

Fair tonight and Sunday; easterly winds.

ITALIAN WARSHIPS SHELL BEYROOT; MANY ARE KILLED

Shells From Three Latin Vessels Explode in Streets of Turkish Port and Bring Deaths to Scores.

GRAVE FEARS FELT FOR PILGRIMS TO JERUSALEM

Foreign Tourists En Route to Ancient Christian Stronghold Believed in Danger.

(United Press Leased Wire.) London, Feb. 24.—Sixty persons were killed and scores injured in an Italian bombardment of Beyroot today, according to a dispatch from that city to Reuters news agency here.

Constantinople, Feb. 24.—The Turkish authorities today received word from Beyroot that three Italian battleships had bombarded that city for half an hour.

PRESIDENT ANSWERS CHARGE THAT HE SAID VOTER UNFIT TO RULE

Taft, Through White House Statement, Denies He Ever Made Declaration That People Are Incapable of Governing Themselves.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Feb. 24.—Flat denial of charges that he had said that the American people are unfitted for self government was made by President Taft today in an official statement issued from the White House.

"Among the falsehoods assiduously circulated by persons and papers opposing President Taft is one that in his Lincoln day speech the president argued that the people are not fitted for self government."

PORTUGAL PRISONS ARE PLACES OF TORTURE

(United Press Leased Wire.) London, Feb. 24.—Shocking conditions prevail in the prisons of Portugal, according to a report made by a committee of British subjects who made a personal investigation of two of the largest and best equipped jails in Lisbon, where most of the political prisoners are confined.

LOS ANGELES SUFFERS FROM HEAVY WIND

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Feb. 24.—Los Angeles is recovering from the effects of the heaviest wind the city has known in 28 years.

GETTING BIGGER EVERY MINUTE!



DETECTIVE IS BLAMED FOR EXTORTING TALE OF INFANT MURDER

Attendant at the Brooklyn Hospital Avers That She Was "Bulldozed" Into Giving Alleged Confession of Poisoning by Milk.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Feb. 24.—Reputation of a confession in which she admitted responsibility for the death of eight infants at the Brooklyn Nursery and Infants' hospital by oxalic acid poisoning was made here today by Winifred Ankers, an attendant at the institution.

DR. SMITH MAY HEAD THE TAFT COMMITTEE

A new chairman for the Taft campaign committee will be chosen next Monday, Ben Selling retiring because of his candidacy for the nomination for United States senator.

While Dr. Smith was a candidate before the assembly for the nomination for governor, he appears to be fairly satisfactory to members of the different elements.

Maid Suspicioned in Jewel Theft.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Feb. 24.—Following a clue furnished by a local society matron, the police are working on a theory that the jewels, valued at \$10,000, stolen from Mrs. Eugene De Saba at her apartments in the Palace hotel possibly were taken by a hotel maid.

RIVERS AND HARBORS MEASURE TO PROVIDE FOR OREGON PROJECTS

Senate Raises Amount for the Work in Progress to \$28,000,000, Even Though Committee Wanted Less Amount Appropriated.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Feb. 24.—The Rivers and Harbors bill will be reported Monday with some increase, due to the insistence of the senate, carrying in all \$28,000,000.

Teal Pleads for Lumber.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Feb. 24.—J. N. Teal of Portland called on the secretary of war yesterday and had a satisfactory interview with him regarding the use of northwestern lumber on the Panama canal works.

Postmaster at Three Rivers.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Feb. 24.—Fred C. Farwell has been appointed postmaster at Three Rivers, Ore. Mr. E. H. Roscoe M. Sanders has been made a rural mail carrier at Bend, vice Max Richardson.

BRIDGE AT LAFAYETTE TUMBLES, CARRYING 4 MEN TO 40-FOOT FALL

Fred Landess Fatally, and One Other Man Seriously Hurt, When Center Span of Condemned Structure Suddenly Gives Way This Morning.

(Special to The Journal.) McMinnville, Ore., Feb. 24.—Four men were injured this morning when the county wagon bridge near Lafayette, Ore., collapsed.

NAVY LEAGUE FAVORS FREE AMERICAN SHIPS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Feb. 24.—Resolutions adopted by the Navy League place the body on record as favoring free tolls for American coastwise ships passing through the Panama canal.

RANCH HAND MAKES MAD RACE FOR HILLS WITH WIFE A PRISONER

Desperate Californian Makes a Successful Effort to Evade Officers on the Look Out for Him on the Charge of Attempt to Kill.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Feb. 24.—After eluding officers for six weeks in the Santa Monica hills, where he fled after an alleged attempt to kill his wife, Traxio Gonzales, a ranch hand, returned to his home near Lankershim today, bound and gagged his wife, threw her into a light wagon and headed for the hills.

Gonzales also carried away his baby in his wild rush for the hills. The child was Mrs. Gonzales was walking the floor with it in her arms when her husband appeared.

BANKER UNDER PRISON SENTENCE DIES IN JAIL

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Feb. 24.—With his wife sobbing at his bedside William B. Nash, convicted cashier of the defunct Market street bank, died today in the county jail, where he was confined pending an appeal on a sentence of five years' imprisonment at San Quentin for falsifying a report of the bank to the state bank examiner.

MAN FALLS 21 STORIES AND IS READY FOR WORK

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Feb. 24.—Friedie, a derrick man on the municipal building in course of construction, is not suffering in the slightest degree as the result of a 21 story fall, and says he is ready to return to work.

RESOURCES OF BANKS SHOW \$6,576,552.89 GAIN OVER YEAR AGO

Resources of the 13 banks in business in Portland show a gain at the close of business February 20, 1912, of \$6,576,552.89 over the resources reported at the close of business March 7, 1911.

