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## EDWARD VII, KING OF ENGLAND IS DYING

### PRACTICALLY EVERY HOUSE SHATTERED CARTAGO, COSTA RICA, A HEAP OF RUINS

#### SANG PRAISES OF EUGENE BUT CAME HERE TO RESIDE

John H. Hartog, whose publicity work for Eugene gave him state wide reputation, chooses Medford as ideal city in which to enter business.

John H. Hartog, former publicity manager for Eugene and well known as a journalist and advertising writer, is in Medford with a view of going into business, having selected Medford as the future big city of Oregon. "Since leaving Eugene, I have been twice east, as well as all over the coast, and I have come to the conclusion that no place offers such opportunities or has such a future as Medford," states Mr. Hartog. "I base my conclusions upon the fact that Medford has the natural resources, the necessary country tributary, and the class of citizenship that goes to make a city.

"This is one of the most wonderful valleys I have ever seen. I have been going around it for three days and though I have not seen it all, by any means, I have seen enough to convince me that this is going to be a large city.

#### ASSAYS SHOW NO PLATINUM OR TIN IN MERLIN MINE

Mining Men Say Alleged Greatest Strike is a Fake as Ore Fails to Show More Than a Trace of Gold.

That the alleged "greatest mining strike in history" near Merlin is a fake pure and simple is the opinion of Grants Pass and Medford mining men, who have had opportunity to investigate. Tin and platinum, alleged to have been found in fabulous quantities are not apparent in assays of the ore made by competent assayers. Stories of the strike will simply injure the country.

It is claimed by the promoters that assays have been made as high as 69 ounces of platinum and 56 per cent tin; which would make the ore rich enough to be handled by hand without machinery at a big profit.

J. A. Harvery of the Galice secured samples, which are selected by the promoters as being from the best ore, and had them assayed in Grants Pass, Portland and Denver by well known assayers. All the assayers report a small amount of gold, no platinum, no tin.

Henry E. Ward, an assayer of national fame in Denver, wired the result of his assay as follows: "One dollar and forty cents in gold per ton. No platinum. The tin termination is not out yet, but if we find any, will wire it tomorrow. So if you do not hear, you will know that there is no tin present."—Henry A. Wood.

As several days have elapsed and no wire has been received, it is safe to bet that there is no tin in the ore.

#### APPEAL FOR AID SENT TO WORLD

Food Supply Limited and Pestilence Is Feared—Soldiers Patrol Streets to Prevent Looting—Shock Came Just After Sundown—Many Prominent People Killed.

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, May 6.—Over 400 bodies have been taken from the ruins of Cartago, according to a message received here today. It is estimated that fully 1000 people were killed as a result of the earthquake which wrecked the city. Practically every house in the city was wrecked, according to this dispatch. The whole city is a heap of ruins. Appeals for aid have been sent to every south and central American republic.

**City a Chaos.**  
MANAGUA, May 6.—Refugees straggling into San Jose today declare that fully 1000 persons were killed in the earthquake that wrecked Cartago. The first heavy quake, they declare, was followed by minor quakes and the city today is in a state of chaos.

The first shock wrecked the best residence section of the city and many of the best known people in Cartago were killed, according to the reports received here today.

**Soldiers Patrol City.**  
Soldiers are now patrolling the city to prevent looting, with orders to shoot looters on sight. Survivors are helping soldiers in the work of rescuing the maimed and injured caught under the fallen buildings. The bodies are being hastily buried to prevent a pestilence and steps are being taken to conserve the water and food supply.

**First Shock Heaviest.**  
The initial shock was the heaviest. It lasted for several minutes and the eastern movement was apparently from north to south. The shock came just at dusk, after a sultry day. With the first tremor of the ground buildings crumbled and before the first heavy shock was over the greatest damage had been done.

OREGON CITY, Ore., May 6.—Physicians today stated that the two-pound incubator baby of Mr. and Mrs. George Webb of Canby has every chance of living.

