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2500 CHRISTIANS SLAUGHTERED

FANATICS APPLYING THE TORCH TO HOMES IN WHOLE OF ASIA MINOR

TAFT ANNOUNCES THAT HE IS TO VISIT THE PACIFIC COAST IN AUGUST

INFANTS AND WOMEN KILLED BY HUNDREDS

Believed That Wholesale Slaughter Has Spread Through Whole of Asia Minor--Horrible Reports

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 17.—Twenty-five hundred Christians were slain in the Moslem massacre at Adan and Mersin according to reports received here today.

Fanatics are applying the torch everywhere. Hundreds of buildings have been burned.

The fanatics dragged women and infants into the streets and slaughtered them by hundreds. Babies were chopped in two.

From all reports, the massacre is still spreading. It will be several days before troops can get the situation in hand.

Handfuls of women and children are fleeing the country endeavoring to make their escape.

Wells have been poisoned. From all reports this will be a far worse slaughter than was the one of 1900.

YREKA RAILROAD WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH MOTORS

YREKA, Cal., April 17.—The Yreka railroad will shortly be equipped with a modern motor car for use on the road, which will take the place of the little motor that has been in operation for some time.

The car is expected to be here within a month, and it is understood that when it has been placed in commission the present steam cars will make but one trip a day, the motor will make No. 14 going north, early in the morning; also No. 13 going south in the evening, and will also make one trip during the day.

Mrs. Woods, a fitter from one of the largest San Francisco houses, has arrived in Medford, where she has accepted a position as fitter for Montgomery's.

Mr. and Mrs. George Culy are spending a few days in Medford.

WORK STOPPED TEMPORARILY ON OIL WELL

Waiting for Reamer to Arrive So That Casing Can Be Put In to Shut Off Flow of Water.

Work upon the oil well on the desert, which is being sunk by the Desert Oil company, has been stopped temporarily and will be resumed only upon the arrival of a bottom reamer, so that an eight casing can be put in to shut off the flow of water, which is interfering with the work.

For the greater portion of the depth of the well the eight-inch casing is in place. At the bottom, however, the size of the well was cut to six and one-half inches. Now in order to stop the flow of water into the well the bottom must be reamed out, and the eight-inch casing put in.

SAYS SOCIALISM MAKES DESERTERS IN ARMY

NEW YORK, April 17.—How the National Civic Federation is opposing socialism in this country was told by Seth Low, former president of Columbia university, in the course of an address last night before the members of the National Metal Trade association.

"Do you know," he asked, "that there are Sunday schools in this city where socialism is taught to little children? Their literature is on our battle-ships and circulates in our army, urging desertion and mutiny. But we are doing what we can to counteract that propaganda. We began this at the request of the labor leaders in the federation. Such men as Mr. Gompers and Mr. Mitchell have been fighting socialism in their labor unions for years."

BUYING BULLETS TO PUNCTURE AUTO TIRES

A well known farmer was buying a box of cartridges at the Medford Hardware company's Saturday. "These are for automobilists who hog the road," he said. "I am not going to shoot them—just the auto, puncture a tire or put a bullet through the wheels."

"The women motorists are the worst. Sometimes the men refuse to give part of the road, but seldom. But the women are reckless drivers and seem to take a delight in trying to cripple a horse. If auto cranks keep on as they have been started out this year, it will end in violence, as the farmers are up in arms."

CLERK FILES HIS SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT COUNTY FINANCES

JACKSON COUNTY COUNTY COURT GOT PAID OUT IN SIX MONTHS \$59,323.32

Of This Amount \$28,000 Was Spent Upon the Roads of the County—Salaries Next Largest Amount.

Fifty-nine thousand, three hundred and twenty-three dollars and thirty-two cents was what it cost Jackson county to run during the six months ended April 1, 1909, according to the report just compiled by County Clerk W. R. Coleman. Of this amount the largest share was spent on the roads of the county, which took the amount of \$28,571.70. Salaries come next with \$8914.01. Then for present ownership maps \$5000 was spent. Indigent expenses totaled \$1107.55. To maintain the courthouse the sum of \$1196.27 was needed. Current expenses required another large sum—\$2227.64. Court expenses took a bunch of money. The circuit court required \$3701. The justice courts took \$395.58, while the juvenile court expenses totaled \$78.05. For the care of prisoners Sheriff Jones drew on the county exchequer to the amount of \$407.90. The county poor farm required \$2043.59. Election expenses totaled \$1637. Other expenses to an amount of \$743.03 made up the total.

