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CAUGHT AT FORT STEVENS

HOME JAPANESE SULLEN OVER PROGRESSIVE PLANS.

Two Japanese Supposed to Be Spies, Have Been Arrested at Fort Stevens, Oregon—Government of Japan Likely to Be Sustained by Parliament Tomorrow—General Position of the Government is Precarious—Subjects Resent Cabinet.

Fort Stevens, Ore., Jan. 22.—Two Japanese were arrested at Fort Stevens yesterday afternoon, for suspicious actions within the fort. They were discovered by a sentry in the west battery, while examining the guns. They refuse to give their names and will not state why they were about the fort.

Japs Resent Progressiveness.

Tokio, Jan. 22.—Present indications are that the government will be sustained tomorrow by a small majority in parliament on the motion by a progressive, expressing lack of confidence in the cabinet.

The position of the government, however, is precarious.

The report of Hayashi yesterday, which outlined the position of the government in relation to restricted American immigration, has been suddenly received by the people, and the disturbed financial condition of the country, which will almost certainly necessitate a call for increased taxation in the next budget, is laid to the people.

The progressive element is inciting the people to believe that the governmental investigation of student immigrants to North America and practice embargo on immigration into Mexico, has placed Japan in a humiliating position.

Nebraska After Oregon Apples.

Freewater, Jan. 22.—The Shields Fruit company sent out a carload of winter apples yesterday in a Northern Pacific car over the Walla Walla morning.

Traction company's line, to Crawford, Neb. The demand for winter apples from the Freewater district is very strong from all parts of the country and orders are being received for large shipments every week.

KILLED TWELVE ITALIANS.

Canon City Murder Suspect Has Confessed to Killing Twelve.

Denver, Col., Jan. 22.—According to a story in this morning's Republican, Antonio Neroni, who is in jail at Canon City, charged with the murder of four Italians at Florence, Col., has confessed to murdering 12 of his fellow countrymen. The confession was secured through a fellow prisoner in jail. Eight of the murders were committed in Italy.

PARCELS POST NOT WANTED

OREGON GROCERS STAND FIRM IN THE FIGHT.

Officials of Defunct Title Guarantee & Trust Bank of Portland Must Stand Trial for Accepting Deposits When They Knew the Institution to Be Insolvent—Oregon Grocers Want National Convention to Come to Portland Next Year.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 22.—The retail grocers of Oregon, in convention in this city, took a strong stand today against Postmaster General Meyers' proposal to inaugurate the parcels post in the United States.

The state convention has inaugurated a campaign to bring the national convention of retail grocers to Portland in 1909.

Cannot Quash Indictment.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 22.—The motion to quash the indictment against Thorburn Ross and other officials of the defunct Title Guarantee & Trust company, charged with illegally accepting deposits after the institution was insolvent, was overruled this morning.

HENDRICKS PLEADS GUILTY OF LAND FRAUD AND OTHERS STAND READY TO FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE

Portland, Ore., Jan. 22.—Hamilton H. Hendricks, co-defendant with John Hall, Edwin P. Mays, W. W. Steiwer and others in the land fraud cases now in process here, came into court this morning and, reversing his former plea, pleaded guilty to charges against him.

At the same time, C. B. Zachary, another co-defendant, was in the corridor of the building awaiting an opportunity to make the same plea, but was not called, and therefore did not take this action.

It is said that Steiwer will take this same course, and all three defendants will then take the stand and testify as to their alleged conspiracy to fence public lands and their relations with John Hall and Edwin P. Mays.

This action has been frequently predicted. Rumor that Heney would clinch his case against Hall by evidence of some of the co-defendants have been rife since the day the case was opened and there are indications that this supposition was correct. Today's proceedings seem to bear out such a conclusion.

Edward W. Dixon, special agent of the general land office, testified this morning as to his investigations into the land frauds in eastern Oregon, and the connection of Hall and Mays with these alleged violations of the statutes.

HOUSE COMMITTEE HEARS CURRENCY DISCUSSIONS

Washington, Jan. 2.—Business men, bankers, financiers and others interested in the subject of currency legislation are here to take part in the discussion inaugurated today by the house committee on banking and currency. These public hearings will precede the report to be made by the committee on any of the several currency expansion bills that have been introduced into the house.

