

# HAS GERMAN NATION SUMMONED THE "YELLOW PERIL" TO HER AID IN GREAT CONFLICT?

Ft. Worth, Tex., in constructing a municipal reservoir to cover 8,500 acres of land and to contain 40,000,000 gallons.

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**WEATHER FORECAST**  
For Tacoma: Rain tonight and Wednesday.  
For Washington: Rain west; generally fair east portion tonight and Wednesday.

# FRIENDLY BET RESULTS IN DEATH

## JAPANESE AND CHINAMEN NOW THREATEN WAR

SHANGHAI, China, Jan. 26.—(By Mail)—The breath of war has overtaken China's preparations for it. Japan's ten demands, made public today, have inflamed a nation now in no condition to be inflamed.

The leaders of the republic have foreseen this crisis, but have been caught in the midst of uncomplete preparations. An army of a million men is only partially trained. Swelled, as it was, from the highly efficient and modern half-million soldiers that have been drilled within the past few years, the larger unit has not yet reached the standard of other nations.

As soon as China overthrew the imperial government, the so-called republic under Yuan Shikabely, the worst of forming an army, one that would rank with the best in the world, a well-trained body of half a million men was the result.

**CHINA IS ALARMED**  
When the European war broke out Chinese statesmen were told by the German agents in China, of whom there were many, that as soon as the belligerents became absorbed in their own life-and-death struggle Japan would endeavor to fasten its grip more strongly in China.

Preparations for defense were rushed and did not escape the eyes of the Japanese. In about six months China would have an army efficient enough to resist, with some chance of success, the activities of her neighbor, which long has been trying to form a protectorate over China. So the Japanese waited no longer, it is declared, believing the time to strike was now.

**GERMANS TEACH CHINESE**  
With the fairly efficient railway police—something like the mounted police of Canada's northwest—as a nucleus, China's army was formed. Germans and German-taught Chinese entered into the drilling of this army. A few Polish officers did much to teach organization to the Chinese, and the best equipment was purchased. The infantry has Mausers and the artillery the latest in field pieces.

The young men of the best families have taken up the army, before usually held in disrepute, and cadets are being trained in complete military schools to take their places as officers.

While the Japanese demands are strong, they are not near as sweeping as those China expected and still expects. These demands ask, in the main, that China transfer all German privileges to Japan, extend the lease on the Manchurian railroad, share the operation of several mining properties with Japan and give Japan numerous rights, which amount to the control of the rich province of Shantung, together with consulting no other power on loans of national action nor awarding any territory or island to a foreign power.

**OPPOSED TO JAPAN**  
It is pointed out that when Japan began to clear the Germans out of Shantung province, China threw every obstacle in Japan's way; in fact, did everything but declare war against the nation which promised to return to China the territory taken from her by Germany.

Japan says that during the past six months German officers have carried on as strong a campaign in Peking as they did in Constantinople.

The Japanese say that they have plenty of evidence of a conspiracy of which the following were the chief objects aimed at:

1. To compel Japan to return to China at once the province conquered by Japan from Germany. When the war ended, China would immediately return it to Germany, with the result that Japanese blood and treasure would have been spent for nothing.

2. China by secret treaties made during the war with the German embassy, would hand Germany huge concessions in mines and railroad routes, so that when peace is finally signed, Germany would suddenly appear in full control of industry, transportation and commerce in the great empire of China.

**THE YELLOW PERIL**  
3. Ever since Japan's entry into the war, German officers have been in full control of the Chinese army. The plan was to suddenly launch a half million to a million Chinese troops against Russia's rear, cut the great Siberian railway, cutting Russia's communications with the Pacific and with the United States, and drive all but Germans out of eastern and northeastern Asia.

Because of this conspiracy, say the Japanese, Japan did not send its troops to keep the allies in Europe. Japanese troops expect plenty of work in China.

Also, to prevent the Chinese dictator from throwing the country, its army and its resources into the lap of Germany, immediately, Japan made its demands of China.

