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Black triangular—Above white, warmer; below white, colder.  
White with black center—Cold.

## UNPREPARED FOR WARFARE STATES WOOD

United States Could Not Resist Hostile Moves of Any First-Class Nation Is Testimony of Chief of Staff Before House Committee.

Not Powder Enough to Last Through One First-Class Engagement—Lessons of 1812 and Spanish-American Wars Cited.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—That the United States is not prepared to meet the hostile moves of any first-class nation is the testimony of General Leonard Wood, chief of staff, given before the house committee on military affairs, and made public today. The ammunition at the disposal of the army, he testified, would not last through a single engagement, and other conditions are equally bad. General Wood explained his plans for reorganizing the militia and urged that a more mobile force be ready at all times to take the field.

"There is no use talking about our patriotism and fighting qualities," General Wood told the committee. "We have them, but we must remember that this capital was lost to a force less than that of its defenders, and that it was abandoned

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## FIRST AERIAL DERBY HELD LOS ANGELES

Entries Comprise Every Aviator Participating in Big Meet—Five Laps Over Ten-Mile Course for Purse of \$5000—Records to Be Lowered.

Hoxsey, Who Flew Over Eleven Thousand Feet in the Air Yesterday, to Attempt to Beat His Record—Quintette of Birdmen to Shoot.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 27.—Speedy legislation against actual opponents and against time was promised as the big attraction at Dominguez aviation field today. Entries for the first aerial derby ever held included almost every aviator participating in the meet, with the exception of Hubert Latham, whose Antoinette monoplane was so severely damaged last evening that several days must elapse before it can be put into commission again. The race was scheduled to be started at 4 o'clock.

Five laps over the 10-mile course was the distance announced; the purse \$5000. Radley, present holder of the world's speed record in a Bleriot monoplane; Curtis, in a Curtiss biplane; Hoxsey and Brooks in Wright biplanes; Parmelee in the diminutive baby Wright and Ely

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## WOMEN MAY DISFRANCHISE MEN VOTERS

Bill to Deprive Males of Ballot in Colorado to Be Introduced in Legislation in Retaliation of One Aimed Against Equal Suffrage.

Fight Promises to Be a Warm One—Political Graves Promised Legislators Who Participate—Say Women Have Failed to Make Good.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 27.—A bill to deprive men of the ballot in Colorado will be introduced in the state legislature if one now being framed by men intended to disfranchise women is precluded at the coming session. That is the answer the suffragists of Colorado have ready for the men who are now seeking to form a masculine voting monopoly.

The fight promises to be a warm one. There are both men and women in the legislature, and the women members, forewarned of the move the men are planning, have mapped out a campaign of opposition that will, it is predicted, be spectacular. Incidentally, the woman leaders prophesy, the men who are "brave" enough to introduce any bill seeking a constitutional amendment depriving their "sisters" of the ballot will be laid away in neat little political graves with headstones especially carved for them by the legislators.

The men who are seeking to have only the Adam brand of voters in Colorado base their arguments in favor of the bill on the allegation that women have failed to make good as voters. The women, in the fight they will make to continue as voters, intend to use the same argument against the men. Not only will they contend that the masculine portion of Colorado has shown that it is untrustworthy, subject to bribery, illogical and easily duped, but they will point out that the experiment of masculine suffrage has been tried for a good many more years than has woman suffrage, and that the failure the men have made is therefore a much more powerful argument for talking the ballot from them.

Their disfranchisement movement sentiment, the women say, is a result of recent opposition of Mrs. Elizabeth Goddard of Colorado Springs; a former suffragette, to the votes for women idea. Because one woman says women are not capable of voting, is no argument, the women favoring equal suffrage say, against the system. There are plenty of women in the state who have given as much attention to the matter as Mrs. Goddard, they say, who are firmly convinced that the votes of women have played an important part in the advancement of reform in the state. Most of the reform, it will be added, has been to correct the mistakes that men have made.

## Stork Is Hovering Over the Throne of Great Britain.



## PREPARING TO WELCOME 1911

This Year's Greeting to New Year in Medford Is Already Being Planned Cafes to Remain Open and Watch Meetings Planned.

