

September 30, 1915.

14676/21-2

Kaplan, Samuel,
male, Russian Hebrew

Chiyo Maru, Sept. 20, 1915

J. P. Lawler, Chairman,

J. X. Strand,

W. D. Simpson (acting),

W. D. Simpson,

Albert Hyman.

"Acne Vulgaris - Class C"

W. N. Swasey

L.P.C.

Applicant, being first duly sworn, stated:

My true name is Samuel Kaplan; I used the assumed name of Gamlyky Ber; age 20; born in Russia; arrived at this port on the "Chiyo Maru", September 20, 1915, from Yokohama, Japan, unaccompanied; unmarried; occupation sewing machine operator; never in the United States; can read and write; passage paid by myself; destined to San Francisco, but to no person; father, Abriem Kaplan, residing in Cherichanka, Russia.

Q Where did you get the money with which you paid your passage?

A Worked for it.

Q How much money have you with you?

A Five dollars (exhibits same).

Q How long have you been working as a sewing-machine operator?

A Three years.

Q What wages did you earn?

A Forty or fifty rubles a month.

Q With whom did you live in Russia?

A I lived alone.

Q Why did you not live with your parents?

A I lived in Ekateer (phonetically spelled), seventy-five yursts away.

Q How many hours distant is that from your home village by train?

A One day.

Q Have you ever been married?

A Never.

Q What is your father's occupation?

A He buys and sells junk.

Q Does your mother live with your father?

A Yes.

- Q How many children are in the family living with your parents?
A Five.
- Q Are they all dependent upon your father for support?
A Yes.
- Q What is your father's monthly net profit from his business?
A He makes enough to keep up the house - to live on.
- Q Has he money in the bank?
A No.
- Q Have you any other money than this five dollars that you have shown?
A No.
- Q How long did you live in Yokohama?
A Four or five days.
- Q Where did you live before that?
A Darian.
- Q How long did you live in Darian?
A Two weeks.
- Q Where did you live before that?
A In Harbin.
- Q Did you live in Harbin?
A No, I just passed through there from my native town.
- Q How long was it after you left your home town until you embarked on the steamer?
A Three months.
- Q How long before you left your home town were you out of employment?
A I worked with my father as a junk peddler, and I was also learning to be an operator.
- Q Why did you leave Russia?
A To evade military duty.
- Q Was it your intention when you left Russia to remain in Japan or come to the United States?
A I did not know where I was going, but I wished to get out of Russia.
- Q If you were returned to Yokohama would you be punished in any way?
A I can not go back.
- Q Why can you not go back? not
A If I could have staid in Yokohama I would/have come over here.
- Q Why could you not remain in Japan?
A I would not have been able to secure any employment in Japan.
- Q Would you have been arrested by the Japanese authorities if you had remained in Japan?
A I do not know.
- Q When did you first assume this name "Gamlyky Ber"?
A When I left Russia.
- Q Why?
A If they had known my real name they would not let me come away from Russia, because I am subject to military duty. They would have arrested me.
- Q Did you leave Russia in an open manner?
A When I changed my name I could come.

- Q Have you a passport?
A I had one, but I have not it now.
Q What did you do with it?
A I lost it in Darian.
Q What kind of passport did you lose in Darian?
A Just a passport that good people have who live in Russia.
Q Did that passport which you lost in Darian permit you to leave Russia?
A No, it was not that kind of passport.
Q What name did that passport have on it?
A Ganlyky Ber.
Q How did you secure a passport under a fictitious name?
A Somebody gave it to me.
Q Is there such a man living as Ganlyky Ber?
A I do not know.
Q Who gave you this passport?
A I paid fifty rubles for it to that man.
Q What man?
A I do not know whether he was an official of the government or who he was.
Q How did you come to obtain the passport?
A Some other fellows were getting passports there, so I went there and got one too.
Q Was the man who gave the passport to you an official of the government?
A I do not know.
Q Was he a Hebrew?
A I think he was a Russian.
Q In what town was this passport obtained by you?
A Minsky.
Q Was that before you reached Harbin?
A Minsky is out of the way, off the road, before I reached Harbin.
Q You state that you did not need any passport to go from Harbin to Yokohama. Then why did you pay fifty rubles for the passport?
A You have to have a passport from Russia to Harbin.
Q Did you show your passport before you left Harbin?
A They did not ask me for it.
Q Where did you go when you left Harbin?
A Darian.
Q Did you embark on a vessel when you left Darian?
A Yes.
Q Were you required to produce a passport when you embarked on a vessel at Darian?
A I lost it and did not need it.
Q Why did you get it in the first place? Why did you consider it necessary to get a passport?
A I had to have it to get to Darian. I had to go through Russian-Manchuria to get to Harbin.
Q Was this passport obtained by you before you left Russia for Manchuria and Siberia?
A Yes.

- Q Are all persons living in Russian territory required to have passports of good character?
- A Yes.
- Q Didn't you ever have a passport, then, when you lived in your home town?
- A I had one, but they took it from me when I was ordered for military duty.
- Q In what name was that passport which was taken up by the military authorities?
- A Samuel Kaplan.
- Q What do you expect to do in the United States if landed?
- A Any kind of work I can find.
- Q Have you any relatives or friends in the United States?
- A I have some friends but do not know where they are.

Inspector Strand: The applicant before the Board appears to be a fairly well clad, of medium build, of the average intelligence, and has practically no money, claims to have friends in this country but does not know their location, and has no relatives in the country. There is no demand for the kind of work that he has been following in this country. He states that he will seek any kind of work that he can get, and work in this vicinity is not to be had. A witness, Mr. Emil Cohn, has appeared here in behalf of this applicant and a certain Moisei Balanchuk (applicant 14662/29-6) who arrived recently, and stated that he might find employment for him for three or four weeks. No one else has appeared in his behalf, and therefore it is my opinion that he is a person likely to become a public if admitted, and I move that he be excluded as such.

Acting Inspector Simpson: I second that motion.

Chairman Lawler: It is the unanimous opinion of this Board that you be excluded and ordered deported as a person likely to become a public charge. If deported it will be at the expense of the steamship company which brought you. From this decision you have the right of appeal to the Secretary of Labor at Washington, D. C., which appeal will cost you nothing. Do you wish to appeal?

- A Yes.
- Q In case the Secretary of Labor decides to land you under bond would you be able and willing to furnish such a bond?
- A I have no money to furnish such a bond.

EXCLUDED - L.P.C.

The foregoing is a correct transcript.

W. D. Simpson

Stenographer.

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