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## BLAME FOR THE WRECK PLACED ON PRESIDENT

Republican Regulars in Rage Because Taft Seems Indifferent to Congressional Situation—Some Hot Conferences Are Expected When Taft Gets Back.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 4.—Republican regulars in congress today are openly blaming President Taft for having, as they charge, wrecked his legislative program. They are in a rage because the president seems indifferent to the congressional situation.

Men who have fought for the Taft program in both houses of congress today intimate that the president has no sense of responsibility for the troubles of the Republican party.

Taft's message to Republican leaders, received yesterday and urging them to try to pass "some kind of a bill," have added to the anger of the regulars.

Message at Fault.  
The president's telephone message (Continued on Page 5.)

## LONG FIGHT ON RAILROAD BILL IS PROMISED

Suggestion Amendment Requiring Valuation of Railroads Call Up Visions of Wrangling and Debate That May Last a Month—La Follette Will Probably Lead Fight.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 4.—The suggestion of an amendment requiring the physical valuation of railroads, to be introduced in the senate has called up visions of wrangling and debate that may last a month. With leaders and administration officials already angered over the emasculation of the original railroad bill and with the prospect of a prolonged fight over what remains of the measure, the prospect for the speedy carrying out of the "administration program" is more remote today than ever.

Long Fight Certain.  
That the physical valuation amendment would mean a long and bitter fight in the senate is certain. Progressives who have attacked the rail-

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## JACOBSEN BADE TENDER LOW BID FOR LAYING WATER MAINS; GIVEN CONTRACT

### U. S. POPULATION NOW 92,000,000

Census Office Announces Unofficially That Population of County Has Increased 15,000,000 Since Taking of Last Census in 1900.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 4.—The census office today announced unofficially an estimate that the population of the country had increased 15,121,036 since 1900.

This gives the United States a total population of nearly 92,000,000 people as the census of 1900 gave Uncle Sam nearly 77,000,000 members in his family. It will probably be a month or two yet before the census is completed and the exact figures known.

WHY NOT HAVE A POST-SEASON GAME

Springfield, of the Willamette Valley league, has a percentage of 1000, just as Medford has in the Rogue River Valley league. A championship series between the winners in each league would "draw some."

## WATER CONFERENCE WILL PROBABLY BE HELD THIS EVENING

Parties Forced to Wait Until Articles of Incorporation of Rogue River Canal Company Are Filed

In all probability the conference between M. F. Hanley and the Rogue River Canal company upon which hinges the compromise between the city and Mr. Hanley will be held late this afternoon or this evening. It may possibly be delayed a day or two longer.

The conference was postponed until (Continued on Page 8.)

### 25 MILES MAINS SOON IN SYSTEM

Vincent & Baker Complete Laying of Over Nine Miles of Water Mains—Estimates That Over Thirty Miles of Mains Will Be in Use by Pan. 1.

Jacobsen-Bade company, having tendered the lowest bid on sewer and water main construction, were awarded the contract for the laying of some six miles of water mains and four miles of sewer, at the regular session of the city council held Tuesday evening.

Three bids were received by the council—one from the Clarke & Henry Construction company, one from Vincent & Baker and one from the Jacobsen-Bade company.

The bids on water mains were as follows:

Clarke-Henry—Four-inch mains, per foot, \$1.25; six-inch mains \$2.59.

Vincent & Baker—Four-inch mains per foot, \$1.08 1-2; six-inch mains, \$1.35.

Jacobsen-Bade—Four-inch mains, per foot, \$1.02; six-inch mains, \$1.34.

The bid of Jacobsen-Bade company (Continued on Page 8.)

## CLUB WILL DECIDE TONIGHT LOCATION OF ITS NEW HOME

Important Session of Commercial Club to Be Held and Every Member Urged to Be Present.

At tonight's meeting of the Medford Commercial club the important question of the location of the proposed new home for the club will be decided, and every member is urged to attend. Many other important matters are to be considered.

The committee in charge of the matter of securing a location for a club building has several sites to suggest and it behooves every member to be present.

