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RUSSIAN-JAP PLOT TO GRAB CHINA FEARED

SEPARATE PEACE WITH GER-
MANY ALLEGED TO BE
EASTERN RUMORS NOW

JAPANESE PRESS BITTER AGAINST ENGLISH MOVES

German Soldiers Interned in China
Secretly Smuggled to Australia--
Reasons Given Are That Revolt
Was Feared--American Brings the
News to San Francisco by Boat.

San Francisco, Feb. 21.—That Russia and Japan apparently want separate peace and intend to join with Germany after the war to divide a generous slice of Chinese territory, was the report of Newell Martin, international lawyer and T. G. McDonnell, a Manila journalist, brought here on the Japanese liner Chiyo Maru. England and Japan are reported in a disagreement over Japan's movements in China. Japanese are thought to be fostering the present Chinese revolution, to give Russia, Germany and Japan an excuse for interference afterwards.

The situation is reflected in bitter Japan press comments against the English. Martin's father has been many years in China, in close touch with government officials. Officials of the Chiyo Maru declared 15,000 German prisoners, who had been interned in China since the opening of the war, have been smuggled into Australia within the past week. Reasons for wholesale seizure of the prisoners is a mystery. They were removed on a British cruiser. China heard rumor, that plots to escape had been discovered and a revolt against the English might follow.

Nibley-Minnaugh Mill Starts Monday

The Wallowa Sun says the Nibley-Minnaugh Lumber Co.'s saw mill will start sawing again next Monday morning after being closed down since about Christmas time for repairs. They are starting up sooner this spring than usual, the weather being such that work can be done in the yards now, about as convenient as though it was mid summer.

The company has something like 2,000,000 feet of logs in the mill pond at the present time, being hauled in by sleds and the logging train since the mill closed down about six or seven weeks ago.

The logging camp will open up again just as soon as weather conditions permit. At that time the logging train will commence running on regular trips as usual.

The company has orders ahead for something like 40 cars of lumber, and today they are shipping out six cars. As fast as they can get cars they will load about three cars a day until they get caught up with the orders.

RELIGIOUS TEAM BUSY.

Y. M. C. A. Representatives Speak as Laymen at North Powder.

The religious work of the Young-men's Christian association is beginning some new activities in a program of extension. This work is carried on by means of a team of four or five men who go to outlying districts and conduct religious services. Yesterday marked the first attempt of this kind when the team went to North Powder and conducted two services, with splendid results. The unique feature of these meetings is that the men taking part are laymen and their message grips their audience because of its simplicity, and the personal element that enters into their testimony. Several engagements have already been booked for the team, and they are ready to book any future engagements where their services can be used.

Next Sunday Dr. C. A. Edwards of the first M. E. church will give his famous lecture on Lincoln in the Y. M. C. A. rooms at three o'clock p. m. This will be the first of a series of Sunday afternoon talks to be given by the local association. Dr. Edwards has been giving this lecture for years and every man and boy in the city should here him next Sunday.

The following Sunday Bruce Dennis will lecture on "Thrift". "Don't make any engagements for the next four Sundays, but meet your friends in the Y. M. C. A. and listen to these splendid lectures," says Secretary Clark.

TWO SMALL LADS RESCUE PLAYMATES

SIX FRUITDALR CHILDREN
HAVE CLOSE CALL.

Two Oldest Rescue Younger Ones by
Dint of Cool Heads.

Six boys and girls, aged about 11 years, crashed through ice on a pond formed by high water just east of Riverside park yesterday afternoon and but for the coolness and diligence of two of the boys in the party, all would no doubt have drowned.

The little tots were having sport on the ice which formed on the water from the river in Fruitdale orchards. All were in a close group when the ice gave way at a point where some water penetrated and instantly the six were floundering in the water which at that point was about five feet deep. Those who went down were Glen, May, Edith and Edna Patton, and Manfred and George Duckett. Glen and Manfred are a little larger than the others, and upon them fell the task of rescuing their playmates. The most trouble was experienced with Edith and Edna Patton, especially Edith, who was held down by ice, she had sunk twice before she was finally pulled to safety by Manfred. The children had to run about a quarter of a mile before they could remove their clothing, but all seem healthy and without ill effects today. Glen and Edith are son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Patton, May and Edna daughters of John Patton, and the Duckett children sons of Mr. and Mrs. Duckett, who live nearer the park.

TWO MEN ELECTROCUTED.

George Marsh and Roland Penington
Go to Their Death.

Rockville, Pa., Feb. 21.—George Marsh and Roland Penington, murderers, were electrocuted today in the Western penitentiary.

