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DEEP PLOT FOR BLOODY RIOTS NIPPED IN BUD

ENTIRE COAST WAS TO WITNESS DEMONSTRATIONS.

Anti-Japanese Leagues Had Planned a Series of Bloody Riots Aiming at Exclusion of Japanese Along the Coast—Plans Originated in Seattle—Portland to Be Scene of Slaughter—Accidentally Disclosed to the Public Last Night—Rioters Were to Strike When Evens and His Fleet Reached the Golden Gate.

Portland, Feb. 27.—Backed by a treasury filled with thousands of dollars collected from unknown sources, the American-Asiatic Exclusion league of the Pacific coast has been plotting to pull off a series of anti-Japanese riots.

The riots were to occur at Vancouver, B. C., Bellingham, Wash., at Portland, Ore., and San Francisco, Cal. This is the gist of a special dispatch sent out from Vancouver, B. C., last night, where it is said the plot was discovered.

The plan of the conspirators was to work up to a bloody climax in San Francisco, a riot by a series of minor riots in important anti-Japanese centers along the Pacific coast. The plan was formulated in Seattle on February 3, at a meeting of the executive committee of the league. It was the intention of exclusionists to arrange to bring about the final demonstration against the Japanese on the day that Evans' Atlantic fleet passed through the Golden Gate.

Canadians Disclose Plans.

A revolt on the part of Canadian members of the Exclusion league at Vancouver, from orders issued to them in relation to the parade by the San Francisco headquarters of the Exclusion league, caused the first intimation of the proposed riots to be brought to general knowledge.

Fist Fight Among Promoters.

A three hours' debate at a meeting of the organization last night, which ended in a fist fight and miniature riot, over the proposed plan of parade, caused exposure of the riot plot. Vice-President Gordon Grant of the Vancouver branch organization made direct charges. Sam Gothard, a delegate from Vancouver to the Seattle meeting, in which it is said the plans were originally made, declared Grant

to be a liar. At this a dozen men stood up and hurled badges of the order at the president and walked out of the hall in disgust.

In the commotion that followed some one introduced a resolution dissolving the local organization from affiliation with the North American Anti-Exclusion league formed recently at Seattle.

Riot in Chambers.

The resolution was greeted with combined yells of anger and whoops of approval from the warring factions and just as the chairs started to splinter somebody shut off the lights. It was the hottest anti-Jap meeting that the Exclusion league has held since September.

Some members afterwards said it was more enjoyable than a riot with Nipponese and were strong for going back and starting another meeting.

Baseball Magnates in Session.

New York, Feb. 27.—Baseball magnates of the two major leagues met today for the annual spring meetings, the National league holding its convocation in the Waldorf-Astoria, while the American league convened in the Breslin. This is the much talked of joint meeting of the two leagues, and changes in rules, dates and everything pertaining to the business of the two big bodies will be disposed of finally during the two or three days that the leagues are in session.

ARREST ALL CHICAGO "REDS"

FEARS OF MORE BLOODY CRIMES FROM ANARCHISTS.

Stirred to Action by the Assassination of a Priest in Denver Last Sunday, Chicago Anarchists Are Believed to Be Planning a Wholesale Slaughter of Priests—Police of Chicago Have Been Guarding Them—Many Arrests Made Today.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Unless all anarchists leave Chicago within the next few hours all will be arrested by Chief of Police Shippy. Detectives have had the "Reds" under secret guard and believe they have located all of them.

The assassination of a priest at Denver has encouraged the Chicago "Reds" to action and today Chief Shippy notified Chancellor M. E. Dunne of the Chicago archdiocese to watch for any attempt at assassination of priests in Chicago, as he believed such plans are in process of formation.

CONFLICTING REPORTS FROM VALE RELATIVE TO RUMORED GUSHER

Is there a gusher of oil at Vale? The Observer leaves it to the reader to judge for himself.

