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CHINESE PIRATES TAKE SHIP

BUCCANEERS COMMANDEER SHIP AT SEA

Disguised as Passengers, 65 Chinese Pirates Board British Steamer Sui

FIERCE FIGHT ENDS WITH CHIEF'S DEATH

Held Ship for Thirteen Hours Out of Macao; Two Die and Several Hurt in Battle.

(By Associated Press.)
HONG KONG, Nov. 20.—Sixty-five Chinese pirates disguised as passengers boarded the British steamer Sui and when she left Macao for Hongkong yesterday, seized the ship a few miles out and for 13 hours held the passengers as captives.
A fierce battle was fought on board with the report coming that two were killed and several wounded, some seriously. The battle terminated when a passenger shot the pirate chief. Following the death of their leader, the buccaneers fled and escaped in sampans.

LOCAL FLOWERS MAKE A BIG HIT AT PORTLAND

Exhibit Made by Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cherry, of La Grande, Received Special Notice.

The only exhibit from outside of the city was that made Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cherry of La Grande and it was a repetition of his triumph of last year, only on a larger scale. A year ago Mr. Cherry sent to Portland only a few of his blooms, but this year he came down with a full-sized display and every flower in his collection was perfect, stamping him as a fine cultivator. His white Turner chrysanthemums were probably the largest in the whole show and their billowy whiteness made a striking picture, but personally I preferred his display of white Chieftain and although I have seen the big shows in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and especially the one of the experts of the department of agriculture in Washington, I have no hesitancy in saying that Mr. Cherry's display of Chieftain chrysanthemums was the finest I have seen at any place. That I am not alone in this opinion is evident from the favorable comment made by practically everyone who visited the show, says a Portland paper.
Second to his display of Chieftain was the magnificent vase of Major Bonafon chrysanthemums, their bright yellow arising a most forcible color note. Each flower was perfect both as to size, texture and form. In addition to the larger blooms shown, Mr. Cherry exhibited a new pom pom named Louise Davenport, a bright golden-bronze little flower that has wonderful decorative possibilities.

Y.M.C.A. To Start Membership Drive Soon

The first gun of the drive for membership to be conducted by the local Young Men's Christian Association will be fired off tomorrow evening, when the drive, which will close Friday evening, will open officially at a banquet of the leaders to be held at the Y building.
One hundred members are confidently expected to be enrolled before the drive comes to a close, and the general secretary has every hope that the number will be even greater than that.
In order to stimulate the workers two sides, designated the "reds" and "blues" have been formulated with A. W. Nelson leading the "blues" and Charles Harding leading the "reds."
Under such general five captains will in turn have their squad. Harding's captains are Max Cullen, Harry Clark, C. G. Snow, Carl Heim and Miss Mina Cooper and Nelson will have as assistants Donald Nichols, Harold Posner, E. E. Divens, H. H. Cleaver and Miss Viola Bohman. One hundred points will be credited to the side bringing in the member and an additional 100 will be given for each dollar paid up by the new members.
Competition between the two forces will be keen and each side is predicting victory. Needless to say with two such capable groups in the field, the 100 new members will be secured.
The dinner tomorrow evening will be held at six o'clock and at this time the captains will be assigned their territories and other final arrangements will be made.

Near East Peace Conference Has Formal Opening

(By Associated Press.)
LAUSANNE, Nov. 20.—The near east peace conference formally opened this afternoon with President Haab, of Switzerland, presiding at the opening session. He entered the hall at 3:45 p. m. and read the welcoming address to which Lord Carson, British foreign secretary, replied.
The final treaty between Turkey and Greece, freedom of the Danubian straits, and the fixing of the future status of Turkey will be discussed over the conference table. American ambassadors to Italy and Switzerland and Rear Admiral Britton were present as observers. It was intimated that they would raise their voices whenever in the interest of the United States to do so.

ARSENAL FOUND BY OFFICERS

Four men, two high powered rifles, three six-shooters, approximately 10 gallons of moonshine, a wash boiler type of still and some much are just a few of the things secured by Umatilla and Walla Walla county officials in a liquor raid they moved last night on Mill creek on the Oregon side of the line about 20 miles east of Walla Walla, states a Pendleton paper.

Deputy Sheriff Jake Martin was in charge of the Umatilla county part of the group of officers. The trip up the mountain road, which was knee deep in mud in many places, was made during the evening, and four men were in the cabin when the officers forced an entrance.

They were welcomed by several drawn guns in the hands of the alleged moonshiners, but when a star was flashed, the resistance subsided, and the men submitted to arrest. They were brought here and are held in the county jail.

The rain was coming down in sheets on the mountain when the cabin was surrounded, the men are charged, and the night was as dark as any night ever made. Martin got a good bath wading Mill creek in addition to the welcome of facing a brace of efficient looking guns.
A hydrometer, used to gauge the proof of the moonshine, was secured among the effects of the men in the cabin. The four men taken are Bill Haines, Roy Demaree, Russ Sims and Dan Rixby.