Beaufort Church Burns.

Quebec, Feb. 21.—The church at Beaufort, three miles away, caught fire today and it is believed to be doomed to destruction. The first reports said the famous cathedral there, St. Anne de Beupre, was afire.

ENGLAND USES OVER 8 BILLION

NEW WAR CREDITS ASKED FOR
BY PREMIER.

Total Spent in War Over Forty Billion
—Russians Push on.

London, Feb. 21.—The government this afternoon asked the Commons for a new monster war loan credits. The request is the largest yet made. This makes England's war expenditures eight billion six hundred and forty million dollars. It is unofficially estimated the belligerents have spent forty billion dollars since the war began. It is believed Germany has spent eight and a half billion. France is credited with over seven billion, while Russia and Austria have discouraged estimates. Their amounts are doubtful.

Trouble is a Possibility.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The state department has admitted the possibility of a crisis developing in the German-American controversies, in which it is admitted both sides have made concessions. Personal antagonism is said to be brewing between Secretary of State Lansing and Ambassador Von Bernstorff.

Rome, Feb. 21.—Turks are evacuating Bitlis, Armenia, southwest of Lake Van, Petrograd has reported. Russians have followed up the conquest at Mush, Achla and elsewhere and occupied all territory around the lake.

Reminder Now Sent.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Secretary of State Lansing has sent England a second note, asking replies to American mail seizure protests.

Air Raid Persistent.

Berlin, Feb. 21.—German aeroplanes were raiding England yesterday, bombarding two British tankers, the admiralty has announced. The main railway station, docks and other property at Lowestoft were hit repeatedly.

Fire in Steamer.

Seattle, Feb. 21.—Fire originating from spontaneous combustion started in the steamer Victoria lying at her pier at 10 o'clock this morning. It was controlled with slight damage.

Witnessed Hockey Game.

F. L. Meyers, a La Grande banker, himself a hockey enthusiast, saw the Portland Rosebuds trim the Canadian Orphans last Friday evening thereby winning the Pacific Coast Hockey league pennant. Mr. Meyers asserts the first half of the match was thrilling and that after that Portland took a strong lead. He returned this morning.

POLICE ARREST GUNMEN; TONGS STILL ON EDGE

SUSPECTS HAVE ACCESSORIES
OF ARSENAL ON THEIR PER-
SON WHEN TAKEN.

BOTH MEN STRANGERS RUMORED OF PORTLAND

State's Hearing Against Lem Quong
Begins—John Doe Simultaneously
Charged With Assault on Eng
Chong—Real Case of War Reported
to Have Come to Light.

Public attention to the tong wars—generally deemed flickering after the unsuccessful attempt to murder Eng Chong, a Bo Leong, Thursday night—was re-visited this noon when Chief of Police Ardrey arrested two Chinese credited with being "gun men." The highbinders, at least that is what they are classified as, had no revolvers on their person when arrested, but carried all the paraphernalia incident to a pocket arsenal. Cartridges, gun cleaning tools and oils were found on their persons. Other Chinese claim they were sent here from Portland to continue the tong war, but instead of riding the train into La Grande, are reported to have walked in from Hilgard. It is known they have been here three or four days, but have been keeping quiet. It is also reported that other stranger Chinese in the city of which there are several, are highbinders and the police is keeping a close vigilance on them hoping to find further evidence to place.

The two men arrested have closed up like clams.

"No savee tongs" is their answer to all inquiries.

Real War Cause Reported.

While officials up and down the coast have been guessing at and advancing reasons for the tong war which broke out last week, the real cause is said to be an unpaid death balm. When the famous trunk murder was committed in Seattle a few years ago, the victim being a well known Portland Chinese merchant, his death was temporarily expiated by promise of balm money. The story goes in Chinese circles that the money wasn't paid as promised and now the Bo Leongs and Hop Sings are at it again.

Representatives of both companies are reported to be in La Grande now attempting to patch up the Eng Chong shooting. If nothing comes of it, the Bo Leong company may determine to give all it knows to the district attorney's office, and stand pat—should enough cash be paid Eng, which is the Chinese way of healing tong war wounds, then the chief witnesses will develop a lapse of memory and on the witness stand fail to carry out convincing testimony. That at least is Chinese history and precedent. The presence of highbinders in the La Grande lends support to the general rumor that more trouble is brewing.

