

OPENS DOOR TO FEMALES

Important Ruling as to Chinese Made by United States Commissioner Sladen.

MAY CAUSE GREAT INFLUX

In Substance Court Holds That Chinese Woman Has Right to Remain Upon Marrying.

Portland Telegram: What may be a wide-open door for Chinese women of high and low degree to come into the United States developed in the decision rendered in favor of Doe Gum Yip, who appeared before United States Commissioner Sladen yesterday afternoon and who was released. The stand of the commissioner was that since she came into the United States she had married a Chinese merchant, Wong Ti Fook, and that this gave her the status of her husband.

Doe Gum Yip was arrested some time ago, but shortly after the arrest was married to Wong Ti Fook, who a short time before had been tried and acquitted of the charge of being illegally in the United States. The marriage was according to the laws of the United States, otherwise it would not have been binding.

In giving his decision, Commissioner Sladen stated that he thought the marriage took place for the sole purpose of enabling the woman to remain in the United States. He realized that his decision would probably mean that it would be possible for any Chinese woman to come into the United States, and even after being arrested, if she were married to a Chinese merchant, entitled to residence, she would not be liable to deportation.

Whether the Chinese regard American marriages as binding is not known. If the ceremony means nothing to them they would probably offer no objection to being principals in weddings which would enable women of their race to enter this country. If this proves the case, so long as there are unmarried Chinese merchants in the United States, so long can Chinese women enter this country without fear of deportation.

The government claimed, in the Doe Gum Yip case, that, according to the decision of the United States circuit court of appeals in the case of the United States vs. Esol Sam, appealed from the northern district of California, that marriage subsequent to arrest did not grant a Chinese woman the status of her husband. This contention was based on that part of the decision which states that Tsoi Sam "did not get married to evade deportation." The case in question was where a Chinese woman entered this country and was married before being arrested. The government claimed that the sentence, "She did not get married to evade deportation," implied that if she had she would be liable to deportation.

Marriage subsequent to arrest is an unsettled question in Chinese cases, as it is not known whether the ceremony would enable a woman to remain in the United States. Commissioner Sladen decided in favor of the woman, although in giving his decision he stated that it probably was a loophole through which any Chinese woman who could find a merchant to marry her would be entitled to remain in this country.

Leong Ding, a Chinese youth 15 years old, was this morning released from custody by consent of the government, as it was shown almost conclusively before the trial that he was entitled to remain in the United States. This afternoon Dong Sam appeared before a United States commissioner to answer to the charge of being illegally in the United States.

CROP AND CLIMATE REPORT.

Statement of Government Office for Past Week.

The weather during the last week was dry and smoky, with warm days and generally cool nights; fogs occurred in the western section on several mornings, and in portions of the coast counties there was quite a deposit of moisture from them, which was of slight benefit to gardens and pastures. Thrashing continues in scattered portions of the Columbia and the Grand Ronde valleys. Hop picking was rapidly pushed to completion, and only a few yards remain to be finished up. The yield continues below average, but the quality is very good. Early planted potatoes are being dug; the yield is very disappointing. Late potatoes

continue to do poorly on account of lack of rain. The third crop of alfalfa is about ready for harvesting, and some cutting has been done in portions of eastern Oregon.

But little plowing or seeding was accomplished, as the soil is too dry for working. In the Willamette valley a few fields have been "disked" in on ground plowed last spring.

Corn is ripening nicely; the ears are large and well filled, and on the whole the crop promises well. Pastures are very dry and stock is losing flesh.

Prune drying is progressing rapidly in southern Oregon. In the Willamette valley the fruit is rather slow in ripening, and picking and drying will not be general much before next week; the crop is very light. Late apples, while rather small, promise abundant yields; the early varieties continue to drop more than usual.

TO PRISON FOR LIFE.

Fate of Coquille Man Who Murdered His New-Born Babe.

Coquille, Ore., Sept. 21.—Earl Steel must pass the remainder of his life behind the prison bars, according to sentence imposed upon him for the murder of his new-born infant on the afternoon of last June 23.

Steel is but 21 years of age and has a frank, boyish face, appearing even younger than he is. His conviction of murder in the second degree has come as no surprise to those who knew the history of the case, and probably nothing other than his youth prevented the passing of a first degree verdict.

On the 23rd of last June Steel called Dr. Russell to his home on the ground that his wife was suffering from stomach complaint. The doctor, discovering that she was about to become a mother, told Steel there was no occasion for attempting secrecy and was asked to assist in concealing the birth.

Dr. Russell refused and was told by Steel that the child should not live. Mrs. Steel besought him to give her poison. After the birth of the child the doctor told officers of the threats made by Steel and, accompanied by the sheriff, returned to the house. The infant was missing, but search disclosed its body, wrapped in gunny sacks and laid away in a closet. Its head had been crushed.

A coroner's jury was empaneled that night and doctors testified that the babe had lived 30 minutes after birth before being murdered. The jury charged Steel with infanticide.

Throughout his imprisonment Steel refused to admit his guilt and when convicted made no comment except to say "For her sake."

BIGGEST SPANISH SPEAKING CITY

Buenos Ayres Has That Distinction—Population 1,000,000.

New York, Sept. 21.—A municipal census has just been taken, says a Herald dispatch from Buenos Ayres. The exact figures are not yet known but the population of Buenos Ayres is estimated at about one million. The Argentine capital is now the largest Spanish speaking city in the world.

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Write W. C. McBride, 124 Third street, Portland, Ore., at once for particulars and sleeping car reservations. These being the last days upon which tickets will be sold at reduced rates travel will be particularly heavy.

WILL HOLD MUKDEN

Provided the Japs Are Not Too Strong for the Defenses of Russian City.

ARMIES AGAIN IN READINESS

Japs Have Railroad Nearly Rebuilt and Are Getting in Good Shape for Battle Expected to Be Fought Soon.

Tokio, Sept. 21, noon.—An impression is growing general that an engagement will soon take place at Mukden. General Kuropatkin is evidently preparing to make a determined resistance to any attempt to dispossess him and is entrenching and constructing defenses. He has an immense force available but the opinion is expressed that the pass would be a more favorable location for defense. The Russians, however, are unwilling to suffer the loss of prestige which would be involved by the abandonment of Mukden. Both armies are now rested and have recovered from the effects of the fight at Liao Yang. They are in condition to fight and the weather is favorable for military operations. The roads are drying and the Japanese are speedily restoring the railway. A party of military attaches who recently came to Liao Yang from Tokio were dragged for one hundred miles in open trucks by coolies. The army is now forwarding rolling stock with captured cars and engines and the service will soon be thoroughly organized.

With the Liao river open the task of transporting men and supplies to the advanced base of operations at Liao Yang is simple.

There is much speculation now as to the extent of the fall and winter campaign. It is generally thought that Field Marshal Oyama will continue pressing Kuropatkin back until the winter falls and will then strongly guard his advance line until spring. The Japanese carried on an aggressive campaign against the Chinese during the winter, but conditions are different in this war.

A renewal of the attack upon Port Arthur on newer and more aggressive lines is expected this week and it is predicted in well informed quarters that the reduction of that fortress will be accomplished within 10 days or a fortnight.

The authorities continue silent concerning operations there. The publication of a small list of casualties in the naval brigade operating on land is the only recent official utterance in reference to the siege. The spoils taken at Liao Yang continue to grow. General Kuroki reports the capture of four miles of railway rails and 200 tons of coal.

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