

TYPHOID EPIDEMIC DUE TO POLLUTION OF CITY WATER

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 29.—The typhoid fever epidemic at Centralia, Wash., was today characterized as the worst that has ever stricken a city in the Pacific northwest, by Dr. Calvin S. White, secretary of the Oregon state health board, who spent two days in Centralia investigating on the board's instructions.

"There has been so far 297 proven cases, sixteen suspects and eleven deaths," said Dr. White. "Out of this staggering total all but six fever victims got their water from the city supply, which is pumped from a shallow well on the edge of Skookumchuck creek, which means 'good water' in Indian."

"This stream reeks with pollution. Lining its shores are barns and cess-pools, and the pollution from two coal mines is pumped into it also. And this is the water which the people of Centralia drink and which carries the fever germs which have infected so large a portion of Centralia's population."

"The three hospitals of the town are filled with patients and it has been necessary to place forty cots in the armory, and these people are being cared for largely by money from the state military fund and Lewis county."

White stated that 3600 people had been inoculated with typhoid vaccine.

DICTATOR RULES CHINA; REPUBLIC DREAM OF PAST

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 29.—Copies of Chinese newspapers published about the time of President Yuan Shi Kai's dissolution of parliament and establishment of a virtual dictatorship arrived here today and made it clear that to all intents and purposes the republic is for the time being at an end.

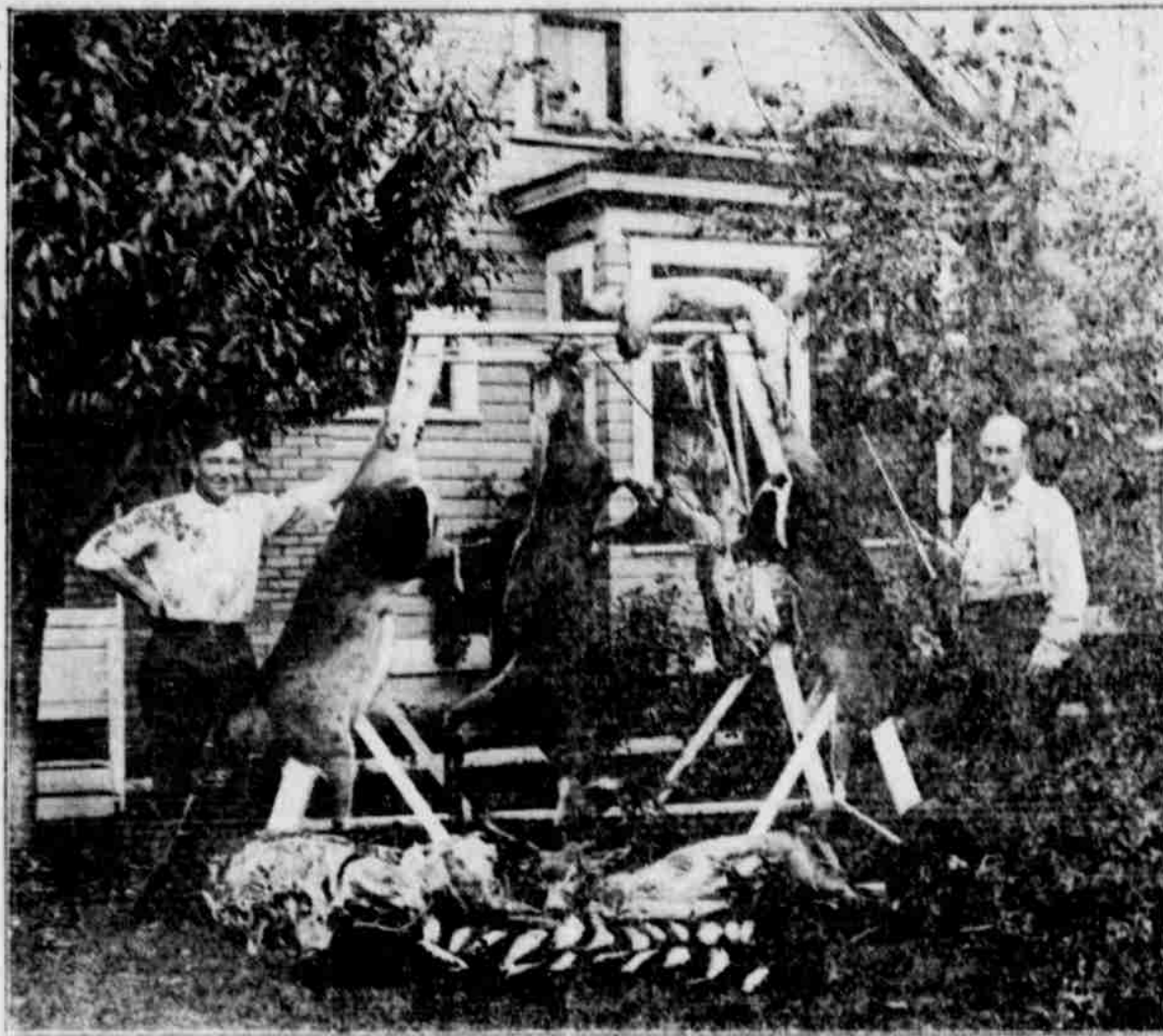
The China Press, of Shanghai, one of the best informed of the Chinese daily publications, said editorially of Yuan:

"If his life is spared he may be expected to govern China as Porfirio Diaz governed Mexico."

"Republicanism in China was never a reality; it is today the shadow of a dream. The patriarchal system which the president-dictator is now reasserting is that which, say what we will, still best befits a race with whom reverence for the past is a deep-rooted instinct."

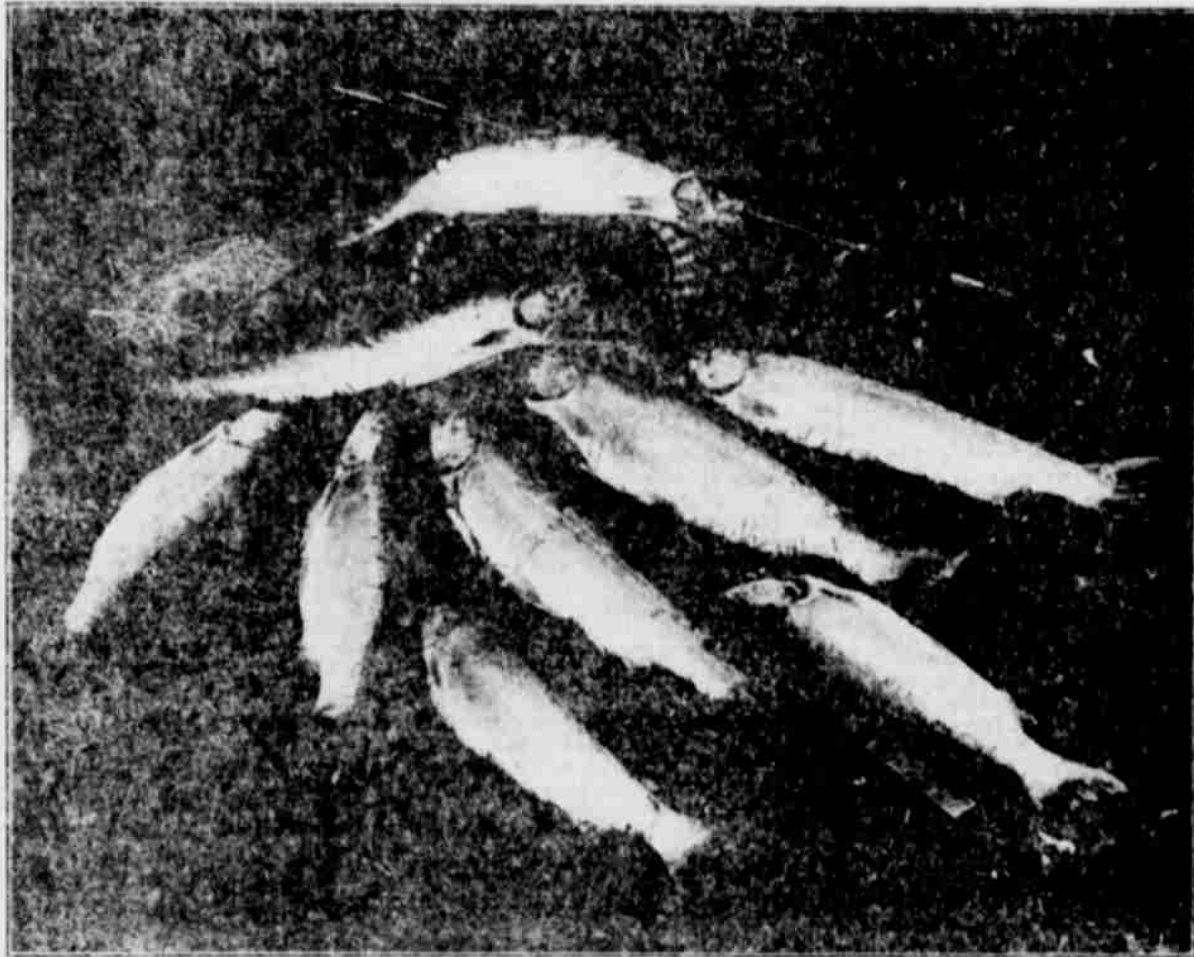
"Yuan Shi Kai, abetted of the fathers and mothers of the people, is only giving expression to the conviction that all the instincts and traditions of his countrymen will accept the exercise of despot's authority, whether benevolent or brutal, so long as the ruler follows established precedents and conforms to popular sentiment."

