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WAR BREAKS OUT IN EASTERN EUROPE

TURKISH FORTS OPEN FIRE ON NEW FLAG OF BULGARIA

BATTLE ROYAL ON TOMORROW

First Game of Series for World's Championship to be Played Saturday

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 9.—An army of carpenters went to work today in Bennett park, erecting additional seats to accommodate the great crowds expected tomorrow to witness the first game of the world's championship series between the Detroit Tigers and the Chicago Cubs.

The bleachers will have doubled in size when the gates are thrown open to the public. An additional press box is being built to accommodate 100 newspaper correspondents.

Hughie Jennings has announced that he will use Killian in the opening, reserving Donovan for the Sunday contest at Chicago.

O'Leary, who has been out of the game, will resume his place at short. His thumb is still bandaged but O'Leary says it does not hurt him and he promises to play as well as ever.

CHICAGO, Oct. 9.—Several train loads of fans will journey to Detroit tomorrow to witness the opening game of the championship series. Hundreds of telegrams have been received by the local management from all parts of the country requesting seat reservations. The seat sale for the Chicago games began today at Spaulding's. When the doors opened at 9 o'clock this morning the line was two blocks long waiting.

AVIATOR HAD NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

PITTSBURG, Pa., Oct. 8.—Roy Knabenshue, the aeronaut, was busy today repairing the slight damage sustained by his airship when a cylinder broke during his flight yesterday. The inventor will continue his flights. He owes his life to his mechanic, George Duesler, who crawled along the framework of the dirigible craft as it was about to plunge to earth and grasped a wire that righted the balloon. Duesler clung to the cable until Knabenshue successfully landed the airship three miles from the place where the accident occurred.

WAR BETWEEN SERBIA AND AUSTRIA LOOKED FOR AT ANY TIME

Russia's Fleet in Black Sea Mobilizing—British Ships Ordered to Scene of Activity—Stock Market Suffers in Consequence of War Talk.

VIENNA, Oct. 9.—The Turkish forts at Constantinople have fired on a vessel on the straits of the Bosphorus, which was flying the new Bulgarian flag of independence.

The general situation is far more serious than ever before. Declaration of war between Austria and Serbia is expected at any moment. Russia's fleet in the Black sea is mobilizing. British ships have been ordered to steam immediately to Lemnos, a Turkish dependency.

A general breaking away of the Turkish empire is imminent and the complications confronted by the powers be come more tangled every hour.

England Abandons Hope. LONDON, Oct. 9.—England today abandoned hope of avoiding war in the Balkans and it seems certain that hostilities will break out immediately between Serbia and Austria.

The British press today openly hints that the breaking up of the present impasse in the Balkans will be the end for England to annex Egypt. This daring suggestion has caused wide comment and, though it is impossible to induce anyone at the foreign office to discuss there is a general belief that it is among the possibilities of the situation.

Today's liquidation in the stock market was the heaviest in a long time, indicating the serious view of the situation taken by financiers.

Servian Capital Moved. BELGRADE, Serbia, Oct. 9.—Preparations have been completed today for the removal of the seat of government from this city to Nish, a fortified town 120 miles southeast of here. It is the second largest city in the country.

King Peter is still looking out against war with Austria, but the people continue to clamor for immediate opening of hostilities, and there is little doubt that they will enter their demand.

The removal of the government of fices to Nish is considered the most significant action that could be taken. It will be possible to hold Nish against an invading army if the development of affairs should make such action necessary.

Ships to Activities.

"RIGHT WILL WIN"—BRYAN

Commoner Believes Will of People will overcome Wishes of Corporations

JOLIET, Ill., Oct. 9.—In a speech here today, William J. Bryan expressed his confidence that "right will triumph" in the present campaign, and said:

"I am sure that the will of the people will overcome the wishes of the corporations, which desire the election of Judge Taft to the presidency."

Bryan went over the main issues of the campaign and criticized the republican platform and the manner in which the republican campaign has been conducted.

Former Governor Francis of Missouri is accompanying Bryan on his tour of the state.

Taft Rests. CINCINNATI, O., Oct. 9.—William H. Taft will rest at the home of his brother Charles here until Monday, when he will start on his tour of Ohio and West Virginia. In the meantime Taft will not make any speeches, but will take the best possible care of his voice and keep himself in readiness for the vigorous activity that will mark the closing days of the campaign.

