



FIRE SWEEPS MILL; LOSS IS \$150,000

Inman-Poulsen Operating Plant Destroyed.

YARDS AND DRY KILN ESCAPE

Blaze Ascribed to Over-Heating of Belt.

FIREBOAT SERVICE LAUDED

Insurance Estimate 90 Per Cent and Immediate Rebuilding on Adjustment Promised, Indicating 90 Days of Idleness.

FIRE DEPARTMENT LAUDED FOR QUICK RESULTS.

The outstanding feature of yesterday's fire at the Inman-Poulsen mill was the remarkable work of the fire department, in the vernacular of the department, it was a "fine stop."

The first alarm came in at exactly 2:55 from box 258. At 3:03 o'clock Captain Grenfell, of engine 27, turned in the dreaded "three throes" of the alarm.

At that moment almost the entire south end of the mill was in flames.

It was right after this that the fireboat David Campbell concentrated a stream from her forward turret nozzle, with the full power of two pumps behind it.

At 3:14 P. M. the fire was under control and a recall had been sounded.

"Chief," said Colonel Robert D. Inman to Fire Chief Dowell, "your men did wonderful work. I thought the whole mill was gone."

Fire, which started under the double circular saw of the Inman-Poulsen mill, foot of East Sherman street, yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, destroyed property valued at approximately \$150,000. The fire was confined to the operating plant of the mill, none of the lumber in the yards being burned.

According to the statement of Johan Poulsen, secretary-treasurer of the company, the insurance on the loss will be 90 per cent.

Work of rebuilding the plant and re-installing the new machinery necessary will be done as soon as the insurance adjustments have been made.

Idleness to Last 60 Days. It is estimated by R. D. Inman, president of the company, that at least 60 days will be consumed in rebuilding, meaning that more than 200 men out of the total of 250 employed by the company will be out of employment during that time.

The Inman-Poulsen mill is the largest on the river, and has a 10-hour capacity of 250,000 feet.

Despite the difficulty of the engine companies in getting an adequate water supply, due to the location of the mill, and despite the fact that the mill was a mass of flames by the time the first engine company arrived, the fire had been controlled within half an hour after the alarm was turned in.

Cause Not Determined. "Just what the cause of the fire was is undetermined. Statements of men in the vicinity of the fire, when it first broke out indicate it started from an overheated belt, coming in connection with some inflammable material.

The aptness of coincidence was never more strikingly illustrated than by the fact that the first alarm was sent in from box 258—at exactly 2:55 o'clock.

Within two minutes after the fire was discovered the entire section of the mill where the main drive is located was a mass of flames, according to R. J. Coates, head sawyer, who was in charge there.

"The first I knew of the fire," he said, "was when I smelt something like a belt smoking and a puff of smoke came up from beneath the saw bush. Then I saw a flame. I stopped the engine operating the saw immediately and locked the saw lever. Then with all possible speed we ran to the mill firehouse about 100 feet away. When we returned with the hose and began playing the stream of water upon the flames, the entire end of the mill was ablaze.

Dry Kiln in Road of Fire. The fire was headed for the dry kiln, aided by a slight north wind, when the flames were checked. Had the fire been able to reach that portion of the yard and obtain any headway millions of feet of lumber would have been destroyed.

As soon as the fire was discovered the pumping plant of the mill was put in immediate operation. T. M. Wolfenbarger, the engineer, staying at his post the entire time, although the fire was within a few feet of where he was working. All of the attention of the crew of yardmen and workmen of the operating plant, who manned the fire apparatus attached to the plant, was put on the boiler-rooms and the pumping plant and the two pumps of the mill kept in constant operation during the entire fire.

The mill is equipped with an up-to-date automatic sprinkling system. (Continued on Page 1, Column 1.)

DANIELS FOR NAVAL BASE ON COLUMBIA

SECRETARY IMPRESSES MR. HAWLEY BY COMMENTS.

