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HARD BLOW DEALT CHINESE REBELS

Imperial Gains Help Moral Effect.

NEGLECT HURTS REVOLUTION

Doubtful Provinces Now Slow to Join Movement.

YUAN SHI KI COMMANDS

Viceroy Accepts Humiliating Conditions to Secure Services—Consuls Report Peking Is in No Danger.

PEKIN, Oct. 18.—The Chinese government asserts that it has won a great victory at Hankow and announces that the troops held the station, where the troop trains are arriving rapidly. Although this appears to be an exaggeration, the feeling prevails here that the government has really achieved an important moral victory.

The belief has been held here that if the first encounter between the revolutionaries and the loyal troops proved decisive, the supremacy would be settled there and then. Only a few important towns outside of Hankow, Wuchang and Han Yang have taken part in the rising. Nanjing, Chang Sha, Canton and other cities of known revolutionary tendencies have not responded to the call of the insurgents, so far as can be learned. They are seemingly awaiting the result of the first encounter.

Rebel Leaders Neglected.
Had the rebels overwhelmingly won today's battle it was expected the provinces below the Yangtze-Kiang would be theirs. With other important cities in rebellion, the government would have been unable to concentrate its strength against the three in Hubei province. The rebel leaders have shown characteristic weakness in not following up their early victories.

Reform Officials Disgraced.
Yuan Shi Ki is expected to start from Peking within three days. Many officials, dissatisfied with the progress of reform, are rallying to the support of the government, as they now believe the chances for a return to the old dynasty are greater by aiding the dynasty.

Owing to the censorship, even the officials are unable to obtain reliable news, which they are eagerly seeking from correspondents and the Foreign Legations. British and Japanese reports fail to confirm the announcement that the situation at Nanjing is critical.

The Russian troops have been ordered to suppress immediately any excesses by revolutionaries or bandits near the railway stations in Manchuria without waiting for further instructions.

Rebels Lose Their Heads.
A consular report says that several revolutionaries have been decapitated at Mukden. Except the Japanese, there are few foreign consuls beyond Hankow and Vladivostok, hence reports of Russian activities depend entirely upon Russian sources.

From Hankow comes the report that detachments of Japanese and German Infantry are expected there soon. An edict has been issued forbidding the exportation of rice from Peking. A division of the old-style troops which arrived here yesterday is quartered in camps and temples around the various city gates and in the streets in which the high officials live.

Rear Admiral Murdock, commander of the United States Asiatic fleet, telegraphs the legation that the protected cruiser New Orleans has been ordered to Nanjing, the protected cruiser Albany to Shanghai and the collier Aberdeen to Tientsin, the port of Peking, bringing reinforcements to the legation guard.

The American Charge here is anxious that there shall be no alarm regarding Peking, as it is considered to be in not the slightest danger.

Actual Battle Indecisive.
The Imperial Chinese troops and the revolutionaries have come to grips at Hankow. The battle as yet is indecisive. The government at Peking claims a great victory and the government troops held the trenches at Hankow, as well as the station, where reinforcements are hourly arriving.

The rebels have fallen back on Wuchang, which, it is said, they have succeeded in fortifying strongly in the past few days. The casualties on both sides in the engagement are reported to be large, for the fighting at both ends at the bayonet point.

In the battle between the land forces

SCHOOL BOYS BURN TEACHER IN EFFIGY

STUDENTS AT WALLA WALLA DANCE ABOUT FRYE.

Suspension of Football Players by Principal Heck Angers and Is Cause of Demonstration.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Oct. 18.—(Special.)—Displeased at the action of Principal Heck, who had indefinitely suspended Frank Booker and Frank Cox, of the football team, 30 or 40 members of the Walla Walla High School gathered near the school last night, then marched to the campus, where they took a sack of straw, labeled it "Mr. Heck" and set it on fire, dancing a war dance around it, after giving a few yells they dispersed.

The faculty as yet has taken no action to ferret out the ringleaders. There are 172 boys in the school, and most of them deplore the incident, saying they place the school in a bad light. While the students circulated petitions last week asking that the two young men be reinstated, it is said by Superintendent Jones and Principal Heck that these petitions have not been presented to them for action.

The suspension order on Booker and Cox went into effect when they appeared in the assembly-room of the school clad in full dress and caused a commotion. The faculty members say that there have been other offenses and that this was the "last straw." Cox was suspended last year, but was allowed to come back on promise that he would be good.

