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CALIFORNIAN IS VICTIM OF ICY HIGHWAY

W. E. Kennick of Modesto Instantly Killed in Accident Near Here.

SEDAN SLIPS OFF ROAD NEAR GLOVER

Skull of Driver Fractured by the Crash—Body Is Brought to La Grande This Morning.

The Old Oregon Trail highway in the Blue mountains took another life this morning, the accident being due to the icy, slippery condition of the road, according to reports.

A car driven by W. E. Kennick, of Modesto, Cal., which was apparently going west, skidded from the highway at the bridge the other side of the overhead crossing at Glover, going over a seven-foot grade and landing on its side. The driver was instantly killed, officers report. His skull was fractured by the crash.

Others Taken to Pendleton

Reports here are that two other passengers in the ill-fated car were picked up by passing motorists and taken to Pendleton.

Later this morning it was learned that two other passengers of the car were injured as follows: W. H. Webb, 56, of Los Angeles, broken collar bone, three broken ribs and minor injuries; Melvin Kennick, 15, son of Mr. Kennick, injured hand.

A motorist, coming east en route to Burns, passed the car shortly before 7 o'clock this morning, and on his arrival, notified Police Chief Clint Haynes, Sheriff Jesse Breshears, accompanied by Lot Snodgrass, drove to the scene of the accident, extricated Mr. Kennick's body from the car, and brought it to the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary here, returning about 10 o'clock.

Another Car Ditched

The motorist who reported the accident, whose name was not learned, said that another car went into the ditch on the slippery highway, but without injury to anyone, some distance from the Kennick accident. He said that he had difficulty in handling his car.

Little is known of the dead man, other than his name and residence. He was driving a sedan, and the top of his machine was badly damaged. The car was on its side, the front pointing toward La Grande.

OREGON WOMAN DIES

ALBANY, Ore., Nov. 25 (AP) — Mrs. E. W. Collins of Springfield died yesterday from injuries suffered when the automobile in which she was riding slipped over a bank and overturned. The car was operated by Mrs. Clara Sawyer, daughter-in-law of Mrs. Collins.

It was believed Mrs. Sawyer lost control of the car after attempting to pass another machine. Traffic was heavy. Neither Mrs. Sawyer nor Mrs. E. W. Collins, Jr., the other occupant, was injured.

EIGHT HURT NEAR PENDLETON

PENDLETON, Ore., Nov. 25 (AP)—Eight persons were hurt, one seriously, in two automobile wrecks near here Saturday night.

Alonzo Edmundson of Heppner was in a critical condition suffering from two broken jaws, a severe cut on one cheek and an injured hand. His automobile, driven by Eva Osborne of Lexington, slid off the road. Miss Osborne suffered the loss of three fingers on her left hand, and other cuts. Wilbur Flowers of Heppner received a badly twisted ankle and Irene Yocum, Heppner, cuts, shock and bruises.

Four others were injured in another crash for which excessive

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CHAMBER WILL BE GUESTS OF IMBLER PEOPLE

Henry Hess will give the main talk on behalf of the Union county chamber of commerce at the good-will luncheon at the Imbler gymnasium tomorrow at noon, it was announced today. The response will be made by a resident of Imbler.

The Chamber of commerce members are to leave here at 11:45 and luncheon at Imbler will begin at 12 o'clock, and end an hour later, so that the members may return to La Grande by 1:15.

A large crowd is expected at this luncheon, which is an annual one, and reports from Imbler are that an especially tasteful luncheon is being prepared.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—14 above.
Minimum: 20 above.
Condition: cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 48, minimum 18 above.
Condition: partly cloudy.

WEATHER NOV. 25, 1928
Maximum 53, minimum 29 above.
Condition: partly cloudy.

Rotary Play To Benefit Scouts Of This District

Full House at Presentation Tomorrow Would Provide Over $500 for Boys' Work Here.

Presentation of the Rotary play, the three-act comedy "Duley," tomorrow night in the La Grande High school auditorium, will mark the first major project—since the budget drive—to raise money for the Boy Scouts of La Grande. The entire proceeds of the Rotary club play will go to the scouts, and it is being put on at a minimum expense.

