cold, driving winds, and deep snow. Japanese house-building and house-keeping are not of the sort that protect against such weather. Moreover, the Japanese heredity is far more tropical than northern. As Dr. Thompson puts it, the Japanese has about ten drops of Malay blood in his veins to three or four drops of Mongol blood. To such a race a sub-arctic climate is almost intolerable.

Few Jap Colonists

In all Manchuria today, there are not more than 10,000 families of Japanese tilling the soil, Dr. Thompson estimates. And even these are not real pioneers, breaking new ground. Most of them are to be found on small truck farms near cities, supplying produce to their own people in the cities.

To add to the handicaps of Japanese settlement in Manchuria, millions of Chinese have come trooping into the country, to show how this northern land can be tamed by a people who are at home in it.

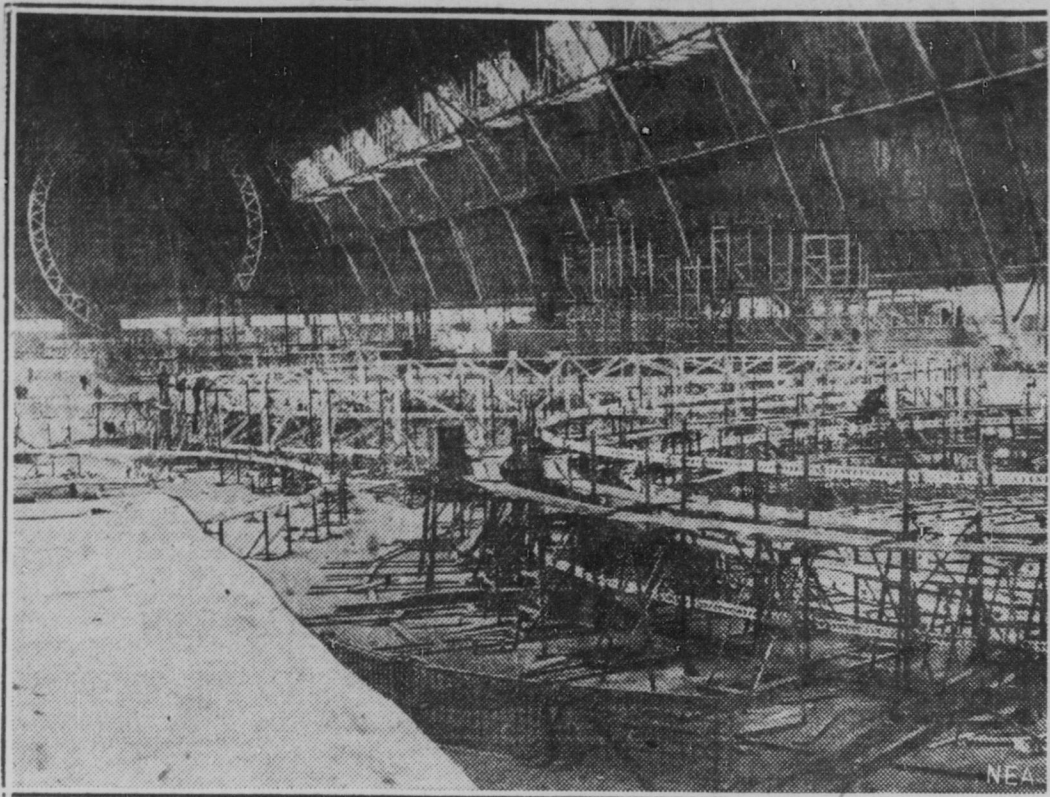
It has been generally estimated that no less than a million Chinese have been entering Manchuria every year. Dr. Thompson now regards this estimate as too high. Probably not more than 800,000 Chinese have settled in Manchuria in any year, he believes. And in the last three or four years the figure has dropped to about half that.

Can Not Maintain Standards

Even this reduced estimate gives Manchuria a population of 25,000,000 to 30,000,000, most of them Chinese. The Chinese settlement of Manchuria is recognized as one of the most extensive migrations of people in the world's history.

The Chinese immigrants in Manchuria are willing and able to en-

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CHRISTMAS TO BE SUNNY

But That's California Prospect, and Not for Midwest.

By United Press

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—A clear, sunny Christmas was in prospect today for southern California as the weather bureau predicted a

storm, which broke a ten-year record for precipitation, would clear away, after bringing joy to agriculturists.

Showers Tuesday brought the total rainfall for the season to 5.10 inches, compared with 1.82 inches to date last year.

Not for ten years has precipitation in this area reached its present total at this date.

CONGRESS GETS BILL TO STEADY U. S. INDUSTRY

La Follette Measure Plans Formation of National Economic Council.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The drive for establishment of a national economic council, to begin the task of correlating economic facts and guiding national economic policy began today with introduction by Senator Robert M. La Follette of a new measure for accomplishing this, revised after months of study and discussion of the problem.

La Follette first proposed such a bill in the last congress, and the committee on manufactures has been holding hearings on it for three months, summoning the country's most prominent business men and economists to Washington to discuss it.

The new measure follows closely recommendations submitted along this line by the unemployment committee of the Progressive conference.

The La Follette bill calls for appointment by the President of a council of nine members. The duties of this board would be:

To assemble a nation-wide statistical survey of all information essential to a national plan for production, and, so far as possible, for consumption also. To initiate representative organizing councils in all branches of production and distribution, including finance, for the purpose of setting up such permanent organizations as

might be adapted to the special needs and conditions of the different industries. To co-operate in the whole process of organization, suggest changes in plans, or propose substitutes.

To recommend new legislation. To safeguard the public interest. Economists testifying before the manufacturers' committee emphasized that an economic council would

have to feel its way along, creating its sphere of action as it went and asking congress for additional powers as these became desirable.

Two Escape Death

By Times Special

WASHINGTON, Ind., Dec. 23.—Although a freight train struck the automobile in which they were riding at a crossing here, Martha and Byron Robinson, children of John

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