

WILL TRAP JAPANESE

Object of the Russians Is to Lure Enemy Beyond the Yalu.

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St. Petersburg, April 24.—(2:05 a. m.)—In spite of reports from Seoul and Tokyo, that the Russians are massing 50,000 men to resist the Japanese crossing the Yalu river, it can be asserted with great positiveness that any obstinate obstruction of the enemy's crossing is no part of General Kourapatkin's tactics.

The Russians intended that the Japanese should have the river behind them before giving battle in force. Kourapatkin's plan in this respect are fully approved here. Of course, the Russian's will do all in their power to render the crossing as difficult and expensive as possible, but the decisive engagement will occur in Manchuria, where the Russian's believe they will have all the advantage of position.

The Japanese fleet is again reported to be off Port Arthur, but the report is not official.

JAP STAYS IN FRANCE.

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal.) St. Petersburg, April 23.—The Russian Slav prints a letter today from an official in the French secret service, which reports the presence of numerous Japanese spies in France, well provided with money. They shadow Russians and watch the shipyards. Especially do they endeavor to ascertain the exact date of the departure of the Baltic fleet and the points at which it will coal.

The Novosti states that the Russians should feel gratified at the strategical achievement of the naval squadron, which imposed caution upon the Japanese operations and gave Russia time to throw a preponderant military force into Manchuria. "The most favorable time," the Novosti continues, for Japanese military operations has passed.

A letter written by Colonel Agapov, an officer of marine on the Petropavlovsk, who was drowned, describes the routine upon the battleship.

"We rise," he wrote, "at 6 o'clock, learn the news of the night and drink tea. At 8 we attend colors and then read the papers in hope of obtaining information of the latest of the enemy. Afterward we go to a meeting at headquarters and discuss questions of defense. Lunch comes at 1 o'clock. Afterward we either visit the city or transact our own affairs. Dinner is at 6 o'clock, when rumors of all kinds circulate."

If reports of the appearance of the enemy are persistent, the latter states, the torpedo boats are sent out and upon these craft fall the hardest service of the war. When Grand Duke Cyril arrived at Port Arthur he was given command of a torpedo boat. The ships in the harbor, it is stated, were connected with the others and with the shore by telephones.

JAPANESE LAND TROOPS.

St. Petersburg, April 23.—A report is current here that the Japanese have landed 20,000 troops at Kin Chau, above Port Arthur. This report, however, cannot be confirmed tonight.

INVESTIGATE MALHEUR PROJECT.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, D. C., April 23.—Reclamation service engineer George A. Hammond has been ordered from Roswell, N. M., to Ontario, Or., to report upon the proposed Malheur irrigation project.

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JEFF MARRES AND LOOKS VERY HAPPY

Big Champion Weds the Little Woman of His Choice and the Union Is Called a Love Match—Jim in Training.

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal.) Oakland, Cal., April 23.—Unconquered man, Champion Jim Jeffries has fallen a victim to the wiles of Cupid. Giant after giant rose against him and strove with all the strength and skill of man to subdue him, but it remained for a little woman, scarcely over five feet in height, to bring the proud champion to his knees. Miss Frieda Mayer of New York is the woman who will be the mighty Jeffries' life partner.

At half past eight tonight they were married by Police Judge Mortimer Smith in his office. Billy Delaney, Jeffries' matchmaker; Eugene Vancourt and Mrs. B. Ackerman, wife of a wealthy mining engineer of Cripple Creek and a friend of the bride, were the only ones present at the ceremony.

Though the announcement of their wedding comes as a surprise to the public it is not so to intimate friends, who have noticed their acquaintance and growing love. The two have been acquainted for four years, having met in New York on the occasion of one of the champion's visits there.

A Love Match.

The acquaintance then formed has been kept up and has gradually developed into a love match. Three weeks ago Miss Mayer came to San Francisco at her future husband's invitation and lodged at the Adams hotel. The champion tonight took his friends entirely into his confidence and told Vancourt to arrange the details. A license was procured from Deputy Clerk James Glynn at 8 o'clock and half an hour later the happy pair were man and wife.