TROPHIES OF GUN AND ROD—ONE OF MANY FEATURES IN NEW YEAR'S ISSUE



Bear and Deer bagged by J. H. Cockran.

AN AFTERNOON'S CATCH WITH THE FLY OF STEELHEAD IN ROGUE RIVER, CAUGHT BY W. F. ISAACS—WEIGH FROM FOUR TO EIGHT POUNDS



The High Cost of Living

Some interesting light was shed on the high cost of living late last week by a well-known member of the local produce trade. He showed why egg prices are high, predicted that meat would go still higher in 1914, and said that \$2 a bushel would soon be paid here for potatoes if the embargo on foreign potatoes were not lifted.

"The egg shortage is not confined to the United States alone this season," he said. "Ten days ago in Montreal it was found that the eggs stored there were not even sufficient to last until January 1, and as the spring in Canada is later than here, Canadians are very much concerned about where they are going to get supplies from during the next three months. The egg shortage in this country, as compared to last year is 580,000 cases, or 208,800,000 eggs. The price of everything is governed by supply and demand, and that is why eggs are expensive now."

"Perhaps it is not generally known that statistics published in January, 1913, showed that notwithstanding the record crops of 1912, the decrease in cattle was as follows: Milch cows, 202,900; other cattle,

1,230,000; sheep, 550,000, and swine, 4,232,000. The 1914 figures may show a decrease twice as large as this, which will, of course, mean higher prices for meat.

"As for the 1913 American crop, let me here tell you what the American farmer grows as compared to other countries:

Bushels Per Acre	Wheat	Potatoes
United States	15	99
Canada	20	...
Great Britain	30	250
France	15	...
Germany	20	225

"These figures and the decreases shown in crop reports of mid-November are appalling, and would seem to indicate a need of different methods on the part of the officials of the department of agriculture.

"The government still has an embargo against certain countries sending their potatoes here for fear of the 'wart disease,' but we cannot keep out the potatoes of all Europe, because France, Belgium and Holland do not grow potatoes in soils that produce scab. That scab can always be found in land that is freshly broken up; that is to say, from per-

manent grass to tillable land, or where potatoes are kept growing year after year on the same land, and the land has never been limed or salted.

