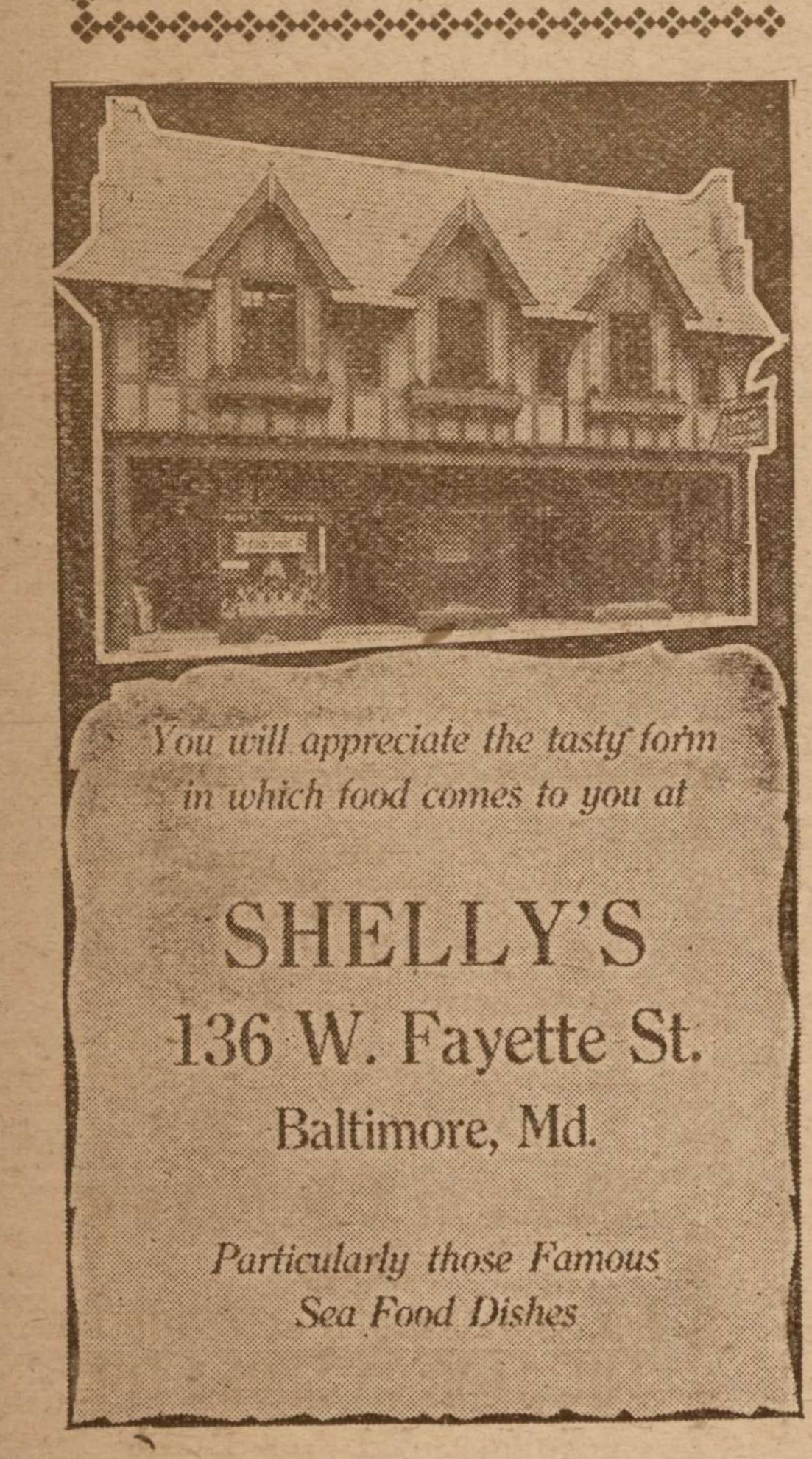


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WHEN DOUGHBOY, JAP AND COSSACK GOT TANGLED UP IN SIBERIA.

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one Japanese, the other Amerdarkness of the Siberian town, which they were supposed to be guarding as Allies. There were three Americans in one patrol and twelve Japanese in the other. The Japanese had crossed into the Amercanguarded part of the town, and each patrol, ostensibly at least, mistook the other for Bolsheviki. The results, as tabulated by the writer of a new and vivid book dealing largely with the adventures of American troops in Eastern Siberia during the war, are set down as follows:

Total shots fired Hits American Japanese 72

This incident was briefly mentioned in cable dispatches at the time, but, says the writer, the full extent of the friction between Americans and Japanese, complicated by troubles with two groups of Cossack Russian Royalists and numerviolent Bolsheviki, has probably never reached the American people. American doughboys were several times close to open warfare with the Japanese, it appears, and the 8,000 American soldiers helping to guard the Trans-Serbian railroad, with the assistanceor enmity—of twice as many Japanese troops, were in continual hot water. The American soldiers, says the writer, who went through the campaign, found a threefold complication of Cossacks, Bolsheviki, and Japanese, frequently felt more friendly toward their avowed enemies, the Bolshe-viki, than toward their Allies, the Japanese, or their supposedly friendly collaborators, Ataman Kalmikov's bunch of Bolsheviki-fighting Cossacks.

This Kalmikov, who divided the Royalist Russian forces of the vicinity with Seminoff, was a rare bird—a real "boy bandwho, at twenty-seven years of age, was renowned for the eclat with which he tortured and put to death Bolshevik prisoners, collected taxes from the Russian peasants, and generally gave an imitation of his idea of his favorite military hero, Napoleon I. The Americans had refused to "recognize" Kalmikov, even though they were supposed to be friendly to him. The Japanese were actively aiding the bandit with money and ammunition. It

was with Kalmikov's assistance, together with that of an American soldier who had turned traitor in order to lead the Bolsheviki against his former comrades, that the American contingent nearly went to war with Japan.

