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The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; he shall preserve thy soul.—Psalm 121: 7.

EYES ON JAPAN

When American recognition of Soviet Russia first was announced, the country blinked a couple of times, looked somewhat nervously at the beaming figure of Mr. Litvinoff, meditated with comfort on those big industrial orders Russia might be placing and allowed that it probably would be all right. Since then, it gradually has become apparent that a profoundly important maneuver in world politics has been taking place.

To send an ambassador to Moscow because your relations with Tokio are somewhat delicate may look like a round-about way of doing business. But it is perfectly obvious that the Japanese situation was a sizeable factor in our recognition of Russia, and bit by bit we are beginning to get a glimpse of the real background of the move. One angle of it is touched on by an editorial in the current issue of Woman's World; and whether or not this magazine has the facts absolutely straight, it at least gives a sample of the kind of thing that was taken into account in Washington when recognition first was discussed.

During and after the war, says the editorial, Japan and France reached a secret understanding. Clemenceau feared that the end of the war would find the United States overwhelmingly more powerful than any other nation on earth, and he believed Japan could be useful as a check. So, says the editorial, an agreement whereby Japan would be permitted unlimited expansion in Asia, Japan would be allowed to seize Manchuria and control China; it also would be allowed to control the Pacific all the way to the California coast. It was for this reason, continues the editorial, that Clemenceau insisted on giving Japan mandates over so many islands in the Pacific at the Versailles conference.

Now all this is somewhat shocking, to one brought up on the theory that America and France always have been good friends. Just how far the facts are straight may be open to question. The story may be entirely true, partly true, or entirely false. The point that it does illustrate is that Japan has been emerging in the Far East as a potential enemy of both America and Russia, and that certain European powers have been very happy to see that happen. By resuming relations with Russia, this country has taken an effective step to meet the situation. Recognition was a move for national security. By sending an ambassador to Russia, the administration sought to lessen a growing tension on the other side of the world.

BOY KILLED IN ACCIDENT

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 5 (AP)—William Winchester, 14, died last night from injuries suffered when his bicycle struck the side of an automobile said by police to have been operated by G. A. Schaefer, of Vancouver.

TWO KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

THE DALLES, Ore., Feb. 5 (AP)—E. Solberg, conductor, and F. G. Allen, brakeman, were killed and two other of the train crew were injured in a locomotive accident on the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad today 11 miles south of Maupin.

E. P. Bauer, engineer, and J. C. Bond, fireman, were badly scaled and were treated at Maupin before being brought to a hospital here.

RELEASE "FROZEN" ASSETS

SPOKANE, Feb. 5 (AP)—About \$11,000,000 worth of "frozen" wheat in the inland Empire has been released by the AAA through the sales of the North Pacific Emergency Export association and acreage retirement, President Orris Dorman announced.

HONEYMOON ENDS IN TRAGEDY

ALBANY, Ore., Feb. 5 (AP)—What was to have been a delayed honeymoon trip for Mr. and Mrs. James F. Clark, of Los Angeles, married two months ago, ended in death Sunday. Clark, 28, succumbed to injuries received in an auto wreck near here Saturday night.

The Clark's machine, driven by Mrs. Clark, crashed into a telephone pole on the Pacific highway, directly in front of Corner E. C. Fisher's home.

WRECK FATAL TO TWO

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 5 (AP)—Ira Dean Martin, 22, of Portland, and Harold Sholand, 27, of Vancouver, were killed early Sunday when a sedan driven by Sholand ploughed down a ditch on the Evergreen highway east of here for 180 feet and struck a telephone pole. Patrolman Harry Williams, who investigated, said he believed Sholand had fallen asleep while driving.

TODAY IN BRIEF, IN AND AROUND OREGON

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N. W. FREES AT CHEVROLET CO. CONFERENCE

Norman W. Frees, of the Larson-Frees Chevrolet Co., has returned from a Chevrolet meeting held in Portland and conducted by William Holler, sales manager and vice president of the Chevrolet Motor Co. The meeting, called to explain the new price on delivery plan inaugurated by Chevrolet this year, was attended by practically all dealers from Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

SENATE VOTE AUTHORIZES POLICE MOVE

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Brown, postmaster general in the Hoover administration, violated the law by participating in a 1930 conference here to "divide up" air mail routes, while he was a stockholder in the Pennsylvania railroad.

PROHI CASES NULLIFIED IS COURT RULING

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prohibition repeal.

Solicitor General James C. McGuire said the action of the court would require the dismissal of 13,400 cases.

He had no definite information, he said, of the approximate number of liquor cases in which defendants had been convicted but have appeals pending and who can not now be held.

Miss Steiner To Wed Salt Lake Man

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (AP)—Senator and Mrs. Frederick Steiner, of Oregon, at a reception and tea yesterday afternoon announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Steiner, to Ralph McElvaine, Salt Lake City, an attorney in the treasury department.

The wedding is expected to take place in June.

BOOKS FLOW TO ISLAND SCHOOL

SANDUSKY, O.—An airplane delivery of library books has filled a long-felt want at the high school on Kelleys Island, near here, in Lake Erie. The books, supplied by the Ohio state traveling library, were flown to the island from Sandusky.

The Weather

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Unsettled tonight and Tuesday; occasional light rains in west portion; mild temperature; fresh southeast wind offshore.

LOCAL WEATHER
Sunday: Maximum 46, minimum 33 above. Cloudy. Rain 0.1 in.
Today: Minimum 34, 7 a. m.—36 above. Cloudy.

DONN POARCH ON JOURNEY

Donn Poarch has gone on a three-week tour with a Portland orchestra, which will include Portland, Seattle, Spokane and other cities. He also will make a trip to California by plane with the musicians.

