

WEATHER—Fair tonight.
 The Message of the Flags.
 White—Fair weather.
 Blue—Rain or snow.
 White and blue—Local showers.
 Black triangular—Above white,
 warmer; below white, colder.
 White with black center—Cold.

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TEXAS RANGERS ORDERED IN READINESS TO REPEL MEXICAN INVADERS

MEXICANS GATHERING ON BORDER

Governor of Texas Informs Washington—500 Mexicans Gather on Border Ready to Invade United States Territory—Citizens in State of Terror—Great Excitement

ASTIN, Tex., Nov. 15.—Governor Campbell ordered San Antonio troops today to rush with all haste to Edwards county, where rangers, ranchmen and a party of 300 armed Mexicans, who have crossed the border and are marching toward Rock Springs, are momentarily expected to clash.

The troops will be sent with all haste by railway to Bracketville, about fifty miles south of Rock Springs. It is considered only a chance that they will be able to prevent the impending battle, as the opposing forces are expected to meet momentarily.

Cowboys Are Out

ROCK SPRINGS, Tex., Nov. 15.—Eighty ranchmen and cowboys left here early today and are riding hard toward the border to intercept 300 Mexicans marching from Las Vegas, Mexico, with the avowed intention of avenging the recent lynching of a Mexican at Rock Springs.

Scores of other cowboys and ranchers, with grim determination to protect their homes at all hazards, are joining the "flying squadron" along the route. A battle is imminent, and Texas rangers under orders from Governor Campbell are rushing to intercept the hostile forces and prevent a clash.

The situation along the Mexican border, particularly in Edwards county, is critical. A clash means a

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GROWTH OF DEPOSITS IS AMAZING

Twenty-Two Per Cent Gain Made in Past Ten Months—Total Deposits in City Now \$2,376,582—Banks all Show Splendid Growth—Comptroller Calls for Statements

BANK DEPOSITS

January, 1905	\$ 609,498
January, 1906	726,971
January, 1907	1,084,634
January, 1908	1,254,489
January, 1909	1,261,431
January, 1910	1,863,368
November, 1910	2,376,582

Increase in 10 months, \$413,014. Per cent increase 22.

Bank deposits in the four Medford banks in the past ten months of 1910 have increased .22 per cent according to the bank statements just issued, in accord with a call from the comptroller of the currency. The gain made since January, 1910, was \$413,014, or 22 per cent.

All of the banks of the city have issued splendid statements, which show all of them to be in a most healthy condition, and these in turn reflect the prosperity of the city and country.

The deposits have made a considerable gain since September 1, when the last statements were called for. At that time aggregate deposits were \$2,137,487. Thus the gain in two and a half months has been \$239,095.

The banks' statements show the following deposits:

First National	\$856,691
Jackson County	692,347
Medford National	549,085
Farmers and Fruitgrowers	278,457

Taft's Visit to Panama to Result In Rushing Work on Canal.



PANAMA, Nov. 15.—President Taft inspected the Gatun dam and the Gatun locks, toward the western end of the Panama canal, this afternoon.

The president tonight will attend a reception by Colonel Goethals, chief engineer of the canal, to Y. M. C. A. and Red Cross workers in the canal zone.

FOOD PRICES DECLINE THROUGHOUT EAST AND MIDDLE WEST; MAY REACH COAST

Cut in Prices Indicated Throughout East and Middle West—3-Cent Drop in Pork and Beef Registered in Kansas City

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—Declines in food prices are indicated throughout the east and middle west today. In Kansas City the general decrease is from five to fifteen per cent, drops of three cents a pound in pork and beef being registered.

At Springfield, Ills., pork products declined ten per cent.

At Denver the wholesale price of meat is 15 per cent lower, but the decline has not yet affected the retail prices.

Pittsburg prices have not fallen, but there is indication that the market will weaken soon.

Retailers here declare that the decline in the price of food products has not yet reached their business, but that it may be expected soon.