LONDON, Oct. 9.—England today ordered the battleships Glory and Prince of Wales and the cruisers Diana and Lancaster to proceed at once from Malta to Land of Lemnos, which is a Turkish possession, and is located in the Grecian archipelago.

England is taking this action upon the representation of Turkey that only the presence of English warships can calm the Turkish population and prevent the destruction of the empire.

Servia Seizing Roads. VIENNA, Oct. 9.—Servia is retreating today and in response to Austria's occupation of the frontier, is seizing roads and bridges on the Bosnian border, where Austria as yet is unprepared to offer resistance.

Lieutenant Field Marshal Potiorek was appointed commander of the army and assumed charge this evening. The activity of the Servians on the frontier is not of an organized nature, and it is unknown whether it is under orders from the head of the government.

Lieutenant Field Marshal Potiorek has a high record for commanding troops, and Emperor Franz Josef places the utmost confidence in him. He will have absolute power in the movement of the army and will be accountable only to the government. The announcement of his appointment was taken to mean that the government believes that war cannot be avoided, and every precaution will be taken.

G. P. Bates, the new man at the Top, has been joined by his wife, who arrived this morning from Portland.

EXPERTING OF NUVEEN & COMPANY HAVE BOOKS IS PUT OFF

County Court Decides to Wait Until Spring Before Ordering Work - Considered Grand Jury Report

After a lengthy and thorough consideration of the report of the grand jury, which recommended in strong terms the expediting of the county books, the county court Friday decided to not take any action in the matter until next spring, giving as a reason that they did not wish to place the county further in debt during this year.

Judge Neil was in favor of having the work done immediately, stating that it was his belief that the expediting of the books would save the county more money than the cost of expediting would come to. However, Commissioners Patterson and Owens would not agree to ordering the work, but finally agreed to reconsider the matter in the spring, and will order it then if business justify it.

The board of equalization will meet Monday, October 13, and at that time it will probably develop what effect the unanticipated methods of keeping Jackson county's books have upon the tax rolls. Many pieces of property have been assessed twice, and it cannot be determined how many pieces have been overlooked.

HEAVY EARTHQUAKE SHOCK ON ISLAND OF HAWAII

HONOLULU, October 9.—Persons arriving here from Hilo today state that the earthquake felt there September 2 was the heaviest felt in the Hawaiian island since 1808. A tidal wave about three feet high accompanied the seismic disturbance and all parts of the island were shaken. The volcano of the burning lake became exceedingly active, the lake rising and falling in the pit from ten to twenty feet every few hours. An eruption of molten lava rose to a height of several hundred feet in the air, continually pouring a stream down the eastern side of the pit.

GOVERNMENT WIRELESS WORKING IN ALASKA

DAWSON, Y. T., October 9.—Lieutenant Bennett in charge of the installation of the government wireless stations in Alaska has arrived enroute from Seattle. He had communications with the wireless station from Dawson today by means of the wire as far as Eagle and beyond there by means of the wireless. He announces that all the wireless stations are now open for commercial business. There are stations at Circle, Eagle, Fairbanks, Giddan and Nome. This system is a marked success.

HUNDRED NEW READERS FOR TRIBUNE IN CITY

S. D. Judd has just completed a successful canvass of Medford for The Tribune, in which over 100 new subscribers were added, which, in addition to The Tribune's already large list of city readers, gives it three city subscribers to one for any other daily paper. Mr. Judd states that he finds The Tribune one of the most popular papers he ever solicited for and that it was no trouble at all to secure subscribers, as the paper's superiority is universally conceded. Mr. Judd leaves tonight for Redding, where he will conduct a canvass for one of the local papers.

LAW MENACE TO RAILROADS

"Better Government Ownership than Present Conditions" Says Shonts

CHICAGO, Oct. 9.—The public utilities commission law in New York has killed railroad development and government ownership of railroads would be better than the state of affairs in New York being made permanent, declared Theodore P. Shonts, former head of the Panama canal commission and now president of the Interborough Metropolitan Traction company of New York city. In his address, which was delivered before the Lakes to the Gulf Waterways convention, he said in part:

"The railroads are the backbone of transportation. It is impossible to strike a blow at the railroads without hitting the canals and the greatest danger the country faces today is the physical operation of railroads by commissions."

