

# FUNERAL PYRE IS READY FOR GUM JI

God of Evil Watches With Cunning Eye Preparations Being Made for His Destruction—  
"The Devil Chase" This Afternoon.



DUM JI, GOD OF EVIL, WHO WILL BE BURNED IN CHINATOWN TONIGHT

**FESTIVAL PROGRAM**

"The Devil Chase," which will occur at 4 o'clock this afternoon, when priests and others will chase away the evil spirits that may be lurking in Chinatown.

At 5 o'clock this afternoon the bandstand for musicians and priests who will play and chant as Gum Ji is cremated will be completed.

The lighting of bonfires at a distance of every five feet from Pine to Alder street in Second at 7 o'clock.

Continuous religious services in the joss house, 64 Second street, where the Chinese band plays.

The burning of Gum Ji, the finale of the performance, at 12 o'clock.

There is great rejoicing in Chinatown. They are roasting a pig. They are cheering the great San Di Law and mighty San Di Gin. They are burning incense and chanting praises to the heroic gods who have won in their battle with evil.

They are hurling jeers and insults at Gum Ji, the conquered one. Good hands are raising his funeral pyre. Leering out of his cunning eyes, Gum Ji

sit in the balcony in Second street watching the workmen as they build his funeral pyre, but pays no heed to their devotions.

But still he smiles. He may escape, though on one side stands San Di Law and on the other San Di Gin. Near by are stationed Chinese watchmen instructed by the priests to watch both night and day, that the crafty one may not elude his giant guards and mount the paper steed that waits to carry them away. Throughout last night the yellow sentinels kept constant vigil over the evil spirit and all of today they remained on duty.

Dum Ji was vanquished last night by the gods of good. He must die tonight about midnight and death awaits the night to escape the fate that awaits him. He refused to heed the proffers that were made to enslave him to the feast. The tea at his side remains untouched; the pipe he did not light; the food he did not eat.

So other means will be employed to bring about the will of priest and pious. Carpenters began early this morning to erect in Second street near Pine a stand for the musicians. It will be completed by tonight and inside the red burnings will be stationed the band and priests. Music will sound as Gum Ji dies and priests will chant his funeral dirge.

**Fire at Every Turn.**

A short distance away will be erected a smaller building. It will not be covered by curtain or canopy. It will be

open to public view and public ridicule. Perched inside the smaller house Gum Ji must wait the coming of the flames that will be started tonight. On both sides the street from Pine to Alder streets bonfires will burn five feet apart. Once inside the row of flames his escape is impossible.

This afternoon the "Devil Chase" will take place. Tables will be spread in the streets on which will rest bowls of rice, chop suey and chop sticks. Rooster combs and other delicacies will be placed on the tables and long bamboo and sticky opium with lighted taper will be nearby.

The feast is prepared to lure the evil spirits that may have crept into Chinatown during the night to assist the god of evil in his escape. For an hour or more no yellow face will be seen. The streets will be deserted. Then when they see no one the evil spirits may be lured to the feast. But hidden inside the labyrinth of doors and hallways will be stationed pious Celestials to watch for the coming of the evil ones. They will be armed with clubs and noise-producing tom-toms and gongs.

Suddenly a priest, decked in oriental splendor will dash from a doorway, followed by a hundred yellow, frenzied Chinese. They will race round the table shouting, yelling, screaming, beating the drums and chanting, unceasingly with their peculiar instruments. It was a strange melody of grotesque sounds. Without a stop or intermission the band played fiercely until daybreak and will resume its labors early this evening.

**Waltz in the Gala Night.**

Tonight is the gala night. Sandalwood incense will rise from all Chinatown; lighted tapers will gleam from every nook and corner of the streets; bonfires will add a lurid light to the scene; and the costumes will be worn. The festivities will continue until daybreak.

Among the assistants to the band of priests who were imported from San Francisco is a small Chinese boy, Wah Ting Fu. He is very young and very small but is envied by every boy in Chinatown. For unto him befall the honor of "kiss-towing" before the fire after the priests had chanted and tossed rice and coins upon the flames. He leads the procession through the streets and is attired in gaudy robes that transforms Mongolian youths into monsters of envy.

He was assisting in the services last night. There was a great crowd about and Eddie was in the set of "kiss-towing." A Chinese small boy pulled his cue. The lad turned in holy horror at the impious act. Before the priests or others could interfere he flew at the miscreant.

Like tiny furies they fought through a yelling, cheering crowd of whites into the street. There they separated for an instant. The other boy stooped down and seized a handful of mud. He would ruin the dazling robes of his enemy, he said.

With a cry of terror Eddie fled to the protecting priests.

**TWO FREIGHT TRAINS COLLIDE NEAR ROY**

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Tacoma, Wash., Oct. 12.—Freight train No. 53, bound for Portland, and an extra from Portland, east-bound on the Northern Pacific, met in a head-on collision just west of Roy, at 3 o'clock this morning. The tender of the extra and two cars were derailed.

