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RUSSIA-JAPAN PLOT DEVELOPS IN ORIENT

DIVISION OF MANCHURIA AIM OF WILY NIPPONESE

Washington, March 5.—Horace E. Edwards, who has been a resident of Pekin, China, for the last 20 years, in an interview with the United Press, said today: "All that Japan awaits is a favorable opportunity to attack China. Chinese resistance will be feeble at the best. Japan is tied to all nations except Germany and the United States with treaties and she believes that these two will be neutral. It is believed in Pekin that the Russians and the Japanese have come to an agreement to divide Manchuria. In this event both nations would largely recompense themselves for the terrible expense of the Japanese-Russian war."

All Japan Awaits Favorable Moment to Strike—Germany and United States Only Countries Not Tied Up by Treaties—British Foreign Office Advised

London, March 5.—Striking events in the Chinese-Japanese controversy which have occurred within the last 24 hours have convinced the British foreign office that war between the two great Mongolian races is very imminent. The recent seizure of the Japanese steamer Satsu Maru by the Chinese is considered to significantly demonstrate the unsettled conditions that now exist in the diplomatic relations between the two countries. Notwithstanding one vessel has been released, Japan's demand, which was little short of an ultimatum, for the return of the vessel and the almost insolent display of Japanese naval force that accompanied the request for the immediate release of the vessel, brought the tangled affairs to a climax. Japan ready. All that Japan now awaits is a favorable moment to strike. The mobilization of the Japanese fleet, which has been taking place for the last few months, the rush of war preparations that have been going on at the great arsenals at Osaka, are now believed to

HILL LINE GAINS ENTRANCE

O. R. & N. Grants Connection Between Thirteenth Street Track and N. P. Railroad—Construction of Terminal Trackage in North Portland to Begin.

Construction of the terminal trackage of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway in its new freight yards in North Portland will be begun at once. After long delay the O. R. & N. company has granted a connection between its Thirteenth street track and the Northern Pacific railroad and materials can be taken into the Hill yards. The Terminal company will build the connection within the next two days and work will be commenced by the Hill company immediately thereafter. The immense freight houses of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad company have been completed for months, but to the present time not a foot of trackage has been laid in the big yards surrounding them. Everything has awaited the expected settlement of the Harriman-Hill controversy over the general terminal arrangements to be made jointly between all the companies. Miles of tracks will be laid in the new yards of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle road. They must be planned with a view of focusing the train movement at a point where it is proposed to bring the main line of the road in from the company's new Willamette river bridge. For this reason it is believed that the rival interests are getting closer together in the terminal matter, and that prospects are favorable for a settlement that will mean the joint use of the present terminal passenger station. It is reported from authoritative sources that the competing companies have at no time been near to any consolidation of the freight trackage of all

EVERY WOMAN IN OREGON WILL READ THIS PAPER

In its issue of March 22 The Oregon Sunday Journal is going to do something that will wake up interest among the women of this community, especially among the dressmakers and the women who want to keep up to the minute in matters pertaining to dress. This issue of the paper will be the spring and summer fashion number of the paper. It will illustrate and describe the very latest fashions of France and America in drawings and photographs in such a way as no American newspaper has ever done. There will be drawings by Jeanette Hope, who in Paris looks at French fashions with an American eye and knows what will appeal to the good taste of those at home. Miss Hope will furnish two pages of drawings for this edition. A staff of fashion diplomats has got behind the scenes of the great French Workshops, and will give all that is latest in French blouses and suits and gowns in excellent photographs. Accessories of dress for women will also be pictured in photographs. A page will be given to new Paris hats. The dressmakers, through The Journal, will get the very latest models from which to furnish their patrons with the latest things for spring. They will find the spring fashion number something worth seeing and keeping.

