

Entire Pacific Coast Hotbed of Bloody Tong War

SHIP BUILDING YARDS OPENED NEAR PORTLAND

WILLAMETTE IRON WORKS BIG AMALGAMATES WITH RIVAL FIRM

FIFTEEN HUNDRED MEN TO BE EMPLOYED THERE

Two Contracts Calling for Steel Ships of a Million Each, Ready for Signatures—Work to Begin Within Ninety Days—Shipbuilder of Renown Hired.

Portland, Feb. 18.—A giant ship-building plant will be located here, officials of the Willamette Steel & Iron and Northwest Steel companies have announced. They will amalgamate for the purpose of starting shipyards. Contracts to build two steel steamers of eighty-eight hundred tons each for foreign interests are ready for signatures. Each vessel will cost approximately a million. Work will begin in 90 days. It is said they will employ 1500 men and already have secured services of a shipbuilder of wide reputation.

FATALLY INJURED.

Auto and Street Car in Head-on Collision in Seattle. Seattle, Feb. 18.—One is dying and another is seriously injured as the result of a collision between an automobile and a street car this morning. Both were going twenty miles an hour when they collided head-on. The injured men occupied the auto.

Wants Faculty Control of Athletics. Albany, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Through a committee the state association of college presidents today is investigating the state of collegiate athletics in New York. Good athletes and not good scholars result from the present system of athletics in state colleges, the association declares. Faculty control of athletics is urged to remedy this alleged evil.

HANS SCHMIDT ELECTROCUTED
Pays Penalty for the Murder of Anna Amueller.

Ossining, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Hans Schmidt, the unfrocked priest, walked calmly to the electric chair early this morning and was electrocuted in expiation of the murder of his sweetheart Anna Amueller.

UNION MEETING TONIGHT.

Young People Have Interesting Program Arranged.

The Young People's Christian union will hold its regular monthly social at the Y. M. C. A. this evening beginning at 7:45. The following program will be rendered:

Vocal Solo Josephine Evans
Saxophone Solo Howard Richardson
Recitation Margaret Baker
Vocal Duet
Iva Wilson, La Verne De Lashmut
Violin Solo Florence Lynch
Vocal Solo Lawrence Kindred
Piano Solo Marie Love
Vocal Solo Jay Shaw
Recitation Alfred Johnson
Vocal Solo Miss Smith
Mixed Quartet
Piano Solo Lois Givan
Dorothy Hayworth, Pauline Knautz,
Paul Beck, Ralph Winters.

SUICIDES PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

Amsterdam, Feb. 17.—If it is necessary to commit suicide, please drown or hang yourself. Thus reads a placard issued by the burgomaster of Boitesford, a small village near Brussels. The German military authorities recently fined the village \$1250 because a citizen so far forgot himself as to the suicide by shooting. The Belgians are forbidden to have firearms. The burgomaster paid the fine but to save the town treasury he appealed to the villagers to die, if they must, sans bullets.

LAWMAKERS MEET IN WHITE HOUSE

PRESIDENT AND MRS. WILSON RECEIVE ALL.

Politically and Socially, Function is One of Extreme Importance.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Congress will move into the White House tonight. It is the occasion of the reception accorded members of the Senate and House by President and Mrs. Wilson. From a standpoint of serious business, it promises to be one of the most serious yet undertaken by the statesmen. From the standpoint of numbers it promises to be one of the largest, not excluding the memorable Pan-American affair, when 3500 people crowded into the White House, that ever has been held. Practically everyone who has been invited will attend. And nearly everyone in Washington who could expect to set foot within the precincts of the Executive Mansion has been invited. The event will bring more closely together the different factions of Congress than anything else, particularly when they get into the East room where the guests are always crowded preparatory to their advance down the receiving line. It will introduce many new faces to the ladies of Congress, the faces of those whose terms of office have just begun. And it also will bring back into the charmed circle many old standbys who went out of state existence temporarily upon the late defeat of former President Taft. President and Mrs. Wilson will be according to custom, stand in the Blue Room, with Mrs. Marshall and ladies of the cabinet in the reception line. At the Pan-American reception some of those in the reception line were forced before the last of the 3500 had passed in review, to leave the line and go upstairs for rest. Tonight it seems probable that this will be necessary again. But the President and Mrs. Wilson seem able to stand smilingly through the ordeal and there are moments when Mrs. Wilson at least seems to enjoy it. During the reception refreshments will be served in the dining room and the Marine band will play.

ENGLISH LOSE TRENCH FRONT

ATTEMPT TO RECOVER LOST GROUND FAILS.

Senators Claim German Decree Is Mere Piracy on Seas.