The County Debt.

The semi-annual statement of the county clerk as to the outstanding debt of Jackson county shows a total amount of warrants, both principal and interest, outstanding on April 1, 1909, of \$134,898.31. The amount of money in the hands of the county treasurer applicable to the redemption of county warrants is \$38,504.07, leaving Jackson county debtor to a balance of \$106,394.24.

BIG CELEBRATION OVER RAILROAD ADVENT

ELSMATH FALLS, April 17.—Business men of this city as a whole are in favor of a grand celebration on Railroad day. The arrival of the first train is to be made a day of general rejoicing and it is intended to have occasions run from the California cities as well as from Portland on the matter of securing rates from Sacramento, San Francisco and Portland.

It is not known just when the first train will arrive here, but it is stated by engineers in charge of the construction work that it will be some time next month. It is likely that the celebration will occur about the first of June.

WHO WILL BE LUCKY ONES TO GET FREE TRIP?

Contest Is Open to All Young Ladies of Southern Oregon—Trip Will Be Full of Interest.

Who will go to the fair? Who will be the lucky young ladies to win free trips to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle? Who will be the ones to see the great show free of all expense from the time they leave Medford until they return?

Who will be the Tribune's guests, traveling in Pullmans, stopping at first-class hotels, visiting and loitering in all the splendid show palaces, seeing the wonders of the world brought together in a small compass, taking in all the freak shows and amusements of the "Pay Streak," then cruising about the blue waters of Puget sound, all free of expense?

Do you want to go? If you do, get into the race. If you can't go yourself, don't you know of a friend who wants to see all these sights without spending a nickel?

The Tribune will send you or your friends to the number of seven. See our announcement. Full page ad on another page.

SAYS HE RENIGGED: KETCHEL DENIES CHARGES

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., April 17.—Stanley Ketchel, the champion middleweight, will fight the breach of promise suit brought against him by Miss Elizabeth Hoffman of this city at the circuit court here. His attorney filed a general denial of the girl's charges today.

ROBBER MAKES ATTEMPT ON SEATTLE BANK

SEATTLE, Wash., April 17.—A robber entered the American Savings Trust bank in the heart of the business district at 11 o'clock this morning, poked a gun under the teller's nose. "Give me some money," he demanded. Instead of complying, the teller, Arthur T. Drew, ducked under the counter. The robber then turned and fired at Secretary Harry Wells, whose desk was near. The bullet went wild, barely missing James P. Gleason. Gleason says he heard the bullet whistle by. In the excitement the stranger ran out and disappeared in the street crowd.

JAPAN'S EXHIBIT BEGINS TO ARRIVE AT THE FAIR

SEATTLE, Wash., April 17.—The first installment of the big display to be made by Japan at the exposition arrived here this morning. Ten men came to handle it.

WILL TRAVEL FROM ALASKA TO FAR SOUTH

Must of Necessity Pass Through Medford--May Work It So He Can Visit Crater Lake

WASHINGTON, April 17.—President Taft will visit Alaska and the Pacific coast this summer, according to an announcement made at the White House today.

According to his present plans he will leave Washington about August 1 and tour the coast from Alaska to southern California.

He is to spend June and July at his summer home at Beverly, Mass.

The trip will in all probability cost \$17,000. It is stated that he may not go if congress fails to pass the appropriation of \$25,000 for his traveling expenses.

An endeavor will be made to have the president stop over one day in Medford to give him a chance to visit Crater Lake. Automobiles will be provided and the road repaired in advance so that the trip may be made in a day. This would probably prove the most effective bit of advertising that the Crater Lake boosters could do.

LAW BARRING SALOME DANCES IS IN EFFECT

DES MOINES, Ia., April 17.—Iowa's anti-Salome dance law was in effect today. The law was signed by the governor and provision made for a fine and a jail sentence for anyone found to be in violation.

PRICES ON LUMBER AND SHINGLES TO ADVANCE

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 17.—Lumber prices, which are still recovering to an increasing demand for Canada and the northwest, will advance shortly as the result of a conference of the members of the British Columbia Lumber & Shingle Manufacturers' association, yesterday.

WANTED—Stenographer, for office work. C. Tribune office.

Mrs. E. Denton, who has been visiting in the city for some time with friends, has returned to her home Myrtle creek.