"As for the wart scab, which is merely a larger scab than the ordinary scab disease, it has appeared in land that has been tilled with potatoes year after year for many years, and has been manured with raw manure or, in some cases, with fresh sewage. Given the same conditions, I am prepared to produce that same wart scab in the finest land in Long Island or New Jersey.

"Of course the embargo this season has suited many well-known operators who are connected financially with the farmers, and who, to my knowledge, have been preaching high prices for potatoes throughout their respective districts. In fact, in Chicago today, potatoes from Idaho are quoted at \$1.10 a bushel against a normal price of 50 cents, and some people have gone so far as to say they will finish at \$2 a bushel."

Emmanuel Reicher, head of the Leasing Theatre in Berlin, is to go to San Francisco during the Panama Exposition and give a series of plays in which he has become famous.

The Schuberts have completed arrangements with George Edwards whereby they are to bring over the entire London Gaiety Theatre company intact for a New York season of "The Girl on the Film."

OFFICER'S MURDER BATTLE WITH POSSE RESULT OF KISS

EXCURSION OFF TO CALIFORNIA TO SPEND WINTER

The annual Southern Pacific excursion to southern California leaves this afternoon at 4 o'clock, in charge of A. S. Rosenbaum, local agent. The train consists of three Pullmans and a baggage car. Besides conducting the excursion, "Rosy" will take along a trunkful of Rogue river valley literature for distribution.

Among those making the trip are: Dr. E. H. French and family, Mrs. Delroy Getchell and son, Dr. F. C. Page, W. H. Humphrey and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wortman, Mess-james Malgren, Ebert, Cravath, Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Houck, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cook, C. E. McPherson, W. P. Raffe, W. C. Johnson, Ed Wilkinson, Mrs. McMahon and daughter, Carl Glasgow, Dr. Gandy, J. W. Reddick, M. Clemens, C. H. Clemens, R. Smith, E. V. Carnegie, S. W. Upton, Judge Crowell, Clyde Hazelrigg, William Warner and A. S. Rosenbaum.

With Medford trade is Medford made

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 29.—Standing off a posse of twenty-five men in a four hours' battle near New Homestead this morning, Henry Rokowski, aged 22 years, refreshed himself with several hours of sleep and then made good his escape.

Rokowski is wanted for the murder of Constable Windt. He shot Windt through the heart when the officer attempted to arrest him for heating up the mother of Mary and Estelle Yakabik and a neighbor of the Yakabiks, who came to their rescue. Physicians told little hope this afternoon for the recovery of Mrs. Yakabik and her neighbor, Ignatz Rakowski.

After killing the constable, Rokowski took to the hills in pursuit of the two Yakabik girls, who fled when the trouble started. Estelle told the police that Rokowski started to fight when her mother resented Rokowski's attempt to kiss her daughter.

A posse started in pursuit of the murderer and found him barricaded in a shack in the hills back of New Homestead. Rokowski stood off his pursuers for four hours. When they withdrew for reinforcements he escaped to a nearby barn and slept for several hours. Five hours intervened between the departure of the first posse and the approach of the second body of fifty men. They surrounded the shack and closed in on it, but found it empty.

BAN PLACED ON JINKS FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 29.—Despite the fact that Mayor Albee has banned the drinking of liquor in all grills after 1:15 o'clock New Year's morning, the patrons, if not too hilarious, may dance. The dances must be performed on the floor, however, and not on the tables as in times gone by.

A TWICE-TOLD TALE

One of Interest to Our Readers.

Good news bears repeating, and when it is confirmed after a long lapse of time, even if we hesitated to believe it at first hearing, we feel secure in accepting its truth now. The following experience of a Medford man is confirmed after many years.

A. Z. Sears, 231 Fifth St., Medford, Oregon, says: "Since publicly recommending Doan's Kidney Pills in 1907, I have used them occasionally and they have always brought good results. I was afflicted with severe pains in my back and I often found it impossible to stoop. The kidney secretions passed too frequently and this weakness was a source of much annoyance. Hearing Doan's Kidney Pills highly recommended, I procured a box at Haskins' Drug Store and by the time I had finished the contents, I could see that they were the right remedy for my trouble. Gradually the pains and other difficulties disappeared and my health improved. I cheerfully recommend Doan's Kidney Pills to everyone afflicted with kidney complaint."