Before the hearings have been completed, it is expected that the committee will have heard the opinions of leading representatives of commercial, agricultural, industrial and labor organizations, as well as the recommendations of bankers and financiers.

"Our object in having public hearings," said Representative Oille, James of Kentucky, one of the house leaders in the currency reform movement, "is to insure the fullest consideration before recommending for passage of any bill designed to better the currency system and improve the financial condition of the country. We have heard a great deal from the bankers and financial interests, now we want to hear from the business and professional men, the farmers, the laborers and others who are vitally interested in having a sound and sufficient currency."

All of the various measures offered as a solution of the currency question will come under a fire of criticism and it is likely that before the public hearings have been completed the members of the house committee will be even less sure of the right road out of the financial wilderness than they now are. Many panaceas will be suggested in addition to those already before the committee.

A measure which has received much favorable mention among business men, but which is opposed by the banking interests, is that contained in the bill introduced by Representative Purnes of New York, providing for the establishment of a central bank to be located here and to be known as the United States National Bank of America.

The suggestion of a central bank is not an original one, as such an institution has been proposed many times.

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but now she is penniless. Her whilom friends have deserted her. She has answered "Want" ads without success. Her condition became known yesterday when she applied to an old lawyer friend for assistance.

EXTEND HIS TRIAL.

Abe Ruef Given Until Friday to Secure Adequate Legal Advice.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 22.—In answer to Abe Ruef's plea for more time to secure adequate legal representation in his defense against the charges brought by District Attorney Langdon, Judge Lawler today gave him until Friday, but intimated that was all the continuance he would give Ruef on that ground.

WOMAN SHOTS AND SUICIDES

NEW YORK RESTAURANT SCENE OF TWO CRIMES.

Woman Supposed to Be Mrs. Clark Enters Large Store and Sits at Restaurant Table With Man Named Brady—Suddenly Pulls Revolver and Shoots Five Times, Killing Him Instantly—Turns Gun on Herself and Died in Hospital Soon After.

New York, Jan. 22.—In the midst of hundreds of shoppers at the noon hour in the Macey dry goods store, a woman, supposed to be Mrs. Robert Clark, leaped from a table in the store's restaurant, and shot Frank Brady, an advertising man, five times, instantly killing him. As the terrified diners were dashing from the restaurant the woman turned the gun on herself and shot twice, dying in the hospital shortly after.

There were several hundred persons in the dining-room when a woman came in and sat down with Brady and Frank McPherson, of the Evening Telegram. She reached her hand in a handbag, pulled a revolver and started to shoot, causing pandemonium throughout the dining hall. Brady was 27 years of age and the woman three years older.

The motive for the crime is not known.

RANDALL IS CANDIDATE.

Seeks Nomination for Sheriff at Coming Republican Primaries.

Another candidate has entered the field for nominations at the coming primaries. Today it was W. W. Randall who declared his candidacy for nomination for sheriff of Union county, on the republican ticket.

Prominent Elk Dead.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 22.—A. B. Irwin, manager of the Pacific Coast Wood Pipe company, died here last night. He will be buried at Spokane by the Elks of that city, of which order he was a prominent member.

PRODUCE THAW WILL IN COURT

EVIDENCE PROVES WHITE SNARED YOUNG GIRLS.

Testimony in Harry Thaw Trial Today Is of Varied Nature, Dealing With the Original Will Written by Thaw on the Eve of His Marriage to Evelyn—Practices of White and His "Den" Gang Are Rehearsed by Competent Witnesses.

New York, Jan. 22.—Mrs. Francis E. Pierce, the first witness called in the Thaw case today, identified the signature of Thaw attached to a will which was made on the evening of his marriage to Evelyn Nesbit.

District Attorney Jerome objected to the witness giving this testimony and insisted she should swear the document was in the same condition and that it read the same as the night it was signed.

Anthony Comstock, the "purist," has been sworn in as witness for the defense.