COUNTRY SCHOOLS TOPIC

Assistant Secretary Urges Attention to Fields and Rural Education.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., Oct. 18.—"Too little attention has been given to the broad problem of conserving the field," declared W. M. Hays, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, addressing the Dry Farming Congress today.

Secretary Hays traced the development of agricultural education in America. He said that the work of his department, the State Agricultural Schools and the normal schools was inadequate to meet the needs of the great rural population of the country and urged greater attention to the country schools.

The feature of the day at the Farmers' Institute was an address by Dr. V. T. Cooke, dry-farming expert for Brazil.

Dr. Ella S. Webb, of St. Paul, was the principal speaker before the Congress of Farm Women.

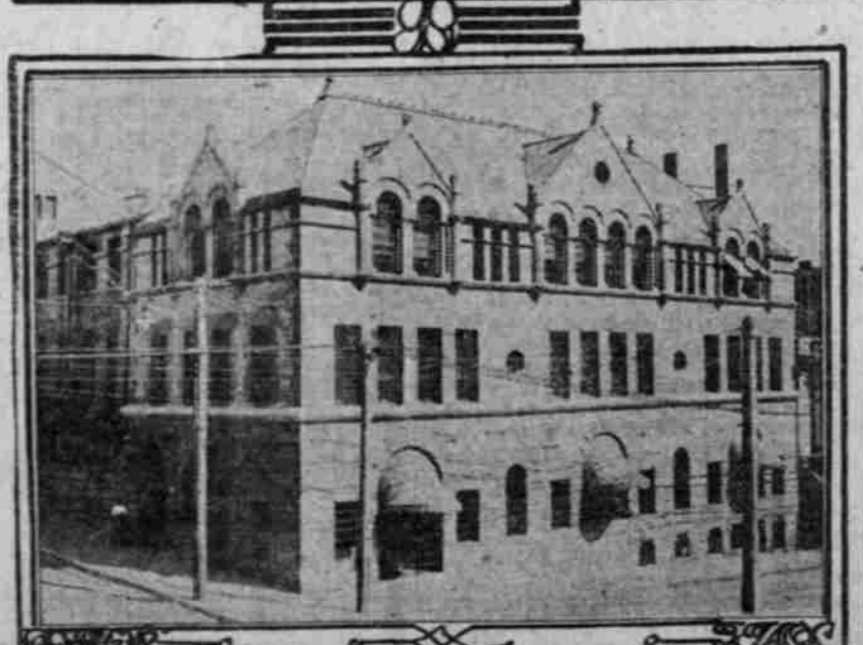
TAX EXEMPTION UPHELD

Public Service Corporations Sustained by San Francisco Court.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18.—The constitutionality of the amendment exempting public-service corporations in California from municipal taxation was upheld today in a decision handed down by Superior Judge Seawell.

The City of San Francisco sought to collect \$803 taxes from the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, which filed a demurrer based on the amendment. Judge Seawell sustained the demurrer.

PRISONERS CONFERRING WITH ATTORNEY AND JAIL WHERE ALLEGED DYNAMITERS ARE CONFINED.



ABOVE, LEFT TO RIGHT—J. J. McNAMARA, ATTORNEY JOSEPH COFFY AND JAMES B. McNAMARA. BELOW—LOS ANGELES COUNTY PRISON.

DYNAMITE BELIEF CALLED PREJUDICE

Issue Drawn in Choosing Times Jury.

DEFENSE ENTERS OBJECTION

Talesman's Mind Open Toward Defendant Personally.

ISSUE WILL CAUSE DELAY

Prosecution Cites Case in Which Barn Was Burned to Justify Retention—Judge Takes Time for Reflection.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 18.—Three laymen were examined and one was excused in the murder trial of James B. McNamara today. What is considered one of the big issues of the trial—whether a man who believes firmly that the Los Angeles Times building was destroyed by dynamite is thereby disqualified from serving on the jury—rested tonight in the hands of Judge Bordwell. Opposing counsel see no hope of securing a jury until this point is decided.

Clarence S. Darrow and other counsel for the defense, holding that the Times explosion was caused by gas and that McNamara could not have brought it about for this reason, argued today in court that a fixed belief in the dynamite theory prejudiced the rights of their client, and that the talesman who held it would not be a fair juror.

Barn Case Is Precedent.
District Attorney Frederick, for the State, compared the situation to the case of a burned barn, which is of record.