"We now have public service commissions in New York, which supervise and control the railroads, with the result that railroad development in New York is dead."

"The menace is in the law itself. Rather than see this condition permanent, as a railroad man, I would prefer government ownership of railroads."

"The solution of the problem of continuing railroad development rests in giving the railroads a square deal."

BLANKS ARE ALL ON HAND; ORDER BATCH OF \$20,000 SIGNED

Will Take Others as Soon as They Are Sold—Collins Queries Bond House Regarding First \$60,000, Which Should Be On the Way.

City Recorder Collins was Friday morning notified that the Jackson County bank, local agent for John Nuveen & Company, bond brokers of Chicago, were in receipt of the blank bonds for the \$202,000 remaining of the bond issue of \$355,000, and that Nuveen & Company wished \$20,000 of those bonds signed at once and returned to them, as they had sold the bonds and wished to deliver them to their customers. The bond buyers advised the city that they could order other lots of the bonds as rapidly as they were disposed of in Chicago.

Firm Queried. Some ten days ago Recorder Collins forwarded the signed bonds for \$60,000 odd, which money is to be used to pay for the water distributing system of Medford, and as yet has received no word from the bond house. Friday morning the recorder sent a telegram asking Nuveen & Company whether or not they had received the signed bonds. As yet no reply has been received by Mr. Collins, but one is expected Saturday. These bonds were accompanied by a sight draft and the city should have this money soon.

The fact that Nuveen & Company are urging the signing of the remaining portion of the bond issue shows that they are having little or no difficulty in disposing of the bonds, as the \$60,000 lot would be sold first and then the remainder be placed on the market. A lot of \$20,000 has been sold before they were ready for delivery and no doubt the others will be disposed of rapidly.

It begins to look as if the money would be on hand before the source of water supply had been determined.

LABOR DELEGATES CONSIDER PROPOSAL OF SHIP FIRM

LONDON, Oct. 8.—Labor delegates representing the employees of the great shipbuilding firm of Furness, Wyle & Company are considering the proposals of the employers to permit the workmen to enter plant, Mr. Furness told the committee that the shops would be shut before an increase would be granted the men.

E. C. Gaddis returned today from Grants Pass, where he has been during the past week on a business trip.

REFUSE GRAVEL FOR ROADS

Tax Payers Up-In-Arms Against Commissioners For Their Refusal

Residents and taxpayers of the district northwest of Medford are up in arms against County Commissioner Owens and Patterson for refusing to order a gravel surface on new roads recently completed in that section. As a result, the roads will be impassable as soon as it rains, and in order to reach Medford residents will be compelled to travel via Central Point.

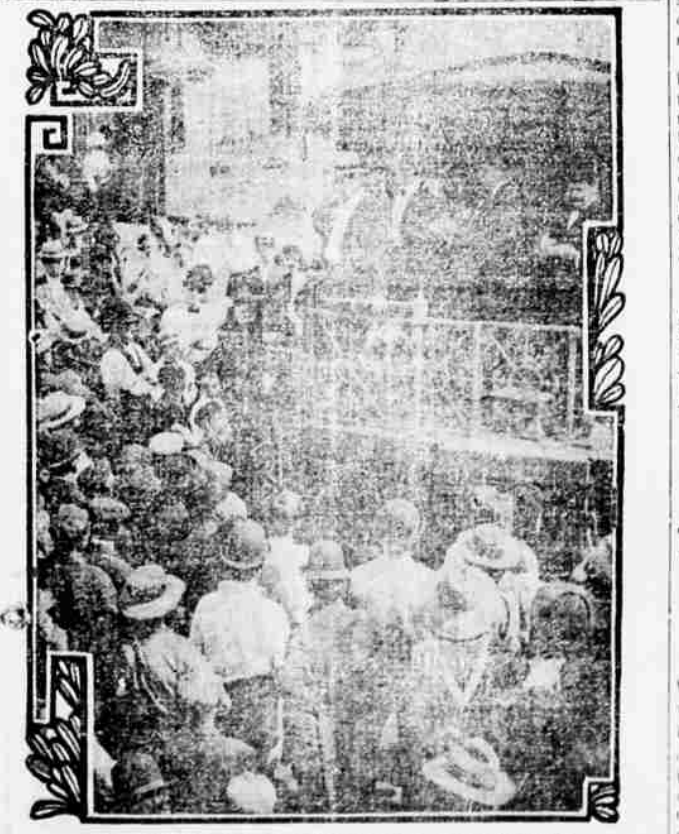
The roads granted are called Ross avenue, running west from the old distillery, Bell Lane and Pauley Hill, which is sticky mud. The commissioners agreed to pay half the expense of graveling if the property owners paid the other half, but as the roads were partly built by public subscription, and it was the first work done in four years in that section, and unimproved land was paying taxes on \$150 an acre valuation, owners thought they had paid their share and that it was up to the county to pay for the graveling, inasmuch as they offered to furnish the gravel. In this County Judge Neil agreed with them.

