

OPERATORS AGREE TO MARKET PRODUCT AT A FAIR PROFIT. U. S. THREAT BRINGS RESULTS

Government Officials Warn Barons That Output Would Be Stated Unless Prices Be Reduced.

Washington—Lower coal prices, both for the government and the private industry, are promised as the immediate result of the conference held here between the coal operators and government officials.

These special committees also are authorized to confer with the defense council's committee, "to the end that production be stimulated and plans perfected to provide adequate means of distribution."

SPAIN UNDER MILITARY RULE

Crisis Forces Government to Suspend Constitutional Guarantees.

Madrid—The government has decided to suspend the constitutional guarantees.

The suspension of the constitutional guarantees has been followed by the announcement of a rigid censorship of the press, the suspension of political activities, and the attitude of Spain toward the European war, movements of warships, as well as strike meetings and activities of political societies.

HOUSE PASSES ROUGE PLAN

Appropriates \$400,000 For Developing River to New Ford Plant.

Washington—Congress has finally passed the bill appropriating \$400,000 required to develop the River Rouge project and to build blast furnaces and tractor plant.

DEWEY'S FLAGSHIP GROUNDED

U. S. S. Olympia Runs Aground During Fog—One Fatally.

Block Island, N. I.—The United States cruiser Olympia, Admiral Dewey's flagship in the battle of Manila, ran aground in the fog off Block Island Tuesday.

Richmond—The right eye of M. E. Fitzgerald was torn from the socket and his eyelid was lacerated by a crowd during a fight.

Hillsdale, R. H. Smith, Chicago stockman, told 600 farmers at a farm bureau meeting here that 15 per cent of hogs received at Chicago had tuberculosis.

THE GREAT ROMANCE OF PREPAREDNESS BY LOUIS JOSEPH VANCE

Adaptation of the Motion Picture Play of the Same Name Produced for the International Film Service, Inc., Under the Direction of Wharton, Inc.

THE CAST: MRS. VERNON CASTLE as Patricia Channing; MILTON HILLS as Donald Parr; WARNER OLAND as Baron Huroki; DOROTHY GREEN as Fanny Admir.

SYNOPSIS: Baron Huroki, chief of the Japanese embassy in America, is determined to see that the United States becomes a controlled territory...

TENTH EPISODE: War in the Doryyard. IN TIME OF PEACE: The Japanese Embassy in America proved to be as complete an Huroki as heart could wish, a mystery as profound...

Without the slightest considerable lead into that blind labyrinth of underground life wherein the Japanese had taken refuge, Patricia's private investigation, under the direction of Donald Parr, worked tirelessly for weeks upon the problem, leaving no stone unturned in its efforts to track down the fugitives.

At last Parr, innately incredulous, suspicious and solicitous for Patricia's welfare, was driven to admit that Baron Huroki must have fled the country.

He was at once glad and reluctant to believe the reluctant because he feared less some disaster impossible to foresee develop through overconfidence...

It was not until Donald and Patricia breathed more freely as day followed day without overt attack upon the latter or any of her properties, they did permit themselves to relax.

By the time that they had discovered the truth about the divined an impossible ebb and flow of intrigue. It was to be surmised in a quarter of an hour that Patricia and her aides neglected no imaginable precaution.

When he had finished reading, the sneer had faded from his face, a cast of thoughtfulness replacing it. For many minutes he sat pondering.

With this encouragement, Patricia caused the experiment to be put into effect at all the Channing plants. Its success was uniform, and the time-incredibly brief half-million men employed by Channing in various capacities were organized and rapidly approaching a state of military efficiency.

HIS HOME IN STATE OF WAR: No Peace for a Teuton Whose House Was Divided Against Itself.

A policeman found a man leaning weakly against a lamp post the other night. He was carrying a loaded long knife. Finding he would offend and freeze, the cop gave him a gentle nudge with his light stick.

drilled persistently and made familiar with rifle practice. In other words, they are being made into a private army of trained men, ready to be offered to the country's service in event of war.

"I must see for myself. A dangerous business, a dangerous precedent; should any American captains of industry, who are men of action, see that States will have a standing army too soon, far too soon. We must find some way to discourage this young woman—some way to stifle her efforts to work preparations before she can prove them impracticable."

Kato bowed assent. After another moment Huroki dismissed him upon his errand. Within ten minutes the two, thoroughly masked against recognition in their motoring garb, left the house and took their place—Kato at the wheel—in a high-powered motor-car of the roadster type.

His arrangements were now all made for a future, unostentatious exit from the country which Patricia had made too hot to harbor him longer. He was, in effect, being driven over by this insignificant wisp of womanhood, outbawled, a failure, disgraced, in ill favor with his emperor.

And he had been prepared to go without further attempt to balance his score with Patricia. But this accidental encounter—of which the girl had remained so serenely unconscious—made him change his mind.

On the open space that lay between the group of factory buildings and the town, upwards of five hundred men in semimilitary and bearing arms were performing evolutions with a snap and precision that spoke well for Donald Parr's system of training.

Each of these cars was occupied by at least five impassive Japanese, all reservists of the Japanese army, many of them veterans of the war with Russia, whose topees covered a complete infantry equipment for light marching.

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Huroki's Followers Lose No Time in Attacking: Huroki's followers were scattered by a single shot, and many were killed. The woe-begone Teuton went lumbering as the policeman went away.

Drive home, he ordered; "follow the railroad tracks as closely as you can. I must find some way."

Through this valley, mendered a hundred feet below the trestle at its highest point, well watered though it was, this valley offered little temptation to the agriculturalist. Its soil was somewhat sterile and thickly veined with outcroppings of rock.

At this moment was a Japanese. His strides, delayed before following only long enough to plant a small rocket in the earth and touch a match to its fuse.

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Out of the mystery of the night a voice responded in accents oddly familiar, yet oddly unrecognizable.

"Your men have mutilated in Powder Town. They are rioting and shooting up the town. Captain Parr and others are being held in the office of the Mill Number Five, in monetary danger of being blown up."

This voice ceased abruptly. There followed a faint, as if from a distance, the girl's distressed faint cry, the connection renewed faintly, in panic she hung the instrument from her ear and ran off her hook.

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A great roar of cheering broke out in the crowd that was gathered to the ears of the watchers on the hill-top.

With an angry gesture Huroki turned abruptly back toward the city.

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Huroki's Men Set Fire to Powder Town.

out their tales of horror. Parr, summoned from what had been intended as his final council with the officers commanding Patricia's private army, prior to his departure for the South...

Between seven and eight these cars came together in a lonely stretch of road, beside a railroad, in the midst of Powder Town. The driver of each car looked to Kato personally, then parked his car in the fields by the roadside.

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(END OF TENTH EPISODE)

HUNTING FIREFLIES IN JAPAN: Remuneration and Pleasant Occupation for the Inhabitants of the Mikado's Subjects.

In Japan there is followed the pretty custom of employing in garden parties, and in various other social functions, the native fireflies for purposes of decoration.

idias, but she went the man with a string of beads, gently into the back entrance of a gate and put him in a chair.

Lucky Mermaid: "There goes a millionaire and his young wife. He first saw her in a diving suit. She was wearing a mermaid's tail. In some cases these they prepare a list of names in cages; sometimes they are released in swarms in the presence of guests.

filled with the insects, with his pole. This jars them to the ground, where they can easily be gathered; if one prefers, the net may be used. If they have had time to recover and fly away.

This work proceeds until about two o'clock. The insects are taken and the insects are beginning to leave the trees for the dewy soil. Then the hunter changes his tactics. He breaks the surface of the ground with a light broom to startle the insects into flight when they are taken as before.