The director, H. E. Coolidge, receives nothing for his work, and no complimentary tickets are being passed out to anyone. The only expense will be the small royalty on the use of "Duley," rental of the high school auditorium, a small drayage charge and the expense of printing tickets. If a full-house audience attended, a total of over $500 would be realized for the boy scout work here.

Tickets are being sold by Rotarians and are also available at the chamber of commerce offices. Reservations may be made at Glass Drugs.

"Duley" is a strictly modern play, bringing out the interest women in their husbands' business—too often with bad results. Lorna Coolidge Miller played the part of Duley with Dr. Ray Murphy as her husband, Gordon Smith. Others in the cast are Elwood Gwilliams, Hugh Brady, Edna McCall Seitz, Ruth Bramwell, Merlin Batley, Oscar Warnock, Warren Gilbert, Robert Westenhaver and Harvey Matthews.

RAIN DRENCHES CITY AT NIGHT

Four-tenths of Inch Fall Here — Welcomed in Spite of Tardiness.

Coming a little late, but nevertheless welcome, a heavy rain fell in La Grande during last night, and reports today, it was general over the Inland Empire. In La Grande the precipitation was measured at four-tenths of an inch the heaviest rain experienced here this fall and the first for a considerable length of time.

The rainfall occurred during weather between 15 and 20 above, but little freezing occurred here in spite of the cold temperature. However, the mercury moved upward quickly and at 7:30 o'clock this morning was 44 above, only four degrees below yesterday's maximum. The skies was overcast this morning and more rain was expected.

West Oregon Has Drizzle

Western Oregon had a light drizzle and Walla Walla reported a light rain yesterday. In the high lands snow fell and highways in the mountains near here were extremely slippery, with several cars going off grades and others having considerable difficulty in keeping on the road.

Although the season is too far advanced for the rain to benefit farming conditions to any great extent, the percipitation is expected to relieve water shortage in some sections.

PENDLETON, Ore., Nov. 25 (AP)—A general rain in this vicinity last night brought to an end the cold spell that started last week. Pendleton received .12 of an inch and it was heavier in other sections. The rain was expected to be of great benefit to fall seeded wheat over the entire area.

Confiscate Still, Arrest Two Men

The sheriff and his deputies raided a place at Elgin last night, confiscating a small liquor still, which they declare was in operation. In connection with the raid Amador Sherwood and Clarence Coffey were arrested and are to appear before Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles possibly this afternoon.

U. P. To Build 400 Refrigerator Cars

PORTLAND, Nov. 25 (AP)—The Union Pacific railroad announced today that four hundred freight refrigerator cars will be built by the Pacific Car & Foundry company here. More than 400 Portland workers will be employed in January constructing these cars, to be built for the Pacific Fruit Express company. Buyers of the company are now purchasing 3,500,000 feet of timber.

Men Fight to Death For Love Of Woman

PITTSBURG, Cal., Nov. 25 (AP)—Blazing away at each other point blank in a gun duel over the love of a woman, two men who once were good friends killed each other here today while the woman looked on, a horrified witness.

The dead men are Encmecio Galvez, 25, and Andres Lopez, 24, both employes of the Columbia Steel Mills here. The woman for whose love they battled is Cristina Galvez, 20.

VALUATION OF COUNTY LESS BY $214,659

Total Assessed Property Valuation This Year Is $24,260,635.

STATE FIGURE IS AT $1,124,988,691.82

Announcement Is Made by Tax Commission—Oregon Total Shows Large Gain.

UNION COUNTY FIGURES

According to figures issued from Salem today, Union county's total assessed valuation this year is $214,659.12 less than last year. The total last year was $24,475,295 and the total this year, using figures given in the Salem story below, is $24,260,635.88.

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 25 (AP)—Oregon's total assessed property valuation for 1929, on which will be based the tax levy for 1930, is $1,124,988,691.82. This was announced today by the state tax commission.

The total figure is a combination of $944,789,311.47 in local assessments reported by the county assessors and $180,199,380.35 assessed valuation of public utility properties as fixed by the state tax commission.