AD CLUB WILL HOLD DINNER

The Union County Ad Club will hold a "love festival" for Governor-elect Walter M. Pierce tomorrow noon at the South Methodist church at a dinner prepared by the ladies of the church. Judge Thomas H. Crawford, Mr. Pierce's campaign manager, will also be present.

Senator Colon R. Eberhard will preside and Mr. Pierce will speak on "Reminiscences of My Campaign," and will be followed by an address by Judge Crawford on the same subject.
Those who are planning on attending and who have not notified Ad club headquarters are urged to call Main 769 as soon as possible so that the ladies preparing the dinner will know how many to serve. A big attendance is assured and indications are that the dinner will be one of the largest held for some time.

WET FORCES ARE BEING ORGANIZED

(By Associated Press.)
ST. LOUIS, Nov. 20.—Steps to organize wet forces in every state to obtain a modification of the Volstead act was discussed at a two-day meeting of the National Association opposed to the prohibition amendment, which began here today.

Delegates predicted that the liquor question would probably be the principal issue in 1924 presidential election as a result of the claims that the wet was a sweeping victory in the recent general election.

LA GRANDE MAN DIES

Mat White, for many years a resident of La Grande, died last night at the close of a brief illness. The remains are at the new Bohnenkamp chapel pending funeral arrangements which are indefinite.

BULLETINS

HARDING IN CONFERENCE
(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—After a conference today with the governor and attorney-general of Louisiana, President Harding issued a statement saying Louisiana authorities appeared capable of handling any situation within their jurisdiction due to activities of secret organizations. Governor Parker in a statement said he would order an investigation of reported Ku Klux Klan "outrages."

MARKET WEAK

PORTLAND, Nov. 20.—Cattle weak, hogs weak, some fancy lots \$9.75; sheep are reported steady; eggs firm and butter steady.

LA GRANDERS WALLOP TWO UNION TEAMS

First Team Wins 52 to 6; Third Team Defeats Union Seconds 33 to 0; Union Never Lost "Pep."

Standings.	Won	Lost	Pct.
La Grande	4	1	.800
Athena	4	1	.800
Elgin	4	1	.750
Walla	5	1	.750
Enterprise	4	2	.667
Hermiston	2	1	.667
Pendleton	3	2	.600
Baker	4	3	.572
Union	3	4	.429
Halfway	1	4	.200

No reports received on Imbler-Joseph games.

Saturday's Results.
At Elgin: Elgin 37, Enterprise 6 (unofficial reports).
At Union: La Grande 52, Union 6.
At Union: La Grande third team 33, Union second team 0.
At Halfway: Baker 6, Halfway 0.
Umatilla-Athena: Reports Athena won, no score given.
At Pendleton: Walla Walla 26, Pendleton 0.

La Grande returned from Union Saturday evening swathed in glory just as did the knights of old return from a jousting party. Although spears were not used, it was a young war just the same and the Blue and White floated on high. The first team trampled the Maroon and White 52 to 6 and the third team took the heart out of the Union seconds and swamped them 33 to 0. Altogether La Grande scored 85 points to Union's 6, counting both games.

Despite the fact that the breaks went against La Grande in the first quarter she succeeded in scoring once and kept her goal line untouched. Union kicked off, Kerr returned and fumbled on the tackle and Union recovered on the 20 yard line. Martens plowed through for a yard, a pass to Jensen put the ball on La Grande's five yard line. The Blue and White breasted and Union lost the ball on downs. La Grande ran the ball seven yards and punted to midfield. An exchange of punts gave La Grande the ball on Union's 35 yard line and Smutz reeled off 20 yards around end. A pass netted 17 yards, another pass failed, Smutz made a yard, and Sherwood failed in an attempted dropkick.

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ROAD MERGER WOULD CUT COMPETITION

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Competition between railroads in the northwest would be decreased if the interstate commerce commission should adopt a tentative plan of consolidating the Great Northern and Milwaukee railroads. Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern testified today before the commission.

GRANGE GIVES RECEPTION TO NEW GOVERNOR

The Blue Mountain Grange unfurled its banner of welcome Saturday at the hall east of La Grande and a large crowd of grange members assembled early in the day to enjoy a program, have a big dinner and "kill the fatted calf" in honor of Walter M. Pierce, a granger of Union county who will fill the governor's chair for the next four years.

The program consisted of songs, recitations and instrumental music with readings and speeches.

Mr. Pierce made the chief speech of the afternoon and dealt in reminiscences of the late state campaign when he started out with nothing but the help of the farmers to start his campaign. He told of the meetings held, of the attacks made upon him and how toward the close of the campaign votes came to him from all parts of the state.

When he had finished the grange gave him a fine ovation.
Other speakers included Dr. C. J. Smith, chairman of the state democratic central committee, Dr. J. W. Morrow, democratic national committeeman, C. D. Hoffman, E. E. Bragg and Bruce Dennis.