Lem Quong, or Gong, a name identical to the man who did most of the shooting in Portland Thursday night, was today arraigned before Justice Williams. The district attorney's complaint brings charges of "making an assault with a dangerous weapon, a revolver, on one Eng Chong and hitting the said Eng Chong with said revolver upon the head and shoulders" and did "lawfully and feloniously discharge" the said loaded revolver and by use of the force of the ball from the same grievously wound the said Eng Chong with intent then and there to feloniously and of their malice aforethought to kill and murder said Eng Chong," against Lem Quong and John Doe. John Doe disappeared instantly the shooting began.

Action, however, in a trial way was postponed until Thursday at Lem's request.

BUSINESS PLACE TO RE-OPEN.

Chris Wright Will Engage in Tobacco,
Cigar and Soft Drink Line.

Chris Wright's building on Fir street has been renovated from top to bottom with paper, paint and varnish and the proprietor will open therein a tobacco, cigar and soft drink establishment. Almost everything about the place has been changed for the purpose of making attractive quarters for this new line of trade. On account of slight delay in making some of the changes the institution will not be regularly opened to the public until Wednesday morning. On that date Mr. Wright will be on hand to meet patrons, old and new, with the best that is to be had in his line.

THE STRANGE CASE OF MARIAN LAMBERT.



MARIAN LAMBERT

Marian Lambert, a high school girl, of Lake Forest, Ill., was found dead in the woods not far from her home. William Orpet, a student of the University of Wisconsin, who was arrested on the charge of murder, admitted he had met the girl in the woods to tell her that he no longer cared for her. He told her he was to wed Celestia Youker of DeKalb, Ill. Miss Lambert took prussic acid and died immediately.

FARM HOUSE BURNS.

One of Most Modernly Equipped
Houses in Valley Destroyed.

To see smoke pouring out of the roof of one's home when yet a long ways off but homeward bound, was the experience of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Durland yesterday. Mr. Durland had been away and his wife met him at the train. Driving home leisurely, they had no thought of fire until they approached Mt. Glen when they saw their home on the Grande Ronde Fruit company ranch at the foot of Mt. Emily, burning friskily. Whipping their horses into a run they reached home in time to save practically everything on the first floor, but their bedding, much clothing and other goods were burned because they were on the second floor. Mrs. Durland grittily used the telephone to call help, although smoke choked her. The house itself was one of the best equipped in the valley and was owned by the company noted of which J. J. Nunn, now of Salem is the manager. Plumbing, electric lights and all modern conveniences were supplied the place. It was insured. The loss is about \$2,000 it is believed. Mr. Durland, who is foreman of the ranch, moved into another building on the place immediately.

ARE YOUR SCALES CORRECT?

New Field Deputy to Examine Into
Weights and Measures.

A report from Salem says that Chief Deputy State Sealer of Weights and Measures Buchtel announces that he has appointed Spence Wortman of Portland, supervising field deputy, and that the latter would have charge of the enforcement of the weights and measures specifications in the state. "The promulgation of these specifications recently has created much extra work, and upon Mr. Wortman will devolve the duty of enforcing them, and also of gathering evidence in all violations of the weights and measure laws," said Mr. Buchtel. "Scales, weights and measures manufactured in the state must comply with the specifications, and those manufactured outside of the state must comply in order to be admitted within its boundaries. To obtain good results these provisions must be rigidly enforced. The gathering of evidence has also interfered materially with the work of district sealers, and Mr. Wortman will relieve them of this duty."

M. A. MILLS ARRAIGNED.

Telocaset Man Charged with Passing
Check.

On a charge of knowingly passing a bad check, M. A. Mills, of Telocaset, one time resident of Elgin, has been arraigned before Circuit Court Judge J. W. Knowles. He will plead next Wednesday morning.

Court Hits Mine Profit.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The supreme court has held that profits taken from mines are taxable, even though reducing the actual physical value of the mines. The decision sustains the government contentions and further sustains the validity of the income tax law.

HOMAGE PAID TO COLORS BY BIG GATHERING

PATRIOTIC CEREMONY ENTHUS-
ES AUDIENCE AT COURT
HOUSE PROGRAM.

SPEAKERS STIR WITH WORDS OF PATRIOTISM

Flag Presented to Circuit Court Amid
Settings Distinctly Patriotic—Old
Soldiers and School Children Pres-
ent—Flag Is Beautiful one.

Filled to overflowing with high school pupils, veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons and Daughters of the Revolution and many citizen guests, the Circuit court room this afternoon resembled a recruiting station for the United States army.

Rev. C. A. Edwards invoked a divine blessing that was fitted to the choicest of patriotic language, after which Chairman H. E. Dixon in a few brief remarks called attention to the mission of the event and introduced Hon. Walter M. Pierce who had been chosen to present an S. & D. of R. flag to the La Grande court.