"A man believing that the barn was burned, yet having no opinion whether the defendant burned it, was allowed to serve as a juror," he said. "Similarly, a talesman may believe that the Times building was destroyed by dynamite and still have an open mind regarding the defendant in this case, as these men say they have."

"Is this your idea of a fair juror?" asked Attorney Darrow of Frederick, after Otto A. Jenson had testified that he believed the Times was dynamited by members or officers of trades unions, and that he "thought he had no prejudice against unions, but had no prejudice toward McNamara himself."

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BERRIES TICKLE WRITER'S PALATE

PORTLAND'S CHARM APPEAL TO EDWARD HUNGERFORD.

Fine Fruit and Blooming Roses in Overcoat Weather Appeal to Fancy of Eastern Author.

"When I arose this morning it was cold enough for an overcoat. I ate strawberries for breakfast, and saw roses growing in the gardens. Portland houses on Portland Heights, with their brass door knockers, reminded me of a New England city. Your view from the Heights is not surpassed by anything I saw anywhere on my Western trip."

This was his impression of Portland as told by Edgar Hungerford, writer for the Saturday Evening Post, Harper's Weekly and the Brooklyn Times, who was in the city yesterday. He departed late last night for Seattle, and will go thence to San Francisco, and then to Salt Lake City. From there he will return to New York City.

Hungerford is making a six weeks' tour of the West, gathering material for a series of articles on Western growth, but feels he is unable to do just to it in so short a time. He is also "feeling" out the attitude of the West politically. He said last night that the East is strong for the re-election of President Taft.

PORTLAND BANK GETS DEED

Clackamas Southern Raises Money for Rails and Rolling Stock.

OREGON CITY, Or., Oct. 18.—(Special.)—The Clackamas Southern Railway Company, which is constructing a railroad into the rich Molalla Valley, today filed a deed of trust to the Merchants' Savings & Trust Company, of Portland. This company is the trustee of a \$250,000 bond issue for the purchase of rails and rolling stock. Sufficient money for grading and building trestles has been raised through stock subscriptions. Much of the grading has been done, and work on the big trestle here has been started.

The bonds will be issued in denominations of \$100, \$500 and \$1000. It is believed that most of them will be bought by residents of this county. At a recent meeting more than \$20,000 of stock was sold in less than 20 minutes. The road is negotiating with a millionaire Portland man, who owns large forest lands on the railway, to haul 30 cars of timber daily for 20 years.

OREGON NAME WINS FAME

Fruit from Eugene No Longer Shipped as "California."

EUGENE, Or., Oct. 18.—(Special.)—Proving that Oregon's reputation as a fruit country has commercial value, the new label on the prune boxes shipped from the Eugene Fruitgrowers' Association reads: "Oregon prunes, packed by the California Fruitgrowers' Association." Only a few years ago every can, crate and box that went out of here was labeled "California Fruit," because the Eastern market demanded California products.

At that time the canning and packing plant was in local hands, and the word "California" was used because of its commercial value. Last Spring the California Fruitgrowers' Association entered the field, taking over the local fruitgrowers' associations' plants in the Willamette Valley. Presumably the label "Oregon Fruit" is used by the California company because of its commercial value.

APPLE TREE BRINGS \$600

Ever-Bearing Seedling Near Albany Is Acquired by Nursery.

ALBANY, Or., Oct. 18.—(Special.)—A Linn County apple tree was sold today for \$600. It is an "ever-bearing" tree, being a great natural curiosity and, so far as known, the only one of its kind in the world. It is a seedling which grew up in a fence corner on the farm of David E. Junkin, 18 miles southeast of Albany. It is now 15 years old, and for several years has borne ripe fruit from May to November of each year, having blossoms, green fruit and ripe fruit all on its branches at the same time during the summer. The apples are of good quality. The tree was bought by a nursery company, which is to have all its products for 10 years. The tree will be left in its present situation and the company will utilize it in securing buds and scions in an effort to propagate the "ever-bearing" variety.

VEILED SINGER PLEASURES

Soloist at Majestic Makes Decided Hit With Theater Patrons.

The Veiled Prima Donna made a decided hit at the Majestic upon her first appearance yesterday. Her introduction to the audience is as the curtain parts, showing a handsomely gowned and pretty woman, with the upper part of her face closely veiled in green chiffon, which is far from being a disfigurement and adds a curious attractiveness. This is, however, forgotten as soon as her rich soprano voice is heard, singing brilliantly, with a technique showing high culture. A charm of manner won her audiences at once.