Two Americans, a captain and a corporal, had set out to "get" the American Bolshevik. When they reached Iman, Kalmikov's headquarters, to "endeavor to enlist the cooperation of the secret agents of Cossacks and the Kolchak forces in the capture of the

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writer, Kalmikov "simply held ican, ran into each other in the the two Americans prisoners, without any right whatever, of the closing circles of Ameriand gave them no way in whichto summon aid and prove their . identity." Captain Lindsey ly and wildly he expostulated Pogue Johns, one of the captured men, that night took he came waving his handkerthe situation and his life in his chief. And instinctively every hands, and tried to get away. He was recaptured, however, and his plight, together with that of the corporal who accompanied him, only became known when a Bolshevik friend of the Americans carried word to their camp. Two days later Captain Johns escaped, but the Cossacks still held the corporal and refused to give him up. That night coded orders warned the Amercans to be ready with every available man at midnight to entrain on the attack on Iman, for the recovery of the captured American corporal, and for the punishment of the Cossacks. Early the next morning the train started. Ostensibly, this train was nothing more than a long string of empty box cars running at breakneck speed in the early moments of dawn. No one put his head out at any of the stations, and we came to the last town before Iman just after dawn. Here we took water and broke in on the telegraph operator in the act of warning Iman of our coming. We again cut the wire ahead of us and ran out and started off with a jerk. The "little demon-looking" Russian engineer, whom the men called "Casey." was working beautifully. As we rounded the last curve before coming into Iman it was noted that the semaphore signal was down, warning us not to proceed. This Casey utterly disregarded—he knew the plan. He plunged the long tran straight down the track and up to the station, where he brought it to a full stop with another jerk.

Then the yell that went up must have warned the populace if they had not already been warned on the wire by some foxy operator whom we had not had time to find out and suppress. Every man knew where he was to go and we had the town covered in ten seconds. Out of the silent, inanimate box carss poured the

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multitude of American doughboys; yelling at the top of their voices, down the station platform to their appointed place they tore. Then a shot rang out. It was the unmistakable "whang" of the American Springfield. Then another, and still another. What was

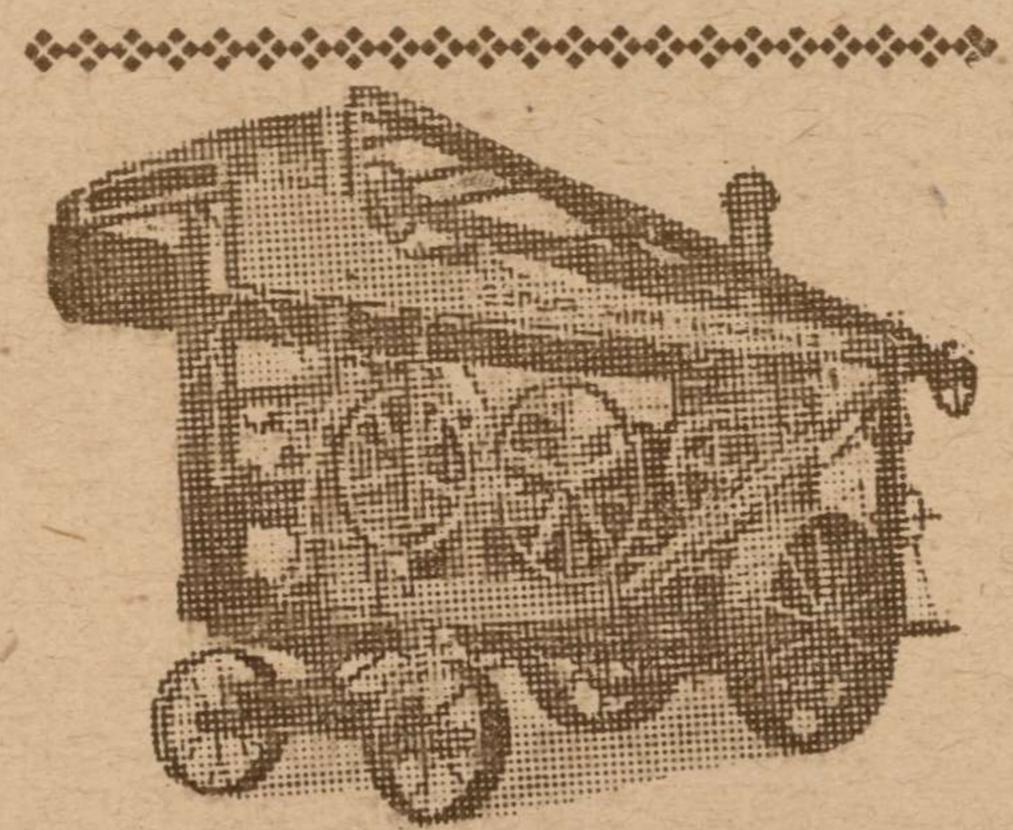
this—the fight begun? But that was all. Not an-Bullets flew as two partols, American deserter," says the other shot was fired. The strain was very tense and the moments short. Into the midst can khaki ran an officer in the uniform of a Japanese. Loudin our direction, and on and on one felt that he was spoiling the fight.

"Please, please, you must not do this, you must not do this!" shouted the Japanese major.

"We have come to inform you," began the Japanese civilian interpreter, "we have

come to tell you that-" "Damn the whole lot of you, get out of the way. We are about to attack the Russian and Cossack garrisons, kill or take every man prisoner, and hold them as prisoners of war, or any other blasted thing, until they turn over the American soldier that they have now as a hostage. Be quick about it, now. Have them clear their decks for action. And you get yourselves out of the way,

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