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JAPANESE WORKING ON ISLANDS

(Scripps News Association)
 Manila, Feb. 2.—The army and navy officers in the Philippines are pleased over the acute situation on account of the Japanese trouble in San Francisco, because their recommendations for better fortifications and stronger defenses, will be likely to be adopted. They are certain that a number of Japanese agents are at work throughout the island but are uncertain as to the number of them. American officers are well informed as to the operations, and it is not likely that Japan will be able to repeat the work it so cleverly enacted in Manchuria and Korea. In these instances Japanese representatives worked over the country under the unseeing eyes of the Russians. There are but few movements now on foot in the Philippines that are not being carefully observed by the American officers.

Tokio, Feb. 2.—"As a sincere friend America could not help but regret that San Francisco officials should have chosen innocent children for the purpose of effecting political ends," said Baron Kaneko, a member of the Japanese house of peers, who recently visited the United States, to study the political and economic conditions. "Not a soul ever thought that the San Francisco affair would endanger both nations. Japan owes too much of her progress to America. The question is a local one, so endorsed by the American people. This statement is confirmed by the President's message which is the greatest document since Washington's farewell address."

San Francisco Feb. 2.—The board of Education held a short meeting this morning where it was definitely decided to go Washington in a body. Considerable data was gathered by the board members this morning, and this will be taken to Washington and explained when the conference meets. The executive has already prepared his side of the case, and when the "Frisco" delegation arrives at the national capitol, everything will be in readiness for prompt action.

QUAINT CUSTOM OBSERVED

(Scripps News Association)
 London, Feb. 2.—In the little town of Woodbridge, in Suffolk, there was held today the annual observance of an exceedingly quaint custom. In 1738 Thomas Carlowe died and left a will ordaining that he should be buried in his own garden, and that every year on Candlemas Day bread was to be placed upon his gravestone and given to poor people by the rector of Woodbridge. As years went on stables were erected in the garden, and the tombstone was removed the body was left undisturbed. And now every Candlemas Day sees a table covered with linen cloth placed in a dark outhouse behind the Bull Hotel in Woodbridge, and there go the rector and the church wardens to give away the bread according to the quaint old bequest.

AMUCK AT MEACHAM

A big burly Frenchman, named Joe, who early this week spent a few days in this city, has been arrested by Umatilla officials and is now in custody at Pendleton. On returning to the Meacham logging camps from this city, he was seized by an attack of delirium tremens, and with a double bit ax, roamed about the woods in a demented manner. Loggers notified Pendleton officials, and when they arrived on the scene, the Frenchman was industriously fighting off snakes with his ax. The officers experienced much difficulty in arresting the man, as he defended himself with the ax.

The prisoner is a giant in size, weighing about 200 pounds, and is a six-footer in height. While wandering around demented he was out in the snow all one night and most of a day. As a result of his exposure one of his feet became badly swollen though it was not frost-bitten.

INDIANA PET STOCK SHOW

(Scripps News Association)
 Indianapolis, Feb. 2.—The largest and most interesting show ever held by the Pet Stock Fanciers' Association of Indiana opened in Tomlinson Hall today, to continue thru the coming week. The exhibits in all departments are more numerous than ever before, including dogs, cats, chickens, pigeons and other domestic pets.

RACE QUESTION IN GERMANY

(Scripps News Association)
 Berlin, Feb. 2.—Cafes of the city have raised the race question by uniting in posting notices that negroes are excluded.

ELECTION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

(Scripps News Association)
 Victoria, Feb. 2.—Following one of the most vigorous campaigns in the history of the province an election is in progress today to determine the political complexion of the British Columbia parliament. The contest is an exceedingly complicated one, rendered the more so by the activity of the Socialists and the entrance of the new labor party into the fray. Premier Richard McBride and his lieutenants, after a campaign tour that has carried them to every nook and corner of the province, appear confident of success. Questions of finance and railway subsidies are the chief issues around which the contest revolves. The new parliament will assemble early in March.

COLUMBIA'S NEW BUILDING

(Scripps News Association)
 New York, Feb. 2.—Hundreds of persons today inspected the two new buildings, St Paul's Chapel and Hamilton Hall, which have been added to the group of magnificent buildings of Columbia University on Morningside Heights. Hamilton Hall was formally dedicated this afternoon and tomorrow the inaugural service will be held in St Paul's Chapel. Bishop Potter, President Stewardson of Hobart College, the Rev. Dr. Marvin Vincent of Union Theological Seminary and a number of other eminent divines and educators are to take part in the chapel dedication.

