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CHINAMAN KILLED IN TONG WAR TODAY

BILLY ENG IS DEAD, MRS. C. E. GEORGE HURT

MURDERER IS SUPPOSED TO BE WALLA WALLA CHINESE —ENG SUPPOSED TO BE A HIP SING, TONG WITH WHICH HOP SINGS ARE NOW AT WAR.

CHING SINC, OF PORTLAND, FOUND UNDER TRAP DOOR

Billy Eng, president of the Chinese Young Men's association, was shot and killed in front of the La Grande postoffice ten minutes after twelve today by a Chinese gunman. Mrs. C. E. George was struck in the right ankle by one of the bullets. She was taken to the Grande Ronde hospital where she is resting easily.

Eng was first seen running east on Adams avenue, pursued by a gunman. The first shot either but slightly injured him or missed him as he continued to run after it was fired. When Eng fell the gunman caught up with him, held to the drinking fountain with his left hand and leaning over Eng, with the revolver but two or three inches from the right side of Eng's head, emptied the magazine. He then ran a few feet west, returned, and again leaning over the body, snapped the trigger of his gun several times with the muzzle but two or three inches away from the left side of the head.

Eng was dead when bystanders recovered sufficiently to run to the body. Three Chinese are in the city jail. One, Ching Sing, who says he came to La Grande a week ago from Portland, was found in the basement of the Chinese house next to the Republic hall. The trap door to this basement was found under a bed. Police and citizens are hunting for a gunman, thought to be the shooting mate of Ching Sing. This Chinaman is said to be short and thought to have worn glasses. Chinese witnesses say he is from Walla Walla.

Two shots hit Eng in the back; one evidently passed through the heart and is embedded in the skin just above the heart. The other entered behind the right shoulder and emerged near the collarbone. One tooth was knocked out.

William Eng was an American Chinese, about 25. He was well educated. He had been engaged in business here for several years. Last year he attended night school at the Y. M. C. A. and not long ago expressed sorrow that the school was not being conducted this year. Charlie Dunn and Mr. Powers, of the United States Land office, saw the shooting. City Commissioner J. D. McKennon, Charley Crandall, R. W. Williams and others were eyewitnesses. It is probable that these men can identify the gunman when captured.

Turks Sack Bagdad; Continue To Retreat

London, March 13.—(United Press)—It is announced British advanced beyond Bagdad and captured Kadhimain and a hundred Turkish prisoners. The pursuit continued. British gunboats are assisting. The Turks sacked Bagdad before their flight. They were forced to abandon much ammunition.

Last Meeting Tonight.

The last meeting of the La Grande Automobile and Motorcycle Dealers' association will be held in the Y. M. C. A. building tonight. All members are urged to be present for a final discussion of business before the show opens Thursday evening.

General Committee.

Chairman J. G. Snodgrass has called a special meeting for tomorrow night in the Y. M. C. A. building at 7:30 of the general committee on arrangements of the Cattle and Horse Raisers' convention to be held here April 24 and 25. Business of importance is scheduled for discussion.

MOTOR EXHIBITION TO OPEN THURSDAY EVE

FINAL DEALERS' MEETING TO BE HELD TONIGHT.

FRANKLIN AND MARMON ARE ENTERED IN SHOW

Joe Rieg and Men Prepare Hilton's Garage for Thursday, Friday and Saturday's Exhibition—Music and Entertainment Arranged for.

La Grande's first automobile and motorcycle show will be 48 hours away. Hilton's garage on Adams avenue, between Fir and Greenwood streets is the place; the time, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The final meeting of the La Grande Automobile and Motorcycle Dealers' association will be held, beginning at 7:30 tonight, in the Y. M. C. A. building. Joe Rieg, manager of the show, will be present. He will report at this meeting.

Hilton's garage building is being prepared for the show. The decorations are here. The music is arranged for.

Two late exhibitors are: Al Daniel with the Marmon, and Frank Hilton with the Franklin.