Submarine Station at Least Will Be Favored if Congress Does Not Permit Larger Plan.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU Washington, Feb. 17.—Representative Hawley today called on Secretary Daniels and discussed at some length his bill proposing to establish a new naval base on the Columbia River near Astoria.

While the secretary did not commit himself absolutely his comments were favorable, and Mr. Hawley was gratified by the interest the secretary showed.

Secretary Daniels said his department had not formulated that part of his program which looks to the establishment of new shore stations, and explained that much would depend on authority granted by Congress. He strongly intimated that if he could not recommend a full naval base for the Columbia River, the department might at least favor the establishment of a submarine base.

Secretary Daniels was impressed with Mr. Hawley's showing as to the depth of water in the river and over the bar and said he was not sure of the adequate labor supply on the Columbia.

STEAMER CALLS FOR AID

Alameda Goes to Rescue of Pavlov, Disabled in Alaskan Waters.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 17.—The steamer Pavlov, belonging to the Pacific American Fisheries Company, is anchored in a helpless condition off Trinity Island, at the southwest of Kodiak Island, according to a wireless message received here today. The Pavlov lost her propeller yesterday and sent out a wireless call for help.

The Alameda picked up the call at Cordova, 400 miles away, and steamed at once to the Pavlov's aid.

The owners of the Pavlov made arrangements today with the Admiral Line, by which the Admiral Farragut, now in the north, was sent to the rescue of the Pavlov. The Farragut will tow the Pavlov all the way to Seattle. The Alameda is proceeding on her course.

INDIANS PROTEST BRIDGES

Umatilla Willing County Should Act, but Oppose Tribal Expense.

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special)—Organized opposition will be made by the Umatilla reservation Indians, according to Joe Craig, one of the leaders of the red men, to the project for the construction of two bridges across the Umatilla River out of tribal funds.

Craig said: "We have been here for about 50 years and have always managed to cross the river when we wanted to. The white lessees of land in the section are the ones who would be benefited and are the ones who should pay for the bridge."

Craig says the Indians are not opposed to the construction of the bridges as long as they are built by the county, but they are against using tribal funds for the work.

BRITISH SPARE WOMAN SPY

Death Sentence is Commuted to Life Imprisonment.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The case of a woman spy recently sentenced to death, but whose sentence was commuted to penal servitude for life, was announced in the House of Commons today by Herbert L. Samuel, the Secretary of State for Home Affairs. She was not a British subject.

This is the first time since the beginning of the war, it was said, that a woman has received so severe a prison sentence in England for espionage.

FARMERS OPPOSE BRANDEIS

Vote of 700 Iowans is Unanimous Protesting Confirmation.

DES MOINES, Feb. 17.—By an unanimous vote approximately 700 Iowa farmers attending the Iowa Farmers' Grain Dealers' Association, in session here today, adopted a resolution opposing confirmation of the appointment of Louis D. Brandeis to the United States Supreme Court.

The resolution was presented to the convention by Clifford Thorne, chairman of the Iowa Railroad Commission.

RANCHER HAS 21 CHILDREN

Photograph of Douglas County Family May Be Sent to R.

ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special)—Henry Tyson, a rancher living in the vicinity of Drew, in Southern Douglas County, is the father of 21 children. The youngest is a girl 16 years old. Sixteen of the children were born to Mr. Tyson's present wife. Mr. and Mrs. Tyson have lived in Douglas County for many years. It is planned to send a photograph of the family to Theodore Roosevelt.

VIENNA GIVES COPPER ROOF

Metal From Rathaus to Be Donated to Military Authorities.

ZURICH, Switzerland, via London, Feb. 17.—The Vienna City Council has voted to remove the copper roof of the historic Rathaus and give the metal to the military authorities. The roof will be replaced by one of iron.

SWEDEN ASKS HELP IN CURBING BRITAIN

Appeal to American Government Made.