Preparations are already under way for a proper observation of the coming of the new year on next Saturday night. Local cafes will remain open and music will be provided. Aside from downtown gatherings, several of the churches will hold watch meetings.

Medford boasts of having as metropolitan a greeting for the new year as the larger cities on the coast, and from plans now being made, this year's welcome to a new year will not fall below the usual standard.

## UNIVERSITY CLUB SOON TO OPEN

New Quarters in Mail Tribune Building Are Nearing Completion and Soon Will Be Ready for Occupancy—Are Up-to-Date.

The new quarters of the University club, in the Mail Tribune building, are nearing completion and will soon be ready for occupancy. The club expects to have a house warming the first of the year.

The quarters are really very fine, being finished in Oregon fir, burnt instead of stained, and with oak floors. Two large fireplaces furnish heat. Large window seats abound. The club will have the finest quarters in the city.

## GENERAL ELECTION STOCKS GO DOWN

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The feature of today's stock market was the decline in General Electric, presumably as a result of the threatened prosecution of the alleged "electrical trust" by the federal government. This issue opened at a decline of 1/4 and declined 2 3/4. The rest of the list was inclined to weakness. Westinghouse, Union Pacific, Reading and Lehigh Valley lost a point or more.

Consolidated Gas and Western Maryland were exceptions to the declining stocks. The market closed firm. Bonds were irregular.

## JACKRABBITS DESTROY ORCHARDS AT MONMOUTH

MONMOUTH, Ore., Dec. 27.—The farmers in the surrounding country have been trying in every possible way to find some method by which they can keep the jackrabbits from ruining the many acres of young orchards. The rabbits come in bands, and although many hunters have been sent out to kill them, more of them continue to come in. The way in which they injure the trees is not well understood. From the hills west of this city the rabbits can be seen feeding in the large walnut orchards, as cattle can be seen grazing in a field. There has been a big increase in the number of these rabbits during the past year, and how they can ever be killed off is perplexing the farmers and fruitgrowers.

## TEDDY WILL NOT SUPPORT TAFT IN 1912

Reported Alliance of President and Colonel Repudiated—No Understanding Regarding Next Campaign Reached or Even Discussed.

Former Executive Knows Nothing of Reported Apportion of New York Patronage to William Loeb in Exchange for State Delegation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—"All talk of me supporting Taft in 1912 is most absurd," said Colonel Theodore Roosevelt today.

That was the colonel's answer to the story that he and Taft had reached an understanding regarding the presidential campaign two years hence.

"Nothing like that has been discussed by me," Roosevelt continued. "So far as the statement is concerned that William Loeb, Jr., became Taft's lieutenant to apportion patronage, that goes to New York, in order to secure the state delegation for Taft for president in 1912, I know nothing of it."

The colonel was vigorous in making his denial. He emphasized the fact that the presidential possibilities of 1912 had never been the subject of any discussion between himself and the present chief executive.

The reports of any such talk or of any agreement reached in any other way by which he was to throw his influence to Taft in the coming campaign were branded as simply untrue. He did not say whether he had discussed the presidential possibilities with any one else.

## PULLMAN PORTERS TO FORM UNION

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 27.—The Pullman porters' union, it is expected, will be formed as a result of a secret meeting of the dusky gentlemen who make up berths and collect tips. The porters held a meeting yesterday which it is admitted was only a preliminary step toward the formation of an organization. It is understood that the movement is the result of dissatisfaction among the berth welders because tips have been decreasing as the cost of living advanced. It is expected that they will try to force the advance in the wages recently demanded from the Pullman company.

## 5000 CHRISTMAS CARDS AT ONCE

Local Postal Clerks Have Strenuous Time Distributing Pasteboards Bearing Xmas Greetings—Pouches Full of Them.

If you didn't get that Christmas card you were expecting from that friend of yours, the chances are that it will drift in within the next day or two. Today over 5000 of them were received in the local office and it has kept the force busy taking care of them.

