

## JAPAN OPENS RULE OF 'RIGHTEOUSNESS'

"Taisei" Era Replaces "Meiji" or Reign of Intelligent Administration.

## OLD CABINET TO RESIGN

All Nippon Isle Is in Mourning, but Business Is Not Disturbed—Funeral Is Not Expected to Be Held Before September 1.

TOKIO, July 31.—The era of Taisei—the great righteousness—has begun. The era of Meiji—"Intelligent administration"—closed with the accession of Yoshioka. The old cabinet will resign at once, as is the custom.

The death of the Emperor Mutsuhito, while causing widespread grief, has had small effect on normal conditions here. There has been a remarkable absence of demonstrations and, aside from the closed banks and commercial houses, the crepe-bands flags at every entrance and evident signs of mourning by foreigners and natives alike, the nation moved along on its accustomed business.

A special chamber in the Palace has been arranged for the reception of the coffin containing the body of the dead Emperor. The coffin rests on a raised dais, covered with a white cloth in the center of this simply furnished apartment. It was surrounded throughout the day by the members of the royal family. The Emperor and Empress, the dowager Empress and the imperial princes, took active part in the guard and kept vigil, which will be maintained throughout the private lying-in-state prior to the funeral. This is expected to take place about September 1, although the exact date has not yet been determined.

A company of imperial infantry surrounds the palace. Thousands of funeral attendants called at the palace today. These included the entire diplomatic corps. The Emperor conferred with the councilors, took active part in the arrangements and appointed the chief officials of the household.

A salute of 21 guns for the new Emperor will be fired tomorrow and the next day 30 guns, commemorating the age of the dead Emperor.

It is understood that no special session of Parliament will convene owing to the necessity of 40 days' notice. Telegrams of sympathy are pouring in. They include messages from President Taft to the Emperor and the dowager Empress. The American ambassador, Charles Page Bryan, presented a message from Secretary Knox in behalf of the American people to the people of Japan. The home department has issued instructions for one year's mourning, but it is understood that full mourning will be limited to 50 days in order to prevent disturbance.

The self-restraint and dignity of the entire people under a great sorrow and a sudden shock, involving perhaps a superlative change and one certainly irreparable was one of the most striking features of the first day of mourning.

## DEAD RULER'S REIGN PRAISED

Consul Ida Tells of Great Advance Made Under Mutsuhito.

Memorial services for the late Emperor of Japan will be held in Portland until Consul Ida has been officially advised of the date of the funeral. This information Mr. Ida is hourly expecting to receive. All social engagements and amusements have been postponed for a period of two weeks by the Japanese residents.

Japanese merchants closed their stores yesterday and Monday and displayed the national flag at half mast, as a token of respect. The Japanese flag on the consulate and consular residence will remain at half mast until the day of the funeral. The Japanese staff are wearing mourning bands, as are numerous Japanese residents here.

A formal letter from the Portland Chamber of Commerce was sent to Consul Ida yesterday, expressing the condolences of the members of that body at the death of the Emperor. His progressive policy in his dealings with the United States was praised, with special mention of the goodwill manifested in the sending of the Honorary Commercial Commission to the United States in 1909. It was requested that the memoir from the Chamber of Commerce be forwarded by Mr. Ida to the proper officials in Japan.

In speaking of the late Emperor and the place he occupies in the history of Japan, Consul Ida yesterday said: "In the history of our country there are two epoch-making periods. The first of these was the reign of the Emperor Tenji, which occurred about 1600 years ago, when the Chinese literature was introduced and the governmental and social systems were established upon the best principles then existing in the world. The second period was the restoration of the Meiji era, when the Emperor after a period of several hundred years again assumed the authority of the nation instead of delegating power to the various Shoguns. The coming to the throne of the late Emperor Mutsuhito marked the beginning of this political change. He promised to seek knowledge far and wide for the good of his people and to permit them to have a share in public affairs. During his reign Japan was practically transformed. Education, commerce and industry and the administration of the law underwent great changes to conform to Western ideas.

