

FEARS DEATH AT HANDS OF TONG IN CAFE FIGHT

Sam Joe, Restaurant Proprietor, Gives Dramatic Account of How Hatchet Men Followed Him Here.

Fear of a powerful Chinese tong, with a power which reaches to all parts of the world, and means death to non-members who incur its enmity, yesterday was dramatically described by Sam Joe, Chinese restaurant proprietor, who was named as a leader of a group of non-member Chinese who attempted to open a cafe at 1408 Farnam street, but were routed in a battle with alleged members of the tong.

Sam Joe declared that it was not he who attempted to open the cafe, but a Chinaman named Joe Lee. He would not have dared to open a cafe in opposition to a tong cafe, he said, for by so doing he would be subject to almost sure death.

Guarded by Detectives. In broken English he related his story of how at one time he had attempted to run in opposition to the tong. Two hatchet men were sent from San Francisco to Omaha and for six months followed him constantly, he declared. Three city detectives guarded him on his way home during the entire period, marching, one on each side, and one at his rear, with guns drawn, according to his story. This was in 1916, he says, and since he has not dared to oppose the tong.

Joe Lee, said to be the real leader of the group of anti-tong members who attempted to open a cafe at 1408 Farnam street, could not be found today. He operates a cafe at 1304 Douglas street at the present time.

His attorney, John W. Battin, 945 Omaha National Bank building, declared yesterday that Joe Lee would make another attempt to open the restaurant at the Farnam street location, in spite of the tong. He did not minimize the seriousness of the situation, however.

"I have a copy of a paper published by the On Leon Tong in San Francisco's Chinatown," he said. "It contains a warning to all Chinese not members of the tong not to oppose members of the tong."

Chinese who were preparing to open the cafe at 1408 Farnam street were routed, and two seriously injured in a battle Sunday with another group of Chinese.

Douglas County Bar Will Honor Judges Day and McHugh. Honors will be paid to two members of the Douglas county bar to whom special preference has come recently, in the form of a banquet next Saturday night at the University club. The guests of honor will be District Judge George A. Day, who has been appointed a supreme judge of Nebraska, and Judge W. D. McHugh, who has been appointed general counsel for the International Harvester company and will move to Chicago soon.

Members of the bar may obtain tickets to the banquet from any of the following:

R. M. Switzer, Thomas Lynch, F. E. Sheehan, Henry O. Palmer, George Thummel, W. W. Hoye, A. D. Munger, George Meecan, Francis P. Matthews, Jesse P. Palmer, Sam O. Cotner, John Loomis, George Tunison and Arthur Rosenblum.

Ex-Service Man Says Wife Playing as He Was Fighting. Thomas Davis, formerly a sergeant in the 127th field artillery, filed suit in district court yesterday for a divorce from Ada Davis, whom he married August 16, 1918. He alleges that while he was in France, from October 1, 1918, to January 7, 1919, his wife went to cabarets, dances and picture shows and that when he returned she informed him that she loved another man.

PRESENT DEED TO FONTENELLE FOREST RESERVE

Tract of 460 Acres Will Be Start of Great Missouri River Park.

C. J. Ernst, City Commissioner, Towl, T. L. Kimball, William Stull, Mrs. W. F. Baxter, Mayor Smith and F. J. Adams, representing the Fontenelle Forest association, formally received from Dr. Harold Gifford in the Omaha National bank yesterday a deed to a tract of 460 acres which will be the beginning of the Fontenelle Forest reserve.

The land is located along the Missouri river, south of Mandan park, and includes some of the most beautiful river scenery in Nebraska. The association proposes to ultimately acquire adjoining tracts until a reserve of 2,200 acres shall have been dedicated perpetually as a forest reserve, experimental tree station and bird sanctuary.

The tract deeded yesterday has been known for many years as "Childs' Point Tract," and is the site of the first sawmill in Nebraska. The land overlooks big sweeps of the Missouri river and offers scenes of picturesque beauty. Publications of national circulation have reproduced some of these views during the last year.

One hundred acres of the tract are being used by the Boy Scouts as a camp, with reversionary rights to the Fontenelle Forest association whenever the Scouts abandon.

A river boulevard project contemplates a highway along the west side of the reserve.

Canadian Teachers Organize to Secure Salary Increases

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 28.—Teachers of all the western provinces are organizing their district federations into a general body and the principal activity of this federation, at the outset, will be a campaign to obtain increased salaries and improved conditions for instructors.

The Manitoba Teachers' federation, at its recent annual convention, endorsed the general federation plan which had previously been approved by other provincial federations. The Manitoba organization formally went on record as favoring a minimum salary of \$1,200 for holders of second class certificates and for increased schedules "consistent with the efficiency of the teacher."

There has been a serious shortage of trained instructors for more than a year. It was charged that school boards in two western provinces continually competed for the services of desirable teachers.

