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CHINESE EDITOR IS SLAIN AT BANQUET

Assassin Kills Advocate of Monarchy.

PANIC SEIZES MERRYMAKERS

Victim Said to Be Blood Cousin of Yuan Shi Kai.

SECRET MISSION HINTED

Murderer Throws Weapon to Floor. Runs Down Stairs and Soon Is Lost in Throng of San Francisco Sightseers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—Wong Yuan Yung, former editor of the Astorian News, a paper published at Shanghai, as the official organ of Chinese favoring a return to the monarchical form of government, was shot in the back and killed while attending a Chinese Christmas banquet here tonight.

Two Shots Take Effect. Wong had taken his Christmas dinner in a private dining-room with C. Y. Kuo and C. Y. Loh, both Chinese commissioners to the Panama-Pacific Exposition from Chili province, China. In the adjoining banquet hall hundreds of prominent Chinese were seated at dinner.

Wong left his companions for a moment to light a cigarette at the cashier's desk. Just as he was about to return to his table an unidentified Chinese fired two shots, both of which took effect. Wong fell and crawled to the room he had left a moment before. He was dead when medical aid reached him.

Assassin Escapes in Crowd. The assassin threw his weapon to the floor and dashed down a long stairway to the street, where he was lost to view in a dense crowd of Chinese and sightseers.

In an instant the banquet hall was transformed from a scene of merry-making to a place of riot and fear. Many of the diners, believing that a long war had broken out, sought places of safety, but when it was found that the victim had not been active in long or society circles and that he was a newcomer to San Francisco, quiet was restored.

Wong Yuan Yung resigned his post as editor of the Astorian News last November, after the building which housed the newspaper plant had been bombed, supposedly by persons desirous of maintaining the Chinese republic. He came at once to San Francisco and had been living quietly in a hotel here since November 27.

Secret Mission Mentioned. Prominent Chinese said tonight after the shooting that Wong came to this country on a secret mission, the nature of which was not hinted at. Whether he still favored the monarchical form of government for his native land or had transferred his allegiance to the republic was not known by those intimates with him.

Kimon Yu, secretary for the Chinese Consul-General in San Francisco, said tonight that the assassinated man was a blood cousin to Yuan Shi Kai, head of the Chinese government on the female side of the family. Wong, he said, had been assiduously studying the English language since his arrival at San Francisco, having engaged two instructors from the Chinese mission to teach him.

Victim's Intimacies Few. He was not prominent among the Chinese of San Francisco and was introduced on Page 2, Column 4.

COUGAR WANDERS IN PARK DOMAIN

OFFICIALS ARE FRIGHTENED, BUT DON'T DARE SHOOT.

Huge Feline Cannot Be Enticed Out of Area Where Use of Arms Is Forbidden and Trap Is Hope.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—A hunt is being made for an enormous wild cougar that has kept caretaker Hackett, of Seward Park, in constant terror for a week.

"I could have shot the animal several times," says Mr. Hackett. "If I could have got him off the park property, but he won't get off, and shooting isn't allowed inside the park."

Friday the latter went out to Bailey Peninsula, but could not drive the audacious animal off the park land and returned empty-handed.

Today a determined effort was made to dislodge the feline from his usurped domain of safety and get him into the open country. It is hoped to trap him and if this is accomplished, he will be added to the Woodland Park zoo.

SANTA WILL BUILD HOME

Architects to Prepare Plans for Headquarters in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Christmas day brought the announcement that architects have been commissioned to prepare plans for a monument to Santa Claus in the form of a building which will serve as headquarters in this city for the International Santa Claus Association.

The structure will exemplify the spirit of Christmas. The plans will provide for a lilliputian auditorium, where children's plays will be given, and a bazaar for the free exhibition of new toys to encourage the toy-making industry in this country.

KINDNESS IS MISDIRECTED

Friend Impersonates Dead Man to Help Widow Get Insurance.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—"Christmas spirit gone wrong," was responsible, according to detectives, for the arrest today of Thomas Deuce on the allegation that he had sought to impersonate I. E. McCarron, who disappeared in a canoe several days ago off Long Beach and attempted to have reinstated a lapsed insurance policy for \$2000 on the life of McCarron.