"His Majesty was beloved and worshipped by all the people. He was a sincere and earnest advocate of peace and a supporter of every benevolent enterprise. The only time I ever saw His Majesty was at the commencement exercises at the Imperial University in Tokyo, eight years ago, when he was a student at the middle school in Tokyo. He rode past with his escort. My duties as consul have kept me abroad and I have had no opportunity to see either of the Emperors."

## HILL MEN MAKE RECORD

Four Miles of Track Are Laid in Trifle Over Nine Hours.

ALBANY, Or., July 31.—(Special.)—By laying four miles of track in nine hours and 11 minutes, the Oregon Electric Monday broke all known track-laying records. It is certain that this

is by far the best record ever made in the Pacific Northwest, and so far as known it has never been equaled in the entire country.

The former record in the Northwest was three miles in nine hours. It is customary to lay only two miles a day and it is a big day's work to accomplish this in ten hours. Another remarkable feature of the record is that it was made with a crew which lacked 40 men of enough to constitute the usual track-laying crew.

The track was laid in establishing the record from mile post 22, south of Albany, to a point 26 miles south of Albany and three and one-half miles north of Harrisburg. The work was done with a track-laying machine and a crew of 120 men. The crew was in charge of J. P. Nelson, general foreman, and T. R. Shea, foreman. J. O. Johnson, Jr., superintendent, came up from Portland Sunday night to give the work his personal supervision when it was begun Monday morning, with the intention of trying to establish a new track-laying record.

Though it is hard for the layman to understand the colossal achievement in laying four miles of track in a trifle over nine hours, something of the undertaking may be realized from the statement that each set of two men placing ties, handled almost three times a minute for the entire nine hours. A total of 11,520 ties were laid and a crew of 18 men handled them. Two men work on each tie, so 1280 ties were handled by each set of two men in 540 minutes.

The three "rail-tumblers" handled 1,056,000 pounds of steel rails during the nine hours. A total of 1230 rails were laid in the four miles.

The track-laying crew will reach Harrisburg Thursday and will then work southward to Eugene as rapidly as possible. From present indications the track will be laid to Eugene by August 12.

The crew placing poles to support the trolley wires has reached Oakville, seven miles south of Albany, and the wire is strung to Pilet, three miles south of this city. Holes for the poles, which will support the trolley wires, are dug to a point 15 miles south of Albany.

## WOMEN BEGIN CAMPAIGN

SUFFRAGETTE WORKERS PLAN STATE-WIDE MOVEMENT.

Lecture Tour Being Arranged for Noted Speaker—Beaches to Be Covered This Summer.

Despite the fact that November is still some way ahead, the suffragette bodies have in no way relaxed their efforts, nor, incidentally, have the "antis," since the visit of the New York women terminated. News was received yesterday at the Woman's Club campaign committee of the formation of various bodies and societies in Oregon, particularly around Medford and Grants Pass, and also details of the literary that has been arranged for Mrs. Florence Atkins, a Tennessee suffrage speaker. In addition, the weekly board meeting of the College Equal Suffrage League took place yesterday, and the Portland Equal Suffrage League held its monthly meeting, while the anti-suffragists will meet this morning at headquarters in the Couch building.

Under the auspices of the newly formed Southern Oregon Equal Suffrage Association, Mrs. S. P. Cope held a large gathering at her home at Phoenix. The formation of the Phoenix Club, with Mrs. Lillian Colman and Miss Anna Towne in command, was the result.

At Medford, yet another, the Talent Club, sprang into existence last Wednesday with a membership of 12. Working in conjunction with the Women's Club campaign committee, the Women's Christian Temperance Union has arranged for a suffrage tour of Oregon by Mrs. Florence Atkins, the special suffrage speaker for the National Women's Christian Temperance Union. Sunday and Monday, August 11 and 12, she will speak in Baker City, Tuesday at La Grande, Wednesday at Union, Thursday at the Hot Lake Sanatorium, Friday at Echo, Sunday at Milton. Mrs. Ada Wallace Unruh, president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and the club committee are in charge of the tour and have appointed women in each locality to make full arrangements.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. Solomon Hirsch, Mrs. Vincent Cook presided at a large meeting of the Portland Equal Suffrage Society, in the Selling-Hirsch building, yesterday afternoon.