MAIL VIOLATION IS PROTESTED

Charge Made Laws of Nations Are Flagrantly Disobeyed.

NEUTRAL ACTION URGED

Lansing Informs Minister Issue Will Not Be Taken Up Until Controversy Over Lusitania Has Been Settled.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Another note from Sweden has been addressed to the State Department through Minister Ekensgran appealing to the United States for co-operation with the Swedish government and other neutral nations to maintain the preservation of international law concerning the protection of neutral commerce and navigation. Action is proposed particularly against Great Britain, because of the detention of mail by that country and other aggressions against trade regarded by Sweden as unwarranted.

Secretary Lansing informed the minister, it was learned today, that he could not answer the note until the controversy with Germany over the Lusitania case was settled.

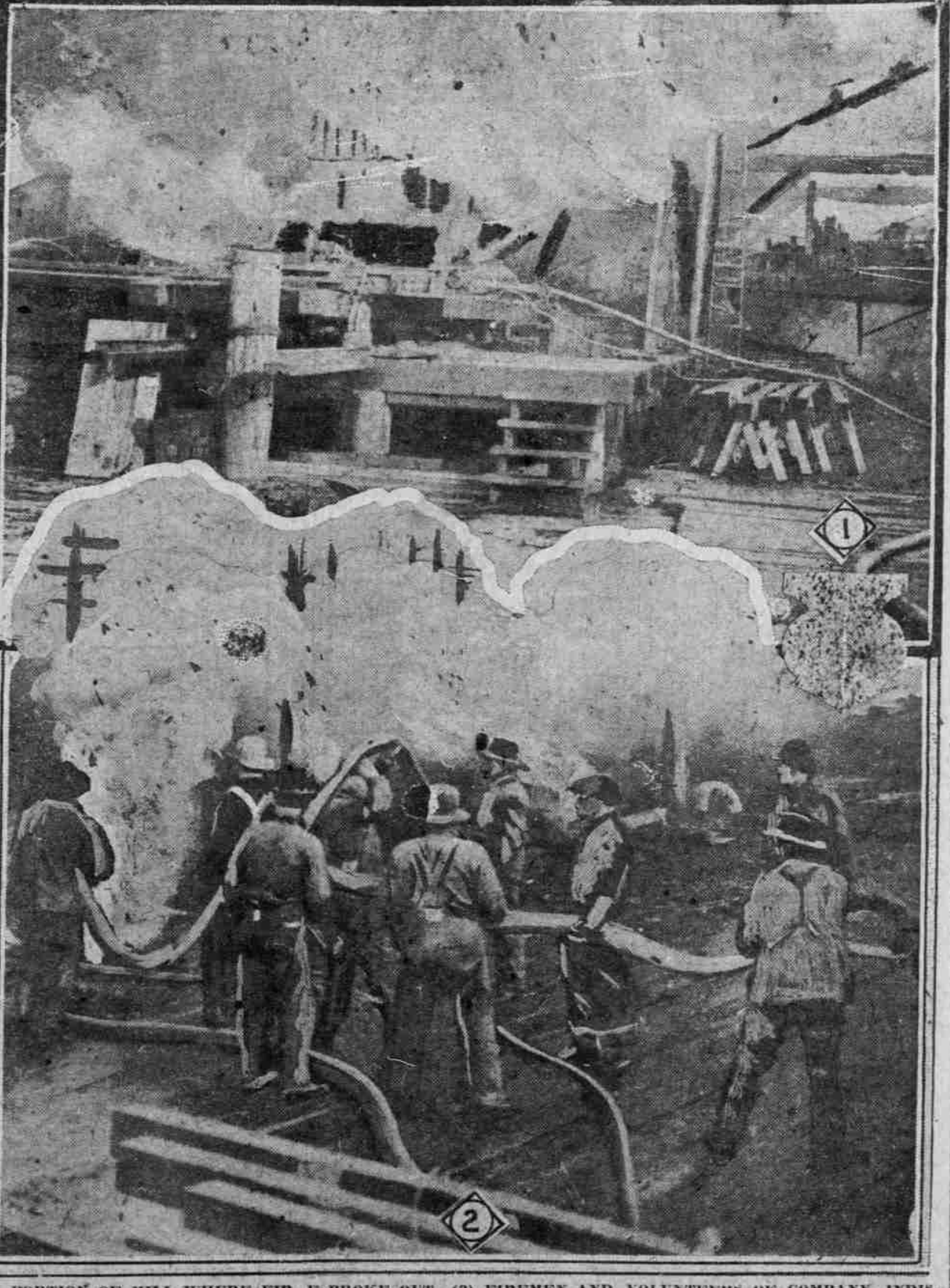
American Co-operation Asked. This latest communication, addressed to Secretary Lansing and signed by Mr. Ekensgran, was presented recently after such a proposal had been advanced and discussed from time to time, but until today the fact did not become known. Following is the text of the note:

"I have been instructed by His Excellency, the Minister, for foreign affairs at Stockholm, to address the following to Your Excellency:

"The royal government has, during the present war, from time to time, proposed to Your Excellency that through co-operation it be sought to maintain and preserve certain important rules of international law, which concern protection of neutral

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PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN AT FIRE, WHICH DAMAGED INMAN-POULSEN MILL YESTERDAY TO THE EXTENT OF \$150,000.



(1) PORTION OF MILL WHERE FIRE BROKE OUT. (2) FIREMEN AND VOLUNTEERS OF COMPANY, INDISTINCTLY MINGLED, FIGHTING FLAMES.

STORM ROMANCE IS LIKE FAIRY STORY

DESTITUTE SEATTLE WOMAN IS HAPPILY WEDDED.

Old Friend Reads of Plight, Surmises Identity, and Is Put in Touch by "Good Fellows."

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 17.—(Special)—Several weeks ago Harry Porter, a leading business man of one of Michigan's smaller cities, while snow-bound in North Yakima, read in a Seattle newspaper of a young woman with a baby 19 months old, facing starvation. He became interested, wired the Good Fellows Club, met the young woman, found her to be an old friend, and was married to her this afternoon at the Temple Baptist Church by the Rev. George R. Cairns.

The young woman's name was given as "Mrs. Miriam." Upon reading the story Porter thought that he recognized the incidents set forth, and telegraphed for the true name.

This was sent by the Good Fellows Club with her address. He immediately sent her financial assistance, and came to Seattle as soon as the railroads resumed traffic.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter with the baby will leave tomorrow morning for North Yakima to pass a week, following which they will go to Missouri, where the bridegroom has considerable property.

Alone in a strange city, without funds, food or fuel, and threatened with eviction from the tiny room in which she and baby had their home, the young woman had faced an unusually difficult situation.

Several of the Good Fellows witnessed the nuptials.

PRIVATE HOME IS RAIDED

Coos County Authorities Enter Dwelling and Seize Liquor Stock.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special)—The first search warrant issued here for investigating a private home was sworn out today by District Attorney L. A. Lilleqvist, Joseph Houser's stock of 18 bottles of wine was taken and beer and champagne belonging to Christ Gardgaard was also taken in the raid by Constable W. B. Cox.

Houser was arrested on a charge of selling liquor and released on bond to appear Friday morning for trial. District Attorney Lilleqvist has three witnesses, John Wilson, Bud Emery and C. F. Noble.

Realty Board Meets Today.

The Portland Realty Board will hold its regular weekly luncheon meeting in the fifth-floor dining-room of the Commercial Club building at 12:15 o'clock today, with Frank L. McGuire as chairman of the day. The principal order of business will be a report by the "Back to the Land Committee" of the board.

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FEDERAL HUNT FOR ANARCHISTS BEGUN

Plot Against Government Disclosed.

