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The Daily Times.

Meeting of Leeward Island Labourers.

At 9:30 a. m., yesterday morning about two hundred [200] Leeward Island Labourers met the British Consul-General at Beecher's Landing. He introduced himself and explained the power with which he was invested by the late King EDWARD VII, and continued by King GEORGE V, and spoke of the means that would be necessary in order to cope with the situation. He interviewed three of the men on Sunday evening, and stated that he understood that it was the desire of all the men that they be sent home; to which they replied in the affirmative. He then said we must find the means to do so. His further stated that those three men would meet him, along with Rev. Pitt on Monday morning to draw up a memorial which would be presented to the Governor of the Leeward Islands, which will be signed by ten or eleven [10 or 11] of your number, and myself. In the meantime, as this move was in consideration between your Government and the Home Government, I would advise you to go to work, so as to prevent any conflict between yourself and the Costa Rica Government. I want you to understand and believe that you have a friend in me. I am independent minded. He then quoted the *Vagrancy Law of Costa Rica*, showing how inadvisable it is for the men to move around the town in groups, which would bring them in conflict with the Police. He then stated that the United Fruit Co. were prepared to give them work, at the same wages as were paid to other labourers in Costa Rica, with proper quarters, and should any grievances arise during their time of visiting to communicate with him at the

capital—San José; whether or not they are able to pay postage for their letters. He further told them that the President is in sympathy with them.

If the Government of Saint Kitt's, during the time that they are working, replies favourably, they would be in a better position to leave for their native land, than if they were not working. He urged them strongly to take this advice so as to prevent all misunderstanding. He asked the Rev. Pitt to address them. The Reverend Gentleman then said, that you all are men of the same color as myself, and many of you belong to the same country as myself. I thoroughly agree with all the Consul-General has told you, and I advise you all very strongly to go to work. They can rest assured, he shall from time to time communicate with the Consul-General, in order that he may find out what is happening in regard to the situation of the Government of St. Kitt's that he may be able to ameliorate their sufferings. Such information may be obtained at any time from him; but he impress upon them the necessity of going to work at once as the period of arranging matters do not take long; therefore what would they do during the time? You can get work anywhere, if you do not care to work for the United Fruit Co., but work you must and you must make up your minds to do so.

In view of the foregoing remarks, The Daily Times would suggest that surely there ought to be a number of tradesmen among them, that they would be able to obtain work on their trades; and would also advise them to comply with the advice and instructions given by the Consul-General. At the very first we advised the men that this was the best and possible thing to do, or solution of the problem in the meantime.

Details of Saturday's trouble

The trouble on Saturday was caused by an employee of the United Fruit Co. in which a Leeward Island Labourer was employed, and a policeman, that by a driver who had arrested. The situation is due to the fact that the United Fruit Co. employ many of the men, and the company ought to be made to understand that they do not treat Britishers as they

Earthquakes in Pacific.

By the latest despatches, we are told the report was made by Seaists that a slight earthquake had taken place in a state of great upheaval. Heavy earthquake has been reported in the vicinity of Melbourne and Sydney and Adelaide has reported earthquake shocks. There is every likelihood that the shocks are spread in the Pacific Ocean. They were extremely violent, lasting for three hours.

3 FIRES 2 ROBBERIES.

Is he still alive? who, Solomon the expert Watch & Clock repairer. Yes! his place is next to HOTEL MARINE.

President's Telegram.

San José November 26th 1910

Ferguson
Limon.

I regret that one of the West Indians has been wounded and also our policeman. But the West Indians are responsible for that ever blood shed there has been. The Police must maintain order at any cost. The Government is not responsible for the disagreement between the United Fruit Company and the West Indians.

The Government has succeeded in obtaining an increase of pay for them and I understand that the Company has offered them a sum equal and greater than that which the West Indians exacted at first, never the less the West Indians have refused to work; their conduct is far from being wise. If only a return to their country will satisfy them, the reasonable thing to do is to turn to work, either on the farms of the Company or on those of others, and they would soon save a sufficient amount with which to pay their passage home. The Government is under no obligation to feed them, nor to send them home, however much they would wish to see them contented further the West Indians can ask their own Government to take them home again and mean while they ought to behave in a peaceable manner waiting and working as we all have to work to maintain ourselves and not disturbing public order. You would do a great deal in advising the West Indians to exercise prudence. The Government has no other way open to them, than that of vigorously suppressing violence directed against person or property and it will persevere this course to the end.

RICARDO JIMENEZ

[Translated for "THE TIMES"]

Our need of a British Consular Service.

The recent fracas that happened in Limon between the Leeward Islands Labourers and the United Fruit Co., has led me to the opinion that our Consulate here has not the right kind of men to represent Great Britain, for the reason that they are not independent, and are subject to a *Time Check* by the United Fruit Co. If they should go against their interest. We therefore need representatives of independent means to discharge their duties in a proper manner when necessity calls them to do so. We need a Consulate that have got the quality of brave men, we have no use for cowards, we want no dodgers when the nozzle is laid on. No, no, we do not want these at all, we want men that are capable of protecting the rights of Britishers.

It is a shame on our Consulate to allow private individuals to do their work while they can avoid it with the display of a little energy.

What the British Consul should have done from the beginning that would have avoided all trouble, was to cable the Government of the Leeward Islands and make inquiries on what terms these Labourers were immigrated, as I do not think that that Government would allow *Mr. LAWS* or any other individual to march off from her shores with such a huge body of men without some proper arrangements.

If the labourers are wrong, they must go to work, but if the United Fruit Co. has broken their contract [if any] the British Consulate should then take steps either to make the United Fruit Co. respect their contract, or return the men to their country, and if the Company declines to do either one, then he should take steps, transport the men and tender the bill to the *United Fruit Co.*; but alas, there is no Consul here to do so and the people are left to wander on the Streets and threatened with danger of starvation.

I understand that the Consul has arrived here on Sunday last, and I shall wait and see what he is going to do. One thing I will advise him, is to be the right man, and if the Labourers have any right, to see that they get it. I shall wait and see.

Thanking you for space,

Yours faithfully,
A Britisher.

British Minister's Cablegram.

Ferguson
Limon.
Panama Nov. 26—Consul requested report on situation.
British Minister.

SUBSCRIPTION to help the poor Leeward Island Labourers with Food & Clothes.

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UNION AGAIN

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A new Theatre

News came to hand that Col. Ward has decided to give £5,000 to the city of Kingston, Jamaica, for the building of a Theatre. This will be a welcome news to all Jamaicans. Many proposals had been made, and numerous suggestions offered, by which the theatre might be built, but no effective steps were apparently taken. The Theatre society has a claim in the title of the community of any country; it is a great and useful thing.

A MISSION.

By a late despatch we gather that Earl Grey visited the West Indies to investigate the conditions of trade between the Dominion of Canada and the West Indies. Not long ago a Commission was appointed by the Home Government to investigate the likelihood of the West Indies entering into closer trade relations with the Dominion, and the visit of the Earl is to follow up the report. It was always the opinion of these Islands that much more in the way of trade could be done than is now the case with the Dominion. Every West Indian, we are sure would be glad to see this brought to a happy conclusion. Canada is a British Colony and such relations might be the means of all the Colonies ultimately becoming federated.

Lastnight's latest news.

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