Announcement was made during the meeting that Jack London, who is an ardent believer in the cause, would probably be in Portland to give an address on suffrage.

The College Equal Suffrage League, at its meeting of directors yesterday, decided to send organizers to the seaside resorts. Mrs. Clara B. Colby, who has been doing good work in the counties, and Mrs. Sara Elhroff will cover the coast from Astoria to Seaside.

## SLAYER TAKES BLAME

MAN WHO KILLED MURDERER OF MOTHER CLEARS OTHERS.

William Clement at Redding, Cal., When Arraigned Exonerates Friends Who Are Held.

REDDING, Cal., July 31.—William Clement, arraigned here Tuesday for the murder of William C. Landis, who killed Clement's mother, Mrs. W. C. Bradford, completely exonerated the two other men accused with him, in his confession, the full text of which was made public today for the first time by District Attorney Chenoweth, when the three were brought before Justice of the Peace Donnelly, of Kennett, for a preliminary examination. Dan Thompson and Marcus A. Griffith, are the other men accused.

Landis, who was a merchant of Buckeye, a small mining town near Redding, shot and killed Mrs. Bradford May 31, after an altercation growing out of a disagreement over business matters. The merchant was shot from ambush July 18, while driving from Redding to Buckeye, Clement later confessing to having committed the crime. His statement is in part as follows:

"I want to say that I am the man who did the job. I shot W. G. Landis and nobody else who was arrested was implicated in any way whatever. Dan Thompson and Marcus A. Griffith had nothing to do with it whatever. I am the man who is responsible for the whole business.

"I don't really feel ashamed of it. I know how my mother was murdered and I killed the man, and that is all there is to it. I am guilty and am willing to acknowledge it. I don't want to see an innocent man punished for anything I have done. Neither Griffith nor Thompson knew what I was going to do prior to my doing it.

"I had gathered much important evidence tending to discredit Clement's statement that he alone was concerned in the crime and that he expected the two other men to be held."

## FIVE IN CONGRESS QUIT REPUBLICANS

Senators and Representatives Shy at New Bull Moose Party.

## NUMBER FAVOR ROOSEVELT

Pointdexter, Clapp, Dixon, Lafferty and Curry Alone Desert Regular Ranks to Follow New Standard—Some Are Shaky.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—(Special.)—A canvass of the Republicans in Congress made by the Sun correspondent today shows only five of them now intend to quit the Republican party and follow Roosevelt into the new Bull Moose organization. The men who are willing to go this far with Roosevelt are Miles Pointdexter, Washington; Moses E. Clapp, Minnesota; and Joseph M. Dixon, Montana. Senators, and George Curry, New Mexico, and A. W. Lafferty, Oregon, Representatives.

This does not mean, however, that all other Republicans in Congress will support Taft. There are in the House alone 53 Republicans who at this time decline to declare themselves for Taft. Nearly all of these are opposed to Taft, but are in a quandary as to what they are going to do. They have made up their minds to remain within the regular Republican organization and are now figuring how they may maintain regularity and still refrain from supporting Taft's candidacy.

Many of them intend to conduct an individual campaign for re-election to Congress independent of the Presidential contests. Others, while asserting regularity, intend to promote Roosevelt's candidacy under a new name.

The Republican members of Congress generally are shy of the Bull Moose movement. Privately most of the progressives acknowledge they are against Taft, but express the belief their own political future depends upon maintaining at least a pretense of regularity.

A canvass of the Republican Progressives in the Senate disclosed the following results:

Borah of Idaho disapproves the third party movement. He supported Roosevelt prior to the convention, but will support Taft.

