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AMERICANS FIRED UPON BY CHINESE

Hunan Soldiers Wreck Supu Mission and Attack Yankees.

TRYING TO "WIPE OUT FOREIGNERS"

Mission Looted and Demolished; Americans Not Injured; Attack Is Thought Due to Mutinous Outbreak.

PEKING, China (By the Associated Press)—Chinese soldiers of the First Hunan division fired upon Missionaries, American, and Arthur Benson, at the Supu Mission, according to reports from the American Consulate at Chungking. Neither of the men were reported as injured although the mission is described as having been wrecked and looted by the soldiers.

The soldiers of the Chinese division claimed they were acting under their commander's orders to wipe out all "foreign devils" but it is believed that the action was in reality due to mutiny. After the attack the mission was put under the guard of other troops.

FIUME DISPUTE IS AT AN END

ROME (AP)—Today's newspapers published telegrams from Belgrade asserting that the Fiume question has been settled by the annexation of Fiume to Italy and Porto Barro delta to Jugoslavia, both ports having common administration.

MILITIA SETTLES FOR LONG STAY IN MARION, ILL.

MARION, Ill. (AP)—The state militia, stationed here to aid civil authorities in recent liquor raid troubles, has settled down for an indefinite stay, according to their officers.

Robbers Spare Woman.

PENNSYLVANIA, Pa. (AP)—Mrs. Kathryn Lang, a widow, who owns and manages a grocery store on West Webb street, escaped being robbed when she admitted that there was no man connected with the store and that either one of the two men who entered her place could rob her by using only one hand.

The men, one about 21 and the other about 27, entered the store shortly after 6 o'clock, asked for the man in charge and said they wanted the contents of the cash register. Mrs. Lang pointed to the cash register and told them to help themselves, but it was empty. Her day's cash reposed in a leather bag in her side pocket and was visible to the men, the younger robber refused to be a party to robbing a woman, so they left without any loot.

Class Reunion Planned.

CORVALLIS.—Plans for a 1914 class reunion in June are being made by Dr. L. P. Gambee of Portland, who has been a campus visitor. This class had 109 members. Kate Jailing, who is in India, and Freeman Mason of New Jersey, executive editor of the Harometer, are two of the members of the 1914 class who are planning to return. The class will dig up the records, the class prophesy, the will and the oration which are buried under the tree west of Apperson hall. The reunion was the gift of the class to the college.

Governor Pierce Gives Tax Reduction Views

SALEM (By the Associated Press)—Governor Walter M. Pierce, of La Grande, addressing a convention of county judges and county commissioners here, said: "There can be no big reform in assessments and taxation until we modify or change the millage level," and also suggested increased license fees, corporation taxes and insurance fees. Former Senator L. N. Day blamed the injection of religious issues into politics and abuses arising from the recall upon the pri-

Unsettled



Photo is of Mrs. Grace Cheney Barrett of San Francisco, whose recent trial for the murder of her husband, Harry Barrett, resulted in a hung jury. She testified her husband killed himself in a fit of despondency.

KLAN BANISHES TWO OFFICIALS

Emperor Simmons and Former Imperial Wizard Clarke Expelled for Treason.

ATLANTA, Ga., (AP)—William Joseph Simmons, founder and emperor of the Ku Klux Klan, and Edward Young Clarke, at one time acting imperial wizard of the organization, have been banished from the Klan for their opposition to the regime headed by Dr. W. H. Evans, imperial wizard. It was announced here Friday in Klan circles.

In a statement issued here Clarke declared he was not surprised at the development, declaring that "the attempt was made because Evans and his associates are desperate and realize it is only for short time they will be able to hold the reins of organization and trample in the dust all the foundation principles and ideals of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan."

He declared that neither Dr. Evans nor the imperial wizard, nor the body of dragons has the legal right to banish either himself or Emperor Simmons, and asserted that the "real reason for the attempted banishment" was an effort to stop the gathering of thousands at the national congress which he has called to meet in Atlanta, February 26. The Klan official said he would make a regular formal appeal against the banishment through the regular courts of the order and then to civil courts of the state if it becomes necessary. Emperor Simmons was expected to issue a statement which it

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SEEK UNITY ON MELLON TAX SCHEME

House Leaders Hold a Lengthy Discussion of Measure

PRESENT STATUS MAY BE ALTERED

Representative Longworth of Opinion Compromise Necessary to Meet Various Demands.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Senator Cousins, Republican, today challenged Secretary Mellon to a joint debate on the question of the necessity of reducing income surtaxes from 50 to 25 per cent and stopping the issuance of tax exempt securities as a means of diverting capital to productive enterprises.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Reading that modifications probably made in the Mellon tax bill if it is to command a majority in the house, Republican members of the ways and means committee discussed the question Friday with Representative Longworth, the party leader.