The total is $2,656,511.39 more than the 1928 total of $1,122,322,180.43, local assessments this year are $1,843,704.53 less than the 1928 figure of $946,633,016, and the utility assessments are $4,500,215.92 in excess of the 1928 total of $175,689,164.43.

The commission accounts for the increase in public utility assessed valuations by new development and expansion of utility companies.

Changes Spotty

Changes in local assessment figures are spotty. Multnomah county's assessment this year is $331,380,310, against $326,330,083 last year, a gain of $5,050,227. The total of the other 35 counties is less than last year by $6,893,954.55 in round numbers.

Twenty-two of the 36 counties show decreases in local assessments. They are Baker, Clackamas, Columbia, Coos, Deschutes, Douglas, Gilliam, Harney, Hood River, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Morrow, Polk, Sherman, Tillamook, Union, Wallowa and Yamhill.

Among the local county assessments are the following, showing

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Large Crowd At Turkey Shot At Lone Tree Traps

Many turkeys were given away yesterday when the La Grande Gun club held its annual shoot the largest of the season, which featured not only trap shooting but horse shoe pitching. The weather was reported to be ideal and a large crowd attended.

Among the prize winners, of which a complete list was not available, were: C. L. Forrester, J. B. Smith, L. Hannefield, George Cooper, Harry Bayliss, W. K. Gilbert, Ira Kennedy, Will Robbin, J. R. Garity and Oscar Warnock. Among winners in the horse shoe division were Clint Haynes, J. B. Smith and Jesse Breshears.

Mrs. Cleveland Dies Early Today

Mary Ellen Cleveland, 28, passed away at 10:30 o'clock this morning at the Grande Ronde hospital after a lingering illness. Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Snodgrass & Zimmerman mortuary with burial in the L. D. S. section of the Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. Cleveland, who was born in Utah, April 19, 1901, leaves her husband, Grover; her mother, Mrs. Rendel; one daughter, Normal Smith; three sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Jennie Brock of Creswell, Ore., Esther and Thelma of La Grande, Van Yates of La Grande and Roe Yates of Pendleton.

FOREST FIRE SURROUNDING TOWNS TODAY

Mountain Trail Only Avenue of Escape Left for Oregonians.

BLAZES BAFFLE FOREST SERVICE

Grave Fears Held Last Night for Families Turn to General Alarm at the Fire Spread.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Nov. 25 (AP)—A remote mountain trail through forests threatened by fire today was the sole avenue of escape for ranchers and residents of many small towns between Gold Hill and Palmer Butte, Ore., where a forest fire of incendiary origin baffled hundreds of fighters and seared its way toward the coast line.

Grave fears United States forestry service officials were held last night for families in the narrow valley leading into Gold Hill, turned to general alarm as meager news of the spread of the fires reached them.

Hundreds Fighting Blaze

While hundreds of men were fighting the Gold Hill and Jack Creek fires and scores of others were pushing through shortcuts in the wilderness to augment forces, rangers, under the direction of James H. Billingslea, supervisor of the Siskiyou national forest, were beating the brush for unidentified persons believed guilty of starting the blaze.

The last line of communication between Grants Pass and Brookings, a small village of two hundred persons and a half dozen buildings, crumpled under the advancing Rogue River valley fire last night and forestry officials dispatched runners to return with information.

Changes Course

Fanned by a brisk wind which shifted during the night, the California-Oregon boundary line blaze which gave fighters stubborn resistance since Wednesday, was reported to have changed its course and swept on toward Crescent City, Cal. Although the Virgin Redwood forests of that district probably were saved by the shifting wind, the flames are reported to be threatening several homes.

In the holdings of the California and Oregon Lumber company, the blaze in the big redwoods continued out of the control with forest officials calling for more help. In the young redwood forest on the Winchuck river near the state line in the Siskiyou reserve, the fires are still burning fiercely.

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Discuss Plan To Improve School Athletic Field

The Presidents club, in a luncheon meeting at the La Grande hotel today, discussed a proposal for the upbuilding of the L. H. S. athletic field and playgrounds in a permanent way, particularly leveling and improving the football field, which at present has a pavement-like surface. The next step woul be improvement of the track.