Florida County Closes Convict Camp Due to Dry Wave

St. Petersburg, Fla., Jan. 28.—At the suggestion of County Judge Leroy Brandon, who declared "hoose has gone and there will probably be no more convicts," the board of commissioners of Pinellas county, one of the most populous counties in Florida, has closed the county convict camp and has under consideration a proposal to lease it for farming purposes. This action was prompted when it was discovered not a convict was in the camp January 1. The prisoners in the past have been employed in repairing county highways.

Start Probe Into Cause of Disabling of the Powhatan

Washington, Jan. 28.—Investigation of the cause of the disabling of the army transport Powhatan at sea is being made by an official board sitting at New York. In announcing this today, the war department said reports regarding bolshevik activity by members of the transport's crew or others on board had thus far been proven to be without foundation.

TAX INCREASE FOR COUNTY AND CITY ORDERED

In Some Cases Values Will Be Doubled—Council May Not Cut Mill Levy.

Heavy increases in assessment of city and county real estate are being made by the county assessor for the four years beginning with this year. In many cases the valuations have been boosted from 50 to 100 per cent. Real estate assessments are made every four years, the last having been made in 1916. Value of real estate has increased with other things so enormously that this increase is justified, the county assessor declares.

Take Up Farm Acreage.

The board of county commissioners yesterday consulted representatives of the county assessor's office on the question of valuation of farm acreage in Douglas county.

In many cases this valuation will be doubled, it was stated. Values placed on farm acreage in Douglas county for taxation purposes four years ago averaged only \$75 an acre, one of the county commissioners stated.

This fault in valuation prevails in practically every county in the state and an effort will be made through the state board of equalization to secure a just assessment in all counties.

"Unless this is done," said the county commissioner, "an unjust division of state taxes among the people of the state is brought about. The state levy in 1918 was 7.68 mills, and in 1919 it was 13 mills. By assessing property low a county can escape with less than its just share of state taxes." In some western counties farms are now assessed at only \$5 to \$10 an acre where they will readily sell for \$25 to \$75 an acre.

City Expenses Increase.

On city real estate heavy increases will be made in the 1920 assessment, but most of this will be due to actual rises in values of such property. Last year's tax levy for city purposes was 97 mills. This levy was an increase of 20 mills over the year before.

City expenditures have increased greatly by reason of increased pay of city policemen, firemen and other employees and the general increase of city government expenditures. Although \$15,000,000 was added to the assessed valuation of Omaha personal property last year over the year before, the increased levy was made by the city council.

Whether the immense increase in the assessed valuation of city real estate to be made this year will cause the city council to cut down on the levy in mills remains to be seen. But no decrease in the mill levy is looked for by those in touch with city affairs.

U. S. Wireless Engineer Scouts Idea of Other Planet Signalling U. S.

New York, Jan. 28.—There has been no unusual interference with wireless communication in America, asserted Dr. E. F. W. Anderson, chief engineer of the Radio Corporation of America, in discussing today the mysterious wireless signals described recently in London by Signor Marconi.

He scouted the suggestion advanced by some scientists abroad that the signals might have come from another planet. If any disturbance existed, according to Dr. Anderson, it was purely terrestrial.

"The supposed signals, which are considered unusual, probably are produced by some spark station," he said, "and are being heard at a greater distance than ordinarily because of the clearness of the atmosphere and the absence of the static. The fact that the mysterious signals are partly decipherable bears out my contention."

Appeal for Greater Interest In Farming Made by Bankers' Head

Chicago, Jan. 28.—An appeal for greater interest in agriculture by bankers of the United States was given out today by Richard S. Hawes of St. Louis, president of the American Bankers' association.

"Nothing is more germane to the future happiness of America and the prosperity of its bankers than increased scientific production on the farm," said Mr. Hawes.

"Bankers should lend every assistance to the encouragement of scientific farming methods which will bring proper and adequate returns on labor and capital invested. The bankers must help solve every problem facing the rural communities because their prosperity is close to the whole future of the country."

Australian Premier Sees Next War In Pacific Region

London, Jan. 28.—W. A. Hughes, Australian premier, speaking at Melbourne yesterday, said the next war would probably break out in the Pacific according to a Central News dispatch from Sydney.

"We must be ready with a sufficiently numerous army to say 'thus far and no further,'" he is quoted as saying. "We are hedged about with nations which lust after this country."

Poincare to Award Crosses To Five Cities of Belgium

Paris, Jan. 28.—(Havas.)—President Poincare, accompanied by Premier Millerand, left last evening for Belgium and will present the French war crosses to the cities of Furnes, Nicuport, Dixmude and Ypres; before their return.

German Potash Arrives. Philadelphia, Jan. 28.—The first shipment of potash to reach this port directly from Germany in three or four years arrived here today on the Norwegian steamship Tungus from Hamburg. The cargo consists of 3,000 tons.

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