Burns of Oregon is opposed to the third party movement, but wants to support Roosevelt.

Brown, of Nebraska, and Nelson, of Minnesota, will support Taft. Crawford, of South Dakota, is for Roosevelt, but opposed to the third party.

Cummins would stay regular. Cummins, of Iowa, is opposed to Taft, but against the organization of the third party and will try to remain regular, without supporting either candidate.

Kenyon, of Iowa, is against the third party and probably will vote for Taft. Gronna, of North Dakota, is against Taft, but opposed to the third-party movement.

Clapp, Minnesota, is for Roosevelt and the third-party movement. Pointdexter, of Washington, agrees with Clapp.

La Follette is opposed to both Taft and Roosevelt, but urges regularity. Works, California, is opposed to the third party, but thinks Roosevelt ought to be supported.

Dixon, Montana, will head the Bull Moose delegation from Montana to the Roosevelt convention.

Bristow, of Kansas, is for Roosevelt, but hopes to avoid the third-party issue.

All of the other Republican Senators, including Henry C. Lodge, Colonel Roosevelt's former friend, will actively support Taft.

## OBEY ORDERS, HYDE'S VIEW

Doctor Gives His Impression of Aftermath at Oakville.

PORTLAND, July 31.—(To the Editor.)—The issue of the Oregonian of Monday, July 29, I read with said relative to the disobedience of troops and officers of the Oregon National Guard during the late maneuvers at and near Gander. Under the heading "Protest to Be Filed Soon," I note that my name appears as a member of a grievance committee of Spanish War Veterans, members of Scout Young Camp, No. 2. I wish to state that I have not met with the committee at any time since its appointment. One of the members called me on a phone yesterday and asked me if I would serve on such a committee, and I said "yes." Not as a member of Scout Young Camp, but as a physician in the Army service, now enjoying the rights of private citizenship. I wish to make a few statements about this matter.

It is a well-known fact among soldiers and officers in the Army service, no matter in what capacity they are on duty, that they must obey their superior officers unflinchingly and without question. From weariness on a practice march, to sacrifice of life, such as has occurred in actual warfare, soldiers have unflinchingly laid down their lives and done their duty, error or no error.

My first impression upon reading of the disobedience of officers, was profound regret that such should have occurred. When I was asked to serve on a grievance committee relative to this matter, it was with the implied understanding that the whole matter would be most thoroughly gone into before any statement would be given out. It is lacking in one of the most basic principles of soldier life and discipline to go on record in any matter without a thorough investigation. The presumptive evidence is that any soldier or officer does wrong who does not obey his superior officer, and this is a natural conclusion. To make conclusions after they must obey their superior officers and plenty of it. Comrades Williams and Delch are men I respect highly, and I regret the whole affair, but I think it is just to myself as a citizen or as a former soldier, to endorse any premature and ill-considered stand, such as I consider the "grievance" committee to have taken. I make these statements only to be just and in the interest of fair dealing and good discipline.

DR. L. W. HYDE.

## TACOMA PORT PLAN FAILS

Returns Show Voters Not in Favor of Commission's Proposal.

TACOMA, July 31.—All of the city precincts are heard from and the small majority given by them in favor of the port commission plans is more than offset by returns from 33 of the 77 country precincts.

It is conceded that the plans have failed to carry.

## TALES of the TURKISH TROPHIES



### TALE 10—THE BAD IMITATION

"MY next imitation," said the Royal Mimic, "will be that of a Turkish Trophy."

"Watch this," said the Kink, with a sly wink at the Royal Chamberlain. "I am suspicious."

"How did it strike your Majesty?" asked the performer, as he concluded his stunt.

"Punk! Just as I thought," said the Kink. "Turkish Trophies cannot be imitated. Try it again, and you shall read a page of the Congressional Record to your wife, every night for a month."

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## ISMAY IS EXONERATED

WHITE STAR LINE BLAMED FOR TITANIC WRECK.

