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WONG FAMILY SIFTING TONG WAR CAREFULLY

RELATIVES OF BILLIE ENG AR-
RIVE TO SEE YOUNGESTER
THROUGH EMBROGLIO

WHOLE NORTHWEST SENDS FOREMOST CHINAMEN HERE

Rumor that Highbinder Society Ex-
ists Here for Purpose of Blackmail
and Murder Being Investigated
with Care—Trial of Eng and Fong
Set Down for Monday Morning.

La Grande is today the center of
Chinese thoughts throughout the Pa-
cific coast. The attempted assassina-
tion of Wong Won Duck has brought
forth deep interest from many prom-
inent Chinese. Almost every train
brings in some of the Orientals whose
appearance plainly indicates they are
men of standing among their own
people.

Charles Sing Lee arrived in La
Grande last evening from Boise and
announces that he is here to see the
whole matter through. He is a mem-
ber of the famous Wong family
which in the past has suffered many
persecutions in different cities from
the Highbinder Chinese. Sing Lee
was born in Idaho and for years
worked in the mines. His knowledge
of English and his conception of law
are plainly visible in his talk. Being
related to the old man who was shot
he is naturally anxious to see justice
done to the guilty ones.

While no direct or indirect charges
are made by either side, it is believed
that there will be an attempted un-
covering of a Highbinder society in
La Grande. Chinese Highbinders are
the lawless element in China. They
organize, it is claimed, for the pur-
pose of not only restraining trade but
in many instances levy blackmail on
people of repute, even resorting to
murder if their demands are not met.
If such a society is discovered in
La Grande it will mean a general
overhauling of the Chinese section.

The preliminary hearing of the
men charged is of considerable im-
portance and quite likely the out-
of-town Chinese will linger here until
it is over.

The wounded man rests comfort-
ably in Grande Ronde hospital today
and considerable hope is entertained
for his recovery. If he recovers and
is able to appear in the prosecution
there will be added interest to the
whole Chinese mixup.

The preliminary trial of Eng and
Fong has now been set down for Mon-
day morning. They are still in jail.
Pendleton Man Arrives

U. D. Goey, for 20 years a merchant
at Pendleton, but born in Portland
arrived today to look into the whole
squabble from the viewpoint of a
friend of William Eng. He belongs
to the same company that Mr. Eng,
now held under a specific charge,
claims as his. Mr. Goey will inter-
view the victim of the assault at the
hospital, and expects to sift the whole
proposition to the bottom if possible.
He admits that the story appears
strange to him, an scouta many of
the rumors that have been going
around. To establish Eng's inno-
cence is his purpose, he believing
firmly the young man has no part in
the fracas.

Peace Conference Called
Chee How, a Chinese of Portland
with every bearing of a gentleman,
and who speaks fluent English and
is also an exceptionally intelligent in-
dividual, arrived today noon. He too
affirms that he has been sent for to
bring peace without more blood
spilling. Chee attended a meeting of
all factions this afternoon, and an-
other one has been called for tonight.
The meeting is held behind locked
doors, and before going into the meet-
ing Chee How said everything possible
would be done to bring peaceable
settlement. The visitor is one of the
foremost Chinese in the Pacific
Northwest and his presence no doubt
means much toward settlement of all
difficulties without further assaults.

Back Porcher Busy

Last night some milk, meat and a
prescription for medicine was taken
from the Chas. A. Small residence
on Pennsylvania. So far as known
the man did not get into the house
and only small quantities of valu-
ables were taken.

GERMANS IN ITALY HURRY TO OWN HOMES

MIGRATION NOT INDICATIVE
OF SETTLEMENT OF BERLIN
DIFFICULTIES

FORCED MARCHES THROUGH SNOW SURPRISES GERMANS

Russians Surprise Germans by Strik-
ing Both at North and South Ends
of the Battleline—Berlin Announces
Burning of Russian Buildings to Re-
taliate—Royal Blood Spilled.

Rome, March 31.—Ominous rumors
have followed the departure home-
ward of a number of German tourists
who have been visiting in Italy. Of-
ficials of the embassy emphatically
denied that they have been advised
to leave, insisting, rather because of
Spring or because of influence of
hostile Italian papers who has as-
sumed an outspoken attitude against
them.

Prince von Beulow, the German
ambassador, again visited Premier
Salandra. Later the premier went
into conference with his whole cabi-
net and it is evident that something
of the highest importance in Italy is
being considered.

Royal Blood Spilled

London March 18.—Belief that
three German princess including
Frederick Leopold, cousin of the kai-
ser, have been killed in recent fight-
ing at Nueve Chapelle, is expressed in
an "Eye Witnesses" statement issued
by the official press bureau. It
confirms earlier reports that this en-
gagement was one of the most sangui-
nary in recent months of the war.
Two thousand bodies were found in
one section.

The "Eye Witness" also concurs in
the declaration that Field Marshal
French's recent reports of enormous
numbers of Germans being dead, or
wounded, is not exaggerated.