The dealers who will exhibit are: B. C. Hamilton, Saxon, Mitchell; J. Van Buren, Hudson; George Ruby; George B. Richardson, Chevrolet; John E. Anderson, Maxwell, Chandler; Al Daniel, Reo, Dort, Marmon; W. H. Bohnenkamp Company, Harley-Davidson; T. F. Coward, Ford; Island City M. and M. Company (Fred J. Holmes) Studebaker, G. M. C. truck; Galloway-Rees Company, Overland, Willys-Knight; Frank Hilton, Kissel Kar, Briscoe, Franklin; C. Wilson; C. A. McGravy, Velie, Haynes.

GALLOWAY-REES COMPANY SECURE CARS LOCALLY FOR AUTO SHOW.

Mr. Hal Rees, of Galloway-Rees Co., said today: "Owing to the congested condition of the freight traffic, we have been unable to secure our own cars from the factory."

"We had hoped to show the people of Eastern Oregon an Overland Light Six, which is a very classy little five passenger car selling at \$1100.00 in La Grande. To those wishing to buy a light six, I would suggest that they see this model before purchasing. We have them ordered and will be able to show them in a few days."

"We will be in the show however as we have gone to the expense of borrowing cars from the dealer at Baker, and will show such models as the Country Club, Willys Six and the Willys Knight. We will have the light four Model 75-B on display at our sales room, corner of Fir street and Adams avenue."

Marmon Car To Be Shown.

The luxurious motor car, the Marmon, will be shown in the automobile show, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, by the Daniel Auto company.

Receives Carload of Autos.

The Daniel Auto company yesterday received a carload of Dorts and Coles. In the shipment was one Dort Sedanette, one Dort roadster and one seven-passenger Cole touring car.

HARRY THAW IS HELD INSANE

Philadelphia, March 13.—(United Press)—The Pennsylvania Insanity commission declared Harry Thaw insane. It investigated his condition at his mother's request.

The decision prevents extradition and New York trial on a charge of beating Frederick Gump. New York authorities plan to continue the extradition fight.

DIPLOMATS SAY PEACE IS DUE IN 4 MONTHS

FOOD SITUATION IS CAUSING WARRING NATIONS TO WORRY

PEOPLE ARE DISSATISFIED WITH THE CABINETS

Belief Is Growing That Neither Side Will Achieve An Overwhelming Victory —Many Expect Peace Before July First.

Washington, March 13.—(United Press)—Diplomats believe a general peace move is due within four months. The food situation of all warring nations is increasingly acute. People manifest dissatisfaction with the entente cabinets.

The belief is growing that neither side will achieve an overwhelming victory. Many expect peace without victory before July 1st.

MRS. BERNSTORFF OBJECTS TO SEARCH

London, Mar. 13.—(United Press)—Arthur Mann of Christina and German Ambassador Bernstorff will formally protest to Washington against British methods of searching the Fredrick the Eighth and party at Halifax. The British refused to transmit a telegraphic protest at Halifax.

Countess Bernstorff was thoroughly searched. Her shoe insoles even were opened. Another traveler was stripped. All rubber was confiscated. Hot water bottles, baby nipples and rubber heels were seized. Two inspectors were drunk.

LA GRANDE GIRLS APPEAR WELL AT THE STYLE SHOW

Striking Costumes From Local Stores Worn by Local Women and Men.

As if the stage was their vocation the La Grande young women at La Grande's style show in the Arcade theatre last night vied with Miss Mabel Vaughan of New York, professional model, as living style devotees. "Letter perfect" they were, as were the five young men who displayed the men's styles.

The girls were: Misses Wilma Oesterling, Blanche Black, Alta Guilmet, Genevieve Stoddard, Dora Van Fleet, Mabel Herzinger, Stella Desilet, Edith Lewis, Leona Newlin and Lorraine Staley. The men were: Tom Murphy, Pete Larson, Jess Andrews, Ernest Vehers and Dick Roberts.