SHIP SUBSIDY BILL IS UNDER CONSIDERATION

Congress Convenes in Special Two Weeks' Session Today Noon; President to Speak Before Joint Session.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Congress convened at noon today for a special session of two weeks called by President Harding to consider the Administration Subsidy bill, upon which he is expected to address a joint session tomorrow.

Congresswoman Seated.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Mrs. W. H. Felton, of Georgia, waited in vain for one hour and one half in the senate chamber while leaders puzzled over the question of permitting her to take her seat in view of the recent election of Walter F. George as her successor. Galleries applauded her when she appeared as the senate managers let the decision go over until tomorrow.

SWISHER HELD NOT GUILTY

Jury Will Not Indict Man Who Shot Night Rider; Absolves Him from All Blame.

WALLOWA, Nov. 20.—Harry W. Swisher was practically freed from blame for the killing of Vernon Baker, near Paradise, on September 12, by the refusal of grand jury yesterday to vote a true bill against him. He had been held to the grand jury by Justice A. B. Conway. Swisher who runs mules on the Joseph Creek range between Flora and Paradise, believed that his stock was being stolen by night riders. On the day before the shooting, Swisher and Eric Smutter, who worked for him, had been riding on Joseph creek and returned home in the evening. Late that night they decided to ride back to Joseph creek. Before they had gone far, they met Baker, who was on horseback and leading two mules which Swisher said belonged to him. They demanded that Baker accompany them to Flora. When they reached the farm of E. B. Enyart, Swisher went into the house to telephone the Enterprise sheriff. When he came out, Baker was rapidly making away. Swisher shot at him twice, and the second shot killed him instantly. Swisher remained at the Enyart home until the sheriff came. When they reached the county seat he was released on bonds, pending the action of the grand jury.

POWERS WILL GIVE A THANKSGIVING DANCE

P. J. Powers will not hold his regular Wednesday evening dance at the Rex hall this week owing to the dance that will be held that night by the La Grande Municipal Band, but will give a dance at that place on Thursday, November 23, commemorating Thanksgiving Day.

THE WEATHER

PORTLAND, Nov. 20.—Tonight and Tuesday will be fair.

NEW BERRY QUITS SEAT IN SENATE

Michigan Senator's Resignation to Take Effect Immediately

SENATOR'S SEAT FULLY CONFIRMED

Newberry's Right to Seat in Senate Was Long a Subject of Bitter Controversy Among Leaders.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—The resignation of Senator Truman H. Newberry, of Michigan, the central figure in a long, bitter controversy, will become effective tomorrow. Vice President Coolidge was unable at today's brief session to present Newberry's letter of resignation.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Truman H. Newberry of Michigan, whose right to a place in the senate has been a subject of long and bitter controversy, has submitted his resignation with a request that it become effective immediately.

In a letter to Governor Grosbeck made public here Sunday night, Mr. Newberry said he had been impelled to resign voluntarily because of the defeat of his republican colleague, Senator Townsend, in the election of November 7. The turn of events, he said, would make it "futile" for him to attempt to continue his public service since he continually be "hampered by partisan political persecution."

Reviewing the outstanding features of the controversy which grew out of his election four years ago over Henry Ford, his democratic opponent, he declared his right to a seat in the senate had been "fully confirmed." He added that if, in the future, there seemed to be opportunities for public service he would not hesitate to offer himself to his state and country.

The resignation brings to an end a fight which already has made political history and which is appeared would not hesitate to offer himself to congress which begins Monday. Convicted in Michigan of a conspiracy to violate election laws Senator Newberry appealed to the supreme court which declared unconstitutional the statute under which he was accused. The senate itself, after a long investigation, finally confirmed his title to a seat by a margin of five votes. In the campaign just closed the case was an issue in many states.

HAMMER SLAYER SEEKS RETRIAL

(By Associated Press.)
LOS ANGELES, Nov. 20.—The sentencing of Mrs. Clara Phillips, hammer slayer, was deferred until Thursday. Her attorney asked for a new trial and time was granted for argument.



State Game Commission To Be At Clam Dinner

The State Game and Fish commission, with A. E. Boraduff at its head, will be guests of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club at their clam dinner to be held this evening at seven o'clock at the Methodist church. The commission will hear the club's arguments in favor of enlarging the Union fish hatchery and in installing another fish hatchery in Walla Walla county. Western Oregon, with a much smaller number of square miles, has many times the number of hatcheries than any east of the Cascades and the local club is making a determined effort to remedy this.
Another feature of the dinner will be an address by Governor-elect Walter M. Pierce who will, in a short talk, tell how "he did it." Mr. Pierce's speeches are always interesting and members are looking forward to a delightful address.
Following the address and the presentation of arguments in favor of the fish hatchery development, a 120 fishing rod, donated by Harry Hobson, of Lyons, Oregon, a member of the club, will be given to the member present holding the lucky number.
The secretary of the club today announced that about 150 members were expected to be present and that the ladies in charge of the dinner were preparing a dinner that would tempt the most fastidious. The kind of a dinner that a business man welcomes after he has completed a day's work.