## Jitney Bus Driver Thinks a Hoodoo Pursues Him

F. M. Hummon, driver of a jitney bus on the Sixth avenue line, is the original "hard luck guy."

Hummon came to Tacoma recently from Cincinnati, O., to enter the jitney business. As a result of his hard luck he is about ready to go back again to his former home.

On three different occasions Hummon has been arrested for violating traffic laws. Last week Hummon lost his \$25 gold watch. The police found it, and returned it to him.

Last night a jitney passenger robbed Hummon of the same valuable watch.

"There certainly must be a hoodoo pursuing me, captain; I think I'll go back to Ohio," said Hummon, as he reported the robbery today.

**FORTUNE SMILES ON THRIFTY PEOPLE**  
Have you ever noticed how life seems to run without friction for some people? How the good things come their way, without any fuss or strain? It is due to steady effort, "watching the corners" day after day, instead of spasmodic attempts to get ahead. Their bank account is their greatest help, it encourages them to systematic saving. Your account will be appreciated at the

**PUGET SOUND STATE BANK**  
1175 Pacific Ave.

## GERMAN AND BRITISH DIPLOMATS BUSY AT OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL



AMBASSADOR SIR CECIL SPRING-RICE, GREAT BRITAIN'S ENVOY TO THE UNITED STATES, AT LEFT, AND COUNT VON BERNSTORFF, GERMAN AMBASSADOR, FROM SNAPSHOTS TAKEN ON THE STREET AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

## "GERMANY WOULD DRAG U. S. INTO WORLD'S WAR"

**CITY DADS TO GET FREE FEED**  
The city commission today accepted an invitation from President Stone of the Commercial Club to attend a dinner Friday noon, when the proposed "North Side" entrance to Mount Tacoma will be discussed.

"That road is sought by Seattle just to put Tacoma off the main road to the mountain," declared Mayor Fawcett.

"It's a ridiculous waste of money and I'm against it," said Woods.

Commissioner Mills was the only commissioner who favored spending a million or so dollars for another boulevard to Mount Tacoma.

**BURGLARS LEAVE DOOR WIDE OPEN**  
Burglars pried open a front door of the O'Brien grocery, 1529 Pacific avenue, last night and stole \$2 in cash from the store. The door was found standing open this morning.

**GERMANS NO FOOLS**  
"I don't share the opinion of some of my countrymen that the Germans are fools," said Lord Bernstorff. "I don't favor letting them have that defense when the day of reckoning comes. Every move of any magnitude Germany has made to date has been made deliberately and thoughtfully. She must give an accounting on that basis."

"The controlling intellects of Germany know that the sinking of an American ship, though apparently by accident, would be an event of the first magnitude. They know that it would be the shell that would explode the magazine of American patriotism. They know that the war wave which swept the United States in 1898 with the 'Remember the Maine' would be a mere ripple in comparison to that which would engulf the republic should an unarmed merchant ship be sunk by a German submarine. They know that such an event would bring the United States into the war within a week."

## FIRES 3 SHOTS AT MAN WHO MAKES ESCAPE

Three ineffective revolver shots were fired by Policeman Charles Shaffer at a car burglar in Bismarck, a suburb, Sunday night. The crook escaped after a pursuit of eight blocks.

Shaffer surprised the man in the act of robbing a Tacoma-Eastern car in the railroad yards. The burglar took to his heels and Shaffer opened fire with his revolver, but his shots went wild.

Deputy Sheriff Frank Longmire was called and with his bloodhound traced the crook's line of flight to where he had boarded a street car for Tacoma.

## BROADWAY OR NOT IS QUERY

Broadway—or not Broadway? This is the big question that has arisen at the city hall.

During the past two weeks, since the council decided to change C street to Broadway, petition after petition has been filed by property owners. The greatest cause of dissension is the proposed changing of C, from Ninth to Division avenue, to East Broadway.