The young men and women wore clothes from the Golden Rule store, Hill's department store, The Toggery and Miss Walling's millinery store. The jewelry worn by the young women was loaned by George S. Birnie. Miss Vaughan appeared several times with striking costumes loaned for the exhibition by the above merchants.

BROTHERHOODS NOT TO STRIKE IF WAR COMES

FOUR HEADS CONFER WITH PRESIDENT AND MAKE A PROMISE

CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK TO BE HELD THURSDAY

Railway Managers Do Not Expect Strike—Persistent Rumors that Strike Order May Soon Take Effect —National Officers Refuse to Make Statements—Railroad Presidents Are to Meet.

Washington, March 13.—(United Press)—Four Railroad Brotherhood leaders informed President Wilson that no strike would be called in the event of war.

They assured President Wilson the trainmen would stand by him.

They did not promise there would be no strike now.

It was announced Brotherhoods would meet the Railway managers Thursday and make a determined effort to agree.

The Brotherhoods "hope they will be successful."

No mention was made of the reported strike order effective Saturday night affecting all roads.

Brotherhood chiefs met local delegates at the Bijou theatre and discussed the strike order.

President Wilson is keeping in close touch with the situation through Secretary Wilson.

In the event of a strike it is believed conditions would be worse than last summer on account of the high food prices.

A strike before April may delay the extra session of congress. The utmost secrecy surrounded the Bijou theatre conference.

It is learned the United States Board of Mediation and conciliation plans to make a final effort to force an agreement if a strike seems inevitable. It is definitely learned that the Nickel Plate Road Brotherhood leaders received orders to strike Saturday night.

RAILROAD MANAGERS DO NOT EXPECT STRIKE

New York, March 13.—(United Press)—Railway managers' statements indicated that the railroads are unprepared to meet a general strike. Only a few strikers are available. The managers declared the men would not strike now. It is believed public pressure would make the men resume work. President Wilson could control the roads as a national preparedness measure.

Explosions In Coal Mine Kill Twelve

Canonburg, Pa., March 13.—(United Press)—Two explosions in the Henderson coal mine trapped seventeen. It is reported twelve are known to be dead. Seven were saved.

Reserved Seat Sale Monday.

Reserved seats for the wrestling match between Jack O'Neill and John Berg will be on sale at the Arcade theatre, Monday, March 19. The management of the theatre has had numerous inquiries in regard to the bout and several wrestling fans have already asked for reservations at the ring-side.

BUSINESS MEN HEAR SPEAKERS AT LUNCHEON

SPEAKERS BOOST AUTO SHOW—MR. SMALL SPEAKS ON LEGISLATIVE SESSION

La Grande business men and professional men met at luncheon today at the Sommer hotel and—

Heard Representative Charles Albert Small tell of the recent legislative session at Salem.

Heard City Manager Fred B. Currey boost for a good attendance at the La Grande Automobile and Motorcycle show on March 15, 16 and 17; reduced rates on railroads.

Heard George T. Cochran advocate good roads and a good reception for Highway Commissioner W. L. Thompson of Pendleton who will be here Friday night and speak at the auto show.

Heard Mr. E. D. Strong, of Portland, assistant manager of Oregon Life Insurance company, speak for co-operation among business men for the benefit of the community.

The chairman of the day was T. J. Scroggin, cashier of the United States National bank. Mr. Scroggin had prepared an interesting program, beginning with the invocation by Rev. S. M. Roberts, and it moved off like clock-work, and the entire luncheon was over by 1 p. m., the hour fixed for adjournment.

Mr. Small gave an interesting talk on legislative procedure. He showed that eternal vigilance was necessary in order to get a bill through. He said that instances of log-rolling and trading and introduction and advocacy of bills for political effect were few.

Mr. Scroggin announced that S. D. Crowe would be the chairman of next Tuesday's meeting.

Mr. Strong commended the idea of holding such gatherings of business men and working to serve the best interests of La Grande and Union county.

Mr. Epling by common consent was given the distinction of making the wittiest answer to the roll call, when he responded for the Grande Ronde Meat Company saying, "No dogs in our bologna." He got the laughs.