Christmas cards are always side-tracked by the postal clerks during the holiday rush, as letters and packages are more important. This caused the big influx today.

For the first time in three weeks a mail train arrived today without a pouch of Christmas packages for Medford. The local force has kept the office clear, so presents are probably all distributed.

GENEVA, Dec. 27.—According to statistics published by the Swiss newspapers, the number of climbers killed in the Swiss and Italian Alps from October 31, 1909, to October 31, 1910, was 90, while 80 other climbers were seriously injured.

## BLACK HAND LEADERS GET LONG TERMS

Ignoring Threats of Violence, New York Court Sends Kidnapers of Children to Sing Sing for 25 Minimum, 50 Years Maximum Sentence

Children Held for Ransom for 20 Days and Returned When Money Asked Was Left in Package—Prisoner Called King of Black Hand.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Ignoring threats of violence, County Judge Fawcett today passed sentences on Stanislo Pattenza and Mary Rapp, alleged members of the Black Hand society, who were convicted of holding two boys for ransom. The sentence decreed that the two prisoners must spend not less than 25 years nor more than 49 years and 10 months in Sing Sing prison.

The couple were considered the ringleaders of the Black Hand society in New York. Open threats were made against Judge Fawcett if he dared to pass sentence upon them. The action of the judge has brought consternation to the ranks of the extortionists, it is alleged, and members of the society are reported by the police to be fleeing from the city.

Pattenza and the Rapp woman were convicted of having kidnaped Michael Rizzio and Luisoppi Longo, both 8 years of age. The children were held for ransom for 20 days and were returned when the money asked was put in a package and left as instructed by the kidnapers. The police arrested the pair as they were about to seize the money.

Judge Fawcett sharply arraigned the two prisoners as he passed sentence.

"It is almost unbelievable that you could have held two broken-hearted stolen children for 20 days, knowing that their parents were also suffering during this time," said the court when imposing sentence on the woman. "You have no spirit or instinct of mother-love. It is stronger in beasts and birds than in you."

Turning to Pattenza, the judge continued: "You are the brains, the leader, the acknowledged king of the Black Hand society. Your companion would have confessed if an agent of your organization had not called at the jail and notified her that if she revealed the secrets of your deed she would be killed. Criminals of your type should never have been permitted to land in this country. I regret that the law does not permit the death penalty for such crimes."

## MOCK TAKEN TO PENITENTIARY

With George Carter, Convicted of Theft, Murderer Leaves in Company of Chief Shearer and Sam L. Sandry—Entered Prison Today.

Julian A. Mock, sentenced to life imprisonment for killing Jesse C. Smith in this city last September, was taken to Salem Monday evening to commence serving his sentence. With Mock was George Carter, convicted of theft, and sentenced to five years' imprisonment. The two men were in the charge of Chief of Police Shearer and Sam L. Sandry. While waiting for the train in this city Mock reiterated the statement that he was not guilty of intentional murder and that he was not the coward he was accused of being. Mock and Carter were shackled together by the officers in order to prevent any attempt of escaping.

DAYTON, O., Dec. 27.—An annuity of \$1000 for Ralph Johnstone's widow was settled today by the Wright brothers, for whom the aviator was working when he met death in Denver a few weeks ago.

## TO CHANGE NAME JACKSON STREET

Property Owners Would Make Name of Street Uniform Throughout—Will Be Known in Future as Jackson Boulevard.

With the tax levy embracing a one mill tax for the purpose of constructing a concrete bridge across Bear creek on Jackson street the property owners on that street have started a movement to have the name of the street changed to "Jackson boulevard." This will make the name conform throughout as it is known as a "boulevard" east of the creek and a "street" on the west side.

Jackson boulevard when paved next year and with the bridge constructed will be the finest street in the city owing to the fact that it is straight as an arrow, and stretches from city limits to city limits.

## BURGLARS MAKE HAUL IN THEATRE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—Safe crackers blew open the steel safe at the Hellig theatre at Seventh and Taylor streets Sunday night and secured \$2100. The receipts of last night's performance of "The Burgomaster." The robbery was discovered today when the manager W. Pangle went to the basement to open the big vault.