The bride is a handsome, petite brunette, 29 years of age. She is 19 years younger than her husband. In striking contrast to her titanic husband she stands only five feet two inches in height. She walks easily under her husband's extended arm. He weighs 235 pounds, she 120.

Immediately after the wedding the

party adjourned to the Gas Kitchen, where a supper was served. Corks popped and cheery speeches of congratulation were made. Telegrams announcing the marriage were sent to Mrs. Jeffries, the champion's mother, in Los Angeles, and to Mrs. Bertha Schmidt, the bride's mother, of 230 East Eleventh street, New York city.

Jeffries looked as happy as a bridegroom ought to look when seen tonight. But he was not more loquacious than he usually is. Jeffries is not a man of words.

"We'll be happy, all right," he said. "If we are not it won't be our fault. I've known my wife about four years. She is going to go everywhere with me. Tomorrow morning we start for Harbin Springs, where I will train for my go with Munroe."

"Jim and I decided to get married some time ago, and as soon as I could get some business matters straightened out I got married," said Mrs. Jeffries.

"We did not want the affair to be generally known, so we were married suddenly and quietly. Mr. Jeffries is retiring by nature and does not like notoriety in an affair like this, so we only had a few friends present."

Billy Delaney was pleased at the marriage of his charge.

"I've known Mrs. Jeffries some time," he said, "and I knew of the affection between her and Jeffries. I supposed they would get married soon, especially when she came to San Francisco."

The bride has considerable property of her own in New York. She was married but divorced some years ago and permitted to resume her maiden name.

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into custody Friday evening. It is said that she denies her guilt.

The murder of Miss Nesbitt and her husband for the first time known to be in possession of evidence which will doubtless lead to Williams being convicted of the charge—forms one of the blackest chapters in the criminal history of the state. It is supposed to have occurred in March, 1900, when the body of the relinquishment was not discovered until some months afterward. It was an investigation of the forgery that led to Williams' arrest. After he was indicted by the federal grand jury two months later, a grave was discovered in the yard of the house at Bellingham, Wash., in February and taken to the Dalles. He passed through Portland and is said to have presented the picture of despair at that time. Shortly previous to his arrest a grave was discovered on his own homestead property, in which were discovered locks of hair matted with blood, and other articles.

Enticed to Doom.

Years ago Miss Nesbitt and Williams are said to have been friends at Omaha, Neb. They came west together, and, taking adjoining claims in Wasco county, lived there for about a year. The girl afterward sent for her mother and the two came to Portland. After living here for a brief period they returned to the homestead.

One night in March, 1900, when the rain was falling in torrents and the wind was blowing a gale, Williams engaged a horse and buggy at Hood River with the announced intention of driving Miss Nesbitt and her mother to their home, which was located about 20 miles from town. The trio was seen to drive out of town, and from that day to this nothing has been seen or heard of the two women. Williams returned the next day. That the intention of securing their property now seems a certainty. The daughter, if such be the case, was murdered in order that her property might be secured by the assassin, while her mother was also violently dealt with in order to cover up all trace of the other crime.

Country Is Scoured.

As soon as it was discovered that the two women were missing, searching parties were organized and the country scoured for a trace of them. The officials took the case in hand, but their efforts for a long time proved in vain. In this connection it is worthy to note that while the disappearance of the women was regarded as a mystery in the Hood River country, it never became known outside that region until a long time after the double murder is supposed to have been committed.

The forgery was noticed by the officials in the summer of 1900, when an examination was made in the land office at The Dalles of the signatures of Miss Nesbitt to the homestead application and the signature of the relinquishment. One of the clerks happened to notice the dissimilarity in writing and commented on it. An investigation showed plainly that a forgery had been committed. The matter was then turned over to a special agent of the government, located at Oregon City, in the spring of the year following, but no steps were taken looking to the apprehension of the forger until the fall of 1901. It is said that the report of this agent was far from satisfactory.