Berlin, Feb. 18.—British have suffered severely in an unsuccessful attempt last night to reconquer 700 yards of trenches taken recently in the German offensive south of Ypres, a statement has said. French counter attacks south of Ypres were repulsed by artillery. Germans maintained gains in the Frise region.

Senators Oppose Plans.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Senator Lodge declared today that Austria and Germany have proposed piracy with plans to attack armed merchantmen without warning. In discussing the Sterling resolution, Lodge said it was inconceivable that America accept the Teutonic decree. Abandonment of the present system will constitute a warlike step against the Allies which will make America Germany's ally.

Sweden Warns Citizens.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Sweden has warned people not to travel on armed ships as a result of the Teutonic decree of warfare against armed merchantmen it was announced today. Consuls were instructed to warn citizens.

Sweden is known to be friendly toward Germany. Some believe Germany influenced the warning hoping to have its effect in America.

Newspaper Man Here.

Walter Henry, editor and proprietor of the Elgin Recorder, is in La Grande today on business affairs.

Chinese Battle Bloody.

San Francisco, Feb. 18.—Rebels have won the bloodiest battle of the Chinese revolution which raged for several days at Pah Kong, cablegrams have said. A division of imperial troops hurled against the revolutionists are defending the city. Through Ruse the rebels surrounded Yuan's soldiers and won a battle with machine guns.

Hearing Set for Monday.

At the request of the man arrested and his friends the preliminary hearing will be held Monday.

SOUTH FOURTH STREET IS BATTLE GROUND OF BLOODY REVOLVER AND CLUB ATTACK

Residents in that Vicinity Awakened by Weird Screams From Fugitive

Simultaneously with the outbreak of hostilities among the Hop Sing and Bow Long tongs on the Pacific coast, especially at Portland, Eng Chong, an old Chinese running a truck garden in South La Grande was shot through the leg and mercilessly pommelled on the head with the butt of a revolver. The attack took place on South Fourth street at 1 o'clock this morning. Eng was on his way home, having spent the evening at the Congress restaurant. When opposite the J. C. Henry home he met two Chinese coming north. One of the two opened fire instantly and Eng commenced screaming for help at the same time running up Fourth street hill past the L. D. S. church, with a man said to be Lem Quong, at his heels, shooting as they ran. One bullet took effect in Eng's right leg. When opposite the little alley between the Turner Oliver place and the Parker building, they veered off to the sidewalk and there the pursuer caught the pursued, beating him over the head, knocking the older man down as often as he got up, until finally, after they had rolled into the street again, the assailant began what would no doubt have been the final death blow, he was stopped by W. C. Hansen who lives close by.

What became of the other man Eng is unable to tell today from his cot in the Grande Ronde hospital. Turner Oliver heard three shots, and looked out of the window in time to see the two racing up the street. S. W. Andrews and his son Walter who live opposite the L. D. S. amusement hall, were about to retire for the night when the shooting started and they saw the performance, or most of it.

"Other Man" a Sprinter.

At the instant the shooting commenced the man who was with the attacking Chinaman, commenced a sprint that would do justice to any 9; 3-8ths man. He went down to the first corner, turned west on Pennsylvania and then north on Second street. His tracks in the snow show a wonderful stride, and in rounding the corner at the intersection of Second and Pennsylvania, broke down a small hitching post. Roy B. Currey is hunting for the fellow—he wants to build a track team around him.

However, who the man was, and what became of him, would be interesting bits of evidence.

Shout Stops Assault.

There is no question but that a shout from W. C. Hansen, whose home is opposite the scene of the attack, saved the old man's life. "Here, let up on that!" roared Hansen the moment he saw what was going on. The fellow who was doing the pommeling stood up, looked about and started on a hard run down the hill. How the old man tried to run away, but was knocked down, only to get up again and be knocked down the second time by the rain of blows on the head, is graphically told by Mr. Hansen.

"I heard three shots—possibly there were more before I had been awakened," said Mr. Hansen. "I rushed to the front porch, hearing screams from the injured man, and hearing as well the blows struck. When I first saw them, they were in the alley between Turner Oliver's place and the new house built on the same side of the street recently. One man was striking another over the head. The one was knocked down but got up again and stumbled toward the street. The rain of blows continued and the fleeing man fell again, but got up the second time and stumbled farther into the street. When he fell that time he remained down and the assailant got squarely over him and I could hear the thuds on the head, sounding like an axe in a piece of wood. Then I shouted, and the man ran away. When I got out on the street, Mr. Andrews and his son had come out and together we picked up the injured man and looked the field over." His cap, now in possession of the police, shows the marks of the heavy blows.