TO SHOW DISEASE RAVAGES

(Scripps News Association)
 Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 2.—A tuberculosis exhibition, similar to the exhibitions held in other large cities of the country recently, opened in Minneapolis today. The exhibition comprises many pictures, charts, statistical tables, model apparatus and models of sanatoria, all bearing upon the prevalence, the prevention and the remedy of the "white plague." During the coming week, in conjunction with the exhibition, there will be held a big anti-tuberculosis congress, comprising the Western Conference on Tuberculosis and the Minnesota State Association for the Relief and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

EARTH TREMBLES IN OSHKOSH

Oshkosh, Wis., Feb. 2.—Earth tremblings and tremors have been occurring intermittently since last night and has put everybody in the city into a state of apprehension and excitement. It is that Lake Winnebago causes the phenomenon, but fear of disastrous earthquake prevails in the community.

BUSINESS RESUMED

Another day has passed in which no mail or passengers have arrived from Portland. Last evening a stub from the west passed thru the city but carried no Portland mail or passengers. On last Thursday morning, was the last thru train from Portland.

THRU TONIGHT

It was reported this afternoon that a thru train will arrive in La Grande about seven o'clock.

All the towns along the O. R. & N. between Pendleton and Walla Walla were yesterday threatened with heavy floods. The tracks have washed away and traffic on the Pendleton-Spokane run has been at a standstill. This morning, tracks had been improved to such an extent that trains are moving slowly. Milton, Athena and Helix have suffered. The floods in every instance, were caused by the warm rains. These showers caused a sudden thaw of the snow.

THE MAIN LINE

Numerous culverts have been washed out east and west of Pendleton, but these were all repaired yesterday afternoon to allow the stub from Pendleton to run east to Huntington. This stub passed thru La Grande late yesterday afternoon.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC LIGHT

For the past week, but few people have left or arrived in this city. Those who resign themselves to fate in boarding a train, have to do so from sheer business reasons, and but few pleasure trips are made.

Portland, Feb. 2.—A heavy snow is falling thruout the Northwest. Traffic in Eastern Oregon and Washington has been tied up for 48 hours. 800 cars between here and Ashland. In addition to floods the Harriman lines are suffering a shortage of coal.

ITALIAN PROTEST

(Scripps News Association)
 Denver, Feb. 2.—The Ital consul has protested to the governor and notified his government of the alleged disregard of the law by the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company. Referring especially to the recent disaster in the Trinidad coal fields, in which many Italian miners were killed. The consul claims that he was denied information and that the coroner held no inquest. The consul intimates that the state is winking at the manner in which the law is being executed.

RAIN IN CALIFORNIA

(Scripps News Association)
 Stockton, Feb. 2.—Heavy rain in the San Joaquin valley has caused all of the streams to rise. It was feared that a large section of the valley would be overflowed by Monday or Tuesday but reports from the Sierras are to the effect that the snow in the mountains is not melting. It was feared that the warm rains would have caused the snow to melt which would have resulted serious damage.

THAW READY FOR TRIAL

(Scripps News Association)
 New York, Feb. 2.—Harry Thaw's attorneys are now ready to begin the presentation of their case, after holding a short consultation with the prisoner this morning. Those who attended the conference were attorneys Hartridge, Peabody and O'Reilly. It has not been settled who will make the presentations statement when the court convenes, after being adjourned since last night. Friday evening, shortly after four o'clock, the twelfth juror was selected and the court promptly adjourned until Monday morning.

CHICAGO EPIDEMIC

Chicago, Feb. 2.—In an effort to stamp out the epidemic of contagious diseases in this city the health committee of the city council has authorized the employment of 250 additional medical inspectors for 90 days or until the wave of sickness subsides. These, with the inspectors already employed, will be used to watch all public schools constantly. At Oak Park the schools have been closed. The city council will be asked for \$50,000 for the erection of a contagious disease hospital.