On the heels of the rumors circulated about La Grande since Tuesday night, comes a sharp denial of any flow in the region of Vale, from William Wright and B. W. Benson, both of Union, who are at Vale today. The next hour The Observer was informed by a Vale party that two men coming in from the wells, which are located about 10 miles from Vale, report that a gusher is in full tilt. Then, again, a second Vale party has emphatically denied that the wells are flowing. Early this morning Messrs. Wright and Benson, who have been at Vale the past two days, wired The Observer as follows:

"Vale, Ore., Feb. 27.—Evening Observer, La Grande, Ore.—Report that oil gusher has been struck is without foundation and unauthorized by the company. Work is progressing and showing satisfactory.

"WM. WRIGHT.
"G. W. BENSON."

This, when it became known, put a quietus on the spirits of La Grande men who are financially interested at Vale. To ascertain further facts,

either in verification or of a corroborative nature. The Observer requested a statement from F. J. Bradley, editor of the Malheur Gazette. Later in the day his reply came, as follows:

"Vale, Ore., Feb. 27.—La Grande Observer:—Two men from the wells report gusher. Other men deny. Can get nothing definite.

"F. J. BRADLEY."

It will be seen that the two reports are partially conflicting. Still another message was received this afternoon. It ran:

"Vale, Ore., Feb. 27.—La Grande Observer:—There is absolutely no truth in the rumor. I emphatically deny that gusher exists.

"J. P. DUNNIWAY,
Cashier First National Bank."

Thus, rushing one way and then another, the rumors have played tag with each other in this city today. La Grande men are on the scene but cannot be reached, as they are undoubtedly at the wells, and thus shut off from communication.

Oil Believed There.

Facts are not available and rumors must be relied upon. It is said by some that oil is flowing as announced through The Observer last evening by

ENORMOUS BRIBE OFFERED RUEF COULD LINE IN BANKRUPTCY

LIBEL SUIT BRINGS TO LIGHT BIG GRAFT.

While Testifying in the Tevis-Bulletin Libel Suit, Editor and His Assistant Bring to Light a Sensational Graft Scheme Made by Tevis and Ruef and Board of Supervisors—Tevis' Counsel Deny Allegations—Confessions Available.

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—The stupendous bribe of \$1,000,000 was offered Abe Ruef by William Tevis, proprietor of the Bay Cities Water Works company to secure the purchase by San Francisco of the water company's property for \$10,500,000.

This was the statement of R. A. Crothers of the Bulletin today, while on the witness stand in the libel suit instituted by Tevis against the Bulletin for publishing this statement. Fremont Older, the editor, made the same statement.

When trial was resumed this morning Assistant District Attorney Hoff Cook offered a motion that the libel charge be dismissed claiming that it was impossible to get Tevis into court and that he believed the suit was not instituted in good faith. The defense fought this motion, as they declared they had evidence to prove that their statements were true.

"We have signed confession that Tevis offered Ruef \$1,000,000 to secure purchase of the Bay Cities Water company by the old board of supervisors, and we have the confessions of a number of supervisors who were told that this sum would be distributed," were the sole consummated."

Mr. Clark, of the other Yale bank, but the promoters are extremely anxious to cover up the fact. It is further rumored that the company has been drilling for some time and plugging the wells, in hopes of "bubbling" the oil stock market. This, too, of course, is rumor.

Hounds Chase Coyote 24 Hours.

Spokane, Feb. 25.—Perhaps the largest coyote scalp ever taken into the county auditor's office for bounty was delivered there last week by W. H. Taulman of Foot Hill. It came from a coyote that was killed by Mr. Taulman's nine Missouri bloodhounds after a chase lasting over 24 hours.

Mr. Taulman's hounds, of which seven are pups, first scented the coyote and a pack of associates about noon Saturday. They kept on the scent until Sunday night, when the biggest animal in the pack was cornered. The coyote put up a good fight and held the hounds at bay for more than an hour before finally he succumbed. Once during the fight he appeared as if dead, but when the hounds closed in on him he got up on his haunches and bit two or three of the dogs painfully. Mr. Taulman appeared on the scene at the last of the struggle, and when the coyote was so weak he could scarcely bite, broke out some of his teeth in order that his hound pups might have an opportunity to practice chewing a coyote's throat without incurring danger.