BRAVE SAILOR PUT ON NAVY RETIRED LIST

Washington, March 5.—Captain Henry B. Mansfield, twice mentioned for meritorious conduct, retired from the navy today by operation of the age limit. In the civil war he performed a noteworthy feat when in the schooner yacht America he made a famous raid on Confederate privateers. After the war he assisted in the capture and destruction of the pirate ship Forward in Tecumpan river, Mexico.

CHINA DECIDES TO RELEASE SATSU MARU

Tokyo, March 5.—The Japanese government has been notified that the Chinese government at Peking intends to release the Japanese steamer Satsu Maru without further trouble.

Mrs. Howard, a Baltimore Beauty



This is a picture of Mrs. George Bronson Howard, who as Miss Doris Skinner was a noted Baltimore beauty. She has recently obtained a decree of absolute divorce from her husband. They had been married less than a year when the break came in their domestic relations. George Bronson Howard is well known in New York and Washington society and has often been a visitor to this coast. Telegraph dispatches have told of the peculiar features of his wife's suit for separation.

MERELY A JOKE, SAYS B. L. BARRY

Artful Dodgers Made Useful in So-Called Convention in Yamhill County—Report of "Machine" Causes Big Laugh.

Anyone Who Would Oppose Statement No. 1 There "Could Not Be Elected Dog Catcher"—Some Precincts Not Represented.

B. L. Barry, a prominent business man of Dayton, Yamhill county, scouted the idea that Yamhill county Republicans are opposed to Statement No. 1 and the direct primary law. "Why," he said this morning, "a man could not be elected dog catcher in Yamhill if he opposed Statement No. 1." Mr. Barry was discussing the report sent out of the convention recently held in McMinnville at which resolutions condemning Statement No. 1 were adopted.

"I will tell you about that convention," Mr. Barry said. "Up in Yamhill recently it is considered a joke and is looked upon as such. No one attaches any importance to its actions, for it did not express the opinion of even a small majority of the voters of Yamhill county. Artful Dodgers. The convention was called by small dodgers about 5x3 inches in dimensions, and a very significant thing about the documents was that none of them were signed. It was not said on them that the convention had been called by the county central committee or the chairman of it, because there is not a politician in Yamhill county who would have dared to have signed such a call. "It is said that several precincts were not represented and this part of the report sent out is true. They were not represented because the precincts were so solidly for Statement No. 1 that they would pay no attention to the convention. They just treated it as a joke and let it alone. "I do not know anyone in Yamhill county outside of the men in the season's office and a few other old-line politicians who are opposed to Statement No. 1. The issue up there is so strong that it is carried into the county ticket and the candidates for county offices will have to either be friendly to Statement No. 1 or be defeated. Work Under Machine. "Yamhill county used to be as completely under the thumb of the old-time machine as did Portland or the state," continued Mr. Barry. "But it is not now. The men who are trying to control things up there now and to oppose Statement No. 1 will be the most surprised lot of men you ever saw when the election is over. "Yamhill county is solid for Statement No. 1," concluded Mr. Barry, "and reports sent out that the Republican party of the county has condemned it are not true. The idea of such a report being sent out for the truth or otherwise should be considered other than as a joke."

INVESTIGATE CAUSE OF DISASTER

Cleveland, Ohio, March 5.—The Collinwood board of education is investigating the cause of the fire. There is a report that the fire was of incendiary origin. There is no proof of this, but the architects do not believe that the furnace was the cause. The janitor claims that he opened the outside doors, but his other testimony is conflicting. The plans of the building show that the rear doors opened outward, but this fact is disputed. Business is all but suspended throughout this city today and Collinwood. Flags are at half mast everywhere and an air of deep gloom prevails. Shifts of men worked all night in the ruins of the North Collinwood school and when they ceased this morning 152 bodies were found, about 30 of which are believed to be those that cannot be identified. The city engineer of Collinwood says that, in his opinion, this accounts for all missing. The Collinwood board of trade has donated \$5,000 and the city council added another like sum to the fund for the