Special Agent E. B. Linnen then took up the matter, but before he had time to accomplish much was promoted and transferred. The United States inspector, R. Green, then began an investigation, having been assigned that duty by the department of the interior, and after an exhaustive search brought to light the various details of the forgery.

The relinquishment to which Miss Nesbitt's name was signed was to the east half of the southwest quarter and lots 3 and 4 of section 18 south of range 10 east, and was dated June 23, 1901.

While Williams lived in the Mount Hood settlement, where his homestead was located, he made some strong enemies. After the suspicious disappearance of Mrs. Nesbitt and her daughter he was openly accused of their murder, and finally things were made worse for him that he left there, fearing violence.

The people at Mount Hood freely expressed the opinion that Mrs. and Miss Nesbitt were murdered by Williams. A number of them relate the peculiar circumstances attending the shipment of two boxes from Hood River long after the disappearance of the women. Williams at that time said that he had conveyed the women to Mosier, where they

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took the train. He relinquished his own homestead entry February 25, 1901. Inspector Green said the evidence before the federal grand jury in this city which led to the indictment of Williams on October 23. Shortly afterward George Nesbitt came to Oregon. Numerous letters of inquiry regarding the women had been sent to The Dalles, and the men lived for four months, and the son and brother came to Oregon as soon as he learned they were missing.

Grave Is Found.

The authorities were spurred on in their efforts to locate Williams by the discovery in last February of what had been a grave on the homestead property. When the earth was removed several locks of hair, matted with blood, were discovered. Taken in connection with other suspicious details, the theory of murder appeared so tenable that the search was prosecuted with zeal, and Williams was located at Bellingham.

Who the Zivney woman is cannot be learned. She is about 25 years old and rather dark complexion. She dressed neatly. Sheriff Sexton admitted that her name was not on information furnished by Williams. The arrest of Williams on the charge of murdering Mrs. Nesbitt and her daughter was made on complaint of George Nesbitt. It is said that Williams had made preparations to flee. When arrested he at first asserted that he would not be brought back without extradition papers, but finally consented to cause no trouble. Nesbitt went to Bellingham and trailed Williams down after discovering the graves on the homestead property.

His Record Black.

Prior to coming to the information charging Williams with murder, it is said, Nesbitt unearthed a record in the case of the man he believed guilty of the murder of his mother and sister, which has seldom been equalled in the northwest. On the Williams property he discovered where the ground had been broken under an old chicken house. With others he dug up the soil and found the well-defined walls of two graves, about six feet long and two feet wide, the ground giving evidence of having been disturbed in the last few months.

Several gunny sacks were discovered at the depth of seven feet, all being clotted and stiff with blood. There were also two large bunches of human hair, matted with blood, one gray and the other black, answering the descriptions of the hair in the case of both the women. In the grave was also a broken dish with hair clinging to the edges.

With these evidences of crime in his possession Nesbitt returned to Hood River and swore to a complaint charging Williams with murder before District Attorney Menefee. The theory is that Williams, fearing the talk regarding the disappearance of the two women, went to the homestead at night and removed the bodies.

Nesbitt asserted after the arrest that he had learned Williams had served three years in the Nebraska penitentiary for rape. He was sentenced to eight years, but by good behavior was permitted his freedom at the expiration of less than half his term.

He also learned, it is said, that Williams had six wives, two dying suddenly of poison under suspicious circumstances, and \$2,000 life insurance being realized by Williams in the case of one.

Williams is said to have tried to induce Alma Nesbitt to marry him at Omaha. She came west in May, 1899, under the belief that through his influence she could secure a good parcel of land. After establishing a residence on her homestead she went to The Dalles to secure work as a domestic in the home of the Hon. A. S. Bennett. There she remained until fall, being joined by her mother in September.

Mrs. Nesbitt wrote home that she and her daughter were to go to the homestead again on March 8, 1900. She said in this letter that they would return to Portland again about April 1. This was the last letter their relatives ever had from them. Shortly afterward they drove away from Hood River with Williams in the hack and were never seen again.