#### GEORGE V ENGLAND'S NEXT KING

Political Powers of Edward Never Felt as Strongly as at Present Time—Many Fear Throne Will Crumble Under Reign of George, Present Prince of Wales—George Will Have to Face Strenuous Time.

LONDON, May 6.—The political powers of King Edward never was felt so strongly as now, when apparently nearing its end. The illness of the king comes at a grave time in the affairs of Great Britain, according to men high in the government service.

Many statesmen and politicians here fear that the throne may crumble under the reign of George, Prince of Wales, who would become King George V, at Edward's death. King Edward is regarded as a man capable of settling the present crisis but his son, statesmen fear, could not. The situation is such that the death

#### "ROCK IS MINE" SAYS COUNTY "NO" THUNDERS CITY

And a Lively Scrap is On—County Commissioners Buy Crushed Rock From Warren Construction Company and City is Now Urging Prior Right.

Jackson county and the city of Medford are at loggerheads with each other over the disposal of the crushed rock at present in the bunkers at both ends of the route. The stone was crushed at the city's quarry by the Warren Construction company, who sold the surplus on hand to the county commissioners for the improvement of the county road between this city and Jacksonville. The city now steps in, pleads a prior right and says the stone belongs to the city. Therein is the mixup.

#### COMMERCIAL CLUB IS OUT AFTER MONEY FOR COMING SEASON

Committee Starts Work and Edwin D. Root is First Man to Sign Up—Meeting With Excellent Success.

The soliciting committee of the Medford Commercial club began work Friday securing funds to conduct the Medford publicity campaign for another year.

The committee, which is composed of President Colvig, J. A. Westerlund, Blaine Klum, F. A. Medynski and F. A. Nye, is meeting with excellent success, meeting with but one refusal in the first morning's work.

One of the first to sign up was Ed Root, who signed for a dollar a month. He is already a member of the club and is setting an example of public-spiritedness that put to shame many a well-to-do citizen.

FRESNO, Cal., May 6.—A slight earthquake shock was felt here early today. No damage is reported.

#### NO HOPE NOW LEFT

All England Hangs Breathlessly Upon Bulletins From Sick Room Where Edward is Battling for Life—Doctors Say His Condition is Most Serious.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 6.—(Bulletin.)—The king became unconscious this evening, according to a report received by a Canadian news agency. The agency quotes a cabinet minister as expressing the belief that the king will not survive the night. He is reported to be sinking fast.

During a lull of pain this afternoon the king is reported to have said that the "end is near." The entire royal family is now gathered at Buckingham palace.

LONDON, May 6.—The King's symptoms have become worse during the day and his condition at this time (6 o'clock) is critical.

This bulletin was issued this evening by Doctors Laking, Reid, Powell, Dawson and Thompson.

LONDON, May 6.—King Edward's illness already has developed into double pneumonia, according to the highest authority this afternoon.

Physicians to King Edward are reported to have found after examination that inflammation of the king's bronchial tubes is extending. There is increased fear that pneumonia will develop. The report is unofficial.

The following bulletin was issued today by Drs. Powell, Lakin and Reid: "The king had a quiet night, but his symptoms are unimproved. His condition gives rise to grave anxiety."

**People Alarmed.**  
The alarm of the people is doubled owing to the use of the words "grave anxiety" as last night's bulletin said "some anxiety."

It is generally believed that King Edward is much worse than at any time since his attack.

#### HEARST, FRANTIC WITH ANGER, FILES MANY LIBEL SUITS

Even Marse' Henry of Courier Journal is Sued—All Comes as Aftermath of Gaynor Speech in New York—Associated Press Also Sued.

NEW YORK, May 6.—W. R. Hearst has filed more libel suits as an aftermath to the speech delivered at the press banquet here by Mayor Gaynor. The latest suits are directed against Adolph S. Ochs of the Times, Herman Ridder of the Staats Zeitung, Melville Stone, general manager of the Associated Press, and Henry Watterson of the Louisville Courier-Journal.

