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TWO CHINESE FACE TRIAL

ATTACK ON WONG WON DUCK
IS AIRED IN CIRCUIT COURT
PROCEEDINGS

OPENING SESSION IS
EXTREMELY DRAMATIC

Interpreter Has Hard Time Making
Old Man Understand—Palsied
Witness Shivers Under Excitement
Attendant Upon First Testimony in
the Famous Case.

Dramatic to a degree that brought
the crowd in the court room to the
keenest alertness, waiting breathless-
ly for the next move, was the pro-
logue to the opening of the state's
case against the two Chinese accused of
having killed Wong Won Duck, aged 78,
with bullets while he sat in his store
on Fourth street Sunday night, some
four months ago.

Before the case was an hour old,
Wong Duck, wobbly as a typhoid pa-
tient, shaking like an aspen leaf, had
raised his palsied fingers and pointed
at Eng and Fong as the men who
shot him. It was only after sharp
commands from all the attorneys and
the presiding judge that the tottering
bulk of Chinese humanity was forced
back in the witness stand.

Selection of a jury came speedily.
Both sides agreed on the following
men as suited for the duties: George
Miller, C. W. Cleaver, Fred Gaskill,
W. J. Hughes, F. M. Huffman, S. D.
Ficklin, E. L. Halley, J. C. Christiansen,
Ed. Murphy, George M. Baker
and Sam Akin.

District Attorney Colon R. Eberhard
made the opening address. He was
brief, stating simply that the state
expected to show that Wong Duck
was shot while he sat in his store
just before 9 o'clock. The state
claims to be able to prove that Eng
and Fong did the shooting and that
Wong Duck followed them out in the
street, calling for help. Mr. Eberhard
intimated he would corroborate the
old man's story.

T. H. Crawford, of the firm of
Crawford & Eakin, outlined the de-
fense case. He pointed to the fact
that the state had given no motive
for the crime, and promised to call
witnesses to testify to the good repu-
tation of the defendants, and that Eng
was in a store nearby up to 9 o'clock
that night and that Fong was several
blocks away at the time, and was so
until after the hour of the shooting.

Plaintiff On Stand.
"Call the first witness," ordered the
judge.

There was a stir back of the state's
table.
A little, wobbling, decrepit Chinaman,
the bullet holes in his face bandaged
with black adhesive tape, and with
a hole made by a missing jawbone
covered up, was lifted from his
seat. Palsied hands leaned on a cane
that beat a frantic tattoo on the court-
room floor as he was helped along—
stout Chinese guided him to the wit-
ness chair and about 100 pounds of
Oriental flesh and bones were seated
for the ordeal. Under the excitement,
every muscle in his body twitched and
hopped. A Chinese named Frank
Kahn, of Portland, was sworn in as in-
terpreter, and the witness himself
took the oath.

Preliminary question went along
fine. Then came the question as to
who did it and how he was shot.
In Chinese the old man chattered
and gesticulated wildly. What he said
was that Eng and Fong had entered
the store and shot him, Eng pulling
the gun first and later, Fong shooting.
He pointed to the wounds as he spoke,
and was restrained with difficulty.

Attorneys Crawford & Eakin have
brought out, in evidence that seems
positive, that the old Chinaman im-
mediately after the shooting said and
repeated that he was shot by white
men. It is plain that this statement
will have bearing on the entire case.
Dramatic Moment Comes.

Then came the dramatic moment.
The state's counsel, who include the
state's attorney and E. J. Frawley,
of the firm of Frawley & Koelsch, of
Boise, and R. J. Green, of this city,
both of whom are assisting Mr. Eber-
hard, asked the witness if the two
assailants were in the room at that
time. He said they were.

"Point them out," came the com-
mand.
Wong Duck slipped from his chair
but was picked up by fellow country-
men who rushed to his aid before he
reached the floor. Rushing across the
floor, chattering as he wobbled, he
raised his cane in a most dramatic
manner and pointed squarely at the
two defendants. In spite of the com-
mands to get back, from the defense
and state's tables, the Chinese dele-
gations crowded against the defend-
ant's table while the pointing out

process was going on. Finally the
witness was coaxed back to his chair
where he sank down limp from the
exertion and excitement.