PORTLAND SCHOOLS SAID TO BE SAFE; FIRE DRILLS ARE UP TO THE AVERAGE FOR PROFICIENCY

M'Court For Bristol's Job

Washington, March 5.—John McCourt of Pendleton was recommended by the Oregon delegation for appointment as United States district attorney for Oregon to succeed W. C. Bristol. The decision of the delegation was arrived at late this afternoon and will be sent to the president at once. It is believed here that this will end the long fight for the selection of an attorney to fill the place now virtually vacant at Portland. Mr. McCourt has been the choice of Congressman Ellis for some time and has been willing to accept the office should it be tendered to him though he has made no active effort to secure the appointment. He has been brought forward by Mr. Ellis from time to time as a possible compromise candidate and has at last been selected by the delegation to be a man well fitted for the office and against whom no opposition can be urged. John McCourt is a well-known attorney of Pendleton, where he has practiced law for several years. He was raised in Marion county on a farm near the city and attended the Willamette law school graduating some 10 years ago. He studied law in the office of John A. Carson and after being admitted to practice went to Pendleton where he became the junior partner of the late Judge J. J. Halleray, acknowledged to have the widest knowledge of the law of any man in eastern Oregon. After the death of Judge Halleray, about three years ago, Mr. McCourt formed a partnership with Gilbert W. Phelps, prosecuting attorney for Umatilla and Morrow counties, and was appointed deputy district attorney, which position he now holds. He is also the city attorney of Pendleton. Mr. McCourt ranks high in eastern Oregon as a lawyer. He has had great success in the trial and prosecution of cases before the eastern Oregon courts and is a hard worker and a deep student. Mr. McCourt is a young man about 35 years of age.

Chief Campbell Believes Buildings Are Fairly Well Protected From Fire and Panic

Teachers Explain Method of Training Their Pupils for Any Emergency That May Arise

Portland school children are comparatively safe from injury by fire so far as adequate precautions can provide safety, according to the statements of practically all the large schools of the city and the added testimony of Fire Chief Campbell, who says the fire drills in the Portland schools are of a higher grade of efficiency than those in many eastern schools which he visited during his recent trip. This is the other side of the argument regarding local school houses. All exit doors in Portland school buildings are large, admitting from four to eight pupils to pass through them abreast. All open outward and all are kept unlocked during all the time classes are in session. Monitors are chosen from among the larger boys of each school, and trained, whose duty it is to spring for the outward swinging exit doors at the first tap of the fire drill alarm, swing the doors wide open and fasten them in that position until the person has passed through them to the outer air and safety. Fire drills are practiced approximately every two weeks at each school and by these the largest schools in the city are emptied of pupils within two minutes after the first alarm is given, while in the majority of cases the time is slightly over one minute. Books, wraps, hats, everything is left to the school connection, though it is reported, and not strapped up, as is usual, the teachers marshaling their classes in line and sending them down the corridors in double time for the open air. Situation of Furnaces. According to the principals of the various schools, the buildings are well constructed for quick escape in case of fire. The furnaces are so situated in the majority of cases that the pupils are not likely to be in the vicinity of the furnace room, where fire would most likely start, from the time they leave their class rooms until they reach the sidewalks outside the building. In all the school system so far as could be ascertained today there is but one defective point, and that is a small one at West Side high school. On the second floor one of the rooms on the Alder street side of the building is barred from the fire escape by reason of a window which is filled with a blackboard. When the fire escapes were put up it was thought that the window, to cut through the blackboard and open an exit to the escape. This was never done, and that room is barred from direct connection, though it is possible for occupants of the room to gain the fire escape by going into the main hallway on the second floor. Professor Davis, however, advised that it would be impossible for fire to gain sufficient headway to cause danger to the students.

FOUND DOORWAY FASTENED

Children of Local School During Fire Drill Make Startling Discovery—Side Exit Door Would Not Open When Pressed.