Deuce's alleged purpose, officers said, was to procure the proceeds of the policy for the young bride of McCarron, who has been given up for lost.

LATE TRAINS DELAY MAILS

Christmas Business Rush at Post-office Practically Ended.

Unless trains are delayed longer than is expected, the Portland post-office will be able to get all its Christmas mail cleaned up tomorrow, according to an announcement yesterday by Postmaster Myers. Delayed trains have been the principal trouble encountered this Christmas in keeping the holiday rush moving.

APPLES BRING \$21,000

Cashmere Fruit Growers' Union Makes Christmas Payment.

CASHMERE, Wash., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The Cashmere Fruitgrowers' Union has made a Christmas payment of \$21,000.

This makes an average advance to date of 70 cents per box on all apples of standard grade shipped this season.

AMERICA WITHOUT SUPPLY OF CANNON

Need of Artillery Lesson of War.

NEGLECT MAY BE EXPENSIVE

Present Guns Would Not Man 20 Miles of Trenches.

BRITISH PAY IN LIVES

Army That Depends on Heroism and Neglects Machinery of Warfare Doomed in Advance to Make Enormous Sacrifice.

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The Weather. YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 48 degrees; minimum, 39 degrees. TODAY'S—Probably fair; westerly winds.

Germany Only Nation Prepared.

Germany was the one nation which fully foresaw the importance of artillery before the war. Her attacks brought the lesson home from the Russo-Japanese war. The German staff accepted the opinion of its experts and acted accordingly. A good proportion of the immense sum which Germany used in preparing for this war went into guns of every possible kind and caliber—from the machine guns that fire bullets to anti-aircraft guns, from mortars that fire bombs to guns that fire smart little high-velocity shells and enormous 17-inch shells.

Lesson Taught on Marne.

The first glimpse I had of the battle of the Marne illustrated the power of gun fire. The last action I saw at the British front brought the same lesson home. Never did I watch artillery action, never was I under shell fire, without thinking just this: "Even if we can't get men to enlist in the regular Army we may have guns. We who built the Panama Canal and have won the world's admiration for our industrial organization at least can be ready with guns in case of a crisis, if not with infantry."

The experience of the British Army in this war is lesson enough. It hardly seems possible that the England of the British navy and the England that sent its little army to that heroic retreat from Flanders is one and the same country. The fact that it is proved that successful warfare these days is not due to innate heroism of the people or their willingness to give up life

AMERICAN AIDING WOUNDED KILLED

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE BOY DIES DOING DUTY IN ALSACE.

German Shell Demolishes Ambulance—Yale Graduate With Same Corps Is Slightly Wounded.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—Richard Melville Hall, of Ann Arbor, Mich., a volunteer driver attached to that section of the American ambulance corps operating with the French army in Alsace, was killed Christmas eve in the performance of his duty. The news was received by telephone today by the American ambulance committee. Hall was the 21-year-old son of Professor H. G. Hall of the University of Michigan. He was one of a group of Dartmouth College recruits who entered the ambulance service last June and, when killed, he was driving a Dartmouth College field ambulance.

L. P. Hall, his brother, who is at present serving in the same section, will return at once to Paris.

Details of the young man's death have not yet been learned, except that he was driving, or standing near, his car when it was struck by a German shell and demolished.

L. C. Doyle, of Worcester, Mass., was slightly wounded at the same time. Doyle is a graduate of Yale. He joined the ambulance last September.

OBJECT LESSON IN WARFARE PLANNED

Chamberlain Wants to Shell Real Trenches.

CONGRESS TO SEE RESULTS

Position Near Washington Desired for Bombardment.

PROBLEMS TO BE SHOWN

Senator Says People Read of Battles in Europe Without Realizing How Far Short American Preparation Falls.

WILSONS CAUGHT IN STORM ON LINKS

PRESIDENT COVERS WIFE WITH COAT AND CATCHES COLD.

Bride, Nevertheless, Suffers Thorough Drenching—Turkey, in Southern Style, Tops Feast.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 25.—President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson were driven from the golf links here today by a heavy rain storm which broke suddenly and drenched both before they could reach their hotel a mile away. Despite the cold mountain air, however, it is said at the hotel tonight that neither had suffered any serious effects, though the President caught a slight cold.