Obstacles Struck.
Then the state wanted to know who
was the first man to come in, after the
old man had gone to the street shout-
ing for help and returned again and
here the court wheels were jammed.
The interpreter couldn't make the old
man understand, and vice versa. All
attorneys in the case have expert in-
terpreters of their own at their very
ears, and every time the official in-
terpreter makes a slip someone calls him
on it. He was finally sent away and
Hong Sing, a wealthy merchant of
Santa Ana, Calif., was called, but he
was no better, and Kahn was again
called back, but at this point noon ad-
journment was taken.

When court took up this afternoon
for more than an hour the
state tried to get an answer from the
witness as to who heard his cry for
help and who was the first to come
to his aid after the men who shot him
had left.

Both interpreter and witness seemed
willing to gain a common understand-
ing as to what was wanted, but little
progress was made for a time. Final-
ly the point was brought out and the
testimony proceeded slowly.

The charge is assault with intent
to kill and the penalty for such crimes
is one to ten years.

FLAG DAY IS OBSERVED HERE

CHURCHES AND ELKS CARRY
OUT PROGRAMS.

Splendid Floral Masterpiece Is Fea-
ture of Program.

Although June 14 is Flag Day,
both in church and in lodge circles
La Grande paid tribute to the na-
tional colors yesterday. In the
churches Flag day was observed
jointly with Children's day, many ex-
cellent programs being held.

The Elks' lodge and friends of the
members congregated in the new
building to observe the day. The
feature of this service was a mag-
nificent flag using over 500 canna-
tions in its construction, topped off
with a dove. A. B. Cherry designed
it. As Mr. Ferrin sang "Our Stain-
less Flag" this floral piece of art was
unveiled.

The program is as heard was:
Prelude..... Mrs. W. W. Berry
Introductory Exercises.....
..... Exalted Ruler and Officers
Prayer..... Chaplain
Song—"The Flag Without a Stain"
..... C. P. Ferrin and Chorus
History of the Flag..... Bruce Dennis
Solo..... Mrs. J. F. Corbett
Elks' Tribute to the Flag.....
..... H. E. Dixon
Solo..... L. D. Howland
Patriotic Address..... Geo. T. Cochran
Song—"America"..... Audience

National Security League Conference

New York, June 14.—Former secre-
taries of the War and Navy Depart-
ments, Governors, and prominent men
interested in adequate preparedness
for the United States gathered today
at the Hotel Astor for a two day
Peace and Preparation Conference,
under the auspices of the National
Security league.

Among those scheduled to be
present and make addresses are
Jacob M. Dickinson, Henry L. Stimson,
Charles J. Bonaparte, George
von L. Meyer, Dr. Layman Abbott,
Hudson Maxim, Alton B. Parker and
Frederick R. Coudert.

Today will be devoted to discussion
of the army question while tomorrow
will be "Navy Day." A monster
mass meeting is planned for tonight
at Carnegie hall.

Siegel Before Justice Clark.
Geneseo, N. Y., June 14.—Just a
year from the day he was convicted
for using the money in his private
bank which he operated in connection
with a department store in New York,
Henry Siegel appeared before Jus-
tice Clark, of the Livingston County
Supreme court today to make his re-
port on what he had done to restore
the savings of the Siegel bank de-
positors.

In suspending sentence a year ago
Justice Clark gave him until the sec-
ond Monday in June to make good to
the depositors. Two weeks ago the
depositors formally accepted his offer
of \$150,000 cash and the balance of
the \$5,000,000 due them in the form
of installment payments. Siegel in-
tends re-entering business and paying
back the full amount.

SPECIAL TRAIN TO ELGIN
The Elks and Knights of
Pythias lodges will run a spe-
cial train to Elgin tomorrow
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BERLIN SEES NO REASON TO BE ANXIOUS

"SOME WAY WILL BE FOUND,"
SAYS HIGH OFFICIAL AT
BERLIN TODAY.