Mr. Pierce was at his best. His reference to history was of an especially interesting nature and his eulogy to the makers of the flag was soul-stirring. Describing the advancement of the world during the 140 years since the stars and stripes first came on the scene he drew a comparison that was lasting and beautiful. He touched on the Revolutionary war and reviewed the different struggles since that time wherein the stary emblem played an important part, closing with a beautiful tribute in rhyme to Old Glory. He then officially presented it in the name of the Sons and Daughters of the Revolution to the court.

Hon. J. W. Knowles, circuit judge of this district, accepted the flag and in a short speech he drove home the duties of citizenship; called upon the young man and womanhood of the country not to relax into a state of coma but replenish their patriotism which may be ebbing with worship of the silken banner that was waving before them. Judge Knowles assured the assembly that whenever an alien appeared before his court to take out citizenship papers the examination would not only be as stern and as dignified as the law permits, but he would enforce with all the emphasis he can muster the positive respect and love for the flag which the alien wishes to adopt.

During the program the Elks quartet, led by C. P. Ferrin, sang in a way that is characteristic of the quartet, "The Flag Without a Stain," greatly added to the pleasure of the large crowd. Chairman Dixon announced after Judge Knowles had concluded his speech that the meeting would close with the singing of America and the audience stood while the strains of the old patriotic air reverberated through the corridors of the county building.

Members of the G. A. R. and of the Relief Corps, were present in a body. They had intended celebrating Washington's birthday tomorrow by going to the Central school in a body, but as automobiles were donated today to get the veterans to the court house to see the presentation, the two bodies changed their plans and visited the Central school this afternoon after the patriotic program.

The high school faculty and student body attended in a body, returning to school the moment the program was over.

BOY SCOUTS READY.

Dash from Receiver to City Hall to
Be Made This Evening.

When O. M. Heacock tonight completes receiving the radio George Washington birthday message which emanates from Rock Island, Ill., to be relayed through larger stations such as the one in La Grande to all amateurs in America, Troop No. 2 of La Grande Boy Scouts will carry in relays the message to the city hall in the shortest possible time after its arrival. The boys composing Troop No. 2 are: Jack Rogers, Patrol Leader; Thomas Hill, Frank Tuckey, Robert Rush, Gilbert Swart, Alfred Robbins, Max Cullen and Warren VanAek.

About 9:30 tonight, therefore, those who happen to be near, will see eight pairs of nimble Boy Scout feet beating a hasty relay from the receiving station at Heacock's home near West Main, to the city hall, bearing the message. The city manager and other officials will receive it.

2-STORY BRICK FOR DEPOT ST.

YEAR'S BUILDING ACTIVITY BE-
GINS AT EARLY DATE.

Present One-Story Stone Building to
Be Razed—Project Extensive.

Preliminaries to constructing a two-story brick building 22x94 at No. 208 Depot street were commenced this morning. The stone one-story structure occupied by Herman Roesch for saloon purposes prior to prohibition, is being torn down because the foundation is inadequate to hold another story. Contractor John Mars will do the work, and the contract for excavation has already been started. Herman Roesch will occupy the place, expecting to install a very up to date bowling alley on the second floor and using the lower for soft drinks and pool, etc. The work will be rushed, Contractor O'Brien having excavation contract to be executed as soon as Mr. Mars gets the present wall torn down. The total outlay will amount to several thousands.

WILL JOIN ROSARIANS.

Dr. and Mrs. Richardson to Represent
La Grande on Hawaiian Trip

If staterooms are still available, and it is believed they are, Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Richardson will participate in the Portland Rosarian ship journey to Honolulu in April. They have asked for reservations for the eventful journey.

The boat sails April 15th to return early in May, carrying representatives from the various club and booster organizations of the north-west, headed by Governor Withycombe and the Rosarians of Portland. The La Grander will carry credentials as official representatives of the La Grande Commercial club.

The trip is a unique one, and La Grande is fortunate in having representatives aboard.

MULHOLLAND JURY HANGS.

Judge Discharged Jury Just at Mid-
night Saturday.

After being closeted from 8 o'clock Saturday, the jury which heard the evidence against T. B. Mulholland on a charge of non-support of a child, reported a disagreement at midnight Saturday and Judge Knowles discharged them.

It is reported the jury stood six and six for several hours, being eight to four for acquittal when discharged, rumors say. No arrangements have been made for a second trial. District Attorney Eberhard intimated today.