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NAVAL WARFARE COMMENCED BY FLEETS

SEVEN SCOUTS TO PROTECT THE NATION FROM INVASION.

WIRELESS CAREFULLY

Ships Leave Hampton for Un-own Corners of the Seas and Will Attack on the United States. Game is the Most Extended Ever Commenced by the Navy Department for Drill.

Washington, Dec. 30—Sixteen battleships of the Atlantic fleet passed Hampton Roads today and became an "enemy" in the most extended war game ever played by the navy. Simultaneously a scout fleet of ten vessels started defending the coast against the invaders until the fleet report at Guantanamo for target practice they will endeavor to keep their whereabouts a secret. They will endeavor to appear in range of some part of the coast without its presence being detected by the scout fleet.

Rear Admiral Schroeder commands the enemy. The home fleet is commanded by Rear Admiral Stanton. Elaborate plans for testing the adaptability of the wireless during the game has been made. Ships under Admiral Schroeder are expected to use a code of their own, thus necessitating acting as if they were unknown to the defenders by their whereabouts will be known. Admiral Stanton is expected to head the fleet enroute to Guantanamo establishing a patrol line in the Gulf through which the battleships must pass. Once the enemy is sighted, wireless will be called to aid and the remainder of the scouts will be notified. During the game the whereabouts of the fleet is unknown to the navy department and the commander en carte blanche as to where he will go.

Want Suit Against Standard.

London, Dec. 30—Agitation to start suit against the Standard Oil in England is being urged by the London South. The paper charges the company through its subsidiaries, the American Oil company and Vacuana Company to have been invading the income tax. The Truth urges the commencement of a suit to compel them to diverge their earnings so that the tax can be collected.

WILL PLANS TO KILL RECALL PETITION

ALLEGES GROSS IRREGULARITIES IN THE DOCUMENT.

Seattle, Dec. 30—Mayor Gill, against whom a monster petition for recall has been filed, today took his first outward cognizance of the movement which has been started to oust him from office. The law firm with whom the mayor is associated, filed a notice of application to be made in superior court restraining the city controller from certifying to the recall petition. The mayor brings the suit in his own name and alleges gross irregularities in the recall petition.

IMBIBER DEFEATS N. POWDER.

North Powder Goes Down to Defeat Before Fast Imbiber Team.

The Imbiber basket ball team defeated the aggregation from North Powder last night by the score of 80 to 3. The visitors did not seem to be able to stand up against the Imbiber quintet. Imbiber showed great improvement over their last game in throwing baskets. The North Powder team plays Summerville tonight.

RECORD MARKS IN DANGER.

Frenchman is Setting New Mark for Long Flight This Afternoon.

Paris, Dec. 30—Flying 357 miles in 7 hours and 40 minutes Aviator Tardieu today set a new record for the Michelin prize of \$4,000. At 3:20 this afternoon the birdman was still in the air reeling off miles and threatening to eclipse the record of 8 hours and 13 minutes held by Henry Farman. He ascended at 7:20 this morning and carried an unusually large amount of petrol. He planned to keep aloft as long as he could keep the machine working.

GREEK HELD AS WHITE SLAVE OWNER

PORTLAND POLICE GET MAN ACCUSED OF CRIME.

His Victim Finally Finds Aid After Months of Slavery.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 30—While his alleged white slave victim shivered and sobbed in a room nearby, Chas. Peters, a Greek, was examined today by Deputy United States District Attorney Maguire. He was then placed under \$4,000 bond and the girl under \$500 bond as a witness.

The man's preliminary examination is set for next Tuesday. The girl claims he took her from Redding California, 4 years ago. Later he took her to Medford and made her a prey to his greek Laboring friends. Later he came to Portland where she asked for aid from the authorities.

BASKETBALL TONIGHT.

Local Teams Will Come Together on the Rink Floor for Fast Game.

A contest that is sure to be close and filled with exciting moments takes place tonight when the alumni team of the high-school, comprising old-time stars, meets the youngsters of the present age. Cecil Bolton, one of La Grande's forwards may not be able to last the entire game and consequently the team will be weakened considerably. He has recently undergone an operation that may forbid his playing an entire game.

The other members of the high school team are fit and ready for a fast mill.

The lineups for the two teams, which includes some of the best men turned out of the high school in years, follows:

Alumni:
Childers and Carpy, Forwards.
Earls and Reynolds, guards.
Geddes, center.
High School:
Bolton and Reynolds, Forwards.
Ralston and Lottes, guards.
Bohnkamp, center.
Crawley and Kelly, subs.
The game starts promptly at 8 o'clock.