ANOTHER CANDIDATE

J. W. Waidon announced this afternoon that he will be a candidate for city marshal.

NEWS FORECAST FOR COMING WEEK

(Scripps News Association)
 Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—The Senate Committee on Military Affairs will on Monday begin taking testimony on the Brownsville affair. The Penrose-Macklin courtmartial, growing out of the same affair, will begin on the same day at Fort Sam, Houston, Texas.

The trial of Representative Binger Herman of Oregon, charged with the destruction of certain letter press copy books when he retired from the office of Commissioner of the General Land Office, was to have commenced here Monday, but at the request of counsel has been postponed for one week.

The fourth great convention of the Religious Education Association will open in Rochester on Tuesday and continue its session for three days.

From present indications Congress will be kept busy during the week chiefly with matters of a routine character.

The dinner to be given by the Pilgrims in London Wednesday night in honor of James Bryce, the new Ambassador to the United States, probably will be made an occasion for the exchange of friendly words to remove the last vestige of ill-feeling over the Swettenham-Davis affair.

The seventh annual meeting of the North American Fish and Game Protective Association will be held Wednesday and Thursday in Quebec.

Rear Admiral William W. Mead, one of veteran officers of the United States Navy, will be placed on the retired list Friday by operation of the age limit.

IN HARD LUCK

It would require no small amount of oratory to convince Louis Fagan that this is a land of liberty. Several weeks ago he was robbed of \$80. A man by the name of Ryner was arrested and bound over in the sum of \$400, which he furnished. Fagan who is some what of a transient, was held as a witness and placed under \$100 bonds to appear when the case came up for trial, in the circuit court. He was unable to give the bonds and has been confined in the county jail ever since. He thinks it a case of being jailed for being robbed. However the authorities are on the right track. In the event that Fagan had removed from the county there would have been no evidence against Ryner and the state would have been compelled to dismiss the case.

DEEP SNOW IN BAKER

(Observer Special)
 Baker City, Feb. 2.—Four inches of snow covered the city at ten o'clock this morning. The sky is full of the crystals and by this evening it is expected that nearly a foot of snow will have fallen.

NOT GUILTY SAYS JURY

(Observer Special)
 Baker City Feb. 2.—Alex Widdowson, jointly charged with Ira Brown for the murder of Willard Moody in Pine valley last fall, is today a free man. Last night, ten-thirty the jury, after being out twenty-nine and one half hours, returned a verdict of not guilty. Immediately following the announcement of the jury foreman, Widdowson was released. He had no sooner been exonerated, than a score or more of his friends circled about him and marched up the streets of the city, in a joyful demonstration.

When the case went to the jury last Thursday evening, a speedy acquittal was expected. However, it took the stated length of time to reach an agreement. The evidence which held the defendants was purely circumstantial and either acquittal or disagreement was certain.

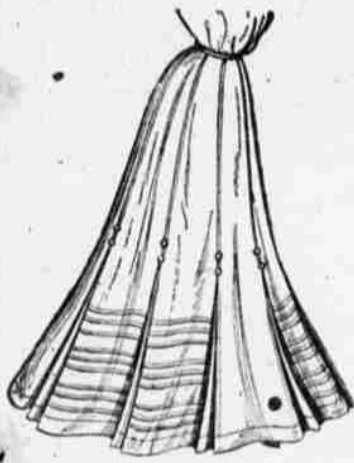
Baker City, Feb. 1.—Anything but the attitude of a hardened criminal who could shoot an enemy down and brutally obliterate the dead features with his boot, was displayed by Alex Widdowson in the county jail last night as he sat through the long and weary hours of the night waiting for the verdict of the 12 men who held his life in their hands.

Not once through the long night did the eyes of the accused man close. Sitting alone in the steel barred cell, where he has spent the past 100 days, Alex Widdowson longed for the words which would restore to him his liberty. His vigil was in vain, however, for no word came to gladden his heart and open the doors of his despised prison.

Criminal experts agree that an innocent man under such circumstances suffers to twice the extent of one who is guilty. Alex Widdowson suffered the greatest human torture last night.

EULOGIES OF GORMAN

(Scripps News Association)
 Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—Memorial exercises were held in the House this afternoon in honor of the late Senator Gorman of Maryland. Addresses eulogizing the life, character and public services of Senator Gorman were delivered by leading members on both sides of the aisle. Adjournment was taken at the conclusion of the exercises as a further mark of respect.



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