Mr. Taulman says the coyotes are numerous in his vicinity and that he intends making a business of hunting them.

Earthquake in Alaska.

Valdez, Alaska, Feb. 27.—The most severe earthquake shock since 1902 occurred here Friday and since that time a succession of smaller shocks have occurred. A cable to Seattle and to Seward broke at this end and communication with the outside world has just been restored. The shock lasted 30 seconds.

Mardi Gras Bout.

New Orleans, Feb. 27.—Mardi Gras visitors will have an opportunity to witness a scrappy little battle tomorrow night, when Jimmy Moran, the husky Brooklyn featherweight, and Johnny Lynch of Boston, are scheduled to go 10 rounds before the Young Men's Athletic club.

COULD LINE IN BANKRUPTCY

METROPOLITAN TRUST COMPANY HARD PRESSED.

Unable to Pay Interest on a Bond Issue of 1892 the Metropolitan Trust Company Applies for Receivership—Is a Gould Line and Operates Over One Thousand Miles of Road—Receiver Will Protect Property and Save the Revenues.

Dallas, Texas, Feb. 27.—On application of the Metropolitan Trust company of New York, before Judge Meek of the federal court, alleging default of interest on a bond issue of 1892, T. J. Freeman was appointed receiver for the road today. It is a Gould line.

The company is unable to raise enough money to meet its debts at the present time and it was thought best to have a receiver appointed to protect the property and save the revenues. The road operates 1158 miles of track.

Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

New Orleans, Feb. 27.—New Orleans is today assuming a gala attire in preparation for the Mardi Gras festivities, which will soon be on in full blast, culminating Monday with the arrival of King Rex and the great annual pageant. Many preliminary events are scheduled for the latter part of this week and the city is already filling up with visitors from every nook and corner of the land and from other countries. The arrangements for the carnival this year are on an unprecedented scale of magnificence and there is every prospect of a record breaking crowd of visitors.

SAN FRANCISCO FIRE.

Large District Threatened With Destruction Last Evening.

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—From the roof of the Glenmaxe apartment house last night a fire started which for a time threatened destruction to the entire district, filled with tinder box apartment houses and hotels. The Imperial hotel, a Japanese hostelry of the higher class, and Bryon Mauzy's music house were damaged by the fire. The total loss equals \$20,000. A number of lodgers had close calls with death, but all escaped without serious injury.

Dolliver to Address Bankers.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 27.—Senator J. P. Dolliver of Iowa, will be one of the principal speakers at the annual dinner of the Pennsylvania Bankers' association, to be given at the Bellevue-Stratford tonight.

Many bankers from other cities and some prominent state and government officials will be among the 475 persons who will partake of the hospitality of financiers here. William H. McElroy and Dr. Silas McBea, editor of the Churchman, both of New York will be among the speakers. Invitations have been sent to Governor Stuart, James McCrea, president of the Pennsylvania railroad, and George F. Baer, president of the Reading.

McFarland and Walsh.

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—An unusually interesting battle is promised San Francisco fans when Packy McFarland and Fred Walsh meet in a 26-round contest tomorrow night. The weight will be 133 pounds at 3 o'clock. The Englishman recently defeated Maurice Sayers, and was deprived of what was declared to be a well-earned victory over Charley Neary at Milwaukee, and many San Francisco sports will back him to beat the Chicago lad.

To Hang Florida Negro.

St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 27.—Charles Powell, colored, will be hanged in the county jail yard here tomorrow, unless the governor grants a reprieve which is considered unlikely. The "unwritten law" was urged in Powell's behalf at the trial, but without avail.

Powell was tried and convicted at the last term of the circuit court, and

sentenced to death. The crime for which Powell is to forfeit his life was committed at Bunnell last summer, when Powell shot and instantly killed John Rogers, also colored.

The two men had quarreled, Powell accusing Rogers of having slandered his wife. Rogers denied the allegation, whereupon Powell leveled his double-barreled shotgun and fired. Rogers fell and died almost instantly. After committing the crime Powell made his escape in the woods and succeeded in getting into Georgia, where Sheriff Jerry finally located and arrested him.