Mexican Rebels Lose Fight.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 30—Private dispatches received here today confirm the report that Malo Paso, a revolutionist strong hold in Mexico has been captured by the federalists. It is also reported that General Guzman has been killed. The federalists are pursuing the rebels who fled to the mountains.

MANILA AFFAIR STIRS STRIFE ON ISLAND

CIVIL AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES AT OUTS OVER SECRETARY BEING MAINTAINED.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES

Civil Authorities Not Being Called to Assistance of the Army in Ferreting Out the Alleged Spying of Japanese.—now certain that Wireless Operator Has Been Deported.—Fortification Maps Drawn.

Manila, Dec. 30—Unusual secrecy cloaks the movements of the military authorities who are investigating the activity of the Japanese in the Philippines. Civil authorities are no longer called upon to aid as heretofore. Every effort is being made to guard the movements of the officials investigating the conditions at Corrigedor Island where the alleged Japanese spies were found with maps of fortification of Manila and data concerning them.

Some bitterness between the military and civilians developed as a result of the search and contradictory reports given out concerning the Japanese found by the military.

It is understood however that Japanese spies were found and one wireless operator deported as first reported.

BRAKEMAN MEETS DEATH.

Ground to Pieces Under Wheels When Extra and Freight Meet.

Chehalls, Wash., Dec. 30—S. M. Hanley, a brakeman was killed and J. B. McMillan, a brakeman was injured in a rear end collision between an extra and a freight train this morning near this city. Hanley was ground to death beneath the wheels after he was knocked from the top of the car. He leaves a widow and daughter who reside at Elma.

Lodge Room Owners Accused.

Seattle, Dec. 30—Information charging T. Inobeye, and T. Nakishama, the owners of a lodging house in which four men were asphyxiated by gas Christmas, with criminal neglect was filed today. The investigation went to show the gas main was broken by a plumber and that the Japanese allowed the guests to go to bed knowing the house was filled with gas.

OLDFIELD AND JEFFRIES IN AUTO SPILL

BOTH HAVE NARROW ESCAPES FROM DEATH TODAY.

Connecting Rod Breaks and Auto is Precipitated With Force.

San Diego, Dec. 30—Barney Oldfield the daredevil auto driver and James Jeffries both narrowly escaped death this morning when the connecting rod on Oldfield's Knox car broke. The car went into the ditch.

They were traveling about 40 miles an hour and both were hurled from the car but escaped and were only slightly injured. They were starting on a hunting trip.

EVERY VOTER IN TOWNSHIP IS VOTELESS

WHOLESALE INDICTMENTS IN OHIO ESTABLISHES PECULIAR CONDITION.

NO MEN FOR OFFICES

Every Single Voter in Adams County is Disfranchised and There are No Men to Take Offices for the Next Five Years.—New People Will Have to Move in to Take Offices.—Other Townships in Danger.

West Union, Ohio., Dec. 30—With every voter in Jefferson township of Adams county disfranchised for five years, because they sold their votes, the residents are wondering how the offices will be filled during the next few years. The situation is unparalleled in the history of the country.

If the indictments continue to be turned out as rapidly as now, soon other towns will be in the same fix. Judge Blair, who is sentencing the men, will be asked to consider the case and provide some form of legal government until the disfranchisement expires or new voters move in. Over 1,000 are indicted so far and most of them pleaded guilty.

Communication.

Editor Evening Observer:

Numerous deaths from typhoid fever have occurred in this city during the past three months. In almost every case the cause could be definitely located in a well. These families have all lived in rented houses and have had no choice in the matter, but have been compelled to use the water from the infected wells on the premises. The city has extended the water supply pipes very widely during the last year and city water which is known to be pure is now available for use by the people in almost every block in the city. In one block on Division street two deaths have recently occurred from typhoid fever caused by the use of infected water taken from wells. There is a city water main on Division street, but the people living in the block cannot use the water because the proprietors of the houses in which they live have refused to bring the water into the houses or even to establish an outside hydrant.

In the opinion of the writer it is time something should be done by the

ORIENT FIGHTS OCCIDENTAL TRADING

GIGANTIC ASSOCIATION FORMED TO FIGHT OFF THE WEST.

Half Dozen Countries Represented in the Association Formed Today.

Tokio, Dec. 30—An organization, formed ostensibly to promote a better understanding between the far eastern corporation, but reported to be in reality a combination to fight off occidental encroachment on oriental trade has been completed by a coterie of Japanese politicians, it was announced today. The organization is known as the Pan Asia Association and is composed of members representing large financial enterprises in China, Japan, Siam, Turkey, India, Persia and other oriental countries.

city authorities, now that we have a supply of pure water, to make it available for use by all the people, whether they are owners of their own houses or belong to that very numerous class in our city who are renters and many of whom during the past year and at the present time, are glad to get any kind of a house to live in.