MEETS HORRIBLE DEATH.

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal.)

Point Richmond, Cal., April 23.—R. C. Park, an employee of the Santa Fe railroad, was instantly killed today by the breaking of a portion of a scraper. The top of his head was cut off and his body was horribly mangled.

A Lakewview drunk tried to escape by burning the jail down, but the fire was discovered in time to prevent the success of his brilliant scheme.

RESIGNS TO ENTER STOCK BUSINESS

William A. Shane, who resigned from the police department Thursday night, will engage immediately in the stock business in Crook county, near Prineville. With him will be associated Pa-



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troelman Thomas Kay, who will resign next fall to take an active part in the business.

Ex-Patrolman Shane served in the police department for six years, and was accounted an excellent officer. He walked several beats until the present administration inaugurated the mounted squad, when he was given a horse and placed in charge of the South Portland beat, working days. While in that capacity he gave most satisfactory service.

But the life of a policeman is not the most pleasant nor remunerative, and having an opportunity to secure 500 horses on the range in eastern Oregon, Mr. Shane took up with the proposition.

Chief of Police Hunt has not yet appointed anyone to fill the vacancy made by Mr. Shane's resignation, but will do so this week.

COMMITTS SUICIDE WHILE FAST ASLEEP

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal.)

Sacramento, Cal., April 23.—Charles W. Turley, a young man of about 24 years, shot himself through the head while lying in bed at his home at an early hour this morning. He died, never regaining consciousness. It is believed that the act was committed by Turley while he was asleep, and there seems to be no circumstances to point to suicide, and no motive for such a deed is offered by any of his relatives or friends.

About 3:30 o'clock this morning the household was disturbed by the discharge of a revolver. The younger brother knew it was the report of a weapon, and made an examination, only to find that a bullet had penetrated his brother's head. He aroused the family and told them what had happened. The elderly Mrs. Turley was almost distracted when she entered the room and found her son lying in his bed, unconscious, with a bullet in his head.

Dr. Frank Krull was immediately summoned, and made a temporary dressing of the wound. He worked on the patient until he passed away, several hours after the sad affair occurred. The friends and relatives of Charles Turley are not inclined to believe that the young man committed suicide, but think the act was performed while he was asleep.

His relatives say that he was afflicted with somnambulism, and that it was not an uncommon thing for him to get up and prow around the house at night while in a sound slumber.

A YOUNG COUPLE MARRY THEMSELVES

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Rome, April 23.—A curious and most unusual marriage ceremony took place in the church of St. Andre Delle Frate the other day.

Just as the congregation was leaving the church a young couple followed by four men came rushing into the church and did not stop until they reached the altar, behind which the officiating priest was still standing.

They had no sooner reached the altar than the young man cried out, pointing to the young girl at his side: "This is my wife," and the girl immediately answered, "This is my husband," while the four friends shouted, "We are witnesses."

"We are now legally married," said the young man, whose name is Jesare Lupo, to the priest, "and you must now give us a certificate."

The priest at first refused, but eventually complied, according to a law of the church the marriage was perfectly valid.

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The amendment went farther than the Livernash-Patterson proposition in the senate today. Mr. Cullom, chairman of the foreign affairs committee, with the united approbation of the administration leaders, secured the passage of an amendment which is identical with the Livernash-Patterson bill, and which effectively continues the operation of the exclusion laws against the Chinese until immigration of coolies is "liberalized" by subsequent legislation.

WIRELESS SYSTEM BETWEEN TWO CITIES

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, April 23.—A wireless telegraph plant for commercial purposes is being installed in this city, and will be completed in a short time. It will connect with a smaller station in New York, and messages are expected to be sent within the next 10 days. This will be the first wireless telegraph plant ever established within the limits of a city.

Plants in other places are located on the outskirts. The station here is being established in the heart of the city in order to test the effect buildings and high structures have upon the sound waves.