This curiosity concerning her identity is heightened after listening to her, and the question is raised why she should appear veiled and traveling incognito.

WILSON IGNORES "DRYS" PROTEST

Secretary "Goes Ahead" Addressing Brewers.

DIG IS GIVEN TO CRITICS

Government Cannot Be Run on Their Theories, He Says.

BEER MEN ARE CAUSTIC

President of International Congress Delivers Scathing Denunciation of Leaders of Temperance Movement.

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, on his arrival here today to address the International Brewers' Congress, expressed himself in regard to the criticism that has been made against his participating in the meetings and later delivered his speech before the Congress.

"They are honest, conscientious, well-meaning people, probably with the best of motives, but the great American Government cannot be run upon the theories they hold," was the reply of Secretary Wilson to the protests and objections that had been made by scores of prohibition societies and church organizations.

Wilson "Goes Ahead."
The Secretary continued: "I do not want to talk about the campaign that has been waged against me since the announcement that I was going to speak before the brewers. I do not want to be in the light of criticizing them. I am simply going ahead and doing what I think is right."

"The majority of the people who have attacked me are church people. I consider that I am a good church member myself. Our points of view differ, that is all."

Courtesies Are Extended.

To the non-expert auditor, his speech before the brewers consisted merely in assuring the international visitors the same courtesy the United States has received from the European countries from which some of them come.

"The United States sends pleasure-seekers, scientists and students to your countries to learn what they may that interests them," he said. "The Department of Agriculture sends explorers to all nations of the Eastern Hemisphere to find plants that may add to our cropping systems that may add to our life. We hope that our agriculture may be improved, and that the prosperity of our people may be enhanced. They find courtesy everywhere. We get much that is valuable from the great nations of Western Europe and eastward to Mongolia, Manchuria and Siberia."

Food Laws Touched On.

Few words went to explain how the crop yields have been increased by importations from Europe and a few more

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WOMAN YET ALIVE, CASKET ORDERED

MAN TO WHOM SHE LEAVES ALL, PLANS FUNERAL.

Following Pre-Death Arrangement Two Women Ask Court for Custody of Patient.

Mrs. M. E. Bradford, critically ill with dropsy, bequeathed her all to Albert J. Smith, of Wells, Minn., an old-time schoolmate, and forthwith he made arrangements for her funeral, even selecting a casket for the remains of his benefactress. Now the case has reached the County Court, two women, one a fellow Rebeckah, appealing to that tribunal to be appointed guardian over Mrs. Bradford, who, says one, bids fair to live long owing to the curative powers of potato water and footbaths in a wormwood solution.

Mrs. M. E. Thompson, who conducts a rooming house at 53 Ella street, and Mrs. Pauline Lerch, of the Rebeckah Relief committee, are contestants for the custody of Mrs. Bradford.

Mrs. Bradford came to Portland August 8 and went to St. Vincent's Hospital for treatment. At times in her illness, it is said, her mind is affected. In a few weeks Mrs. Bradford was taken to the home of Mrs. Thompson, later she was sent to an East Side sanitarium and recently was placed in a West Side sanitarium to be nearer Mrs. Thompson.

Mrs. Thompson says Mrs. Bradford gave Smith a bill of sale of her property and made her will in his favor. Smith, being told by doctors that Mrs. Bradford could not live long and desiring to leave the city, made arrangements with an undertaker for her funeral. In an affidavit filed yesterday Mrs. Lerch declares Mrs. Thompson is unfit to have the guardianship of Mrs. Bradford and that she permitted Smith to be obnoxious to the patient.

Mrs. Bradford's property consists of 160 acres near Madras valued at \$2000. Judge Cleaton will hear the case Saturday morning.

CENTENNIAL BRINGS GOOD

Eastern Capitalist Invests \$75,000 in Astoria Realty.

ASTORIA, Or., Oct. 18.—(Special.)—One of the most direct and substantial benefits which Astoria has received as a result of the recent Centennial celebration was consummated today when C. O. Lauritzen, of Portland and St. Paul, who was here for a short time during the celebration and investigated the local situation, returned and closed the deal through Wingate and Finlayson for the purchase of a tract of land comprising 800 lots in Alderbrook and Hawthorne, Astoria, the consideration being \$75,000.