Hearst has also brought suit against seven Boston papers. Each of the suits is for \$100,000 damages. It is understood that Hearst will file other suits.

Yes—sometimes a placard in a window helps the advertiser to find the house that's advertised. But it does not usually help much more than that.

#### DID RIVAL OF THRASHER KILL HIM FOR ATTENTIONS PAID TO YOUNG WOMAN?

#### COMMITTEE IS TO WORK FOR A ROAD TO COAST

Commercial Club Members Who Are to Wait Upon Mr. Allen and Offer Assistance and Cooperation in Securing Railroad From Medford to Crescent City.

Vice-President Pickel today named the committee to take charge of the movement to secure a railroad to Crescent City from Medford. The committee will wait upon John R. Allen, builder of the Pacific & Eastern, and request that he build the railroad, pledging him the cooperation and assistance of the Commercial Club and business interests of Medford. A banquet will be tendered Mr. Allen in the near future.

Those named on the committee are: J. P. Reddy, Geo. Putnam, G. R. Ray, L. E. Wakeman, W. M. Colvig, J. M. Keene, A. E. Reames, B. F. Mulkey, H. C. Garnett, H. C. Kentner, A. A. Davis, Frank Tou Velle, W. L. Vawter, J. M. Root, W. S. Crowell, J. E. Enayard, J. D. Olwell, F. C. Page, Dr. Eberhardt, Delroy Getchel, A. H. Miller, J. A. Westerlund, F. V. Medynski, Blaine Klum, S. A. Nye, Edgar Hafer, E. N. Warner, Mayor Canon, E. A. Welsh, A. S. Rosenbaum, F. H. Hollis, R. H. Parsons, J. A. Perry, E. B. Pickel, Hal L. Conrad, H. S. Dudley, R. H. Whitehead, Clarence Reames, F. F. Merrick, C. I. Hutchinson.

President Colvig today wired an invitation to President Lewis Hill of the Great Northern, inviting him to visit Medford as the guest of the people during the present trip.

**RAILROAD EMPLOYEE GETS  
BULLET THROUGH ARM**  
George Aleyae is in the Southern Oregon hospital nursing a sore arm and incidentally congratulating himself that the bullet took that particular direction instead of catching him in a vital spot.

Thursday morning a bunch of Italian laborers were having a friendly celebration. One of the party was flourishing a revolver in sport when it was discharged, the ball striking Aleyae. Fortunately for him the revolver was of light calibre and the bullet, hitting him just below the elbow, passed almost entirely around the bones of the arm and was taken out near the point of entrance, inflicting only a flesh wound. He will be at his work in a few days.

#### 200 BELIEVED DEAD IN MINE

Rescuers Enter Mine Several Hundred Feet and Find Number of Bodies—Flames Shot Up 300 Feet When Gas Explosion Occurred—No Hope for Any Who Were in Mine at Time.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 6.—State and government officials today took oxygen helmets to Mine Three of the Palos Coal Company, 25 miles from here where 200 miners were entombed by a gas explosion yesterday.

The mine was entered this morning, the rescuers making their way several hundred feet from the entrance where several bodies were found. All are believed to be dead. No attempt has yet been made to bring up the bodies.

#### OFFICERS WORK ON THAT THEORY

Miss Mabel Putnam, Pretty and Attractive, Was Showered With Attentions by Thrasher—Many Others Admired Young Woman and Jealous Rival May Have Killed Him.

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**\$750 REWARD.**  
Seven hundred and fifty dollars reward is offered for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who murdered Jesse F. Thrasher at Ayres Spur on the night of May 2. Jackson county offers \$250, \$250 by the relatives of the deceased and \$250 by the Ashland Manufacturing company.  
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Did the attentions paid by Jesse F. Thrasher, the young man who was found with his head beaten in in his bunk at Ayres Spur on Tuesday morning, to Mabel Putnam, a demure, attractive young miss of some 21 summers, arouse jealousy in some rival's breast and bring about his death? If so, which of the admirers of the girl is guilty of the crime?