British Court Finds Collision Due to Excessive Speed—Boat Facilities Found Improper.

LONDON, July 31.—The judgment of the English Board of Trade court of inquiry into the disaster to the White Star liner Titanic, which was sunk in mid-ocean, with 1517 souls, after collision with an iceberg on April 14, was pronounced today by Lord Mersey, the presiding judge, before a large audience.

The court finds that the collision with the iceberg was due to excessive speed; that a proper watch was not kept; that the ship's boats were properly lowered but that arrangements for manning were insufficient; that the Leyland liner Californian might have reached the Titanic if she had attempted to do so; that the track followed was really safe with proper vigilance, and that there was no discrimination against third-class passengers in the saving of life.

The court of inquiry exonerates J. Bruce Ismay, chairman and managing director of the White Star Line, and Sir Cosmo Duff-Gordon, one of the passengers, from any charges of improper conduct.

Lord Mersey's judgment is a formal legal document. He said it was not the business of the court to inquire into attacks on the moral conduct of Sir Cosmo Duff-Gordon and J. Bruce Ismay, but silence on the part of the court might be misunderstood. He continued:

"The very gross charge against Sir Cosmo Duff-Gordon that he bribed the boatmen to row away from drowning people is unfounded. At the same time I think it is fair to say that the men who returned to where the Titanic had foundered they probably would have made an effort to do so and could have saved some lives."

"The attack on J. Bruce Ismay," continued the judge, "resolved itself into the suggestion that, occupying the position of managing director of the line, some moral duty was imposed upon him to wait on board until the vessel foundered. I do not agree. Mr. Ismay, after assisting many of the passengers, found the last boat on the starboard side of the Titanic actually being lowered. No other people were there at the time. There was room for him and he jumped in. Had he not done so he would merely have added one more life to the number lost."

## ROBBER SEES FUNNY SIDE

William Wilson Laughs When Arrested at His Victim's Terror.

Mirth over the way his victim held up his hands and trembled, was the only emotion shown by William Wilson, aged 25 years, when he was arrested last night on a Mt. Tabor car 45 minutes after he had help up and robbed E. J. Hawkins, a druggist of East Forty-seventh and Sandy road, in his drugstore. Wilson confessed and the loot \$25.75, was found, carefully wrapped in a handkerchief, on his person.

Shortly before 9 o'clock last night Wilson entered the drugstore, thrust a gun in Hawkins' face, and ordered him to throw up his hands. He led Hawkins to the rear of the place and keeping him covered, tried to open the cash register. He could not make it and finally forced the druggist to open it and give him the money. Unmasked, he was easily described by the druggist, who at once raised the alarm.

## AUTO STAGE IS HELD UP

Highwaymen Take Valuables From Travelers in Old-Time Way.

WILLIAMS, Cal., July 31.—The Williams and Bartlett Springs Automobile stage was held up at the Prim grade, about 35 miles from Williams, the robbers obtaining \$2500 in cash, besides much jewelry.

The stage left Williams loaded with passengers. Few particulars have been received as the robbers cut the telephone wires near the scene.

The first news of the robbery came when Sheriff Stanton says he was en route by way of lower lake. No particulars of the robbery were given except that the passengers were made to deliver their money and valuables in the old-time way.

## CITY TO HANDLE GARBAGE

Seattle Health Commissioner's Plan Meets Approval of Council.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 31.—(Special.)—Garbage collection was decided upon today by the City Council after less than an hour's discussion of Health Commissioner James E. Creighton's plan, presented with his department estimate for the 1913 tax levy. This plan includes the purchase of 50 wagons, five automobile trucks, construction of hoppers in various districts, purchase of scoops for hauling waste material into the Sound and other items. For this purpose the Council will authorize the expenditure

of \$50,000 from the \$400,000 garbage bond issue, more than \$275,000 of which remains.

Present contracts with private concerns for the collection of garbage expire February 1, and at that time the city will be ready to take over the work under its own jurisdiction.



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