WILSON SPEAKS TO
FLAG DAY OBSERVERS

American Heart Will Yet Find Cor-
rect Interpretation, Assures Wilson
in Speech to Five Thousand Men
and Women—Makes No Reference
to Mr. Bryan.

Berlin, June 14.—Everywhere there
is optimism evident regarding settle-
ment of the controversy between Ger-
many and the United States. "The
United States need not be apprehen-
sive regarding Germany's reply," said
a high official in discussing Wilson's
latest note. "We deeply appreciate
the friendly tone and certainly will
do everything to reply in the same
spirit. There is undoubtedly some so-
lution which both countries can ac-
cept."

America's Heart Right.
Washington, June 14.—"America's
heart will yet interpret the heart of
the world," said President Wilson in
an address delivered in connection
with the celebration of Flag day. He
spoke to 5,000 from the south front
of the treasury building at noon. The
scene was inspiring.

He made no direct reference to the
stirring days last week when Bryan
resigned. He appealed to everyone
to realize that the mass of the people
do not want to get their names in
newspapers. He said in the list were
those who made the flag possible.

"I know nothing more difficult than
to render adequate tribute to our em-
blem," he said. "The things it stands
for were created by experience of a
great people and were written by
their lives. It is the emblem not mere-
ly of sentiment, but of history."

CAMINETTI LOSES CASE

Review of Case Denied by Supreme
Court at Washington.

Washington, June 14.—The supreme
court has denied the application for
a review of the case of F. Drew Cam-
inetti, who was convicted in California
for violating the Mann white slave
act. Former Senator Bailey, appear-
ing as counsel for Caminetti and
Maury Riggs, convicted with him,
filed a petition for review of the lat-
ter's case, following the court's de-
cision. He also obtained time in which
to file a motion for a rehearing of
Caminetti's case.

MERCHANTS TO CLOSE

Big Majority Have Already Signed
Up Petition to Close

A great number of the business
men of the city have agreed to close

VANDERBILT WIDOW AND \$10,000,000 BABY



LATEST PICTURE OF MRS.
WIDOW LEFT BY THE
LUSITANIA DISASTER, AND
GEORGE J. VANDERBILT,
YOUNGEST OF HER TWO
\$10,000,000 BABIES.

their places of business at noon,
June 17 and stay closed for the bal-
ance of the day, to enable all those
who so desire to attend the motor-
cycle races. The merchants appreciate
the boost this event will be to
La Grande and are all united to help
push it along.

MRS LANDRY DEAD

Funeral Held This Afternoon From
Christian Church

The funeral of Mrs. W. C. Landry
was held this afternoon at two o'clock
at the Christian church. Mrs. Landry
died Saturday after a long siege of
illness. She is survived by a husband
and three boys, Earnest, Claude and
Clyde, the youngest being about ten
years old.

The widower is an employee of the
La Grande Grocery company and Mrs.
Landry was a sister-in-law of Mrs.
C. L. Thorne. Rev. A. J. Adams of
Enterprise preached the funeral ser-
mon.

CLIMATIC DATA

Climatic data, based on read-
ings for 24 hours ending last
night at 6 o'clock:
Maximum, 74; Minimum, 43;
Temperature at 12:30 today,
78.

J. B. THORSEN LOSES STRUGGLE

After a game struggle against
overwhelming odds, J. B. Thorsen,
aged 52, cashier of the Elgin National
bank, died in this city yesterday
afternoon. The demise had been ex-
pected hourly for several days. His
first critical stage was safely crossed
after an operation for abscessed ap-
pendicitis, only to be followed by
bowel troubles, and that in turn by
complete paralysis of the kidneys.

His immediate relatives were at the
bedside when death came, and only at
the last did Mr. Thorsen give up
hope for his recovery. He was con-
scious most of the time of the critical
illness.

The body was shipped to Elgin this
morning, and it is expected that a
large number of La Grande Knights
of Pythias and Elks will go to Elgin
to attend the funeral which is set
for tomorrow at 2 p. m.

Mr. Thorsen belonged to the La
Grande lodge of Elks, and to the El-
gin lodge of K. of P. He had been
master of the eschequer for a
great many years at Orion lodge.