Germans Retaliate

Berlin, March 18.—It is unofficial-
ly reported that the Russian govern-
ment buildings at Suwalki, Poland,
and other provincial capitals, fallen
into German hands, would be burned.
This is done in retaliation for the
ruthless destruction of property by
Russia.

Petrograd March 18.—By making
forced marches through a country
deep in snow, Russians have been
able to deliver surprise attacks
against the Germans and Austrians
at both ends of the long Eastern
battleline, the war office announced
today. Officials confirmed earlier
reports that German positions in the
vicinity of Tilsit, northeast of Prussia
have been suddenly raided and sim-
ultaneously another large force be-
gan an advance in force against
Chernowitz, capital of Bucovina.
Russian strength in that region is un-
known.

CHANCELLOR WHO ACTS FOR GERMANY IN CRISIS.



THEOBOLD VON BETHMANN-
HOLLWEG, CHANCELLOR OF
THE GERMAN EMPIRE, WITH
WHOM U. S. DEALS IN SUBMA-
RINE CRISIS.

CONSTANTINOPLE AND COMMANDERS TO FIGHT FOR IT.



A VIEW OF CONSTANTINOPLE, INCLUDING
THE FAMOUS MOSQUE OF SOPHIA.

FOREIGNERS AGAIN ALARMED

FEARED REBEL DEFEAT MEANS
TROUBLE

Planned to Send American Ship to
Yucatan to Keep Order

Washington March 18.—Anxiety
for the fate of foreigners in Marida,
Mexico and Progresso, Yucatan, has
increased since the receipt of dispat-
ches declaring insurgents in Yucatan
have again been defeated.

Rear admiral Caperton may be
sent to take charge of the situation.

LECTURE SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Dr. Baker to Talk to Y. M. C. A.
Men's Meeting.

Dr. B. L. Baker who lectures on
"The female man, the male woman
and the yellow streak" will entertain
and instruct at the Y. M. C. A. men's
meeting Sunday afternoon. Paul
Weymeyer, who spent several months
in La Grande and is familiar with Dr.
Baker's lecture, praises it highly and
Secretary Rudd believes he has a
good number for the men's meeting.

GERMAN CONSUL DENIES HE OFFERED A BRIBE

Seattle, March 18.—Admitting to-
day that he discussed the subject in
a general way with John Murdock,
assistant shipping clerk for the Sea-
tle Construction & Drydock com-
pany, Dr. Wilhelm Mueller, the
German consul here has denied stren-
uously that he offered him money to
steal the records of the company that
might show shipment of submarine
parts to Canada.

Mueller and his secretary were
served with arrest papers last even-
ing, being charged with an attempt
to buy business secrets by corruptly
influencing the employees. Immedi-
ately bonds were arranged for.
This is the first time a foreign con-
sul has been arrested in this state.

It is said \$1500 was to be paid for
the information. The story as given
out last evening was that Dr. Wil-
helm Mueller, German consul here, and
B. Max Schulz, the consulate secre-
tary, with conspiring with Dan Tar-
natzky to violate the state law mak-
ing it a penal offense to bribe an em-
ployee to influence his action in rela-
tion to his master's business. The
consular officials are charged with of-
fering to bribe Murdock.

Tarnatzky and Murdock were ar-
rested last night charged with steal-
ing bills of lading from the com-
pany office. Consul Mueller says
Tarnatzky told Schulz he could ob-
tain valuable information concerning
submarines. Tarnatzky was re-
quested to produce the information.
Murdock appeared as the source of
information. When Murdock said he
could obtain documents from the of-
fice files, Schulz cut him short, say-

ing the consulate would have noth-
ing to do with theft.

At the final conference Mueller
says Murdock offered to furnish bills
of lading for "machinery" shipped to
Vancouver for \$1500. Mueller broke
off the negotiations. President
Peterson of the company said no sub-
marines are being built.

CLEVER TALKER LANDS IN CELL

After having been in town a week
or so and having obtained monetary
assistance from a fraternal order to
which he says he belongs but which he
has not been conclusively proven and
having obtained financial assistance
from another organization of which
he claims to be a member, "Captain"
Burton got himself into jail this
morning. He wrote a check which
Frank Lilly cashed, and it came back
"no funds" attached. Some effort to
settle out of court has been attempted
and the outcome has not been de-
termined. Burton, who claims to be
a captain, and can talk an ordinary
human being into believing most any-
thing, has seen the city from taxi
windows, and it is said imbibed
freely, informing his benefactors that
checks were forthcoming from some-
where to tide him over and reim-
burse. Those who have contributed
to his exchequer admit it was worth
the price to hear the tale of woe.

Later in the day the captain was
arraigned before Justice Williams

FORKLESS DINNER PROVES A SUCCESS

STUDENTS EMULATE ROMAN
CUSTOMS

High School Students and Faculty
Dress in Togas, Tunics and Gar-
lands Grace Their Brows.

What will probably be the most
unique feature of the school year in
La Grande was a Roman inner given
by the Latin classes last Saturday
under the direction of Miss MacMil-
lan.

