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MINISTER CONGER STANDS BY THEM

Justifies the Acts of the Missionaries at Peking—Did Not Loot, but Provided For the Destitute Men and Women on Their Hands.

VICTORIA, April 23.—In an interview with the Kobe Herald, Minister Conger, who is on his way to San Francisco, said: "There were really no acts on the part of the missionaries there that were not entirely justified when the circumstances are known. The missionaries did not loot. They found 2000 destitute men and women on their hands. There was no government, no organized authority. There were houses of men who had been firing on the foreign quarter, directing the attacking leaders of the Boxers, their property had been abandoned as a result of the state of war, and it was taken in order to succor hundreds of suffering and destitute Chinese whose lives the original owners had been laboring to destroy. Winter was coming on and measures of some kind were imperative and the appropriation for the ends in view was unquestionably justified. That, briefly, was the situation. I am prepared to justify the conduct of the American missionaries before the siege, during the siege and after the siege. If you wish to get the facts, there is a missionary on board who would probably give you all the particulars you want." The missionary was Dr. Ament, who told the reporter that goods taken by the so-called loot committee were goods left in stores by people who had sought refuge in the legation during the siege, and the goods were taken to prevent their destruction. The clothes and bedding were given to men working on the barricades, and the committee handed Sir Claude MacDonald the key of the room in which all the valuables were stored. These goods were sold and the proceeds divided among the British soldiers. His mission received but \$75. Previous to this sale of garments and curios was held and the \$400 netted was given to the American mission board. Most of the goods were taken from buildings that the military authorities ordered burned. Some of the goods were restored to the owners and other owners were recompensed for their losses. Dr. Ament explains the sale of goods in the Mongol Prince's house, where he took up his quarters by saying they were without food and sold the

goods on the advice of Mr. Conger, and had they not taken possession the place would have been destroyed by the Russians. About \$4000 was realized by this sale and it was devoted to the needs of the native Christians. In conclusion Dr. Ament said: "The Chinese dammed up the canal and were going to drown us out. They supposed the foreigners had subterranean burrows in which to take refuge, and were certain that underground passages had been made from the legation to the Fu, so they resolved to drown us out like rats in a trap."

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Motive Was Seen.
HILLSBORO, April 23.—County Judge L. A. Rood yesterday received a letter from Dr. Norris, of Oregon City, concerning W. H. H. McGee, a veteran who has been missing from his home since April 8th, McGee's friends have been very anxious about him for the past week and searching parties searched the numerous streams about Hillsboro, thinking possibly he had gone fishing and met with some accident. His strange disappearance was reported in the papers, and Dr. Norris having read the accounts, reported to Judge Rood by letter that on the 9th, while driving in the country near Oregon City, he overtook a man answering the description and giving his name as McGee, stating also that he was from Hillsboro and was going to Gresham. Friends here are not yet satisfied, as McGee left without caring for his poultry, leaving the fowls to care for themselves, which was something unusual for him, and while there is no doubt but he was the man seen by Dr. Norris, yet the actions of the missing man are considered quite strange.

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Husband of Fifty Wives.

CHICAGO, April 23.—In the arrest of Count Leopold de Melville, otherwise known as Leo Fraquini, who is held by the New York police on a charge of bigamy, sworn to by a brother of one of his Chicago wives, there was brought to light in this city a romance whose unfolding reveals the count as the hero of more than 100 love affairs. He is declared to be the husband of an assortment of wives whose number is estimated at not less than 50 or so.

As a duelist on many a blood-stained field of honor in Europe, the count became celebrated nearly a generation ago. His duels were always fought for love, and the wounds received in the onsets he proudly bears on his face and body. He at last broke altogether with his father, a nobleman high in the court and councils of the king of Belgium.

Such was the narrative detailed last evening at her residence in this city by Mrs. Hannah Henson de Melville, who married the count in this city, August 21, 1900, and lived with him until three weeks ago. A few days before April 1st of this year the count eloped with a young woman from Riverdale whom, it is alleged, he married in this state and then took with him to New York. Within a few days of the elopement the young lady's brother discovered that De Melville had a wife in Chicago—Mrs. Hannah Henson de Melville—with whom he had been living until the time of the elopement. His sister in New York was made acquainted with her brother's discoveries. There was a scene between the elopers after which the woman returned to Chicago.

When placed under arrest in New York the count was reported to have told Detective Burke he had so many wives that he had not been able to keep track of even their names, and could form no idea as to their real number.

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Carrie Nation Gang Will Go To Jail. WICHITA, Kan., April 23.—Mrs. Carrie Nation, Mrs. Lucy Wilhite, Mrs. Julia Evans and Mrs. Lydia Muntz, the four women who smashed two saloons here some months ago, have decided to reject all bail and go to jail. Their cases come up before the court tomorrow for the purpose of renewing their bonds. They claim they could easily get bonds, but they deem it their duty to resent the imputation that they have committed any crime, hence their decision to go to jail.

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