Prices are reported unchanged in Detroit. There have been no reductions in Pennsylvania, where prices, if anything, are higher. Indianapolis wholesale prices have decreased but dealers do not yet know whether retail prices will drop accordingly or not.

COUNT TOLSTOI NEARING DEATH

Daughter Alexandra Alone Is at Bedside of Aged Writer—It is Reported He Was on His Way to America When Taken Ill

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 15.—Count Leo Tolstoy never will leave Russia, his physician, Dr. Makovetsky, who constantly attended the aged writer, announced today that the condition of his distinguished patient is most critical.

With Tolstoy in the small, poorly ventilated room in which he lies, near death, at the railway station at Astapova, is his daughter Alexandra. The Countess Tolstoy has not joined her husband, but has urgently asked permission to do so.

The count, it is believed, was en route to Sweden, where he expected to embark for America, when he was stricken with fever and exhaustion. He left the convent where he had taken refuge after leaving home last night, and went to Koyelst, announcing that he was on his way to Moscow. At that time he was attired in peasant's costume and boarded a southbound train going toward the Caucasus. He rode in a third class compartment and had only \$17 and one-half cents.

By the time the train reached Astapova, the count became so ill that he was forced to leave the train. It is believed that his mind has become unbalanced.

If you never "lose any time" except that spent in fruitlessly answering want ads, you'll get along!

GREAT FLOOD NEARS PARIS

Seine Reaches 20-Foot Stage and Reports From Head Sources of River State That Great Volume of Water Is Rushing Toward Paris

PARIS, Nov. 15.—The Seine today reached the 20-foot stage and reports from the head sources of the river state that a great volume of water is heading toward Paris.

The hydrometric office this afternoon predicted a further rise of four feet and four inches here by Saturday. This would put the river far above the normal level and considerable alarm is expressed over the threatened flood condition.

Billy Clifford Tonight

"The Girl, the Man and the Game" is the fetching title of the new musical farce, which Billy (Single) Clifford will offer at the Medford theater tonight. The piece is described as a musical fantasy in two parts, it is a farce, in other words, with music, and it is one of the sprightliest and best entertainments of the kind offered this season.

ANNUAL MEETING OF CLUB TONIGHT

The annual meeting of the Commercial Club will be held tonight at the club rooms for election of officers for the coming year.

DEFENSE OF RAILROAD IS SHATTERED

Southern Pacific Officials Admit It Costs No More to Haul From Medford Than It Does From Portland—Rates in Oregon Nearly Double Those in California.

In the Medford rate suit concluded yesterday the complainant rested its case at the noon recess and the defense commenced submitting its case at the afternoon session, which continued until 5 o'clock.

The defense swore as witnesses L. R. Fields, superintendent; M. J. Buckley, assistant general manager and general superintendent; C. C. Blood, assistant superintendent and division engineer; E. C. Morrison, division traffic manager, and Mr. Hathaway, chief clerk of the accounting department.

The defendant set out in its reply to the complaint "that the grades met with by defendant Southern Pacific company and railroads in handling southbound trains from said city of Medford are exceedingly heavy, and that by this exceedingly heavy grade or haul the distribution of merchandise and other articles southbound from the said city of Medford is not under advantageous circumstances, but under circumstances exceedingly difficult as to railroad operation and the expense of distributing merchandise and other articles."

The whole trend of the testimony of the defense was upon the cost of maintenance of this piece of track as compared with the cost of maintenance of track in level sections or upon moderate grades.

The opinion of the various engineers upon the point of cost of maintenance of track and right of way and trestles was three times more expensive on grades of the per cent

COOPER IS ACQUITTED OF MURDER

Charged With Murder of Former United States Senator Carmack, Robin Cooper is Freed by Jury—Father Was Convicted, but Was Pardoned by Governor Patterson

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 15.—Robin Cooper, charged with the murder of former United States Senator E. W. Carmack, was acquitted by a jury today. Soon after the case opened today the court instructed the jury for acquittal, following Attorney General Anderson's recommendations. Anderson said he believed Robin Cooper was innocent and could not conscientiously prosecute the case.