TERRIBLE SUFFERING AMONG RUSSIAN POOR

(United Press Leased Wire.) London, Feb. 24.—A dispatch received here today from St. Petersburg tells of fearful loss of life from the severe weather at Omsk and Petropavlovsk.

LAWRENCE POLICEMEN, BACKED BY TWO COMPANIES OF MILITIA CLUB HELPLESS WOMEN TEXTILE STRIKERS

Effort to Send 50 Children to Philadelphia to Be Cared for Results in Free Use of Clubs and Bayonets to Disperse Strikers Gathered to Take Leave of Their Little Ones; Marshal Orders Arrest of 5 Men, 8 Women, 10 Children

(United Press Leased Wire.) Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 24.—Men and women textile strikers whose only offense was the attempted sending of their children out of Lawrence, were brutally clubbed by two companies of militiamen and 50 police, under command of Marshal Sullivan, today. After the clubbing five men, eight women and 10 children were arrested.

The trouble started when strikers, unable to provide their children with the necessities of life, sent 50 boys and girls to the railroad station, intending to send them to Philadelphia and Providence, where arrangements for their care had been made.

"Our children are starving," they told the police. "We have bought their tickets, and we think they should be allowed to go. The mayor said we might send them. What's the trouble now?"

Surprised by the unexpected attack, the strikers attempted a feeble resistance as the police made no explanation as to what disposition was to be made of their children. This action resulted in both men and women being knocked down, the police being ordered to disperse the strikers at any cost.

JUDGE GILBERT ADMITS HIS SON, DAUGHTER SERVED AS "DUMMIES" FOR THORNBURN ROSS

Federal Jurist Says That When Portland Man Was Engaged in Land Transactions His Two Children, Without His Knowledge, Acted as Entrymen; Declares Recent Decision Upholding "Dummies" Not in the Least Affected by Fact.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Feb. 24.—Admitting that his son and daughter had acted as "dummy" entymen in the alleged land frauds of his wife and brother-in-law, J. Thornburn Ross of Portland, Judge W. B. Gilbert of the United States circuit court of appeals today explained his part in the case.

"Thornburn Ross is the husband of my wife's sister," he said. "When he was engaged in his land transaction both my son and daughter, without consulting me, acted as entymen for him. They filed on claims and paid their deposits. I am sure they were acting honestly."

Judge Gilbert denies statements that a recent decision of his, in which he held that anyone buying land from entymen who had obtained it by fraud, would act as a precedent to help free Ross, his relative. He also denied that it would permit the use of dummy entymen by corporations, any more than has been the case in the past.

OREGON SHOULD PREPARE FOR DISTRIBUTING IMMIGRANTS TO COME WITH CANAL OPENING

Commercial Agent of Department of Commerce and Labor Tells How the Lumber Market of Northwest May Be Stimulated; Homeseekers Should Be Placed on Farming Lands, So That They May Become Producers, Says Emil P. Secker.

"To me it appears that the matter of the greatest concern to the Pacific northwest at this time is how to care for and distribute immigration that will come to this section following the opening of the Panama canal and the establishment of regular steamship lines between Europe and the Pacific coast ports."

CONSTABLES TO CARRY RECOGNIZANCE BONDS WHEN MAKING ARREST

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SEATTLE CITIZENS, IF THEY'RE WORTH MONEY AND AREN'T ACCUSED OF TOO SERIOUS CRIMES, NEED NOT GO TO JAIL WITH OFFICER ANY MORE.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 24.—In future when constables from Justice Fred C. Brown's court are sent out to serve warrants on reputable citizens, they will also be armed with recognizing bonds.

MORE AMERICAN TROOPERS WILL BE RUSHED TO BORDER

Taft and Stimson Convinced That Crisis Near in Mexico and That Uncle Sam's Subjects Are Endangered.

EL PASO FORCES TO BE REINFORCED AT ONCE

Orozco's Statement Calls Madero Profaning "Lover of Yankees."

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Feb. 24.—Convinced that a crisis is near in the affairs of Mexico, and that American lives and property are endangered, President Taft and Secretary of War Stimson today decided to rush more United States troops to El Paso, Texas.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Major General Leonard Wood telegraphed today to the commandant, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, orders to send at once a regiment of infantry and a battery of field artillery to El Paso, Texas, for the protection of American interests there.

EL PASO, TEXAS, FEB. 24.—DECRYING PRESIDENT FRANCISCO I. MADERO AS A "GRINGO LOVER," AND ONE WHO HAS PROFANED THE BANNERS OF MEXICO WITH THE SCURRILOUS HAND OF THE YANKEE, AND DECLARING THAT AMERICAN CAPITAL HAS BACKED HIM, A MANIFESTO PURPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SIGNED BY GENERAL PASCUAL OROZCO, EMILIO VASQUEZ GOMEZ AND OTHERS, PROCLAIMING GENERAL GERONIMO TRAVINO, PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT OF MEXICO, WAS WIDELY CIRCULATED TODAY IN NORTHERN MEXICO.

Whether or not General Orozco, heretofore a loyal supporter of Madero, authorized the use of his name is not definitely known, but it is generally believed here that he did as he is known to have expressed his disappointment at Madero's failure to name him governor and military dictator of the state of Chihuahua.

Gonzalo Trevino, a prominent member of the clerical party, today, according to dispatches received here, freely admits that he wrote the manifesto, declaring that it is a truthful portrayal of the sentiments of the clerical class as well as all other factions hostile to the Madero administration.

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