No definite action was taken other than to authorize W. M. Peare and Dr. J. L. Ingle to secure estimates of costs, etc., for later consideration. If the club should approve such a program, it would be taken up with various civic organizations and the school board.

Te legion and its auxiliary, the Hi-Dads, Rotary, Lions, and chamber of commerce were represented at the meeting.

Receipts Of Hogs Largest in History

CHICAGO, Nov. 25 (AP) — Packing house receipts of hogs today by direct shipments were the largest in the history of the Union stock yards. Forty thousand hogs of all descriptions were unloaded in the packers' pens without going through the general market. Total receipts of hogs were the largest for the year with 70,000 crowding the pens and alleys.

As a result of the huge run today, the market declined from 10 to 20c with little buying.

Methodist Pastors Exchange Pulpits; Many Interesting Services Sunday

A number of very interesting church programs were held in La Grande yesterday, with the various houses of worship reporting large congregations.

The best service will be held Wednesday evening, when the La Grande Ministerial association will sponsor a union Thanksgiving service.

Methodist churches traded pastors yesterday. The Rev. V. E. Hall, of La Grande, spoke at Island City; the Rev. H. I. Hansen, of Island City, preached at Cove; the Rev. R. C. Lee, of Union, occupied the La Grande pulpit, and the Rev. Mr. Weaver, of Baker, spoke at Union.

Using for his text Phillipians 4:13, "I can do all Things Through Christ Which Strengthenth Me," the Rev. J. George Walz, at the morning service in the Presbyterian church, said, as he told the story of Aching Back's son, that "tell me the rest" are the words of a hungry soul that has heard a part of the story of Jesus and His love. That particular spiritual food has been laid into the hands of the church to feed the multitudes. First the church reacts.

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OREGON STATE AGAIN UPSETS EASTERN ELEVEN

The Orangemen of the Corvallis college are proving much more successful in intersectional games with eastern championship elevens than in their own conference. Last year, after losing to Oregon, the enraged Staters humbled mighty New York U. back in Gotham. This year, again humbled by Oregon, the Staters stepped on Detroit university 14 to 7 in Detroit Saturday, the first defeat the Titans have suffered in nearly three years. Union county had its share in the general glory, with four, and possibly five, local boys playing on the team. Sherwood, of La Grande, (right) flashy halfback, scored the first touchdown against Detroit on a pass, and he was ably assisted in the backfield by Carl Gilmore, fullback from Union (upper center). Howard Kerr, halfback; Jack Cox, guard; and Earl Larson, guard, are other local boys on the Oregon State team, Kerr and Cox both seeing action Saturday. Whether "Tige" got into the game or not is unknown. In the above picture, in addition to Gilmore (who captained the team Saturday) and Sherwood, are: left, Honolulu Hughes, halfback; center, Coach Paul J. Schissler, and lower center, Chuck Stout.

NATIONS MOURN M. CLEMENCEAU

'Cannon of the Armistice' Lowered in Last Resting Place Today.

PARIS, Nov. 25 (AP)—"The cannon of the armistice" at noon today began the 101 gun salute which was notification to the populace that the body of George Clemenceau, father of victory, had been lowered to its last resting place in the hills of his native Vandee, near Mouchamps.

The roar of the guns, located on the parade grounds of Des Invalides, reverberated through the city, and good Frenchmen stopped and raised their hats in their own salute to the statesman who died yesterday morning.

Paris could not hear but every French battery throughout the republic and its possessions and every French warship on the high seas joined in the same salute of 101 guns.

Body Leaves Capital

The body of Clemenceau, left the capital at 2 a. m., today enroute to its last resting place in the quiet of a wood in the province of Vendee.

There was no muffled drum beat, no oratory, no acclamation to speed the body on its last journey. Instead the former premier's last behest was carried out to the letter with all the simplicity and calm he desired.

A hearse drove up before the light in front of the departed statesman's door, the only light kept thereabout in the dimly illuminated street. Four men dressed

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No Reports From Searching Parties

SEATTLE, Nov. 25 (AP)—Four dog team parties searching the Siberian coast near North Cape for the veteran Arctic flyers, Carl Ben Eielson, and his mechanic, Earl Borland, missing since early in November when they set out to rescue the crew of the icebound ship Nanuk, had not reported early today.