Captain of Detectives Moore was called and after a cursory examination aids that the work was done by experts. The robbers left no clew. Evidence indicates that the clockmen employed nitroglycerin to pry the heavy steel door loose. They used gunny sacks and canvas scenery to muffle the noise of the explosion.

Manager Pangle and Mrs. Pangle, who occupied apartments on the top floor of the theatre building were not awakened when the explosive let go. The Hellig was recently opened and is one of the highest priced theatres in the city.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 27.—Jack Cudahy and his former wife, both of whom are in Pasadena, Cal., are not to remarry, according to Mrs. John R. Cudahy. "The report from Pasadena that a reconciliation between the two is about to take place, and that they are going to remarry, is untrue," said Mrs. Cudahy.

## LABOR COUNCIL GETS A CHARTER

American Federation of Labor Authorizes Creation of Central Labor Council Here—Big Smoker Is Planned for Sunday.

The Central Labor Council of Medford has received its charter from the American Federation of Labor and will celebrate its arrival Sunday by giving a smoker in the Angle opera house to which the public is cordially invited. Every business man in the city is urged to be present. During the afternoon the charter will be read and framed.

The union men of the city have recently been showing great activity in organizing the various trades. In consequence local unions of the following have been formed: Printers, painters, barbers, granite cutters, bricklayers, carpenters and joiners, electrical workers, cooks, waiters and waitresses, machinists. The municipalities are now organizing.

Every advertisement of a store gives to somebody—perhaps to many people—their first impressions of that store. And first impressions abide, with strange persistence.

## ED ROOT ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR MAYOR

Popular Man About Town Discusses Political Situation and Reasons for His Candidacy.

"I see by the papers," said Hon. Ed Root, well known clubman, reconstructor and man about town, "that his open season again for candidates, so please announce my candidacy for mayor. I only consent to sacrifice myself for the public good, because I need the money."

"I see its the fashion for candidates to get testimonials. I've sent for some and got them coming equal to any hired girl's in the country. When you read them you'll think I'm almost as good as peruna to take."

"What's my platform going to be? Well, almost anything to get the votes. I promise the wets low licenses and plenty of them—a wide open town. Every restaurant man can serve booze with his meals—it'll be the only way I know to get a free drink."

"I promise the drys to annul the

charter and enforce prohibition and me and Pierce are organizing a citizens league for good government—for Ed Root against the field. And me and Bert Anderson are doing the same thing with an improvement league on the west side. I tell you what, when it comes to politics they're all set to take their hats off to your Uncle Ed. I'll get both the wet and dry vote.

"I wear whiskers in the winter time, so I'll get the mossback vote, and shave clean (once a week) in summer, so I'll get the progressive vote. You can't beat my combination. I've promised to make Mose Barkdull fruit inspector and fire John Olwell out of the exhibit building. John's too smart for their real estate fellers, so I'm going to help them out to get their votes and there's enough of them to elect me. I'd make Doc Keene chief of police only I'm afraid he ain't got no license.

"I promise to let every woman in Medford to wear a hobble skirt and to make W. J. Drumhill, city engineer, so streets can be paved without cost to the property owners. Branson

will get Baker's job keeping the sewers clean and the Saturday Review will be my official organ and poet laureat. Every new comer's advice on how to run the town will be followed and if the cockshits are sincere and really want the millennium—all they gotta do is to vote for Ed Root, the people's choice—and it will be here. "What am I going to do myself? Well, I don't intend to hustle like I have to now. I won't get up at 6 o'clock, wade around mudholes and see what's gotta be done and hold a sobo court before breakfast and then work all day like the present mayor—a mayor otter be above such things. I'll look after the graft and there ain't going to be no core to this apple.

"Unscrupulous persons are circulating lies about me. They say I ain't a resident of the city. I are. My hat is my office and I sleep in it. Don't give me a legal residence? I am in the race to stay." Thereupon Mr. Root, having discussed city politics, left for the Natatorium. It also being about that time of the year.