The deceased is survived by his
wife, a brother Ernest Thorsen, of
North Powder, and two sisters in
Sweden. Probably no man in the
Elgin country had the acquaintance
and friendship list that Mr. Thorsen
enjoyed.

J. B. Thorsen was one of the many
who left Oregon for the gold fields of
Alaska during the early rush. He
was a follower of mining for some
little time, returning from Alaska
with little or no success from the trip.
He and the late Charles Melquist

were in business together in La
Grande a number of years, and then
separated, Mr. Melquist going to
Baker and Mr. Thorsen to Elgin. J.
W. Scriber was largely instrumental
in financing the Elgin bank and Mr.
Thorsen made good the trust placed
in him by the former La Grande
banker. He built up a desirable
banking business in Elgin, and grew
to be one of the most popular citi-
zens of the Elgin country.

He was brought to La Grande in a
very serious condition a few days
ago. He underwent an operation for
abscessed appendicitis of the worst
kind, and for several days was on the
brink of the grave from that result.
He swelled up badly and his bowels
refused to officiate in their functions,
but this was overcome yesterday.
Last night his kidneys refused to act,
and today the end was expected
momentarily.

He came here from Scandinavia,
going to Perry first. There he car-
ried a hod for S. R. Haworth of this
city doing contract work there, and
he rapidly acquired familiarity with
the American language, and built
around himself a considerable amount
of property.

The funeral of Johnnie Thorsen
will be held in Elgin tomorrow at 2
o'clock p. m. in the Elgin opera house
under auspices of Elgin Knights of
Pythias lodge and La Grande lodge
of Elks.

CHICAGO'S WORST STREET CAR STRIKE BREAKS OUT

Fourteen Thousand Employees Walk Out and
Tie-up is Complete One

Chicago, June 14.—Chicago is gripped
in the worst transportation tieup in
its history. At midnight 14,000 motor-
men, conductors and other employees
on the elevated and surface electric
lines, struck. A hundred thousand
business men, girls and other workers
walked to work, though others came
in automobiles and horse-drawn ve-
hicles.

Jitney busses did a rushing business
all day.
Nearly a thousand policemen are
on duty about the car barns. At 10
o'clock this morning the elevated line

officials began operations of five-car
trains on a 15-minute bases, from the
north and south sides. The first few
trains were unmolested.

Surface cars were not operated at
a late hour this afternoon.

Chief of Police Nease has asked the
city council to appropriate \$447,344
for salaries and equipment for 1000
special deputies for 90 days, to cope
with the situation growing out of the
car strike.

Armed guards stood at the plat-
forms of elevated trains when the ser-
vice was maintained today at 10
o'clock.

STREETS PUT IN GALA TRIM

MOMENTOUS WEEK OPENS
WITH GOOD WEATHER.

Streets Already Decorated and More
Is Promised. Parade News.

La Grande awoke this morning to
find the streets all dolled up. From
now on until after the motorcades,
banners, bunting and decorations will
wave to the winds over the principal
streets. Visitors to the Elks' dedica-
tion, and the motorcades will find the
city gowned in its best. Committees
handling the decoration of individual
stores report that by tomorrow night
there will be a gala scheme of decora-
tion everywhere in the windows.

The momentous week opened
bright and clear. First of all, the
citizens hope for splendid weather
from now on for the sake of the
motorcade. After that they will be
praying for good weather that camp-
ers may get located next Saturday
for the opening of the annual chautau-
qua assembly.

How and Why of Motorcade.

Thursday, June 17th, is going to be
a busy day in La Grande. The big
decorated automobile and motorcycle
parade will take place at ten o'clock
sharp.

The 200-mile motorcade will be
started on the Mt. Glenn race course
at 1:30. This arrangement leaves
just about two hours between the
time that the parade will be over and
the beginning of the race at the
course. It is, therefore, necessary
that the people lose no time in getting
out to the grounds as soon as the pa-
rade is over. All those having car
space on the inside of the race course
must have their cars parked not
later than 1:15.

A taxi service, capable of handling
the crowd, has been arranged for, and
cars will leave the ticket stands, on
the corner of Adams and Depot, be-
ginning at 11:30 and will take pas-
sengers to the course at a twenty-
five cent rate.