William Ryan and William Martel, two tramps who were stealing a ride, were injured. Traffic was delayed four hours. The Portland train was sent around by way of Olympia.

**WARREN STEPHENS FORFEITS \$900 BAIL**

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Pendleton, Or., Oct. 12.—Cash bail to the amount of \$900 was forfeited to the state circuit court this morning by Warren Stephens, charged with horse-stealing. Stephens is supposed to be in Pennsylvania, where his mother resides. He was arrested last July for stealing 25 head of horses, the property of Frank Hannah and Charles Barker.

**SMALLPOX UNPROFITABLE**

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Spokane, Wash., Oct. 12.—In the case of A. N. Doty against the city for \$10,000 damages on account of smallpox contracted in the isolation hospital, the corporation has decided that the city cannot be held liable for damages. Doty avers that he was forced to go to the hospital when he had chicken pox, and that while there he contracted the smallpox.

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## "LITTLE RHODY'S" CONVENTION TAME

(Journal Special Service.)

Providence, R. I., Oct. 12.—The Republican state convention today adopted a platform endorsing the national platform and commending Roosevelt, George H. Utter of Westbury was nominated for governor, and Frederick H. Jackson of Providence for lieutenant governor.

Prior to the convention here Republicans had stood in fear of a split of the party over local issues which have been brought up from time to time, particularly those referring to new corporation laws. The convention, however, owing to the skillful programing indulged in before its opening, proved to be a very tame affair and there was not even a spirited contest over the choice of the gubernatorial candidate.

The convention finished its labors and adjourned late this afternoon.

**BRYAN IN INDIANA.**

(Journal Special Service.)

Rockville, Ind., Oct. 12.—W. J. Bryan began his speaking tour in Indiana by special train this morning. He is accompanied by State Chairman O'Brien and other members of the state committee. A big crowd greeted him here.

**FAIRBANKS LEAVING IOWA.**

(Journal Special Service.)

Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 12.—Fairbanks spoke to a large crowd from the platform of his car this morning. The special left at 8:30 o'clock for the final day's tour in this state.

**GREAT DAVIS SPECIAL.**

(Journal Special Service.)

Oakland, Md., Oct. 12.—Several hundred Democrats greeted the Davis special which made the first stop of the day here this morning. Speeches followed, which were loudly applauded by the crowd.

**INJURED MAN TAKEN TO INSANE ASYLUM**

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

La Grande, Or., Oct. 12.—The man who gave his name as W. G. Miller, who was severely injured in the O. R. & N. passenger wreck west of this city a few weeks ago, was taken to Salem last night, as his mind is still considerably deranged.

He has at no time since the accident been entirely rational, but he has been able of late to write the Ben Pittman system of shorthand perfectly and quite rapidly, uses the best of English language and is highly educated. He claims to have at one time been connected with some of the leading papers on the Pacific coast, but has not been able to give a correct account of his past up to this time. The past seems almost a blank to him.

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## SHANGHAIED FOR SEALING CRUISE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Seattle, Oct. 12.—Shanghaied and placed aboard the sealing schooner Carmencita, which left San Francisco five months ago for a cruise of the Arctic is the story told by William O'Rourke, Jr., a son of the prominent New York politician who, with other members of the schooner's crew, is now in Seattle.

Six months ago O'Rourke was serving in the quartermaster's department in Manila. He was taken ill and secured a leave of absence to visit his home. He reached San Francisco and while traveling from the ferryboat to his hotel on the day of his arrival he was seized by crimps, gagged, bound and carried aboard the Carmencita. He was placed in confinement for three days and when released the schooner was well out to sea. He was then told that he would work as an ordinary seaman or starve. He recalls tales of hardship on the trip and will remain here until he hears from his father when, he says, he will begin action against the officers of the schooner and claim government protection.

The Carmencita is the boat fired upon supposedly by Russians while poaching off the coast of Siberia in violation of the law last July and during which bombardment Walter York was shot. York was brought to Seattle and died here in Providence hospital. Before his death York stated the Carmencita was poaching.

O'Rourke makes the same statement and says that the shooting of York occurred after the Carmencita had been warned away and refused to go. He is unable to tell whether or not the cutter which did the firing was a Russian or not. He asserts that during the trip the treatment he received has injured his health.

## WRECK NEAR SCENE OF MONDAY'S TRAGEDY

(Journal Special Service.)

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 12.—Two Missouri Pacific trains this morning narrowly averted a disastrous wreck in passing each other at Knobnoster, near the scene of the tragedy of Monday, wherein 25 persons lost their lives.

Train No. 3 attempted to pass train No. 46, east-bound, but the latter failed to clear the switch sufficiently and a refusal of the air brakes on the passing train caused the locomotive to strike the last Pullman, ripping the entire side out of the car. The passengers, warned, escaped to the opposite side of the car and were uninjured.

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