

WEATHER—Rain 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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## APPLES OF OREGON TO EMPERORS

Apples Being Purchased at National Show for Shipment to Every Quarter of the Globe—Sweepstakes Prize Will Probably Be Awarded Tonight.

SPOKANE, Nov. 17.—Oregon and Washington apples are being sent to every part of the country from the apple show. On Wednesday three boxes were shipped to Australia. One souvenir of the show goes to Sydney and the other two to Melbourne. Several boxes were sent to officers in the United States army stationed in the Philippines.

One enthusiastic Japanese ordered two boxes of choice Oregon fruit sent to the Mikado at Tokio, and a German subject ordered a box of 12 sent to the German ruler.

T. H. Keenan of Belfast, Ireland, was a visitor today and ordered a box sent home in advance. The decision in regard to the carload exhibits will probably be announced tonight. Washington growers practically concede that the sweepstakes lie between Hood river and Ashland. The growers in attendance say that the Ashland pack is superb and could hardly be improved upon.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 17.—As the result of the activity of the Mexican consul here, Senor Lozano, a debate between Los Angeles and Pomona high schools upon a resolution that Mexico should be annexed to the United States has been abandoned.

## TOLSTOI STILL LIVES THOUGH REPORTED DEAD; MAY RECOVER

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 17.—Count Leo Tolstoi still lives, despite reports of his death that threw a pall over Russia late yesterday. Advice to that effect from authoritative sources were received today and draperies that were hung on public doors were hastily taken down.

In the laborer's hut at Astapova, which has been Tolstoi's sickroom since his breakdown at Astapova station, the count passed a restless night, according to the dispatches that reached here early today. Later advice said that his temperature had receded to 100 and that there were hopes that he might again get well.

The first dispatches telling of Tolstoi's death were received from Prince Oblonski, and were credited generally. Theaters closed their doors, entertainments were cancelled and messages of condolence from all sides were sent to the Countess Tolstoi.

## DISCOVERS CAUSE OF FRUIT SPOT

Prof. O'Gara Solves Puzzle Which Has Baffled Orchardists—Apple Spots Due to Impurities in Lead Arsenate Used in Spraying for Codling Moth.

Professor P. J. O'Gara, pathologist in charge of Jackson county orchards, has made a discovery that is most important and of vital interest to all orchardists. It is that the red and black spots that have appeared upon apples after packing and have long baffled scientists and orchardists, are due to impurities in lead arsenate used in spraying for codling moth.

Apples thus affected have caused a serious loss to orchardists for years. Some years ago J. W. Perkins had a large shipment from his orchard condemned because of the reddish-brown spots that developed while the apples were in storage. This year many of the apples shipped to Minneapolis for display purposes, though apparently perfect when packed, developed the same affection upon arrival and could not be utilized.

Samples had been sent to the pomological experts at Washington without their finding a satisfactory solution of the trouble, and it remained for Professor O'Gara to discover the real cause and have his hypothesis proved by chemical analysis.

Professor O'Gara writes the following about his discovery:

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## Medford Yesterday and Today



IN 1888  
The accompanying cut is reproduced from a picture taken in 1888 and shows how Medford looked at the corner of Main and Central avenue, which is one of the busiest corners of the city, at that time as well as today. It is a typical picture of a country town, with the majority of the business men and citizens intently watching a game of marbles between a councilman and another prominent citizen. This cut is used through the courtesy of the Rogue Magazine.

### IN 1910

The cut just opposite shows the exact spot in Medford reproduced in the above picture, as it looks today. Brick and stone blocks have taken the place of the frame buildings. The streets are paved and the automobile stands at the place which was formerly occupied by the lumber wagon.

Today there is bustle and life which exists in every good and growing city and improvement is the order. This cut is used through the courtesy of the Rogue Magazine.



## WHOLESALE PLOT TO DAMAGE RAILROAD PROPERTY FOUND; UNION LEADERS INVOLVED

60 DETECTIVES WATCH MAM  
Leader of Anti-Diaz Faction in Mexico Is Under Close Guard—Fear He May Attempt to Take Advantage of Friction.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Nov. 17.—Francisco Madero, leader of the anti-Diaz faction in Mexico, and said to be one of the boldest revolutionists in history, is being watched here by a squad of 60 secret service agents, it was learned today. Madero, who has been on the northern side of the border since his plot to start a revolution in Mexico was discovered, is thought to be ready to start a second uprising and to be taking advantage of the recent trouble between Mexico and the United States to cover up his movements.