Those present were:

- G. C. Hopkins, C. C. Pennington, E. Polack, C. A. Wiltse, E. C. Herzinger, W. B. Sargent, L. M. Hoyt, F. Bleuney, Linden McCullough, Colon R. Eberhard, J. P. Graham, Pat Foley, E. E. Kirtley, E. N. Strong, V. G. Couch, Geo. H. Currey, J. G. Snodgrass, Late F. Dunn, F. J. Holmes, F. B. Moe, A. Marker, George M. Link, Clarke Leiter, L. H. Russell, Charles H. Reynolds, R. C. Bean, G. M. Richey, J. F. Zak, Roy B. Currey, D. Taylor, J. P. Lottridge, Charles W. Gore, E. E. Bragg, A. R. Hunter, Al Daniel, J. F. Okey, S. D. Crowe, G. A. McNeill, Rev. S. M. Roberts, G. L. Larison, T. J. Scroggin, W. D. McCarthy, C. C. Bart, B. A. Benham, J. K. Wright, J. Garfield King, George Cochran, Albert Small.

NAVY GUNNERS GET ORDERS

CONDUCT IN DEFENDING ARMED MERCHANTMEN IS OUTLINED.

Washington, March 13.—(United Press)—Secretary Daniels prepared orders covering the United States Navy gunners conduct in defending armed merchantmen.

Secretary Lansing approved them and they will be issued whenever needed. Secretary Daniels announced the instructions would be kept secret. He asked newspapers to refrain from speculation regarding their contents.

The Weather.

Portland, March 13.—(United Press)—The weather forecast: "Rain in west. Rain and snow in east. South winds."

FIRE DESTROYS ELGIN FRAMES THIS MORNING

THREE BUILDINGS DESTROYED —THOUSAND DOLLARS OF PLATE GLASS BROKEN.

BLAZE ORIGINATED IN JAPANESE RESTAURANT

K. Yama, Restaurateur, and Seventy Year Old Man Barely Escape in Night Clothes. Fourteen Volunteers Fight Flames. Ice in Creek Hampers Pressure at First.

Elgin, Ore., Mar. 13.—Fire starting at two this morning destroyed three frame buildings on Front street, entailing a loss of from \$6000 to \$7000. The buildings were that occupied by K. Yama's Japanese restaurant, the two-story frame in which was located the dental office of Dr. E. O. Wilson, and the tailor shop of W. S. Munkers. A thousand dollars' worth of plate glass in the E. M. and S., the Hug and the Blumenstein buildings, was destroyed. The fire started in the restaurant building.

K. Yama escaped in his night clothes and had difficulty in rescuing a 70-year-old man named Bennett who was sleeping in the restaurant building.

Fourteen volunteer fire fighters fought the flames for two and a half hours. At first ice in the creek hampered the water pressure. Considerable damage was done to the telephone lines of the Union County Telephone company.

The fire was stopped by the two-story stone K. of P. fraternal building to the north of the burning Front street frames. All windows in this building were damaged as were many in the Masonic building to the east and north.

Some insurance was carried on all the losses.

LANSING SNUBS SWISS MINISTER

Washington, March 13.—(United Press)—Relations between the State Department and Swiss Minister Ritter are strained. Ritter is unable to see Lansing to present a German communication requesting the reconstruction of the Prussian treaty. Ritter's pro-German moves displeased the State Department. Secretary Lansing pleaded other engagements whenever Ritter called.

GERMANS FIGHT SUPERIOR FORCES

Berlin, via Sayville, Mar. 13.—(United Press)—It is announced that the Germans maintained height fifteen against numerically superior forces. The enemy gained a small portion of the southwest slope but suffered the heaviest losses.

GERMANY PROTESTS RELIEF WORK

New York, March 13.—(United Press)—Germany unofficially protested at the American administration of Belgian relief work in Northern France. She wants a neutral nation to supervise the work on account of German-American relations. Herbert Hoover, director of relief, has sailed for Spain.