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### LOVETT GIVES ROGUE PRAISE

Head of Harriman System Replies to Invitation of Judge Colvig to Visit Medford, Saying He Will Spend Several Days Here in Fall.

Robert S. Lovett, head of the Harriman railroads, is the latest man of national reputation to pay tribute to the Rogue River valley. Naming it the "most charming spot" he has seen.

Recently while on the coast he was invited to visit Medford, and the valley, but was unable to do so. In his reply to President Colvig of the Commercial club he says:

"Your kind invitation to visit Medford while on the Pacific coast reached me while in San Francisco and I regret my time was so limited I could not avail myself of the invitation.

"I thank you, the Commercial club and the people of Medford for the invitation and I hope this summer or fall to be able to spend several days in the Rogue River valley.

"Medford and vicinity is, in my opinion, one of the most charming localities in America, and I shall look forward to my visit with great anticipation."

## MAYOR'S VOTE TURNS DOWN NEW SALOON ON THE WEST SIDE

Petition of O. M. Murphy Rejected After Councilmen Divided on Question by Mayor Voting No

O. M. Murphy's application for a license to sell liquor on the West Side, near the present location of the Hotel Moore was rejected by the city council Tuesday evening, when Mayor Canon voted no. The councilmen split on the question, Elfer, Demmer, and Emerick voting yes; Welsh, Merrick and Wortman voting no.

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## OFFICERS NOW THINK WOMAN MIXED IN CASE

District-Attorney and Coroner Inclined to Believe Greeks Had Nothing to Do With Thrasher's Death, But That a Woman is Mixed Up in the Case—Now Investigating.

It is now believed that the six Greeks who were arrested Tuesday charged with the murder of Jesse Thrasher the young man who was found with his skull crushed in at Ayres Spur, are not guilty of the crime, but that other parties brought about the young man's death. A woman is believed to figure in the case.

District Attorney Mulkey and Coroner Kellogg are at Ayres Spur this afternoon investigating the death of the young man.

Rumors have reached the officers that a woman was concerned in the case and that the killing was done by others than the Greeks now in jail in Ashland. It is this rumor which took the officers to the Spur to carry on further investigations.

## AUTOMOBILE MEN ASK THAT LICENSE BE PUT ON LIVERY

Would Have Council Pass Ordinance Fixing Annual License at \$25—Photographer's Want License.

The automobile men of Medford have asked the city council to pass an ordinance fixing the annual tax on automobiles engaged in a livery business in the city limits at \$25 a year. This, they say, is to shut out outside machines, the drivers of which do not depend upon livery for a living. On circus days a great harvest is reaped by outsiders and private cars who engage in hauling the crowd to and from the circus. The ordinance will probably be passed.

Photographers of the city also ask that a license be placed upon itinerant photographers who come into the city and cut into their business.

## TAFT PLEADS FOR A SQUARE DEAL FOR SELF

Says Administration Should Not Be Condemned Before Its Purposes and Accomplishments Were Condemned—Defends His Appointments to the Supreme Bench.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 4.—"Justice and a square deal," for the present administration, was the plea made by President Taft in an address before the Business Men's league here this afternoon.

"I do not ask for myself alone," the president said, "for I am in a position where I can get along better than the rest of the men in the administration without it."

The president also defended himself against what he termed "objection to one of my supreme court appointments."

Taft declared that the administration was entitled to a fair trial before its purposes and accomplishments were condemned. The speech was a defense of some of the acts of the administration.

## MEXICANS NAME CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE TOMORROW

Great Interest Is Taken Over Vice-Presidential Nomination—Diaz Will Be Re-named as President.

MEXICO CITY, Mex., May 4.—Excitement prevails throughout Mexico today prior to the national primary election which takes place tomorrow. The government has employed every means to ensure orderly elections and maintain peace, but already several minor disturbances have taken place.

The closest battle will be for the vice-presidential nomination and today it appears probable that Senator Corral will capture it. The re-nomination of President Diaz is assured.