REIGN OF TERROR PLANNED

Funds to Have Been Obtained by Wholesale Blackmail.

SEVERAL CITIES INVOLVED

Placing of 50 Secret Service Men in Chicago and Arrest of Every Known Red Discussed at Official Conference.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—(Special)—Fifty Federal Secret Service operatives may be brought to Chicago to investigate an alleged plot against the Government, according to a plan discussed in the Federal building today at a conference of Federal officials. District Attorney Fleming and Superintendent Clabaugh, of the Department of Justice, were present.

The conference was called following the presentation of evidence which tended to show that there is an organized interstate conspiracy by anarchists against the Government. Funds by which the revolution is to be financed were to be obtained by blackmailing men of wealth and authority in various cities.

Several cities involved. Evidence which tends to show the operations of the anarchistic group in New York, San Francisco, Pittsburgh and Chicago is declared to be in the possession of the Chicago Federal officials, and the National angle of the plot is so apparent, according to the officials, that it is declared the statute which was invoked in the case of the arrest of Victoria Huerta, of Mexico, coupled with the blackmail statute, is sufficient to break up the ring. It is believed a reign of terror in the United States was planned.

"If we can get permission from Washington to go ahead," said one of those present at the conference, "we will bring 50 operatives to Chicago and seize every known anarchist here, as well as the 'Back to the Land Committee' of the board."

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AUTHOR'S SACRIFICE GIVES 18 EDUCATION

EVERETT TEACHER OPENS WAY TO PROFESSIONS.

Confirmed Bachelor, Living Simply on Salary, Gives Earnings From Pen to Worthy Students.

EVERETT, Wash., Feb. 17.—(Special)—Devoting most of his life and money to educating orphans and deserving students, F. D. Mack, teacher in the Central School here, says he thinks he has done his duty after educating and supporting 17 boys and one girl through high school and college in the last 16 years at an average cost of about \$2500 each.

Mack made the money to educate his proteges by writing short stories, novels and articles, of which he says he has published hundreds under many nom de plumes.

Two of the boys graduated from the University of Washington last year. All are now through school.

Mack is a bachelor and says he never intends to marry. He lives simply on his salary as a teacher.

Of the 14 now alive, two are druggists, two are university instructors, one a physician, one a lumber broker, one a civil engineer, another an electrical engineer, one a mining engineer, one a baker, one a dentist, one a lawyer and the one girl is a music teacher. Mack has refused to let any pay him for their education.

RECEIPT DEVICE INSTALLED

Automatic Machine Cuts Delay in Treasurer's Office.

No longer will the public have to wait in the City Treasurer's office while the cashier goes through six distinct operations to receipt bills for street improvements. An automatic receipting machine was installed yesterday, the first of the kind in Portland.

The bill is put in the machine and a lever pressed. The bill comes out perforated with the number of the receipt, the date and the word "paid." The machine automatically changes number after each operation.

MORRIS DURYEA RESIGNS

Ashland Club Official and Springs Water Commissioner Quit.

ASHLAND, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special)—Morris J. Duryea, publicity manager of the Ashland Commercial Club, and Chester Stevenson, junior member of Springs Water Commission, resigned their respective offices today. Duryea's resignation will take effect March 1, and Stevenson's forthwith. Both were accepted.

Friction in conduct of affairs in their offices was given as the cause of the action.

Fifth Roosevelt Grandchild Born.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 17.—A cablegram from Buenos Aires announces the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Roosevelt. Mrs. Roosevelt was Miss Belle Willard, of Richmond, daughter of the American minister to Madrid. This is the Colonel's fifth grandchild.

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TWO CHINESE SHOT IN FRAY IN CROWD

Assassin, Taken, Says Victim Stole His Wife.

RIVAL TONGS IN EVIDENCE

One Wounded Man Reported in Critical Condition.

OTHER CHINESE IN FEAR

Assailant Tells Police He Only Intended to Shoot One Man and That the Other Victim Was Wounded Through Accident.