The police was instantly called and acting upon advice from the wounded man who was still able to talk, went in search of Lem Quong who is second cook at the Sommer hotel. They went first to the Lem Yuan store on Fourth street, and then to the Chinese Republican headquarters building where Li Jim is proprietor. Mr. Andrew went in at the front door and Officer Christensen to the rear. While thus guarded the house-search began, to end with Lem Quong dashing out

Portland, Feb. 18.—Police throughout the coast are taking extra precautions, fearing further outbreak of the Chinese tong war. Several hours after a member of the Hop Sing tong was fatally shot on the streets of Portland last night, four Hop Sing men in Seattle killed Yau Hark, a Korean laborer. Recent shootings in San Francisco and Stockton, leads the police to fear a general outbreak of hostilities, between the Hop Sing and other tongs, a gang of men were arrested in the Portland shooting, but Seattle police are unable to find the murderers.

Chinatown in every city has suppressed knowledge. Several were arrested for carrying revolvers. They said they feared attack.

Slave Girl at Bottom.
San Francisco Feb. 18.—Chinese authorities have declared the tong war which is cropping out on the Pacific coast started over possession of a slave girl in San Francisco Chinatown. It is believed the Korean killed in Seattle was mistaken for a member of the Bow Long tong with whom the Hop Sings are warring.

Los Angeles Alarmed.
Los Angeles, Feb. 18.—Chief of police has assigned a special squad to Chinatown, fearing an outbreak of tong troubles.

of the rear door, fully dressed with a mackinaw coat, headed for the lively arm. There he was arrested by Christians.

In his cell today the young man, for he looks the age he claims—26 years—said he had spent the evening at Li Jim's and was going to an outhouse when arrested. He says he has lived at Mountain Home, Boise, Walla Walla and here six months this time. It is said positively that he is a Hop Sing.

Yesterday and last evening Lem went to various Chinese restaurants and headquarters, apparently looking for some one it is said, and in his rounds visited places he has been wont to shun. Usually his countrymen joshed him for making his appearance at places to him unfamiliar.

Those who believe Eng has accused the proper person say that he had probably gone to the old man's home near the Russell place in South La Grande and there, finding no one home, had started for town again, only to meet the object of his search while en route. While a general assault rages in the west around the Hop Sings, Eng is said to be a member of the Bow Long tong and is its sole representative in this city.

A peculiar coincidence is that for weeks Eng has always taken a taxi home but walked the last two nights. He is better known as Old Louie or Charlie.

Poisoned Several Years Ago.

Although the aged man has won the respect of his Occidental neighbors, he seems to have been the butt of previous attacks. On Nov. 15, 1908, he was poisoned by strychnine in whiskey. He discovered the plot on his life in time to avoid fatal poisons, but was critically ill for days, recovering after a game fight.

Neighborhood Frightened.

The shooting and the frightful screams of the wounded man aroused and struck terror to a big portion of the neighborhood along Fourth street. While many say three were fired, Mrs. Turner Oliver insists there were five, and the South Street grocery proprietors say six. That his revolver was emptied before he began to use it as a club, is believed by all. While the police have two revolvers, they are not certain that either was used in the assault.

To an Observer representative today the prisoner insisted he had rooms at Li Jim's place—Li denies it vehemently.

That there has been something brewing in Chinatown for several days has been generally known. Strangers have been congregating here, and it appears probable that this is a part of the general tong war which broke out on the coast last night, and that the arrival recently of men such as tongs employ—saucy, well-dressed, intelligent Orientals—has a tendency of supporting the general tong war theory.

Indignation Is Rife.

While people and sober-minded Chinese are indignant at the frequency with which tong wars are breaking out, it is only a question of time until some innocent white man is going

FLAG SALE DAY PLANS PERFECTED

GENEROUS RESPONSE FROM PUBLIC HOPED.

Free Literature Available Through Money Thus Subscribed.

That the Oregon Congress of Mothers, and in fact the National association, may be able to provide literature for citizens free of cost, it is necessary they have funds, and to raise funds, they conduct a flag-selling day annually. That is to occur tomorrow in this city and the state at large as well.

In La Grande Parent-Teacher associations will supervise the sales of these flags, which are tiny silk ones and cost 10 cents. It is expected that salesgirls will go out on the street, much the same as for a tag day. La Grande is anxious to make the best showing of any up-state city in the work.

Every La Grande home has free access to the literature which the club provides. Mrs. J. C. McEwen or Mrs. F. E. Oxner will obtain them for their respective Parent-Teacher associations upon request. Questions discussed in this literature include:

Expectant motherhood, care of the baby, eugenics, child hygiene, dental hygiene, sex instruction, moral and religious training, motion pictures, school gardening, child study, the boy problem, the girl problem, play and playgrounds, recreation, child labor, industrial education, vocational training, juvenile industry, handicraft, thrift, peace, boys' clubs, community life, community centers and rural life problems.

Joseph Shipped Trainload.