The pupils who took part were
those who had attended earlier in the
week, a lecture for the Latin classes
by Miss MacMillan on old Roman
farms and customs.

The domestic art room which was
the scene of the festive banquet was
beautifully decorated with palms and
long streamers of old Roman red.
Red candles decorated the tables and
formed the only light for the even-
ing.

The guests clad in togas and
crowned with garlands offered the
customary libation to Apollo before
beginning the feast and then nine
slaves in brown tunics served a veri-
table Roman "cena."

Following is the menu:
Head Lettuce
Asparagus Oysters Eggs
Radishes Cheese

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CLEVER TALKER LANDS IN CELL

and bound over to the grand jury.
In lieu of money to take up a \$250
bail he went to jail and will have no
need, for a time, of other meal tick-
ets than those Sheriff Hug supplies.

MINSTREL SHOW SET

Junior Board of Y. M. C. A. and
Director Form Show Plans

The Junior Board of the Y. M. C.
A. met Tuesday night with Mr. Ellis-
worth Ellis in regard to the Min-
strel number on the Lyceum Course.
All arrangements are now completed,
the plans are all laid, the first full
rehearsal will be held at the Y. M. C.
A. Building next Monday evening at
7:30. The performance will be given
at the High School Auditorium
Friday, April 9th. There will be
about 35 people in the cast and the
performance will be an old fashioned
Minstrel Show, accompanied by full
orchestra and with a big street par-
ade in the afternoon.

CHINA'S CASE BIGGER WORRY THAN THE WAR

CHINA'S APPEAL HAS LED TO
UNOFFICIAL EXPLANATION
TO JAPANESE

RUSSIA AND ENGLAND MAY JOIN IN PROTEST

Situation in Oriental Waters is more
Serious to America than the prob-
lems Coming from Great War.
"Unfriendly" is Way Americans
Deem Japanese Designs in China.

Washington, March 18.—The Chin-
ese situation has loomed more men-
acing than America's relations with
European belligerents. China is
looking to America as her "next
neighbor friend" as China has ap-
plied to the United States to force
Japan to relinquish her designs on
territorial integrity. America has
unofficially explained to Japan that
any attempt to dominate China will
be considered unfriendly. Whether
the States join with England and
Russia in a formal protest to Japan
could not be learned.

All that W. J. Bryan, secretary of
state would say, was that he was
"watching developments." Other of-
ficials are noncommittal.

DR. MOORE IN CITY

Former Resident Comes to Spend Few
Days with Friends.

Dr. F. E. Moore, a Portland osteo-
path who for several years made La
Grande his home and still has prop-
erty in the valley, arrived today noon
to spend the week end in the city. He
will attend the Lyne concert tomor-
row evening, and here met Mrs. Moore
who has been in Salt Lake, and also
met Miss Lyne and her mother whom
he has not seen in some little time.

Cut Off His Own Hand
Denver, Mar. 18.—How he cut off

his own hand at the wrist with a
pen-knife, after being caught in the
cogs of an electric pump, was told
here by Wallace E. Rittenhouse, who
is suing the Colorado Fuel & Iron
Company for \$35,000 damages.

Rittenhouse claimed that the place
where the electric pump was located
was badly lighted. It was his duty
to oil the pump. He slipped on a
car wheel, catching in the gear wheel
of the pump. Rittenhouse said he
rapped his miner's candle and was
left in total darkness. Held fast in
the machinery, he struck a match
with his free hand, re-lighted his can-
dle, and drawing a knife severed his
arm at the wrist in order to free
himself. He claims he then had to
walk about 1,000 feet to reach aid.

Japamaths To Mix
St. Louis, Mar. 18.—Amateur jap-
amaths to the number of nearly a
hundred will tangle here tonight in
the first annual boxing meeting of
the Columbian A. C. An elimina-
tion series will take place in the af-
ternoon and the end of the perform-
ance and the championship decisions
are not expected until late in the
evening.

The entrants range in size from
paperweights, at 95 pounds to heav-
ier threatening the 200 pound mark.
Only A. A. U. boxers are eligible.

Spokane, Wash., Mar. 18.—Boxers
and wrestlers from every club affil-
iated with the Pacific Northwest
Amateur Athletic association were
gathered here for the northwest
championships, the preliminaries of
which will be staged tonight. The
finals will be pulled off tomorrow
night.

TODAY'S ODDEST STORY

Pottsville, Pa., Mar. 18.—Mrs.
David Bell, aged 74 years, who died
recently at her home at Northamp-
ton, Pa., has made shrouds for over
1500 persons, since the time she en-
tered into a contract in 1869 with
various undertakers in that section
to furnish shrouds and to assist in
conducting funerals.

Industrial Class Called.
Saturday afternoon from 2 until 5
the Industrial club of the Episcopal
church will meet for its regular rou-
tine work and social phases. All
members are reminded of the date.

Visits in Haines.
E. S. Norris went to Haines today
to look after business matters.