SCOTT'S ACTION TO BE INVESTIGATED

SEATTLE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S ACTION IN CASE OF MOST DISREPUTABLE CHARACTER CAUSES A GREAT DEAL OF UNFAVORABLE COMMENT.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Seattle, Wash., April 23.—The strange dismissal of the Joseph Clark case on the motion of Prosecuting Attorney Scott, is to be investigated by the Civic union's special committee. After Clark was convicted in the superior court under the state law making it a felony to live off the earnings of a fallen woman, Scott asked the court to discharge the man on the ground that there was "not sufficient evidence to secure a conviction."

The fact that this action was taken by the prosecuting attorney at a time when Frenchmen who live off unfortunate women were arranging for protection is regarded as significant by the committee members.

Clark's case was first tried under the newly passed law. Police officers who had been watching for some time for a chance to send to prison one of these lecherous individuals, got strong evidence against the defendant and brought it before the jury in the superior court. It took the jury 15 minutes to convict.

Then strange things happened after the court had in November granted a new trial on the ground that some police officers in the case had shown prejudice against the defendant while on the stand.

The committee of Frenchmen came to Seattle from Portland to arrange for protection. Some 50 who had fled to Oregon and wanted to come back, arranged their return satisfactorily according to what has been told to the committee, by paying \$500 a month tribute. At the time when this protection was settled Scott came into court with a statement that Clark, who was already convicted, was not guilty.

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FOR EASIER LIFE ON HIGH SEAS

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Washington, D. C., April 23.—Representative Livernash of California accomplished something today which may ultimately result in great benefit to American seamen. He induced the house to adopt an amendment to the Grosvener shipping commission bill which obliges the commission to investigate the life of seamen so that light may be thrown on the defects of the present laws relating to sea life.

The Grosvener bill provides for the appointment of a commission consisting of five senators and five representatives. This commission will investigate American shipping interests during the recess and report at the opening of the next session.

Mr. Livernash's amendment provides that the commission shall inquire into and report upon "what changes, or changes, if any, should be made in existing law relative to the treatment, comfort and safety of seamen in order to make more attractive the seafaring calling in the American merchant service."

WATER COMPANY STEALS STREETS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Seattle, Wash., April 23.—Without authority and unknown to the public, the Seattle & Lake Washington Waterway company has confiscated and excavated within the last 12 months six important streets and avenues on Beacon hill and damages resulting to the city may reach an immense amount.

The situation was discovered by Councilman Murphy. The city has no indemnity bond from the waterway company and its only recourse is to stop the work at the earliest moment.

The first move is to be made Monday night when an ordinance will be presented to the council cancelling the contract between the city and the waterway company.



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WANT IRRIGATION FOR CROOK COUNTY

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, D. C., April 23.—The Farmers' Co-operative Irrigation association of Crook county, Oregon, has sent a petition to the secretary of the interior, bearing 399 signatures, asking that a thorough investigation be made by the reclamation engineers of the irrigation possibilities in their section.

Senator Mitchell has interested himself in the matter and has urged upon the department an early investigation of this section. The situation has been found to be complicated by the fact that the water supply, must apparently be obtained from Crooked river, the summer flow of which is practically all appropriated, or from Deschutes river, the latter supply from which must be carried across Crooked river valley at great expense.

The lands which may be watered from the Deschutes river have to a large extent been selected by the state of Oregon. The question of water rights, therefore, is a serious one, and under the circumstances the reclamation service does not think it practicable for the government to go into this region while the state is attempting to reclaim large tracts under the operation of the Carey act, or before it is definitely known what action will be taken under contracts made with the state for the reclamation of lands along the Deschutes river.

LEG BROKEN BY A FALL.

While walking along the sidewalk at Sixth and Harrison streets last night Mrs. J. B. Edler, 60 years of age, fell through an opening in the sidewalk. Her right leg was broken at the ankle in the accident. She was removed to Good Samaritan hospital, where Dr. R. G. Marsh attended her. She lives at Sixth and Harrison streets, near the scene of the accident.

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