

CHINAMEN STARVE IN CAR

Had Been Shipped Into New Jersey
from Canada as Freight.

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MORRISTOWN, N. J., Feb. 17.—Seven Chinamen believed to have been smuggled into this country from Canada were taken half starved from a freight car on the Lackawanna Railroad at Port Morris this morning and committed to the Morris County jail here. To-night Chinese Inspector Wylie of New York came out to see the Chinamen, and after a consultation with United States District Attorney Vreeland of this city it was decided to relieve Sheriff Calhoun Orr of the custody of the men and take them before a United States Commissioner in Hoboken to-morrow.

The names given by the Chinamen are Hop Wah, Lee Jun, Lee Sing, Lee John, Won Jong, Wan Hun, and Sam Wah. They were found in the car by Railroad Detective Nixon.

The car, which was consigned to Summit, was sidetracked at Port Morris last night. While Nixon was around the Port Morris freight yards this morning he heard voices in the car. Listening he again heard voices. Then he broke the seal and forced back the door.

The Chinamen, suffering for the want of food and drink, gesticulated and jabbered. Finally Nixon made them understand that he would look after them, so they followed him to the office of Justice of the Peace Eaton.

The Justice got water, which the Chinamen gulped down like animals. Then Justice Eaton began to look over his law books to see what could be done with the prisoners. He decided to commit them as disorderly persons.

When Sheriff Orr took the seven in charge he ordered for them the regular prison dinner fare, which consisted of bean soup. After they had finished the prison fare the Chinamen were still hungry. With their own money they purchased oranges and apples. They ate these quickly and wanted more.

The authorities understand that the Chinamen paid a man at a small town on the Canadian border line to put them into the freight car. They were told that at Summit some one would unlock the door and take care of them.

The car has been on the road for four days and would not have reached Summit until to-morrow or probably Friday.