The condemned man, both during his trial and since, has seemed quite indifferent to his fate, and continues so even since the death warrant has been read to him.

Missouri Republican Convention.

St. Louis, Feb. 27.—Secretary Taft gains a substantial addition to his forces in the national convention by reason of the republican state convention of Missouri, opened here today. The convention will select a national committeeman, four delegates at large and four alternates to the Chicago convention and will nominate 18 presidential electors. The adherents of Speaker Cannon have been working valiantly in Missouri of late, but have apparently been totally unable to overcome the popularity of Secretary Taft.

SOCIETY LADIES POSE IN TABLEAUX

NEW YORK'S RICHEST AS LIVING PICTURES.

To Aid Charity New York Society Ladies Pose in Tableaux to Be Gazed Upon by Passing Multitudes—Famed Women Attired in Filmy White to Participate in What is Called Most Gorgeous Social Function—Food for Upton Sinclair.

New York, Feb. 27.—For the sake of "sweet" charity, Mrs. John Jacob Astor will pose in a tableaux at the Plaza hotel this evening and tomorrow evening, and place her alleged beautiful contour on display for vulgar eyes to gaze upon. For the same philanthropic reason Mrs. Clarence Mackay will drape herself in filmy filmy white and stand upon a pedestal as a living picture, as will Miss Nora Langhorne, one of the famed beauties of Virginia, and other women prominent in New York's most exclusive society. The Duchess of Sutherland is also expected to participate. It is expected that the event will be the most gorgeous society function given in the name of charity for many years. Thousands of dollars have been expended by the participants for costumes and the scene of the entertainment has been decorated in lavish style. The proceeds will be given to

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WAR ON TAFT IN OKLAHOMA

ANTI-TAFT MEN WANT FREE CANDIDATES.

Second District Convention Will Be Held Tomorrow and it is Believed Delegates Will Be Selected and Not Instructed—Seems Certain That the 14 Men to Chicago Convention Will Have No Instructions—Supposedly a Taft State.

Oklahoma City, Feb. 27.—While Oklahoma has been placed safely in the Taft column by the Washington republican campaign managers, the spirit of doubt is now hovering over the political situation. The administration supporters are becoming alarmed and have donned their war paint to do battle with the enemies of the war secretary. The republican clans are gathering in Oklahoma City today for the second district convention, which will be held tomorrow. The state convention is now less than two weeks distant, having been set for March 11. It is likely that both conventions here will be productive of many sensational skirmishes between the opponents and friends of Taft.

Although dispatches to Washington conveyed the startling information that the first congressional convention held in Colgate, Okla., had named two delegates instructed "first and last" for Taft the simple facts are that the big Okla. supporters were defeated and the two delegates chosen are uninstructed.

Captain Charles Hunter, the present chairman of the state central committee, is in disrepute and his time-honored foes, Jake Hamon of Lawton, Dennis Flynn and ex-Secretary Bill Grimes, are back at the head of the old clans. That makes it extremely doubtful whether the state convention will instruct for Taft. It is pretty certain that the 14 men who go to Chicago will not be instructed for any one else. That is not the scheme. A "free bunch" is the slogan of the anti-Taft clique and the stone is rolling and accumulating moss every minute.

To Fight at Schenectady.

Schenectady, N. Y., Feb. 27.—Schenectady's new fight club, the American Athletic club, has arranged an attractive card for its show tomorrow night. Willie Lewis and Jimmie Donovan, who put up a game battle before the Sharkey Athletic club, New York, recently, will try conclusions in a 10-round affair. Bert Keyes and Emergency Kelly are matched for what should be a fast six-round go.

Republican Convention in Session.

St. Louis, Feb. 27.—The republican state convention which will select a national committeeman, four delegates at large and four alternates to the Chicago convention, meets here today. Cannon men are working hard but it is doubtful if they can stem the Taft wave.

Prescriptions

There is no more vital question to be considered in the family than that of the compounding of the doctor's prescription. There should be no half way methods regarding prescriptions. We use pure drugs, compounded just "according to the doctor's orders."

HILL'S DRUG STORE

La Grande Oregon