Colonel Duncan Cooper, father of Robin, was convicted of having killed Carmack, but was pardoned by Governor Patterson.

of the Siskiyou as on level track and that the cost of moving trains was about the same proportion as shown for maintenance.

Under cross-examination these witnesses admitted there were pieces of track on the Southern Pacific railroad where the cost of maintenance was three times greater than on these mountain grades.

It was brought out by complainant that 75 per cent of the traffic moving over the Siskiyou grade was through traffic, moving between Portland and San Francisco and that the other 25 was local traffic moving from various points. It was shown by defendant that the present tonnage from Medford to points in California was not large, which proved that the cost of maintenance upon which they depended for defense was properly chargeable against the through traffic, as well as the local.

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BAD CHECK ARTIST WANTED HERE ARRESTED IN PORTLAND

William Mullin, who had been more or less prominent as a "speculator" in Medford for several weeks, was arrested at Portland Monday on instructions from the Jackson county authorities, on a charge of having issued checks against a bank where he had no account.

Mullin, when he arrived here, represented himself as the son of a rich Montana stockman, who was seeking a milder climate and a less strenuous existence. He was a good fellow and popular. Some few weeks ago he met one D. E. Prather, who represented himself as agent for

FIGHT ON GOMPERS EXPECTED

Greatest Scrap in History of American Federation of Labor Is Looked For When Name of Samuel Gompers Comes Before It for Re-election as President—Socialists Are Lined Up Against Him.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 15.—The biggest fight in the history of the American Federation of Labor is expected when the name of Samuel Gompers comes before the convention, now in session here, for re-election.

Gompers has strenuously fought the plans of socialistic members of the federation for a declaration by the organization for socialism and it is known that 85 socialist votes out of a total of 368 in the convention will be cast solidly against the little cigar maker.

While admitting that the socialist faction in the federation is stronger than ever before, Gompers declares that he is not worrying over the final outcome.

In addition to the socialists, who claim they have nothing against Gompers personally, there is a faction that feels that no one should have a "life job" as president of the federation.

Max Hayes of Cleveland is leading the socialist delegates in the attack on the president of the federation.

GOVERNOR BENSON AGAIN IS AT HELM OF SHIP OF STATE

SALEM, Nov. 15.—At noon today E. W. Benson, governor and secretary of state, also secretary of state-elect of Oregon, again assumed the reins of government after being compelled to lay them aside because of ill health since July 1.

Acting Governor Jay Bowerman of Condon retired at the same moment and again became simply president of the state senate by virtue of which office he became acting governor in the absence or disability of the governor.

The first official act of Governor Benson today was the issuance of an annual Thanksgiving proclamation.

Governor Benson will also, as secretary of state, canvass the official returns of the recent election which will bring in as governor on the second Monday in January, Oswald West, railroad commissioner, successful democratic candidate in the election last week.

Benson has improved greatly in health since his return to Oregon from San Francisco in the latter part of September. He went to California to be operated upon for lumps, a malignant growth resembling cancer in some respects.

FLAW IN BUCKLE COST A LIFE

Found That Snap Breaking as Fire Team Rounded Corner Was Responsible for Accident to Chemical Wagon Which Resulted in Death of Warren Bodge—Fire Boys Are Not Blamed in Any Way.

It has developed that the early reports regarding the accident of Saturday evening when the chemical wagon collided with a telephone pole at the corner of Main and Front streets, resulting in the death of Warren Bodge, were incorrect inasmuch as it was stated that the bridle snap was fastened to the halter ring and not to the bit. The snap was properly hooked to the bit, but it contained a flaw which caused it to break. The fire boys have the buckle and the flaw in it is very easily seen.

All blame has been taken from the members of the fire department for the accident.

The fire hall today is draped in crepe and will remain so until after the burial of Mr. Bodge. The funeral is to be held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The fire department will attend in a body.

The entire city was shocked to learn of Mr. Bodge's death, for he was highly esteemed by all who know him. He was a member of the B. P. O. Elks and the funeral will be held under their auspices.