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JAPAN ALIGNED WITH CZAR'S FORCES

BELIEVED THAT JAPAN WOULD AID RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT IN CHINESE AFFAIR

RUSSIANS ACCUSE CHINKS

Plague in Manchurian Country Said to Have Been Spread Purposely by Chinese to Stop Encroachments of Russians—Japan Orders Great Quantity of Rice from India—An Indication of Preparation for Open War.

Manila, Feb. 18.—Indications that Japan may mix in the Russian-Chinese trouble is seen here today in the announcement that Japan has purchased a huge amount of rice in India. It is generally believed that Japan intends putting an army in the field to co-operate with Russia in the securing of a treaty over the Mongolian property which expired this month.

Russians Accused Chinese
Berlin, Feb. 18.—Professor Skorichenko, the Russian statesman in the Lokal Anzeiger today charges China with deliberately spreading bubonic plague in Manchuria to check the encroachments of Russia. He declares China deported plague-stricken victims from Southern China when the plague has been an incessant epidemic for several years and that this section on the part of China has done much to inflame community hatred against the Orientals in the realms of the Czar.

China Will Fight
London, Feb. 18.—Every indication that China will resent the threatened occupation of three of her provinces by Russia by force of arms, is contained in notes received here from chancellors of Europe. All believe the Czar must show bayonets or the threat is fruitless. It is unofficially stated that England will second the United States. Some English papers characterize Russia's action as vulgar aggression.

Burns Plague Victims
Nanking, China, Feb. 18.—Provincial authorities today ordered the cremation of all unburied plague victims in the villages of Anhui, Kiang and Su provinces.

Boardman-Munn Wedding
Washington, D. C., Feb. 18.—At one of the most fashionable weddings the capital has seen this winter, Miss

Carrie Louise Munn, who was at one time reported to be engaged to Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., this afternoon became the bride of Reginald Boardman, a member of one of the leading families of Boston. The wedding ceremony was performed at St. John's Episcopal Church by the rector, the Rev. Roland Cotton Smith, D. D. Following the ceremony at the church there was a large reception at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Charles A. Munn, in Scott Circle.

Bishop Gallagher 65 Years Old
Galveston, Texas, Feb. 18.—Rev. Nicholas A. Gallagher, bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Galveston, will celebrate his sixty-fifth birthday anniversary tomorrow. He was born in Ohio, received his education in Cincinnati and spent the whole of his early career in the service of his church in his native state. He came to Galveston as administrator of the diocese in 1882 and succeeded to the bishopric ten years later.

Chicago Floods Subsiding
Chicago, Feb. 18.—Floods which for the last three days have done great damage in Illinois is subsiding. Peoria and Des-Plaines rivers are rapidly falling.

TRAIN STOPPED BY ROBBERS

FAILURE OF ONE FUSE TO WORK SAVES COMPANY BIG SUM

Only Seven Hundred Taken—\$50,000 Was Near at the Time.

Atlanta, Feb. 18.—Dynamiting an express safe on the Southern Railway this morning, five train robbers at White Sulphur Springs secured \$700 and fled, pursued by a posse.

Failure of the fuse attached to a large safe, to explode, saved the company \$50,000 as the explosion of the smaller safe aroused the people living near the tracks so that the robbers took the contents of the little safe and fled. They stopped the train with red lanterns.

"BILL TAFT" DEAD.

Well Known Eagle at Elgin Died and Eagle Lodge Members Mourn.

"Bill Taft," Henry Baden's prize eagle of Elgin, is dead. Mr. Baden has spent much time and money training this valuable bird for work in the Eagle's lodge at Elgin. It is very much regretted by the Eagle's of La Grande that this valuable bird died.

SNOW PLOW OUT

Snowfall Last Night Necessitates the Street Cleaners This Morning

For the first time this winter it was found necessary this morning to inaugurate the sidewalk cleaning plow and Street Superintendent Storer has cleared the walks of much of the snow which has been accumulating and was added to the extent of three inches last night. There was little trouble on the railroad.

RANGE CATTLE DOING FINE

Winter Will pass With Little Loss to Stock Throughout County

George Pierce in talking of the cattle situation said that the range cattle so far this year are doing fine although starting in the winter they were in poorer condition than in previous years. Should the weather be as favorable the next month or two as in the past practically no losses will be recorded.

Purchase Radiating Heater.

With the new radiating heater in the church the Methodists will be more comfortable tomorrow.