"I offered to donate gravel free of charge," said W. H. Stewart, one of the orchard owners affected, "but the commissioners turned it down. All concerned are indignant because the roadmaster has been sent to another district and as a result all the work done this summer will be rendered useless as soon as it rains."

"The district affected is one of the richest sections of the county and the new roads providing access to Medford were largely built by Medford contributions. We have been paying our taxes for years without any road improvement and it is not fair to ask us to pay half the expense of graveling. These roads represent the first county work done in four years in our vicinity, and we are entitled to relief, and intend to secure it if there is any way we can get it."

Sunday School Entertains

Tonight at Christian church those who lost in the Sunday school contest in September will entertain the winning side. All the Sunday schools are invited to this feast of good things.



MR. BRYAN AS A WHIRLWIND CAMPAIGNER. In 1900 Mr. Bryan broke all previous records as a whirlwind campaigner. On one day in New York state he made forty-two addresses from the rear end of his car, and for several consecutive days he made thirty-five speeches, big and small. He has also accomplished the remarkable feat of making twenty speeches in twenty different places within twenty hours.

LEASES SECURED ON LARGE ACREAGE OF LAND; MUNDY WILL BORE FOR OIL

Telegrams Sent this Morning Advising Mundy that Leases Have Been Obtained - He Is To Ship Machinery At Once

During the past week agents for Colonel Mundy have been busy in the valley securing leases on land where it is thought possible that oil might be obtained if drilled for. These agents have secured between 4000 and 5000 acres of land and Friday morning wired Colonel Mundy, who is in Kansas City, that they have secured the land he told them to secure.

Colonel Mundy advised his agents that whenever they could secure a certain acreage of land—some 4500 acres—that he would ship oil boring machinery to the city and commence operations. It was the news that this acreage had been secured that went forward to Colonel Mundy Friday morning. He will now, in all probability, forward the machinery at once and begin operations.

Colonel Mundy enjoys a reputation as an oil expert, and has been interested in local prospects since he first came to Medford, as the representative of the Sunrise Mining company, in an endeavor to secure control of the local coal mine. He has paid considerable attention to oil in the valley and decided that the prospects warranted an attempt to strike a flow of oil. He was in the field for leases for some time prior to the report that C. H. Pierce had struck oil.

Colonel Mundy is in Kansas City at the present time in the interests of the Sunrise Mining company of Chicago, and is expected back in Medford in about ten days.

When the prospects are such as to interest a man having wide experience in developing oil prospects, there must be a good chance of striking oil, which will prove a great benefit to the city.

E. P. Little one of the agents for Colonel Mundy, secured leases on some 1500 acres and John M. Root obtained like holds on some 2500 acres. Other agents secured enough to swell the total to some 5000 acres.

\$500 Reward The Medford Daily Tribune has double the bona fide paid circulation in Medford or outside of any daily newspaper printed in Southern Oregon. Five hundred dollars will be forfeited to any charity if examination by a committee of business men, to be agreed upon, does not verify the statement, providing that \$500 will be forfeited by the contesting paper to charity if it fails to establish half as large a bona fide paid circulation, the expenses of the investigation to be borne by the losing newspaper. Medford Daily Tribune G. PUTNAM, Manager.