The secret service men are said to have found evidence of his plotting in 12 Mexican states and to have warned the Mexican government in time to have the plans frustrated. Authorities here have learned that great quantities of arms and ammunition were shipped from Texas and concealed in caves along the Rio Grande river. One shipment alone is said to have been of 2000 rifles and a large quantity of ammunition.

Emerg Dust and Steel Filings Are Placed in Oil Boxes of Locomotive—Passengers' Lives Endangered—Two Men Confess.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 17.—Sworn confessions that they maliciously destroyed machinery at the instigation of high officials of the local Machinists' union, were issued today by P. E. Sweeney and W. G. Owens, former employees of the Missouri Pacific railway, in its shops at Sedalia, Mo. The men were convicted of malicious destruction of property and each was sentenced to six months in jail.

According to their confessions, they placed steel filings and emery dust in the bearings of locomotives and other machinery at the instigation of leaders of the striking machinists. The authorities are withholding the names of the alleged instigators.

Railroad officials assert that arrests will be made here and at St. Louis as a result of the alleged conspiracy. Railroad detectives charge that a wholesale plot was under way to do damage to thousands of dollars' worth of railroad property, and claim that some of the biggest union leaders in Missouri are involved.

Sweeney and Owens were apprehended in the shops at Sedalia. They declare that on the night of November 7 they placed capsules contain-

THOUSANDS ASK CRIPPEN MERCY

Petitions to Home Secretary Churchill Asking Commutation of Sentence Being Generally Signed—Reprieve Nearing Its End.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—With the reprieve granted to Dr. H. H. Crippen by the government nearing its end, friends of the American doctor accused and convicted of having murdered his wife, Belle Elmore Crippen, renewed their efforts today to secure additional signatures to petitions for commutation of the condemned man's sentence to life imprisonment. The petitions have been signed by thousands already and soon will be presented to Home Secretary Churchill.

ing emery dust and steel filings in the oil boxes of a Missouri Pacific passenger engine and that the driving rod of the engine was broken before it left the yard. Railroad officials declared to the courts that had the train been running at a high rate of speed the filings and emery would have caused an accident and perhaps loss of life.

Taft scanned the message and was apparently pleased.

## BARONESS MURDERED BY OFFICER

Sends Note to Police Telling Them of Crime and Then Disappears—Thought That He Carried Out a Threat to Take His Own Life—All Paris Wildly Excited.

PARIS, Nov. 17.—The body of the Baroness d'Ambricourt was found today in the bedroom of Captain Meynier, an officer in the French army, where she evidently had been murdered. Captain Meynier has disappeared after sending by special delivery to the police a note telling of the murder, and saying that he intended to kill himself.

The body was found by detectives who were sent out when Meynier's letter was received at the chief of police's office. The letter read:

"I have the honor to inform you that I have killed my fiance, Go and find her. Now that I have had vengeance, I intend to kill myself."

Appended were instructions as to where the body of the dead woman would be found. The woman apparently had been poisoned.

Meynier cannot be found and is believed to have carried out his threat of suicide.

All Paris is wildly excited, as the baroness was widely known throughout France.

F. A. Folger was in from the farm Thursday on business.

J. C. (Tennessee) Smith was a Talent visitor on Wednesday.

## GEORGE, REX, TRYING FOR PEACE PACT

Believes That Present Crisis Threatens Entire System of English Government and Endeavors to Effect Compromise—May Dissolve Parliament and Call for Election.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—The personal efforts of King George to avert a political crisis failed today and the liberals have presented an ultimatum to the house of lords that unless they consent before November 28 to pass a bill limiting the lords' power of veto, parliament will be dissolved and a general election held.

The king believes that the crisis threatens the entire system of English government and is endeavoring to effect a compromise. Premier Asquith has refused all offers of compromise, being confident that his position is unassailable.

It is believed that the lords are awakening to the crisis and may surrender at least part of their rights voluntarily in order to save the government. This is judged from the declaration of Lord Lansdowne today that the lords are willing to concede the abolition of the hereditary principle and the fuller representation of certain elements in the peerage.

The liberals do not place great reliance in the tardy promises of the lords, and are still inclined to enforce their ultimatum.

W. H. Nudine of Eagle Point was in Medford looking after business matters Thursday.

## POOR OLD CONSUMER LOSES OUT

Master Butchers of Chicago Say Talk of Lower Prices Are All Tommyrot—Packers Want to Make the Retailer the Goat—Regular Meeting of Butchers Is Now Under Way.

CHICAGO, Nov. 17.—Master butchers of Chicago, explaining statements credited to J. Ogden Armour and other packers, asserted today that all talk of reduced meat prices was tommyrot and totally unfounded on fact. The meat may be cheaper, but the decrease in price will never reach the consumer, they said.