EXTRA SESSION NOW APPARENT TO SENATE

CONGRESSIONAL ORGY WILL MARK CLOSING DAYS OF THIS SESSION

MONEY BILLS IN DANGER

Many Millions in Appropriations Have Not Passed and It Looks Like They are in Grave Danger—Extreme Force and Power will be Required to Pass Reciprocity Measure at This Session of Congress.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Either an extra session or a legislative orgy for the next eleven—the remaining—days of this session, with scant consideration of big governmental appropriations is the prospect today.

Six appropriation bills carrying \$100,000,000, now pending in the house and several other house bills now pending in the senate will not be passed. Little consideration is being given the reciprocity agreement in the senate and it looks like only drastic action will force it through this session. If it is not, Taft will call a special session.

An amendment to the Canadian reciprocity agreement intended to place the tariff on an ad valorem basis was offered in the senate this afternoon by Senator Jones of Washington. Mr. Jones contended every disputed point is compromised satisfactorily.

Canadians Alarmed

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Continued talk of annexation is kept alive by warping newspapers, and is causing considerable resentment among the people, who do not understand the situation, and according to the leading supporters of the government, may place in jeopardy the reciprocity measure, when it comes up for ratification by parliament.

It is accepted that Taft's assertion that such sentiment as was expressed by Bennett, is not true, but nevertheless considerable feeling has been aroused in the Dominion and cannot now be ignored. It is understood that Premier Laurier early next week will make a statement which will set at rest forever the annexation idea.

Three Families Lost

San Bernardino, Calif., Feb. 18.—Three colonist families, including several women and children are reported lost in the San Bernardino desert. Searchers left here today, believing they may be in distress.

GUST WAREHOUSE SOLD FOR \$20,000 TO GRANDE RONDE CASH COMPANY

Marking another epoch in the expansion of local firms and the rapid rise in city real estate, a deal was consummated this morning between A. A. Gust, a former commission merchant of this city who has now retired and is living at Seattle, and the Grande Ronde Cash Company which transfers the ownership of the big warehouse on Greenwood and Jefferson, the two lots under it and three lots just West of the warehouse for a total of \$23,000. The warehouse and its two lots brought \$20,000, to the old owner and the three other lots brought \$3,000. The new owners will take possession at once and move from their inadequate quarters a block further down. Aside from indicating a rapid increased value of real estate the deal reflects the constant

REBEL RECRUITS SECURED BY OFFICERS

ACCUSES UNCLE SAM OF HAVING ALLOWED FEDERAL TROOPS TO CROSS BORDER

BOLD INTIMATIONS MADE

Rebel Leader Finds that Mexican Troops Have Been Allowed to Cross Borders and He Affirms Such Action Will Mean International Strife—Arms Purchased and Rebels Recruited Freely Throughout South.

Los Angeles, Feb. 18.—United States soldiers stationed on the border between California and Lower California, did not know it. General Simon Barthold, second in command of the insurgent forces in Lower California, has been in Los Angeles for the past few days arranging for the purchase of guns for the use of the rebel army, giving directions to their recruiting officers, but more particularly discussing with the heads of the rebel junta ways and means of carrying a "successful" protest to the heads of the state department at Washington against what he terms undue discrimination against the insurgents by the U. S. soldiers on the frontier.

Before slipping back across the border into Mexico, General Barthold gave to the United Press a sensational story of what he thinks will happen if the United States persists in "making fish of one and flesh of the other" in Mexico.

General Barthold said: "International complications are sure to grow out of the Mexican revolution. Much stranger things than that have happened, and let me say right here, that is practically what will happen, unless the policy adopted by the officials of the United States and especially of the department regarding border affairs, is altered. For a week I have been in Los Angeles to see if something could not be done to stop what I believe is unfair interference with our operations on the part of the American officials."

"When General Bliss commanded that we should not be permitted to cross the border and purchase supplies I thought that was as far as the friend of Diaz would be permitted to go. But since then I have learned that permission has been given to the Mexican government to move 200 of its soldiers across Arizona into Lower California and right here I want to say if this course is persisted

in there will be international trouble a plenty.

"Does the United States government expect the insurgent garrison at Mexicali to retire into the mountains and allow the Federals to occupy the town? No, if I have any say in the matter. The rebels will be on them as soon as they can get on them at the line and on them as soon as they can get on them. And no doubt they will capture international troops. Nevertheless this is the policy of the man who honestly believes in his rights would do it. Generals in Consular Service."