Today two more petitions were filed. One of them asked that St. Helens avenue be named Broadway, as an extension of the original Broadway, and the other asked that C street, north of Ninth, be called Broadway. The change of names comes up for final vote one week from tomorrow.

## Gets 6 Months Jail Sentence

Leo Christian of South Tacoma, a pugilist who has appeared in the ring under the name of "Leo Bishop," will spend the next six months in the Pierce county jail.

Leo was accused of stealing a calf last week from the ranch of Albert Dougherty, in the Puyallup valley. He butchered the animal and sold it to a Tacoma market. In police court today Christian admitted his guilt and was given a half-year sentence.

## RHEIMS SUFFERS IN BOMBARDMENT

PARIS, Feb. 23.—It was officially announced today that the Cathedral of Rheims had again been severely damaged in bombardment. Twenty civilians are said to have been killed by bursting bombs. The Germans directed their guns at Rheims throughout yesterday. More than 1,500 shells were fired. Houses caught fire, and a strong wind, for a time, threatened the city with destruction.

## Today's Best Joke

Tenderfoot—Whaddye diggin' the big hole for?  
Trapper—Wild cats.  
Tenderfoot—By gravy, I've often heard of wild-cat oil wells, but this is the first time I ever saw one!

## ONE MAN DEAD IN BAY; COPS SAVE OTHER

A laboring man, whose name has not been learned by the police, was drowned in the city channel at Fifteenth street early this morning and E. C. Bergh, his companion, was saved from a similar fate by the quick arrival of two policemen.

The drowning occurred as a result of a bet between Bergh and his companion, who had been drinking, that they could walk across the N. P. viaduct at Fifteenth street in the darkness. Bergh had met the stranger in a saloon. The men had become friendly, without the formality of even learning each other's names.

At 5:10 o'clock this morning Patrolmen Morris and Filkins heard shrieks in the direction of the waterway. Running to the docks, they found that the cries for help came from the middle of the channel. The policemen jumped into a boat and rowed in the darkness to the spot.

They rescued Bergh, but the stranger, who had fallen in at the same time, had disappeared. All efforts to bring the drowned man's body to the surface were unavailing.

Bergh was taken to the city jail, given warm clothing and allowed to rest on a police cot until he had recovered.

## CAPTAIN OF TORPEDOED BOAT DISOBEYED ORDER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23.—Information reached President Wilson today that the captain of the American steamer Evelyn had disobeyed instructions and was out of the capture he was advised to take when his vessel fouled a floating mine and was sunk in the North sea.

Officials of the navy department are endeavoring to secure further facts, since the Evelyn was the first ship insured by the federal war risk insurance bureau. Secretary Daniels has received further advice. There is an indisposition on the part of the administration to believe international trouble will result from the incident.

## INDIANS ATTEMPT ESCAPE AND 3 MORE ARE KILLED

CORTEZ, Cal., Feb. 23.—An attempt made by the hostile band of Plute Indians to escape from Cottonwood canyon, where they were surrounded by Federal Mar-

shal Nebeker's posse, resulted in a desperate battle early today. Three more redmen were killed and several whites were wounded, it is reported. At least three whites were wounded in the fight.

## AMERICAN WOMEN WERE INSULTED?

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The Geneva correspondent of the London Express reported today that travelers arriving at Basle declared six Americans and two women were recently insulted and maltreated by German soldiers at Strassburg because they spoke English. One woman's waist was torn off, it is said. German officers rescued the Americans. The correspondent said many Americans are fleeing into Switzerland.

## SUSTAIN TAFT Fireman Is Gone

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23.—Supreme justices today handed down a decision sustaining an order issued by ex-President Taft in 1909 withdrawing from public entry and private exploitation 3,000,000 acres of oil lands in California and Wyoming. These lands are valued at millions of dollars.

**TODAY'S CLEARINGS.**  
Clearings ..... \$428,455.68  
Balances ..... 60,172.53  
Transactions ..... 812,016.55

## WHEN A MAN'S MARRIED