Serious charges are being brought by both factions in an endeavor to hurt the chances of success for the other side.

## GREATEST OVATION IN HISTORY OF NORWAY GIVEN TED

King Haakon First Man to Shake Mighty Hunter's Mitt When He Steps From Train

CHRISTIANIA, May 4.—King Haakon and Queen Maud were the first persons to greet Colonel Roosevelt when he arrived here at noon today.

The king was actually the first man here to shake Roosevelt's hand at the station. The Roosevelts were then presented to the queen.

Both Roosevelt and the king wore plain frock coats while the queen was garbed in a simple street dress.

The colonel was greeted by cheering thousands who crowded the streets and housetops. The welcome was the greatest ovation ever given any visitor here in the memory of the "oldest inhabitant." Even the receptions accorded popular visiting monarchs were outdone.

## "WE WILL HAVE A GOOD RAILROAD BILL OR WE WILL HAVE NONE"—TAFT

President Does Not Discuss Bill at Any Length, But He Does State That He Will Look Measure Over.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 4.—"We are either going to have a satisfactory railroad legislation bill, or we are not going to have any," declared President Taft on his arrival here today. The president and his party reached St. Louis from Cincinnati early this morning and were taken to the St. Louis club for breakfast.

Taft did not care to discuss the slaughter of the railroad bill in the two houses of congress yesterday. He indicated, however, the action that he will take.

"When I return to Washington," he said, "I will look over the entire bill."

May Be No Bill.  
Then he added that there would (Continued on Page 8.)

## THOUSANDS FIGHT TO HEAR TRIAL

When Mrs. Swope, Star Witness for Prosecution, Goes on Stand, Great Crowd Tries to Gain Entrance Into Courtroom—Witness Much Agitated and is Scarcely Able to Give Testimony Against Hyde.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 4.—Mrs. Logan O. Swope was the star witness for the prosecution in the trial of her son-in-law, Dr. B. C. Hyde, for the murder of Colonel Thomas H. Swope.

When word went abroad that Mrs. Swope had taken the stand the courtroom began filling rapidly and soon was packed with spectators while at least a thousand persons struggled outside the building to gain admittance.

Mrs. Swope was very agitated and frequently her excitement caused her to speak so low that counsel for both prosecution and defense asked her to repeat many answers.

She began her testimony with a recital of the elopement of her daughter with Dr. Hyde.