Two Chinese toughmen, one a Hop Sing, and the other a Ho Jong, were shot and critically wounded on a crowded sidewalk at Third and Couch streets early last night by one of their countrymen, said to be a member of the Bow Leong Tong. The Hop Sing is in a critical condition.

The police are as yet undecided whether the shooting was the result of a tong war or grew out of the internal struggle between the Hop Sing and Monarchial parties in China. It is known that the feeling among the local Chinese politicians is very bitter, and shooting occurred recently in San Francisco among the Chinese sympathizers with the warring parties of their home government.

At the Good Samaritan Hospital the injured men gave their names as Chung Wah, shot five times and critically hurt, and Sue Yee, shot in the leg. Chinese acquaintances gave the names of the injured men as Chung Sick Wah and Sue Quon Yee.

Lo Gong was arrested by Patrolmen Schulpins and Nelson and charged with shooting his countrymen.

The shooting occurred shortly after 7 o'clock, while the streets were still crowded with homeward-bound workmen. The three men met on the sidewalk, and the highlander drew an automatic pistol and started shooting without accounting his victims. The wounded men fell on the sidewalk, Sue Quon Yee was carried away by his friends, but his more seriously wounded countryman was left wetting in his blood.

The would-be assassin fired 11 bullets, and the Ho Jong was hit in the side, pursued La Gong and showed him into the arms of the police. The officers drew their revolvers and ordered him to stop. He obeyed, and the police confiscated his weapon.

Second Arrest Made. A few minutes later Chinese telephone the police that Chung Bong, former president of the Bow Leong Tong, the Hop Sing's son, was hiding in the basement at 31 North Fourth street, Lieutenant Harms and Patrolmen Martin arrested him. He was held for investigation, so he said he was afraid he would be shot. The police think he knows more of the shooting than he is willing to tell.

Chinatown was thrown into a furor of excitement by the shooting. Members of the Hop Sing Tong thronged indignantly to the Police Station demanding vengeance. The Hop Sing say that Lo Gong has been implicated in shooting scrapes in San Francisco. They say Lo Gong came to Portland in 1914, and is therefore considered a new member of the local colony.

The attitude of the Hop Sing, coupled with the fact that this tong was worsted in a battle with the Sue Sing in November, 1914, led the police to fear that the tongmen would run amuck in real earnest last night.

A strong guard was stationed at the Eleventh-street Theater, where a large crowd was attending a Chinese drama. At a late hour no further hostilities had developed. It has been feared for several days that a tong war might break out at the theater, where Chinese has been the attraction for several weeks.

Patrol Wagon Throws Wheel. During the run from the police station to the scene of the shooting a wheel came off the police patrol wagon, in which a squad of officers was riding. Lieutenant Harms and Patrolmen Martin, Groulstone, Crane and Schum and Detective Howell, Snow and Coleman were thrown on the street, but not seriously hurt.

Lo Gong, who did the shooting, made a statement to Detectives Coleman and Snow that Chung Sick Wah, who was the only one he intended to shoot, had stolen his wife four years ago, and gave this as his reason for shooting. Frate members of the Hop Sing Tong declared late last night that Lo Gong had no wife. Deputy District Attorney Delich went to the hospital to get a dying statement from Chung Sick Wah, who was unable to talk much, but identified Lo Gong as the gunman. Lo Gong also was identified as the assassin by Fred McCarthy, 231 East Morrison street, who was an eyewitness of the shooting.

The prisoner refused to talk after his one statement concerning his wife. "Me talk by lawyer," he told the authorities.

Harrisburg Girl is Bride. JUNCTION CITY, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special)—E. E. Carroll, a graduate of the Oregon Agricultural College, and Miss M. Springfield, of Harrisburg, surprised their friends yesterday by marrying at Albany. They are spending their honeymoon in Portland, and will make their residence in Harrisburg.

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