Mr. Lauritzen represents a St. Paul syndicate that also maintains offices in Chicago and New York. He remained here tonight at the invitation of the Chamber of Commerce to dine and address at the "get-together" banquet and leaves for his home tomorrow. He expects to return in the near future to make further investments.

Steam Pipes Explode, Killing Three.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 18.—Three men were killed and five others seriously injured by an explosion of steam pipes in the plant of the Fowler Packing Company here today. Seventy-five men were at work in the tankhouse of the hog-killing department when the pipes burst, causing the roof to fall. The three men were scalded to death by escaping steam.

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, WHO ADDRESSED BREWERS IN CONVENTION YESTERDAY.



JAMES WILSON.

VIRGINIA CREEPER BERRY IS DEADLY

Babe's Death Traced to Red Fruit.

VINE IN 5000 YARDS HERE

Dr. A. W. Smith's Child Found to Be Victim of Poison.

HEALTH BOARD WARNS ALL

Guinea Pig Fed Pulp of Pretty Growth Dies in 36 Hours—Blindness, Paralysis and Coma Caused by Virus.

That there are few poisons as deadly as the juice of the berries of Virginia creepers, which adorn no fewer than 5000 Portland homes, is the conclusion reached by City Health Commissioner Wheeler and a number of Portland's most eminent physicians and surgeons, who have just completed a scientific investigation of the sudden and mysterious death, September 20, of the infant son of Dr. A. W. Smith. The cause was laid by the investigators to the eating by the baby of a single berry from the Virginia creeper vine which covers the side of the Smith residence at 475 Tenth street.

Following the discovery of the danger of children eating the berries, which are now ripe and inviting in appearance, the health department has issued a warning and is preparing to publish a bulletin on the subject within the next week or two.

Creeper's Poison Found.
The investigation of the death of the Smith baby was begun some time ago, at the instigation of Dr. Smith, who was not satisfied with the diagnosis of the case as made by other physicians. There were many mysterious symptoms in the case.

Dr. George Cathey was called upon to make an analysis of a black substance taken from the stomach of the baby. In using a high-power microscope he found a large number of spicules which apparently were vegetable matter. Small bits of pine and a trace of dirt which had been swallowed by the baby, probably while playing in the yard, were also found.

E. C. Callaway, city milk chemist, called by the City Health Board, made an examination of the Smith premises to find what variety of vegetation had been eaten by the baby. Popples were examined, but no spicules were found. An examination of the juice from a Virginia creeper vine showed that each drop contained millions of the same kind of spicules as found in the baby's stomach. They were described as long, slender, spines or spicules, sharp at both ends.

Berry Kills Guinea Pig.

Guinea pigs were used in making the final experiments which showed the creeper berries to be deadly poison. Berry juice cooked had little or no effect on the animal. It was then fed the fresh berry and died in agony within 36 hours. Dr. Smith, in examining the guinea pig's stomach Monday at the City Hall, found that it was filled with spicules, which had caused internal bleeding and had even pierced the arteries and gone through the animal's system, causing motor paralysis. Many of the spicules were found covered with blood substances near the heart and bunches of them were scattered through the arteries in various parts of the body.

Poison Causes Blindness.

Dr. Smith says the action of the Virginia creeper vine poison is different from ordinary poisoning. The poison causes paralysis of the diaphragm, deadens the optic nerve, causing blindness, and brings paralysis of the bladder. In the case of the guinea pig, after these troubles had accumulated, the animal passed into a state of coma and died a very hard death. The same was the experience of the Smith baby. It was taken ill Monday night, September 18, and died the following Wednesday at noon. The first symptom of the trouble was drowsiness. This was followed in a few hours with a choking cough which culminated shortly in unconsciousness.

Dr. Cathey reported yesterday that his investigation of the substance from the infant's stomach had given evidence that there had been violent irritation of the stomach which had caused bleeding, and paralysis followed.

Destroy Berries, Is Urged.

"My suggestion," said Dr. Cathey, "is that vines or at least the berries be destroyed to protect the children. There are thousands of homes in Portland where the creepers adorn the fronts or sides of the houses in easy reach of children. Eating of one of these berries means death, and it seems to me that every precaution should be taken. The berries might be picked from the ground after they have fallen from the vines. It is, particularly dangerous for babies because they are attracted by the pretty appearance of the berries and eat them for the same reason they pick up other things in the yard and place them in their mouths."

"It has not been known that the berries were poison until this test. I believe this is the first test of the kind

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