Portland may have to change its public school system of fire drills if it is desired to afford absolute protection to pupils. Under present rules there is much delay in getting children out of the school buildings and there are not drills frequently enough to get pupils thoroughly used to alarms. One apparently foolish rule is that which compels children to stop to strap up books at the tap of the fire alarm and there are said to be other weaknesses in the system now employed. It is not generally known that an alarming oversight on the part of someone in control, on one of our local schools was brought to attention recently during a fire drill. Several weeks ago the incident was common talk among school boys of the school in question and had the fire drill on the occasion mentioned been given as result of an actual fire there is no telling what might have happened. There might have been just such an occurrence as that of North Collinwood yesterday when scores of little ones lost their lives through the grossest neglect of the school officials of that place who gave no more intelligent thought to the lives of the little ones put up it was rather than would be expected of savages. The North Collinwood doors opened inward and one of them, at least, was locked. The doors of the certain Portland school may not open inward, but they were locked! The fire drill bell was sounded and the Portland pupils, in perfect order, took their places in line. The classes

TRIES TO KILL HIGH MASON

Son of Judge Buck of Spokane Shoots at Member of Order He Swears Has Hounded Him—Demented Youth Raving in Cell of City Prison.

Spokane, Wash., March 5.—F. J. Buck, son of Judge Buck and brother of Storey Buck, a well-known newspaper man, made an insane attempt this morning to kill John H. Shaw, president of the Shaw-Borden company, and the highest Mason of the city. He met Shaw in the entrance to his store on Riverside avenue and fired a 38-caliber revolver at him at short range. The bullet passed through Shaw's collar without injuring him. Buck declares Masons hounded him out of the country and are still persecuting him. He was not personally acquainted with Shaw and the latter did not know him. Buck was seized by bystanders and taken to the city jail raving. He is 35 years old and unmarried.

RAILROADS OBEY NEW TELEGRAPHERS' LAW

Chicago, March 5.—Representatives of western railroads and labor organizations met today to readjust the working conditions of employees affected by the new nine-hour service which went into effect yesterday on all the railroads. The railroads have made many threats within the last few days. Some of them declare they intend to discharge many men, others threaten to reduce the number of trains, while others are talking of installing a telephone service and throwing out the telegraph wires and reducing wages. The unions insist that no reductions will be accepted. It is reported that 2,000 non-union switchmen will be recruited here.

GOES INSANE WHILE STAYING AT HOTEL

Mrs. Frances E. Jackson became violently insane at the Imperial hotel last night and was taken to the county jail. Today she was sent to the asylum at Salem after examination by alienists. She is the wife of a lighthouse keeper on the Alaskan station, and the lonely life there is supposed to have had much to do with unbalancing her reason. Her husband brought her to Portland on the way to California, where he hoped that she would recover. Her screams aroused the guests at the hotel last night and it was decided that she should go to the asylum at once.

GOVERNMENT MEN ARREST ANARCHIST

Chicago, March 5.—Forty-five men, two of them believed to be anarchists, and two women, all alleged to be counterfeiters, were arrested here today as the result of a raid made by United States secret service men and the local police. The arrest of a man accused of passing spurious coins led to the raid. He confessed after being in the "awebath" 18 hours, according to the police department, and told where his alleged accomplices could be found. The police confiscated a complete counterfeit-feller's outfit. It was used to make counterfeit dollars.

CASE AGAINST WOMAN NOT PROSECUTED

On the recommendation of Deputy District Attorney Hiney, Judge Cleveland today dismissed the charge of larceny against Cornelia Emmerick, who was accused of stealing a diamond buckle valued at \$100 from Henry Edelman. The woman was the landlady of the Annex at 334 Yamhill street, and upon being arrested promptly restored the stolen property. Edelman did not wish to prosecute the case, and in view of the fact that the defendant is a woman and has been taught a lesson she will not forget, the dismissal of the case was decided on.

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