With secret service guards acting as caddies the couple had just started around the links when the first rain drops fell. They immediately turned back for the hotel and as the storm became heavier the President removed his coat and threw it about Mrs. Wilson's shoulders. Even this did not save her from a thorough drenching.

The President and Mrs. Wilson tonight ate a Virginia Christmas dinner in their private suite. A turkey, roasted in Southern style, was served with other favorite dishes prepared especially for the couple. On the table was a small Christmas tree.

More than 50 Christmas gifts were delivered at the President's suite today. A large bouquet, including a cluster of roses and some orchids, Mrs. Wilson's favorite flower, came from the White House conservatory.

TOMMY SWIVEL IS SANTA TO CHILDREN

250 Youngsters Revel and Feast.

LITTLE POOR ONES HAPPY

Chamber of Commerce Dining-Room Is Scene.

GIFTS PRESENTED AT TREE

Many Eat Turkey for First Time. Pandemonium Reigns After Distribution of Presents and Place Becomes Playground.

The main dining-room of the Chamber of Commerce, whose walls have echoed the applause to Presidential addresses and have rung with the eloquence of men of international fame, resounded yesterday with the blare of striped horns and the delighted babble of 250 children from the very poorest families of the city.

And the silverware that has been used to manipulate the squabs and salad in the hands of the Nation's great was employed with indiscriminate but great effectiveness in transferring to the apparently boundless "tummies" of the children what was, to many of them, the first turkey dinner they had ever eaten.

Tommy Swivel entertained at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday, and he was host and Santa Claus, according to his annual custom, to all the children from the poorest families that he could round up, with the assistance of the women of the juvenile court.

The service was such as the Chamber of Commerce never affords, for the tables were waited upon by a number of charming young women, who volunteered to assist.

Many Races Present. The personnel of the party of guests was cosmopolitan. Every race and nationality was represented.

PORTLAND IS DISTRIBUTING CENTER FOR BIG TRADE AREA. Railroad traffic, originating and centering at Portland, amounts to many millions of dollars annually. Four big trans-continental railroads operate into Portland, all of which carry on a large volume of local business. In addition, there is a network of electric lines radiating from the city in all directions, making Portland one of the leading interurban centers in the United States.

Portland's ample railroad facilities not only aid substantially in developing the city as a tourist center but also in making it a distributing point for an immense trade area.

While the railroads are doing much in making Portland a great traffic center, they are also a tremendous factor in the intensive development of the state.

A complete presentation of these facts will appear in the forthcoming New Year's edition of The Oregonian.

ASHLAND CHILDREN JOYOUS

Entertainments Are Given for Little Folk by Elks' Lodge.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The overshadowing events of the holiday week here were the trees for the little folk, given by the Elks Friday.

Children less than eight years old participated in a matinee at the Vining and in the evening those up to 13 years were guests at the same theater at a celebration. Every child was remembered and there were 1000 registrations of young folk who shared the Christmas remembrance of the donors.

MUTES TO GET OUT PAPER

Printing Class From State School Will Handle Vancouver Issue.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Monday's issue of a local daily paper will be printed and all mechanical work on it will be done by deaf mutes.

The regular staff will be given a vacation and the trade class from the State School for the Deaf will operate the linotype, set the advertisements, do all the press work and mail the papers. Their instructor will act as foreman.

CHIEF NEED IS CLOTHING

Belgian Relief Strips New York of Garments for Own Poor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—There was greater demand for clothing than for food in New York today. So many garments have been sent to Belgium that not enough are left to supply the needy here. Most of those who applied today were aged and infirm.

It was said there was no lack of employment for those willing and able to work.

PERSIANS BADLY PUNISHED

Russians Report Success in Fighting Near Teheran.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—According to official advices reaching London the Russians, in the fighting in the vicinity of Rabatkerr, about 25 miles from Teheran, recently reported, severely punished the Persians, 140 of whom were killed and 70 captured out of their total force of 1200.

The Russian losses are given as two killed and four wounded.

NEWS EVENTS AND FORECAST IN PICTORIAL REVIEW BY CARTOONIST REYNOLDS.

