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NEITHER SIDE IN ENGLAND IS MUCH PLEASED

Result of English Elections Is Not Satisfactory—Reactionaries Out-numbered. But Can Still Put Up a Nasty Fight—Party Lines Break.

Liberals Theoretically in Control—Home Rule for Ireland Must First Be Taken Care of—Harmonious Action Is Not Expected.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Leaders of the rival parties in the English elections, now that the balloting is over, are reviewing the results to see how they came out in the fight.

Neither side appears very well pleased with the result. The progressives have a majority, but it is a coalition majority, which may fall to pieces. The reactionary party, though outnumbered, still have enough seats to put up a nasty fight. In their ranks, however, there is also dissension. Party lines in England seem to be breaking down, and it is the opinion of those who have been studying closely the elections that it is difficult to ascertain which side will be dominant when the reorganization of parliament is completed—the reactionaries or the progressives.

The liberals are theoretically in control. Leaving the Irish and Laborites out of consideration, the liberals and the conservatives are almost evenly balanced. How far the liberals can count on the support of the nationalist and labor members is a question that is puzzling the leaders.

The Irish members demand that home rule must be taken care of first, and until it is, they will give the liberals no aid. The laborites demand that "Osborne judgment," which bars them from effective representation in parliament, must be upset before any of the liberal program is undertaken. Either home rule or the "Osborne judgment" must take second place, and the leaders see in this fact a chance for dissension which may split the coalition right at the start of the session.

In case this split should occur, it is believed that the laborites and nationalists would simply decline to vote, leaving it a matter for the liberals and conservatives to fight out among themselves. Without the support of the coalition votes the liberal program would be doomed, it is said. The liberal party itself is split between the ultra-progressives and the conservative liberals, who do not join in the ultra-progressive demand for home rule for Ireland, the overthrow of the "Osborne judgment," the abolition of the veto power of the lords and similar measures.

The concerted, harmonious actions of these factions, even if there is no split at the start, can hardly be expected to long continue.

LORIMER SLATED FOR JOLTS FROM SENATE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—That the "whitewashing" report on Senator Lorimer of Illinois, filed by the committee on privileges and elections is destined to travel round a rough road through the senate when it is considered by the members of the upper house is the belief of those who see in the actions of certain senators a promise of a big fight.

Many senators, among them Beveridge of Indiana, are reported to be spending their holidays studying the testimony taken by the committee.

Beveridge said today that he had not as yet decided whether he would submit a minority report. Senator Frazier of Tennessee is expected to take exception to the "whitewash" process, and several other senators are believed to be unfavorable to it.

Sold Land Twice.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 28.—H. H. Bibb, millionaire lumberman of San Francisco, has been arrested as a fugitive, charged with having sold a piece of real estate twice.

Supreme Court, With Two New Members, Presided Over by Former Confederate Officer.



1911 WILL PROVE BEST IN HISTORY CITY AND VALLEY

Business Men Enthusiastic Over Outlook—Many Indications of the Great Growth—Scores of Inquiries Are Being Received Daily.

That the year 1911 will prove the greatest in point of development and growth that Medford and the Rogue River valley has ever witnessed is the prediction of a score of leading men in the city conversant with conditions. While 1910 surpassed all records in the building of city and development of valley, 1911 will far surpass this year if a consensus of opinion is a criterion. A greater growth in population, wealth and commerce is predicted.

This prediction is not made upon theory, but upon a multitude of conditions which are known to exist. Today the Commercial club is receiving the greatest number of inquiries daily ever received in its history. The valley is better advertised than ever before. The large amount of capital now invested in the valley will attract still more, as like begets like. With new blood, an increased population, more capital seeking investment, the valley and city cannot fail to make great strides.

What the past year has witnessed in the way of development and growth in Medford and the Rogue River valley will be fully delineated in the New Year's edition of the Mail Tribune, to be issued Sunday, as well as what Medford and the Rogue River valley has to offer the home-seeker and capitalist.

It is by the past that the future is judged, and with this as a basis of conjecture the future is indeed bright.

Negro Saved From Mob.

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 28.—Escorted by a company of militia, William Furby, a negro, was brought to the Moundsville penitentiary, near here, today. Furby is accused of attacking Florence Anglin, a white girl.

Every day some store-patrons who ought to come to your store go elsewhere—to their own and your disadvantage—because your advertising was not quite impelling enough.

Want-advertise the vacated room—and there will be a new tenant in a few days.

JAPANESE PLOT IN PHILIPPINES FOUND REPORT

Persistently Rumored That Plan to Blow Up American Ships in Case of War Has Been Perfected—Authorities Search for Explosives.

MANILA, Dec. 28.—The discovery of a Japanese plot to place mines in Manila harbor to blow up American warships in case hostilities between the two nations should ever occur, is persistently reported in military circles here today. Although General Duvall has said that the search of Japanese homes and stores for explosives resulted in failure, it is reported that the true facts and the official statement are at variance and that Duvall's men not only found the explosives they sought, but that they also secured papers and maps showing beyond doubt that the Japanese spies in Manila had a perfect working knowledge of the harbor and fortifications, and had planned carefully where and how to place the bombs they deemed essential in destroying the American fleet.