Hunchuahu, Ariz., Feb. 18.—General Schuyler and staff left today for Yuma to meet General Bliss, assistant chief of staff for conference over the situation on the border.

NEW OVERLAND LINE

Gould's Dismissal Stands for a New Trans-Continental Line to Frisco.

New York, Feb. 18.—Behind the ousting of George Gould from the presidency of the Missouri Pacific the Rockefeller-Morgan interest

is, a scheme for a new trans-continental line which calls for a through train service from New York over the Erie, Washash & Missouri Pacific and Western Pacific tracks.

LABOR SYMPATHY WITH REBELS

BIG MOVEMENT LAUNCHED AT FRISCO THIS MORNING

Effort Will be Made in This Country to Have Organized Labor Help

San Francisco, Feb. 18.—Effort to enlist organized labor into the cause of the Mexican revolution is launched here today when resolutions were adopted by the San Francisco labor council denouncing Diaz as a blood-thirsty enemy to labor and mailed a copy to every union body in America.

The resolutions urge the Unions throughout the country to aid the insurgents and also urge them to influence their congressmen in the fight against alleged discriminations now going on against insurgents in the enforcement of the neutrality laws by the United States.

Army Wedding in New York.

New York, Feb. 18.—The presence of numerous army officers in full dress uniform gave a brilliant setting to the wedding in the Church of the Heavenly Rest today, when Miss Nancy Evelyn Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hamilton Harris, was married to Lieutenant John M. McDowell, U. S. A. Lieutenant McDowell belonging to the Fifth Infantry, now stationed at Plattsburg, N. Y.

Gates Hurrying East

El Paso, Feb. 18.—A special train bearing Charles Gates, son of John Gates is hastening east for an operation for blood poisoning. It is en route to New York.

PROPERTY MOVES RAPIDLY

One Firm Establishes Record for the Turning Ownership of Many Lots

City property has been moving rapidly so far this year, affirms the La Grande Investment company which has turned more small lot sales in the past month than any similar period in several years. The demand and supply are both brisk and sales are being made with regularity.

NEW GROCERY STORE

Candy Kitchen Sold to Men Who Will Open Grocery Store Soon.

Leonard Christianson has sold his Candy Kitchen on Adams avenue to Price & Cummings and they will open a grocery store in the place about March 1st. The store joins the Christiansen barber shop. The buyers are well known locally.

HARDSHIPS FACE MARCHERS TO FRESNO

INDUSTRIAL WAR BREWING IN CALIFORNIA OVER STREET SPEAKING ORDINANCE

ROCK PILE IN READINESS

In Rain and Snow Storm Army of Two Hundred Industrial Workers of the World are Marching as Last Resort to Gain Their Destinations After Being Thrown From Train May be Joining Insurrectos.

Dunsmuir, Calif., Feb. 18.—A carload of special police is here awaiting the arrival of 200 I. W. W. who are marching across the mountains into California after being thrown off all trains. In a heavy rain and snow storm the industrialists were encamped last night at Stelman. They have been twenty-four hours without food. Precaution is being taken to see that there is no raid here when the men reach this point. They are en route to Fresno although it is rumored they really intend to go to Mexico to help the revolutionists.

Preparing the Rockpile.

Fresno, Feb. 18.—The rockpile is being put into shape in the full yard here and all precautions possible have been taken to give the industrial workers a good fight when they come here to fight against the anti-speaking ordinance.

The I. W. W. men are from Portland and Northwest towns and met their first barricade when they struck Asland yesterday. They were defeated but forced an outgoing freight train to take them on.

Chico Alarmed

Chico, Calif., Feb. 18.—Great excitement is prevalent here today at the rumor that the I. W. W. will stop here first. Company A of the Second regiment of C. N. G. is under secret orders for a service call.

Morrison Case Ended.

Messages from Salem indicate that Senator Oliver has secured the passage of a bill to quiet the title to the land involved by the escheat proceedings against the heirs of John Morrison. If the bill is signed it will end litigation over that property.

Engineer Thelsen's Mother Dead.

The demise of "Grandma" Thelsen at Mount Angel occurred this week. The deceased is survived by several children among them Engineer Peter Thelsen of this city who went to Portland a few days ago.

SAMUEL T. RAYBURN.

Speaker of the House in Texas is Only Twenty-nine Years Old.

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