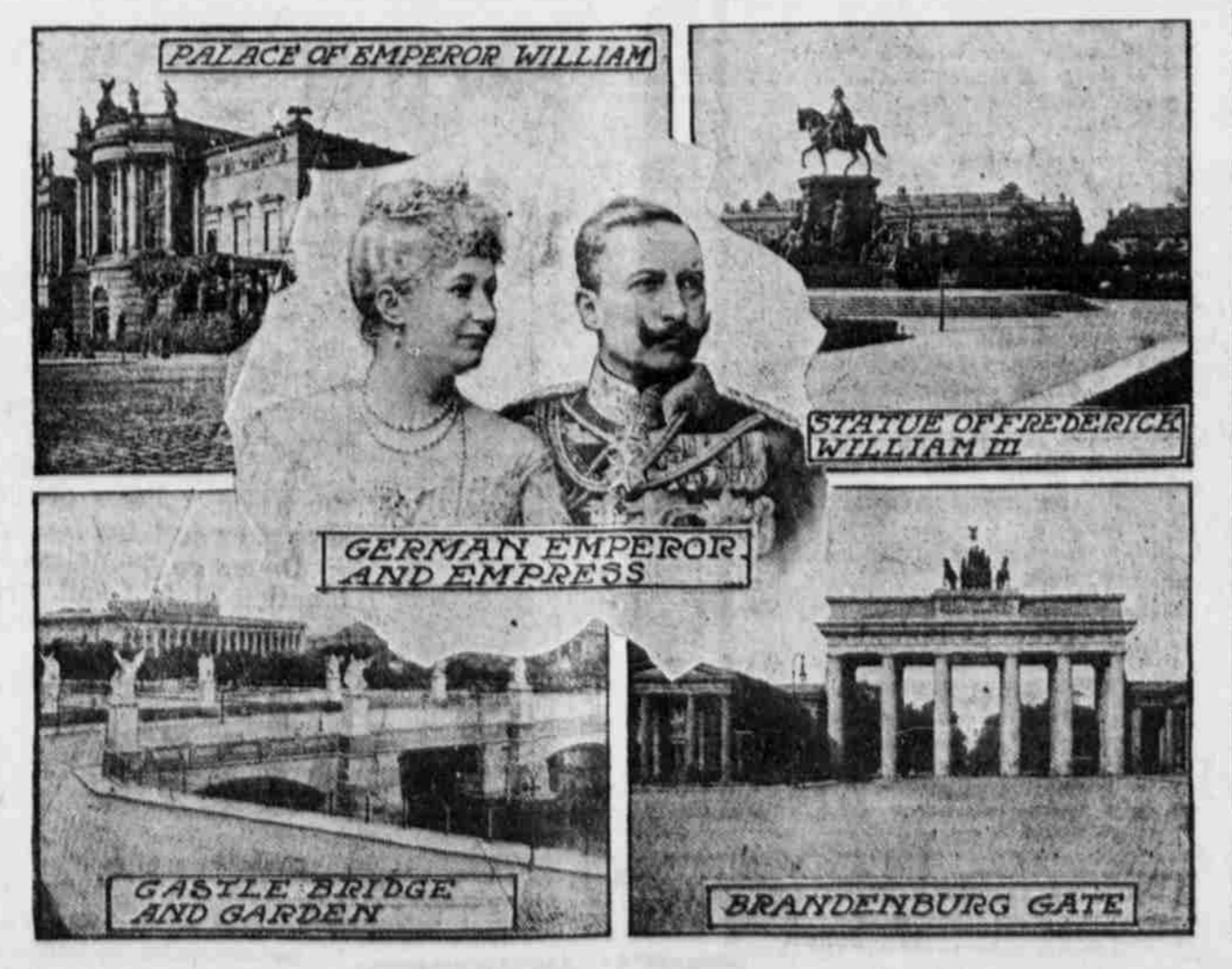
Run on Bank Ceases.  
LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 4.—The run on the All Day and All Night bank of Los Angeles, which began Monday at noon, is over, according to statements by the bank's officers today.

## Heavy Fighting in Turkey.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 4.—The capture of Djakova and the investment of Pristrend by the Albanians was the result of heavy fighting today, when the revolutionists met a Turkish battalion en route to Djakova to reinforce the Turks, who had been sent there to protect the town. The casualties were large. News of the fighting was contained in dispatches received here.

The rebels now control the railway district of Verizovitch and Katchank and all communication with Pristrend has been cut off.

## German Emperor and Empress and Scenes Visited by Roosevelt.



## "MOTHER HUBBARDS" FOR PRISONERS

Floyd County, in Georgia, Adopts Novel Method of Keeping Jailbirds From Flying Away—Crowd of Laughing, Howling Citizens Follow Prisoners While They Are on Their Way to Work.

ROME, Ga., May 4.—In the future every prisoner in the Floyd county jail will be garbed in the "Mother Hubbard" of domestic tradition. This is the order of the county commissioners. The decision was made after an unusual number of escapes from the jail and from the prison road gangs during the last six months.

## GRAVES SAYS TAFT IS MOST HONEST OFFICIAL

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 4.—"President Taft is one of the most honest and sincere officials the country has ever had," declared John Temple Graves today, while the president himself was driving about the city.

Graves, who is allied with the Hearst interests, was addressing the convention of the Farmers'-Union. He praised Taft as an efficient president and then denounced former President Roosevelt.

## Dog Bite Kills.

WHITTIER, Cal., May 4.—Following a post mortem examination, it was announced today that the death of Julien Boulette of Rivera was the result of hydrophobia.