One butcher explained the reduction talk as a move to divert attention from indictments, and curry favor for the packers in the impending prosecutions.

"The packers want to make the retailer the goat," said this butcher. "We are assured only by packers' interviews that they will reduce the

prices of meats. Let them sign a contract and agree to keep it for three months and see how the cut will be felt by the consumer."

The butchers assembled in a regular meeting of their association here today and the cut in prices was the chief topic of discussion. The retailers appeared angry at what they termed was an attempt by the packers to shift responsibility.

Want Change of Venue. CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 17.—Petitions of the indicted Chicago meat packers for a change of venue from the court of Judge K. M. Landis were heard by Landis today.

## STANDING ARMY INDEQUATE SAYS FRED GRANT

TEDDY STILL SILENT BUT VISITS OFFICE

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt appeared at the offices of the Outlook today for the first time since election day. He said he was feeling fine and otherwise he was uncommunicative.

When asked his opinion regarding the result of the election in New York, he laughed and referred the questioner to the editorial columns of the New York Sun and the New York Evening Post, which bitterly opposed him during the campaign.

C. F. Whisenant of Medford visited Jacksonville Thursday.

250,000 MEN NEEDED ALWAYS IN TRAINING

TOLEDO, Nov. 17.—The standing army of the United States is inadequate, according to Major General Frederick D. Grant, who is in Toledo today. Grant declared emphatically that the regular force is too small to meet any contingency that might arise.

"We should have 250,000 men in training at all times," he said.

General Grant does not believe that the recent disturbances on the Mexican border will have any lasting results. There is no chance, he said, of serious differences between Mexico and the United States.

BIG DAYS WORK IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT

COLON, Nov. 17.—A message signed "The Men," received by President Taft and telling of the work done on the Gatun dam, caused the president to wear an expansive smile for fully three minutes as he glanced over his morning's telegrams today. It read:

"Four thousand four hundred and forty cubic yards of concrete laid Gatun locks and 541 in Gatun spillway yesterday in honor of your visit. This is a record for any single day since the canal was begun."

## NOT A DEMOCRATIC VICTORY SAYS SENATOR LA FOLLETTE

MADISON, Wis., Nov. 17.—Senator LaFollette's magazine, with a full commentary on the recent elections, was placed on sale in the newspapers today. A lengthy editorial is devoted to the results, and what they mean to the nation at large. It is declared that the election was a stinging rebuke to several forms of republican government, but in no way a democratic victory.

"The result of the fall elections was a declaration in plain terms that the people will have no more of senate and house committees in congress dictated to by Morgan's private officers," the editorial reads. "Furthermore, no longer will the people submit to laws drawn up by Morgan's attorneys in New York, Boston or Philadelphia, as the case may be. It serves notice that the laws must be enacted, the government administered properly and the interests of men responsible for the reverse driven out."

"The election results did not show a democratic victory. In states where

democrats won it was a republican defeat. Rather they show a condemnation of President Taft's administration; of Ballinger; of Wickham, and of itcheok. They show a repudiation of Aldrichism in the senate and of Cronism in the house, and contain a stern warning to the republican party to renounce in the legislature and executive departments the servants of Morgan and the system.

"The elections otherwise are deeply significant as showing that where insurgency is strong and where the real progressive leadership is loyal and unflinching it won unflinching and loyal support. Where it was not progressive, no matter how popular, it was unable to make the progressive vote subservient to any party. Wherever this was attempted thousands of progressive votes were withheld in disgust or turned to the democrats as a rebuke and a warning against any attempt to compromise the progressive cause for party advantage.

## BAKER CITY TALKING SOME LOUD

One Ashley Has Gotten It Into His Head That He Can Collect That \$5000 Offer—Well, If He Can, Let Him Do It—But It Is a Case for a Showdown and Medford Holds a Royal Flush.

Says the Baker City Democrat: The Medford Commercial club does not like it because Baker, through Mr. Ashley, has offered to accept their offer of \$5000 to any person who can show a town having as many resources within a radius of 40 miles as the Jackson county town.

A letter was received by the Baker Commercial club a few days ago from the Medford organization deploring the fact they had brought the matter up through the press, and denied ever receiving any communication in regard to it. Mr. Ashley yesterday stated to the Democrat: "I am taking the mat-

ter up personally, and while I did not write to the secretary of the Medford Commercial club I planned to him from Portland, and wanted to find out the conditions of their offer, but he treated the matter lightly. I know Baker county, and we can beat them on their own proposition. As the challenging party they should submit a list of their resources and I can meet every one of them, and add to it."

It now remains to be seen what Medford will do. If they want to make good the offer on their publicity literature they will accede to Mr. Ashley's demands for a comparison.