It is my opinion that the City Council has the power to condemn all wells and should do so at once in the areas of the city to which water mains are distributed and by continuing the policy followed in the last year of extending the water system as rapidly as possible may put into operation a system under which such lamentable occurrences as are mentioned above cannot be and families shall not be deprived of the father or sister because some one wants to save a few dollars a year. In my opinion the time has also come when some place for the treatment of infectious diseases occurring in transients should be established.

Very truly,
M. K. HALL.

RESURRECTION OF MRS. EDDY DENIED

CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST LEADERS DISAGREE WITH STETSON.

Published Story of Probable Resurrection of Leader Scouted.

Boston, Dec. 30—"The statements that Mrs. Eddy will rise from the dead are said to have been made by Mrs. Augustus Stetson and will be ignored by the Christian Scientist church," said Alfred Farlow, chairman of the publicity board of the church today. "I and other scientists can make nothing of Mrs. Stetson's statements published today except to classify them as a lot of speculations. Mrs. Stetson is quoted as having said: "Mrs. Eddy will surely rise from the tomb to demonstrate her everlasting life." Eugene Cox, head of the committee of publicity of the church in New York, declared the statement attributed to Stetson who was the direct opposition to the teachings of Christian Science.

Nothing in the Statement.

New York, Dec. 30—Nothing in the teaching of Christian Science or the workings of Mrs. Eddy justify the statements looking toward a physical resurrection and any tendency in that direction is abnormal, according to Eugene Cox, chairman of the Christian Science publicity committee for New York state today. He replied to the statement of Mrs. Augusta Stetson, the excommunicated leader of the church who said Mrs. Eddy occupies the same position now as Jesus did previously and would return to earth after death.

Cox continued: "Any attempt to deify Mrs. Eddy or make her equal with God and Jesus Christ was equally repugnant to normal teachings of Christian Science. Once when asked if she was a second Christ, Mrs. Eddy said, "Even the question shocks me. What I am is for God to declare in his infinite mercy. There was, is and never can be but one God and one Jesusu."

Fireman's Ball Tonight.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen holds its annual ball this evening. The ball starts at 9 o'clock and will end when the dancers tire.

Home From Pocatello.

Rev. J. D. Gillilan arrived home this morning from Pocatello where he was called to officiate at the wedding of an intimate friend.

Durkee Business Man Here.

S. O. Markman, a prominent businessman of Durkee, spent last night in the city. He went on to Pendleton on business matters this morning.

TONG MURDERS PAID FOR IN MONEY

NATION PEACE COMPACT SIGNED BETWEEN WARRING Factions OF CHINESE.

WAR HATCHETS BURIED

Police Will be Called in When Murders Do Occur But There Are to be no More War Between the Warring Factions—Oldest Feud in the United States is Thus Settled—Money to Expiate Murders by Chinks.

New York, Dec. 30—Peace has been declared between Chinese tongs of the United States, the compact was sealed last night in the presence of officials of the Chinese legation at Washington by leaders of the principal tongs.

The peace agreement is being circulated today.

Under the peace terms it extends throughout the United States and local police will be called in by the tongs wherever a murder occurs, instead of continuing the tong wars, it has been declared. Whenever a tong member kills a member of another tong, under the new treaty, the death will be paid for in coin, and no war started.

The peace agreement ends the oldest feud between the warring tongs in the United States. These two tongs engaged in fights in the Chinese quarter here and other cities, notably San Francisco ever since the Chinese immigration to this country obtained.

Sheriff Wins in 3-Year Chase.

Another evidence of the perseverance of Sheriff Taylor as a tracker of criminals was furnished this morning when he arrived from Lebanon with Harry Queen, wanted here for stealing a horse three years ago from James Baldwin of Ukiah. The crime was committed in July, 1907, and at that time the sheriff chased Queen for several months but he succeeded in covering his trail finally. It was through the railroad company that the recent trace of him was secured and Taylor apprehended him in the Linn county town where he was employed. A broken nose and other well defined marks of identification were the direct cause of his capture.—Pendleton, East Oregonian.

MANY VILLAGES LEVELLED BY EARTHQUAKE

FIRST REPORTS INDICATE BIG LOSS OF LIFE.

Island off Ellis Suffered Terribly by Earth Disturbances.

Athens, Dec. 30—Whole villages in Ellis province have been leveled by yesterday's earthquake and many killed, according to a report reaching this city today. Only a few details thus far have been received in a roundabout way as telegraph lines throughout the province is prostrated.

Many reports are alarming, but most of the damage was done to small towns and cities escaped demoralization as the first reports indicated.