The conference lasted several hours but those who participated declined to disclose what had transpired other than to say "discussion had been general and related solely to procedure." Proposed changes in tax rates, it is said, were not considered and no decisions were reached. Representative Garner of Texas, ranking Democrat on the committee, who has a substitute for the Mellon plan, declared he was con-

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SHERIFF BACK FROM PORTLAND WITH PRISONER

Sheriff Lee Warnick returned to La Grande this morning on No. 4 from Portland, Oregon where he has attended a three-day school for sheriffs, deputies and police during the early part of the week—and Sheriff Warnick did not return empty-handed. Proposed changes in tax rates, it is said, were not considered and no decisions were reached. Representative Garner of Texas, ranking Democrat on the committee, who has a substitute for the Mellon plan, declared he was con-

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Aged Pacific Coast Lumber Firm Is Sold

Christenson Lumber Co. Buys Olson - Mahoney Lumber Company.

SAN FRANCISCO, (By the Associated Press)—The sale of the Olson-Mahoney Lumber company, one of the oldest on the Pacific coast, to the Christenson Lumber company, a subsidiary of Sudden and Christensen, was announced here.

Officials of the Olson-Mahoney firm announced the sale was made due to a desire to devote all the company's time to shipping interests.

Extensive lumber interests in Washington and Oregon are held by Sudden and Christensen.

STARO TRIAL STARTS TODAY

Case of State vs. Staro Begun in Justice Court Early This Afternoon.

Jack Staro, of Starkey, charged with possession of liquor on his premises, arrived in La Grande today and will be tried in the justice of peace court this afternoon beginning at one o'clock before Judge Hugh E. Brady. Staro was arrested several weeks ago and was to have been tried in December but the case was postponed until a later date and Staro was freed under bonds.

Staro is a guest in jail by jury which will be given him.

Submarine Crew Thought Drowned; Hopes Given Up

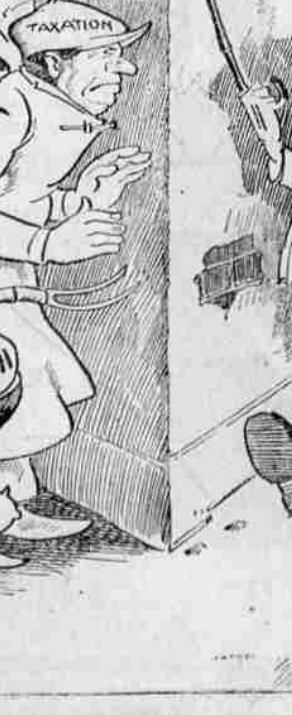
PORTLAND, Eng. (AP)—Divers made a number of unsuccessful efforts at Portland hill Friday afternoon to learn whether an object located in 29 fathoms of water is the British submarine L-24 which sank Thursday after a collision with the dreadnaught Resolition.

Friday night there was nothing to give hope that there would be any survivors among the members of the crew. An underwater examination of the Resolition shows unmistakably that the submarine must have been badly holed.

St. Louis Falls Bank Fails.

ST. LOUIS FALLS, S. D. (AP)—The Sioux Falls National bank, capitalized for \$150,000, one of the oldest banks in South Dakota, failed to open its doors Friday. The bank opened May 1, 1882. The December 31 statement of the bank gave deposits of more than \$2,500,000.

INNOCENCE ABROAD



COMMUNIST RIOT FATAL TO TWO MEN

Paris Political Gathering Breaks Up in Panic; Many Injured

WERE TO PROTEST H. C. L. AND RUHR

Anarchist Objected to Using Hall for Political Purposes and Chaos Followed.

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—A meeting of Communists here last evening at the headquarters of the Extramural Labor federation was converted into a riot of considerable proportions. The object of the meeting was to instigate a protest against the high cost of living and also against the occupation of the Ruhr Valley by the French.

Two persons were killed and a score injured in the chaotic condition that resulted when the meeting broke up. An anarchist objected to the use of the premises for meetings of a political nature and prominent Communists pelted and hoisted him down. Shooting started then which caused a panic.

Earl P. Conrad Named.

SALISBURY, Or.—Governor Pierce announced that he had appointed Earl P. Conrad as district attorney of Lincoln county to succeed G. B. McCloskey, resigned. Mr. Conrad is practicing attorney and lives at Toledo.

LITTLE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA GIVEN BOOST BY CLUB

Coming from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri, a letter has been received by the proprietors of the Arcade theatre expressing delight that La Grande is to hear the Kansas City Symphony Orchestra Monday evening in the Arcade theatre.