Joseph, Feb. 18.—A big trainload of hogs and sheep were shipped to Portland, leaving here Saturday. Of this shipment four cars of hogs were furnished by the Farmers' Meat Market, three by Morelock and Gorsline and one car of Duroc Spring pigs by Poague Bros. These Durocs topped the market at \$8.25 per hundred pounds, the next highest price paid being \$8.05.

HOUSTON IS THE GUESS

Washington, Feb. 18.—President Wilson is seeking a successor to Secretary of Agriculture Houston, because it has been practically decided to appoint Houston as secretary of war, it is believed today. Assistant Secretary Vrooman is regarded as the probable successor as head of the agricultural department.

Mayor's Wife Bakes Her Own Bread

Cleveland, Feb. 17.—Mrs. Harry L. Davis, wife of Cleveland's mayor, bakes her own bread. "I do it because I think no housekeeper ought to buy from the baker what she can make herself," said Mrs. Davis today. "Besides, Harry likes my bread," Mrs. Davis, who bakes three loaves twice a week, recently was awarded fourth prize in a bread-baking contest at a food show.

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to be shot by the promiscuous cannonading on the streets.

Cleanout Demanded.

Taxpayers are demanding a cleanout of every Chinaman who cannot give proof of his behavior. The time has come, citizens in general say, to put a stop to the business, and that way is to deport, kick out, hoist, boot and clean house until they are gone—tong and ton satraps. The police department is already working to that end.

While it is difficult to deport and drive out a Chinaman who is employed, consideration of the people's welfare demands that stringent methods be adopted—that the cleanout begin at once and continue until there are only such Chinese as have established reputations for law obedience remain. Generally it is impossible to convict a Chinaman, for in the final showdown, one tong buys off another, and convincing proof is scarcely obtainable. For that reason, the way to handle tongs is to handle them.

TOM M'MAHON MEETS DEATH IN PENDLETON

FAMILIAR FIGURE IN RAILROAD LIFE KILLED INSTANTLY LAST NIGHT.

AT ONE TIME WORKED IN LA GRANDE FOR O-W

Having Come Back to Railroad on the O-W a Few Days Ago, He Went Into the Switching Service at Pendleton and it was There Death Came

Thomas McMahon, aged 42, and a familiar figure in railroad circles for many years, was instantly killed at Pendleton last night when his body was caught between two brawlers while he was working with the night switching crew. Just how it happened is not clear. He died instantly. It is thought he stumbled. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Shears, wife of the chief of police at Pendleton.

A long time ago McMahon was employed in La Grande, and of late has not been employed by the O-W. However, a couple of days ago he went into service at Pendleton as a switchman and it was while employed in that capacity that he met his death. He was one of the best known men in the service, and his untimely death is a source of regret in this city.

SHOW PEOPLE RETURN.

All Are Highly Pleased With the Reception at Baker. The members of the Elks' show company which visited Baker last night arrived home in good spirits this morning and express themselves as highly gratified with the reception given them by the people of Baker. In regard to their entertainment the Baker Democrat says:

"Don't Lie to Your Wife," produced at the Baker theatre last evening by La Grande amateurs under the auspices of the La Grande Elks' lodge, pleased an audience that would have been larger had a more opportune date been chosen, for preceding the high school glee club concert and on a night when there were many social events scheduled, including two dances, the attendance was light. However, the farce-comedy was ably presented and much superior to the average amateur production, and none who attended but had a good word to say. The entire cast was well balanced and the play moved rapidly and without the "draggy" characteristics often noted in amateur theatricals. Specialties between the acts by C. M. Devere and Miss Maynon Steward and numbers by the Elks' club quartet—Bramwell, Stoddard, Ferrin and Howland—were of the highest order and rounded out an altogether pleasing performance.

RUSSIANS STILL ADVANCE

Capture of Erzerum Was Accomplished by a Cyclonic Rush.

London, Feb. 18.—After capturing Erzerum the Russians are aiming for Trebizond, a hundred and twenty miles distant. The right wing is within fifty miles of that city. Bailbert has been captured and the fall of Trebizond is expected within a fortnight.

Russians are holding Erzerum during an investigation of the Turkish outrages in Armenia. Execution of the officials responsible is predicted. The London Post's Petrograd correspondent said that the capture of Erzerum was due to a cyclonic rush.

Chinese Is Hung.

Folsom, Feb. 18.—Yun Sing was hanged at ten this morning for murdering a Japanese in Stockton in November, 1914. He mounted the gallows without emotion and died in twelve minutes.

WAR NEWS OF ONE YEAR AGO TODAY.

Austrian batteries resumed the bombardment of Belgrade, Serbia. The Russian army continued its hurried retreat through East Prussia before the Teutons. The allies claimed and Germany did not deny, important western front successes.