Pilot Frank Dorlandt, who had made one flight with Eielson taking six persons and furs off the trading ship, was reported from Nome yesterday as having repaired his plane and ready to make a search by air for his fellow airman.

Havana Girl In Dance of Death

HAVANA, Nov. 25 (AP)—Jilted by her sweetheart, 15-year-old Margarita Garcia committed suicide today by saturating her clothing with alcohol and setting it afire.

Dancing a gruesome dance of death and calling the name of the boy, Margarita was mortally burned before members of her family could extinguish the flames.

Five Accused Of Torturing And Burning Youth

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Ark., Nov. 25 (AP)—Accused of torturing and burning alive a youth and attacking his 16-year-old fiancee as they were on their way to be married, five men were held in widely scattered jails today for crimes which authorities said were committed eight months ago.

Charges arising from the killing of Connie Franklin, 20, a farm hand, in the St. James community, 14 miles east of here, last March 10, came to light yesterday with the arrest of the men, who previously had been indicted.

Those taken into custody were: Herman Graenweg, 28, Alex Fulks, 26; Dill C. Younger, 24; Hubert Hester, 23, and Joe White, 20. Greenway, who is married, and Hester are charged with attacking the girl.

The girl told authorities she and Franklin were on their way to a justice of the peace to be married when they were seized by five men, who beat and tortured Franklin until he fainted from the pain. The men, evidently thinking the youth dead, built a fire of logs and placed the body on it. Failing to destroy the body entirely, they picked up the remains in a sack and started toward the nearby White river.

METAL PLANE CRASHES; NAVY FLIER KILLED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 (AP)—Lieutenant George T. Cuddihy, one of the navy's most experienced pilots, was killed today when the British Bristol Bulldog airplane he was testing crashed in a dive from a 10,000 foot altitude and buried itself so far in the earth that only the feet of its pilot were visible above the plowed ground.

More than half an hour after the accident the naval personnel at the Anacostia air station here were digging in an effort to extricate the body.

Cuddihy had taken the plane aloft to test it. The ship had been delivered to the navy only last week. It was constructed to make 189 miles per hour with full military load.

In 1924 Cuddihy established a world record for seaplane speed at 188 miles per hour and the following year piloted a navy plane in the Schneider cup race.

GAS BLAST HURTS EIGHT

ESSEN, Germany, Nov. 25 (AP) — Eight persons were injured seriously and four others hurt slightly in a terrific explosion this morning in the public market hall on Weberplats. The blast was attributed to gas leakage. It was feared there might be other victims in the debris.

The market hall collapsed in the explosion, burying shoppers. There was considerable material damage.

SENATOR WARREN DIES IN CAPITAL

Veteran of Rugged, Pioneering Days of West Passes On.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 (AP)—Death has taken Senator Francis E. Warren of Wyoming, a veteran of the rugged, pioneering days of the west, who came to Washington to serve longer in the United States senate than any man in history.

With his wife, his son Fred, and his son-in-law, General John J. Pershing, at his bedside, the elderly legislator died yesterday morning from an attack of pneumonia and bronchitis. He was 85 years of age.

The senate will honor the man who was one of its members continuously for 35 years with a state funeral tomorrow in the senate chamber and afterward delegations from both houses of congress will escort the body to Wyoming where it will be interred.

Three Weeks Illness

Death came after an illness of three weeks. Several times, the aged senator rallied and seemed on his way to recovery, but a turn for the worse on Saturday night so weakened his condition that he sank rapidly thereafter.

In spite of his years, Senator Warren had the reputation of being one of the senate's hardest workers, and the robustness of his constitution was a source of amazement to his friends. Many

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Cardinal Orders Cemetery Closed

MALDEN, Mass., Nov. 25 (AP) —Ending one of the great religious demonstrations in the history of the country, Holy Cross cemetery was closed today to all except funerals by order of Cardinal O'Connell, Roman Catholic archbishop of Boston.