The letter follows in part: "The Kansas City Rotary Club is happy to learn that the Little Symphony Orchestra, N. De Rubertis, conductor, will be a guest in your city shortly. After you hear them you will know why the Rotary Club endorses the organization unqualifiedly. It has been a great factor for good in our city and community, and we are pleased to share them with our friends and neighbors."

The letter states that the Little Symphony is going over big and "one thing sure, De Rubertis and his men will please everybody."

Engaged to Sarazen



Photo shows Miss Mary Peck (above), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace D. Peck, now spending the winter at Miami, Fla., whose engagement to Gene Sarazen, golf star, has been announced. It is reported. The recent report of Sarazen's engagement to Miss Pauline Garon, film star, proved false, it is said.

GIRLS WALLOP IMBLER TEAMS

First La Grande Team Wins 69 to 12; Second Stringers Win 84 to 8 Over Imbler Girls.

The La Grande high school girls first and second basketball teams invaded Imbler last evening and returned to La Grande with two victories stored away in their pocket bag. The first team won 69 to 12 and the second team were victors by a 84 to 8 score. A total of 123 points for La Grande to 20 for Imbler.

In the first team game the Blue and White girls took an early lead.

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WOODS TO DIE NEXT FRIDAY

Convicted Man in Utah Prison to Face a Firing Squad on January 18.

SALT LAKE, (AP)—Omer E. Woods, convicted of wife murder, must face a firing squad in the Utah state prison on January 18.

AGRICULTURE TO RECOVER

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)—Agriculture through the country is on the road to recovery and will be in an era of sound prosperity in a few years it was declared by Secretary of Agriculture Henry C. Wallace, who spoke Friday before the Minnesota State Agricultural society. "Farmers in all parts of the country, including the Northwest, are in better condition than last year and the improvement should continue steadily," Mr. Wallace said. "Agricultural depression has hit the bottom and is on the upturn. Of course there will be a considerable number of farmers yet who will be wiped out of business, but in general the industry is on the road to safety."

STATE LAND IS ORDERED OPEN TODAY

Interior Department Issues Order Opening Oregon-Idaho Strip

WEST BOUNDARY AT THE DALLES

Strip Stretches from The Dalles East to Point Opposite Fort Boise, in Idaho.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—A strip of land extending across Oregon from The Dalles to a point on Snake River, opposite Fort Boise, in Idaho, has been ordered thrown open today by the Department of the Interior.

The land was originally a part of the public domain granted for the constructing of a wagon road by The Dalles military road company and the Oregon land company in 1867.

It is now proposed to open remaining tracts under the homestead and desert laws that have not already been patented.

Give Vets Preference. Ex-service men will be given preference for 90 days, until May 2, 1924, in filing upon the old land grant thrown open for entry. The general public can take tracts un-

taken by ex-soldiers, on May 3.

Kansas City Bank Robbed.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Several negroes held up a teller of the Main street bank at the door of the bank shortly before noon Friday. The amount was \$44,500.

INDIANS CALL FOR POW-WOW

Oregon Tribes to Meet in Roseburg Soon to Present Claims for Vast Sum of Money.

ROSEBURG, (AP)—A call for a meeting here January 24 of representatives of Western Oregon Indian tribes, in the treaty of 1855 under which the Indians are claiming \$12,500,000 for lands west of the Cascade between the Columbia and Rogue Rivers has been issued.

Tribes concerned are the Tillamooks, the Stuwaks, the Umpquias, the Quillies, the Toootoneyas, the Chittos, the Rogues, the Gualias, the Tyees and the Calapoosas. The meeting is expected to bring together Indians from all parts of the state to meet with representatives of the Federated Women's Clubs of Oregon, California and Washington, who became interested in efforts of the Indians to recover the amount they claim in 1911.

Late News Flashes

FACES MURDER CHARGE. ABERDEEN, Wash. (AP)—Prosecuting Attorney Graham filed a charge of second degree murder against Special Officer Hollingsworth as the result of the death of Mike Dzmarrin, fatally shot in a raid on a pool hall here.

CASE TO JURY TODAY. CHEHALIS, Wash. (AP)—The defense in the trial of Senator Sinclair, rested today. The jury was instructed by Judge Reynolds. The defense used barely over one day presenting their testimony while the state used five. Before Judge Reynolds began his instructions to the jury the prosecution called three witnesses in rebuttal. John A. Vanderpool, state bank examiner, declared June 30, when Senator Sinclair was accused of making the false statement of his bank record, he "would not have taken an audit of the books to have found the discrepancy."

FILIPINOS KILLED. MANILA (AP)—Eighty members of the Colorem, a religious society, were killed at Bucas Island last week in a clash with constabulary soldiers, official advices disclosed today. Nineteen soldiers were killed, 13 in a clash with the Colorem and 6 in another encounter,