**Believe Greeks Innocent.**  
That is the problem the county officials who are investigating the death of young Thrasher are seeking to solve with but little success. It is now believed that the six Greek laborers who were arrested Tuesday and charged with the crime are innocent, as all attempts to fasten the crime upon them has failed. And from them the officers, seeking a clue, have turned to the attentions which young Thrasher showered upon Miss Putnam, the daughter of the boarding house keeper at Ayres Spur. But so far they have met with but little success.

The only facts which have been established so far are: Young Thrasher is dead; he was killed by blows upon the head delivered with great force; that a blunt instrument was used; that the instrument was a heavy knotty piece of oak, the trunk apparently of an oak grub some two inches in diameter, which, covered with blood, was found near the scene of the crime.

**Had Been Drinking.**  
The story of the happenings at the Spur on the evening before the crime was committed has been told at the investigation which is being conducted in Ashland in the court of Captain Eggleston. This investigation has occupied two days and will probably continue until tomorrow. Mr. and Mrs. Putnam, with their two daughters, Mabel, aged 21, and Maud, aged 16, conduct a boarding house for the employes of the Ashland Manufacturing company at the Spur. They have several boarders, among them being A. L. Burnett, Nikolaus Joy, Edward Davidson, Ray Rhoades and the young man who was murdered. On the evening in question Davidson, who had visited the valley, returned with a jug of liquor and he and Thrasher drank most of it. The six Greeks, who afterwards arrested charged with the crime, also had some liquor and they gave a portion of this to the two young men.

**Was Put to Bed.**  
As the evening wore on Thrasher began to show the effects of the liquor and when he attempted in this state to force his attentions upon Miss Putnam she asked young Rhoades, who was a friend of Thrasher's, to put the young man to bed. This Rhoades did, both he and the girl testify. Rhoades, so far as the last person so far found who saw the young man alive.

None of the testimony as yet offered by the members of the party show that any quarrel at any time had taken place, other than a little trouble Thrasher had had with Joy in the kitchen of the boarding house, when Joy refused to quarrel with him as he (Thrasher) was intoxicated.

**Many Admirers.**  
Miss Putnam is rather an attractive girl, and being the only young woman at the Spur to whom the young men could pay court, had, naturally, a number of admirers. This fact the officers are making the most of, but Miss Putnam states that she showed no particular attention to Thrasher which could cause any of the other boys to take exception. However, she naively added in her testimony, perhaps a mind distorted by jealousy might misconstrue some of her actions.

**No Sound Heard.**  
No sound was heard by any of the people at the Spur during the night, and no signs of a struggle were found. Death must have come with almost the first blow.

The officers have discarded the theory of robbery, as none of the effects of the young man were missing and his clothing contained a certain amount of silver and one or two gold pieces. A ring upon his finger, of curious design and costly, was not taken.

Thrasher's body was found the next morning by Rhoades, who went to awaken him. His head had been crushed in by blows from a club and blood was spattered over the surrounding walls. The dead man had evidently not moved after he had been struck, even the bedclothes being undisturbed.

The coroner and district attorney are inclined to believe that the Greek laborers are not connected with the crime, principally from the fact that no motive can be found.

At the investigation Rhoades testified that at the request of Mabel Putnam he had taken the young man to bed and gave the particulars of finding the body in the morning. His story was told in a straightforward manner throughout. Davidson on the stand displayed much nervousness and told of the occurrences of the afternoon. He refused to enter the bunkhouse and view the body. Joy told the story of the afternoon and evening, corroborating the testimony of the other witnesses. He seemed the less concerned of the lot.

The investigation may and may not be completed this afternoon, but may continue until tomorrow. The coroner's jury which is hearing the case is composed of John T. Patty, W. A. Storm, R. J. Shaw, W. T. League, E. F. Smith and M. C. Bressler.

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