The third throng of 100,000 during the last three weeks journeyed yesterday to the grave of the Rev. Patrick J. Power seeking miraculous cures. A week ago 200,000 visited the grave. The cardinal closed the cemetery in order to have reports of cures investigated.

Would-Be Intruder Escapes Store Man

One would-be intruder had a narrow escape from capture Saturday night but his speed and dodging ability saved him. According to the police, a young man wearing a blue coat, a cap, and appearing to be about 21 years of age, broke the glass in the rear of the La Grande Book store Saturday night. Mr. Myrick, who happened to be in the store at the time, immediately gave chase, following him until he managed to elude his pursuer in the vicinity of the post office.

FARM HEADS GATHER FOR CONFERENCE

Attending Final Business Progress Meeting With President Today

OTHER LEADERS PLEDGE SUPPORT

New Programs of Expansion Announced Daily—17 States Sent Hoover Messages.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 (AP)—Before meeting with the president today in the last of the white house conferences on business progress, heads of the major farm organizations of the country were in conference during the forenoon with Secretary Hyde at the department of agriculture.

The secretary was able to outline many of the details of the situation to the farm leaders with particular attention to export possibilities as a means of disposing of the surplus crops and thus increasing the funds available to the farmers in preparing for the next season. Among those who came here in response to the president's invitation were Louis J. Taber, of the national grange; C. E. Huff, of the Farmers Union, and Samuel H. Thompson of the Farm Bureau Federation.

In replying to the chief executive's request for cooperation to promote business progress and prevent unemployment an enormous program of public works was outlined to President Hoover today by the governors of a number of states in telegrams received at the white house.

17 States Send Messages

Upon reaching his office in the early forenoon, Mr. Hoover found waiting for him messages from the governors of 17 states which had been received over the weekend. A number of others came in during the day.

Most of them gave specific figures as to the costs of various kinds of public works which have been contracted for or which are to be undertaken by the states, municipalities and counties during the next six months. All promised hearty cooperation in the move to speed up and expend the programs as far as may be done with prudence.

Among the governors who have replied are Roosevelt, New York; Kohler, Wisconsin; Carlton, Florida; Sampson, Kentucky; Horton, Tennessee; Tobey, New Hampshire; Christianson, Minnesota; Ritchie, Maryland; Fisher, Pennsylvania; Johnson, Oklahoma; Dillon, New Mexico; Martley, Washington; Cooper, Ohio; Adams, Colorado; Phillips, Arizona; Hardman, Georgia, and Allen, Massachusetts.

BUDGET $50,000,000

CHICAGO, Nov. 25 (AP)—President Hoover's business program found support today in the announcement that the 1930 improvement budget of the Rock Island lines will total about $50,000,000, the largest in the history of the company.

This amount, J. E. Gorman, president of the road, announced, will exceed by slightly more than $10,000,000 the improvement budget for 1929 and will be expended for new equipment, new lines, general improvements and miscellaneous construction.

SEEK FEDERAL AID INCREASE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 (AP)—Chairman Dowell, of the house roads committee announced today he would seek an increase from $75,000,000 to $125,000,000 in the annual authorization for federal highway aid for the fiscal years 1931 and 1932 in response to a general movement over the country for expansion of road building programs.

Conferences with officials of the bureau of roads, members of state highway commissions and Associations sponsoring highways, had shown him, Dowell said, that the country as a whole desires to ex-

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KHAILAR CITY IN MANCHURIA IS IN FLAMES

HARBIN, Manchuria, Nov. 25 (AP)—The city of Khailar, in Northwestern Manchuria, was described as being in flames in messages received here today.

All Chinese officials and soldiers have evacuated the city which fell late yesterday before a force of soviet cavalry and tanks.

The Chinese Eastern Railway today continued to operate trains evacuating Chinese and Russians from the district but all of the refugees cannot be accommodated and many of them are camping by the side of the track.

The situation at both the Eastern and Western ends of the Chinese Eastern railway was described as precarious, the Russian troops apparently seeking control not only of the Dalainor mines but also the mines on the eastern front as well.

The Japanese consul here has advised Japanese subjects both on the east and west branches of the railway to come to Harbin as quickly as possible.