The tickets for the races will be
sold at the ticket stands in town. The
taxi drivers will collect their own
fares. Car space can be reserved at
Van Buren's.

By Wednesday evening, all those
desiring to enter the decorated auto-
mobile parade—and that should in-
clude every machine owner in town
and country—should have notified A.
V. Andrews, chairman of the com-
mittee. This is not for a few but for
all. "Decorate your automobiles and
get in the game; let's make this the
banner event of its kind in Eastern
Oregon," is the plea from the Com-
mercial club and Motorcycle club.
The prize of \$50.00 makes it worth
while. If not already listed, do so
at once.

The judges will not be announced,
and the judges stand will not be
known. Two men and one lady will
be judges.

DUTLI IS MARATHONER.

La Grande Baker Has Hard Run of
it at Meacham Sunday.

While returning from Portland
yesterday where he had been attend-
ing the Baker's convention, Fred
Dutli, a La Grande baker, stepped
from the train at Meacham to enjoy
the scenery while waiting for a train
to pass. He failed to notice his train
leaving the passing track but the
brakeman and conductor happened to
catch a glimpse of Fred running up
the hill behind the train after he
had made the discovery, and by that
fact alone, was Mr. Dutli saved a
long wait in Meacham. The train
was halted and after Mr. Dutli had
sprinted a quarter of a mile was
helped on the rear end, and brought
home. He was still panting when he
got into town.

IRON CROSS WITHOUT OWNER

T. H. SWEBKE PASSES AWAY
SUDDENLY.

War Veteran of 1870, Long Resident
of This County, Dead.

T. H. Schwabke, aged 72, and for
the past 12 years a resident of the
Grande Ronde valley, where he owned
extensive farming interests, died last
night after a brief illness of three
days. In the death, departs a wearer
of the Iron Cross. He was a heroic
figure in the Prussian war of 1870,
and was decorated by his kaiser with
the Iron cross for bravery on the field
of battle.

Since the great war broke out, Mr.
Schwabke has been one of the best-
posted men in this county. He knew
every foot of ground over which the
battle on the Marne was fought, was
acquainted with the principal crooks
and turns in the Aisne, and of course
knew the Belgium territory like a
book. He followed minutely the ad-
vance of Moltke and Blucher on their
advance on their way to Paris and
knew exactly where they stopped and
why.

Nine children survive him, five of
them here and the others in Nebras-
ka, Illinois and Wisconsin, and it is
likely that all of these will come for
the funeral. For that reason the date
has not been set this afternoon.

PARADE PROGRAM OUT.

Line of March Prepared for Dedic-
atory Parade Wednesday.

Following is the outline for Elks'
dedicatory parade:

Parade forms at 1:15 o'clock p. m.
Wednesday as follows:
Baker lodge on Washington avenue
with head on Fourth.

Walla Walla and Pendleton, on
Washington avenue with head on De-
pot street.

La Grande and other visitors on
Depot street with head on Washing-
ton avenue.

Each of these divisions will be
headed by a band.

Line of march west of Washington
avenue to Second street, north on
Second street to Adams avenue east
on Adams to Fir street, south on Fir
street to O street, west on O to
Fourth street, north on Fourth to De-
pot street, north on Depot passing re-
viewing stand which will be the veran-
da on the Elks home, west on Wash-
ington and disband.

Tom Williamson marshal of the
day.

SAFETY FIRST CONVENE.

Monthly Meeting of Representatives
Held Saturday.

The monthly meeting of represent-
atives from every department of
railroading on the O.-W. La Grande
division, was held in this city Sat-
urday. Only routine matters came up
and the usual representation at-
tended.

Athletes Clean Up Lots.

One day last week, the afternoon
division of the business men's class
of the Y. M. C. A., instead of having
the regular class, went in a body and
cleared up the trash in the vacant lot
adjoining the 'Y' preparatory to mak-
ing an outside gymnasium and tennis
court. Several men and teams are
now at work grading and leveling the
ground and when this is completed,
the evening division of the business
men will put up the fence and netting.
The court is expected to be finished
in about two weeks.