Justice Dowling ruled that the codicil of the will should be admitted as evidence. The defense offered the will in evidence and then called Anthony Comstock. The latter testified: "Harry Thaw told me a prominent New Yorker had acquired the habit of ruining young girls."

He identified letters sent to him by Thaw.

Comstock's testimony was in relation to Thaw's declarations that there was a band of rich men in New York who lured young girls to the "den" in Twenty-fourth street. Comstock said he was unable to get evidence against these men.

CHARGES FOLLOW EXPOSURE.

Condemned Actions of German Editor Have Had Desired Effect.

Berlin, Jan. 22.—Accused of participating in immoralities as charged by Editor Harden against the Knights of the Round Table, Gen. Count Hohenau and Count Lynar are today facing a military court inquiry on the charges as made by the editor recently convicted of libel.

Two Negroes Killed.

Clarksville, Tenn., Jan. 22.—Two negroes were killed and a third injured in a battle today with guards. They were captured while attempting to burn or dynamite the tobacco factory of the Hayes-Sorg company.

To Confer With Railroads.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 27.—In order to prevent the necessity for calling a special session of the legislature to deal with the reduction of railroad rates, Governor Patterson has invited the presidents of all railroads operating in Tennessee to hold a conference with him next Monday. It is hoped by this action that a mutually agreeable reduction may be decided upon.

Inventory and Year's-End Sale

This Week--Unusual Price Reducing in Nearly Every Line
--Ladies, Childrens, Mens and Boys Departments Liberal-ly Represented.

We are in the midst of our Stock Inventory and find in every department lines more or less broken, which must be disposed of, and will be MARKED DOWN FOR QUICK SELLING--To profit by these "TRULY BARGAINS" you must visit our store often, as every day will bring forth new bargains.

\$25.00 Ladies' Suits	\$12.45	\$15.00 Ladies' or Misses Coats	\$7.45
\$22.50 Ladies' Suits	\$11.25	\$12.50 Ladies' or Misses' Coats	\$6.20
\$20.00 Ladies' Suits	\$9.95	\$10.00 Ladies' or Misses' Coats	\$4.95
\$15.00 Ladies' Suits	\$7.45	\$7.50 Ladies' or Misses Coats	\$3.70
\$10, \$12.50, \$14.50 Ladies' Suits	\$4.25	\$5.00 Misses and Childs' Coats	\$2.45

400 Boxes Andrew Jergen's 25c Toilet Soaps
This Week, per box 9c

\$3.00 to \$4.50 Boys' Overcoats	\$1.45	\$1.25 Ladies' heavy Outing Flannel Waists, this week	25c
50c to 65c Boys' Shirts	25c	25c to 35c Ladies' Collars	15c
Odd lot Boys' 25c and 35c Caps	9c	50c, 65c and 75c Ladies Belts	25c
65c Boys' Outing Night Shirts	38c		

1c

10c Key Rings, this week.....
2 lamp wicks, this week.....
2 School Rulers, this week.....
2 bunches Wire Hair Pins.....

1c

The Fair
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MRS. BRADLEY PENILESS

ACQUITTED WOMAN IS IN ABJECT POVERTY.

Acquitted Murderess of Senator Brown at Washington, Now Living Near Salt Lake City in Dire Need of Daily Sustenance—Sold Books to Reach Her Home—Provisions and Money Exhausted and She Was Forced to Seek Help From Friend.

Salt Lake, Jan. 22.—Mrs. Anna Bradley, recently acquitted in Washington, D. C., for the murder of Senator Brown of Utah, is living in deep poverty in a small hut on the outskirts of the city with her four children.

Following the trial she came to Salt Lake with her family on money secured by the sale of books. With this money she purchased some provisions which have lasted up until recently,

WE SINCERELY THANK

Our many customers for the liberal patronage bestowed upon us, which has enabled us to make this the foremost drug store in this section of the country. All can rest assured that our gratitude will be further shown by giving the most scrupulous care and conscientious attention to every detail of our business.

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Are not yet one of our customers let this be your invitation to become one. Get the habit of coming her with your prescriptions and for your drug wants; you will never care to change

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