"When Your Back is Lame—Remember the Name." Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—ask distinctly for Doan's Kidney Pills, the same that Mr. Sears had—the remedy backed by home testimony. 50c all stores. Foster-Milburn Co., Props. Buffalo, N. Y.

GERMAN OFFICER IMPRISONED FOR ASSAULTING CRIPPLE



THE 99TH REGIMENT OF INFANTRY MARCHING THROUGH THE TOWN OF ZABERN.

Lieutenant Baron von Forstner was sentenced to forty-three days' imprisonment by a court-martial at Straasburg, Germany, for having assaulted a lame cobbler during the recent trouble at Zabern in Alsace Lorraine.

The charge against him was wilful assault and causing great bodily harm by the illegal use of his sabre.

The sentence of imprisonment in a penitentiary involves the loss of his commission as an officer by Lieutenant Baron von Forstner.

It was while passing with a section of the Ninety-fifth Infantry regiment through Dettweiler he wounded the cripple in the head with his sabre for refusing out expressions regarded as offensive.



THE CRIPPLE SABRED BY LIEUTENANT FORSTNER.

TRAINS HANDLED BY PHONE ON FRISCO

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 29.—Freight and passenger trains on the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad were dispatched by telephone today as a result of the lockout of 400 telegraphers who had threatened to strike. All telegraph instruments were removed from the various stations.

Representatives of the Order of Railway Telegraphers met here this afternoon to confer regarding a settlement of the trouble with the receivers of the railroad company, which is in charge of the United States courts. The receivers planned to ask for several hundred special deputy sheriffs to guard railroad property.

OBSCENE LETTERS TO WOMAN COST \$600

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 29.—Charles Willard Carlyle, a wealthy business man and backer of a number of charitable schemes, pleaded guilty to mailing obscene letters today in the United States court here. The letters were addressed to Mrs. C. C. Willard of Berkeley, Cal.

Carlyle was indicted in 1912. He was fined \$25 on each of two counts and assessed the costs, amounting to \$600. He made no defense, simply admitting that he wrote the letters and was ready to pay any fine fixed by the court.

INSANE CHINAMEN DEPORTED TO CHINA

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 29.—Twenty-two insane Chinamen, under guard, passed through Portland today from the state insane asylum at Salem, en route to Seattle, where they will be deported on the steamship Minnesota, scheduled to sail tomorrow for Hong Kong.

The deportation of the men, it is said, will effect a saving to the state of about \$60,000, estimating that each of the twenty-two has ten years yet to live.

The Chinese government will care for the unfortunates upon their arrival at Hong Kong.

CANADIAN PACIFIC UPSETS MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Continued weakness in Canadian Pacific was seen in the early trading in stocks today. It dropped to 205 1/4, a new low point. New Haven, after rising 1, fell back to the opening. Later renewed European selling of Canadian Pacific increased its loss to 3 1/2 points. Around noon Union Pacific, Reading and Steel were each about a point off.

Bonds were irregular.

The market closed dull.

Signor Perugini (John Chat'erton) once a famous light opera singer, is about to leave active theatrical life and enter the Edwin Forrest Home for Actors in Philadelphia. For two seasons Signor Perugini was Patti's leading tenor. By many persons he is best remembered as the former husband of Lillian Russell.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY WEEK ATTRACTION

Page Theatre, Monday Dec. 29

A. MAYO BRADFIELD offers the Great Hoyt Theater Comedy Success, with 1000 laughs and two tears—first time here

"A Bachelor's Honeymoon"

Entire original production. Clean, clever, witty and screamingly funny. An extra good cast, including

Wilbur Higby and Rose Ainsworth

Special Holiday Week Prices: 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 Seat Sale Sunday.