BLOND GODDESS

A New Serial by Herbert Jensen

Chapter 17
ON THE BOAT

SOMEWHERE later a little mestizo girl skipped around the corner and stopped short at the sight of the huddle that had been the dog.

"Chiquito!" she cried. Her childish treble broke. Tears streamed from her eyes as she fell beside the little boy. Dust, dog and all she gathered into her arms and knelt there weeping and weeping.

Grahame, striding around the corner toward the wharves, caught sight of the small tragedy before him. He threw away his cigaret and lifted the child to her feet. She still clung to the dog.

"What is it?" he exclaimed in Spanish, brushing the dust from the little girl's dress.

There was a fresh flood of tears. "My little dog! My child. My angel. Dead!"

Grahame glanced swiftly at the bullet wounds and growled. "Who did it?"

"I don't know," sobs wrenched her breast.

"There, there," he said soothingly. "We will take your child home and bury him fittingly. Here . . . He pressed a peso into her hand. "This will buy a coffin and a prayer from the padre." He lifted the child, who still clutched her pet in her arms, to his own, and strode toward the house she pointed out.

"He was so young," quavered the girl.

The town was stirring from its daily sista, as a little later, Grahame continued his interrupted walk to the wharves. He identified the launch that was to take him down the coast, by his luggage piled upon the deck.

Two men were idly colling ropes, and a figure sat on the deck house surrounded with oily rags and cleaning a revolver.

"Senor Ortega?" asked Grahame.

"At your service," replied the man brushing the rags aside.

The American stared at the gun. "When do we leave?"

"Whenever you wish, immediately."

Grahame leaped down to the launch's deck. He looked again at the revolver. "Was it you that I heard shooting in the town a little while ago?"

Don Raoul hesitated. "No," he replied. "I have been a hero for hours."

The two men paused with their rope-coiling and glanced at Ortega. One of them grinned and turned his head. Don Raoul spoke to them sharply and one bent below while the other loosed the lines that held the craft to the wharf. From below came the sound of the engine coughing into activity.

An hour later the Progresso light-house was a haze, point astern, and the Yucatan coast a low line to the starboard as they pushed against the Gulf current.

Grahame and Ortega lounged in the cockpit, smoking and idly watching a school of porpoise roll through the waves ahead.

BEFORE they had gotten under way Frank, struck by the coincidence of names, had asked this Don Raoul Ortega if he were the one who had been in the United States a few weeks before in Hollywood.

Also he had an epaulet on his answer. Ortega is a common name in Mexico, so again in Raoul—which is the Latin for Ralph. Nor was he appointed.

The man had shrugged. "A relative, perhaps. Half the gentlemen in Mexico, I think, are related. Why do you ask?"

Frank had tilted his pipe and lighted it. "No friend of mine," he answered. "But I would like to ask him some questions . . . that he might find difficult to answer."

Ortega had given him a flickering glance. He smiled a cautiously reticent smile.

"What did you say your name was, senor?"

"I didn't say," answered Grahame abruptly.

He did not like Don Raoul. There was something sinister—evasive—about the big Mexican.

But it was fortunate that he was able to get this transportation around Cape Catoche, and down the coast of Quintana Roo.

The Progresso port officer had told him that morning that the light-house tender would not be making that trip for weeks yet, but that Don

Committees On Hog Control To Meet This Week

All community committees working on hog control contracts will be in session this week with the exception of those who have completed the work, H. G. Avery, county agent, announced. Elgin expects to be complete tomorrow and will spend the next few days checking up on hogs raised below the minimum for eligibility. Island City expects to complete all contracts by Wednesday, while Imbler will complete the work on Saturday evening.

There is a possibility that some extension of time will be granted to hog raisers that have sold their hogs in Portland and are unable to get the sales statements.

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OLD TIMERS CLUB TO MEET

The Old Timers club, No. 17, will have a joint meeting with the ladies auxiliary at the Union Pacific club room tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. Important business will be transacted at the meeting and a large attendance is desired.

They are just before dusk, the inevitable beans and rice, with slabs of a delicious mackerel-like fish one of the crew had hauled aboard from a troll-line. Grahame spread his blanket in the bow of the launch and rolled himself within it. Ortega seated himself in the cockpit with the two that composed the crew and the American could hear their voices above the chug of the engine, talking between themselves. Drowsily he wondered why they had set out on no running lights but decided that life traffic in that part of the coast warranted no such precaution. He wondered about that point again the next day. They had been sailing within a quarter of a mile of the coast when Ortega pointed astern. The crew followed his gesture with their gaze, and Grahame noticed a smudge of smoke over the distant horizon. Immediately the helm was put over and the launch headed for the beach and a point where the surf diminished. There were no orders given, but one of the men went below and the exhaust of the engine immediately picked up. As they approached the shore Grahame noted that the beach swept back into the opening of a lagoon. Within a few minutes the launch passed through the narrow straits and onto the placid waters of a lagoon that stretched back paralleling the beach. Mangroves hid the launch from the sea. They stopped the engine and threw over the anchor. Grahame was curious. The three men seemed unperturbed and watched the smoke come closer until the steamer unquestionably became outlined as an old-time gunboat plowing along at no great speed two miles off shore. Grahame believed he could make out the flag it flew as Mexican. He asked Ortega about this. "A gunboat, surely," he replied. "Mexican?" "And we avoid it?" Ortega explained. One could not tell, he explained, what the military might do. They had so little to do that they might stop them and search the launch. It was often done. It was a bother and a great annoyance, so it was better to avoid the meeting. "But even if they searched you, what could they find?" Juan, the younger member of the crew laughed, and Ortega's face wrinkled with a sort of subdued mirth. "They would find occupation, perhaps." (Copyright, 1931, by Herbert Jensen) Grahame learns an important fact, Monday.

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