Great excitement prevails in military and naval circles. The actions of the men and the unusual activity of the officers and guards show that something unusual is under way. The reports say that the Japanese in the islands have been smuggling explosives into the city for months, and that dynamite, gun cotton and other explosives already found are believed to be only a part of what is already here. It is understood that army officers are planning a careful search of the principal Japanese colonies in the islands, believing that explosives may have been taken to some of the smaller settlements, to be held in readiness to send to Manila when the actual planting of mines begins.

TO ABOLISH LOCKSTEP WALLA WALLA PRISON

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 28.—Lockstep at the state penitentiary has been abolished. It was a Christmas present to the prisoners, and when Warden C. S. Reed told them of their gift, such a mighty cheer went up as had never before been heard inside these grim, gray walls.

The doing away with the lockstep follows the abolition of the prison-striped convict garb and is a part of the general plan of Warden Reed to make a model prison.

TREATMENT IN PRISON KILLS SUFFRAGETTE

Locked Up in English Jail, Woman Subjected to Cruelties From Which She Failed to Recover—Women of Nation Aroused.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—As a result of the hardships she endured in prison where she was sent for participating in the recent suffragette raid on parliament, Mrs. Clark, sister of Mrs. Pankhurst, the suffragette leader, died today. Her death occurred at her home in Brighton, following her release from prison.

Before her death Mrs. Clark told stories of hardships and cruelties she had endured while in her cell. She was compelled to eat coarse food, given no comforts and subjected to harsh treatment on the part of prison officials, she alleged.

When released her health was broken and she went to her home, where she became very ill.

The suffragettes of the entire nation are aroused over the news and are preparing to demand a parliamentary investigation of the case.

Tariff Board Illegal?

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Representative Serrano E. Payne of New York, chairman of the ways and means committee, does not conceal his contempt for the proposed permanent tariff commission. The other day, during a hearing on the bills to create this tariff commission, Chairman Payne remarked that he took no stock in the statement that a tariff commission would be able to take the tariff out of politics, or there could be such a thing as a non-partisan commission.

He doubted the power of congress to empower any commission to frame a tariff bill when the constitution expressly provides that bills raising revenue must originate in the house of representatives. This opinion is generally shared by the democrats. The permanent tariff commission scheme is regarded as an attempt to create additional patronage for the benefit of lame ducks.

Alaska Miner Shot.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 28.—Billy Marks, a miner, recently returned from the Alaska gold fields, was shot and killed in front of a First avenue saloon early today. Edward Goggin is locked up in the city jail charged with having killed him.

EDGAR B. PIPER IS AMAZED BY CITY'S GROWTH

Managing Editor of the Oregonian Visits City for First Time in Five Years—Says He Is Most Favorably Impressed With City.

Here to Inspect Orchard Property He Owns, Which He Has Never Seen—Is the Guest of John D. Olwell of This City.

Predicting that Medford will become one of the large cities of the state, and amazed by the progress since his last visit here, Edgar B. Piper, managing editor of the Oregonian, who arrived in Medford today for the purpose of inspecting orchard property he owns near this city, stated this morning that Medford was beyond doubt the biggest little village he was ever in. Mr. Piper is the guest of John D. Olwell.

"I was in Medford about five years ago," stated Mr. Piper, "and naturally I am astounded at the progress made. Where shacks stood on my former visit I now see modern business blocks. Of course, I was prepared for a great change through reports of growth from Medford, but seeing the growth for myself is amazing.

"Medford's greatest asset, in my opinion, is the class of her citizenship. The town can't be kept down." Mr. Piper is accompanied by Dan Malarkey of Portland.

GRAND JURY PROBES ARKANSAS LYNCHING

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 28.—A special grand jury to investigate the lynching of Oscar Chitwood, who was taken from jail here and shot by a mob, has been called by Circuit Judge Evans. The jury's work will supplement the investigation now being conducted by the coroner. Judge Evans will instruct the jury to make a searching inquiry and to return indictments against everyone involved in the affair.

Attorney John Graham, who represented Chitwood, is said to have discovered evidence that three men in the mob of 20 who took Chitwood from jail and murdered him, fired the shots that killed his client. This evidence will be laid before the grand jury.

Eight Perish in Explosion.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 28.—Eight persons were killed today in a gas explosion at the El Paso Smelting works. The plant, the second largest in the world, is located five miles from the city. It is owned by the American Smelting company.

Want-advertise and get some really efficient people to competing for that vacancy in your office.

GLEE CLUB GIVES PLEASING CONCERT

The Willamette University Glee club gave a very pleasing concert last night at the opera house. The company contains many good voices, is ably directed by Frederick S. Mendenhall. Mr. Mendenhall has been a director of opera in his time and his capable work with the Glee club shows him to be a master of his profession.

The program was varied from choruses from "Tannhauser" to the lighter music of the comic operas. Medford will be pleased to see this company of good singers at any time in the future.

GOVERNMENT WOULD REGAIN OREGON LAND

Story of Alleged Attempt to Grab 96,676 Acres of Land Valued at \$4,000,000 Is Told in Complaint Filed in Federal Court.

Attempt to Regain Title Is Based on Provision in Original Grant Which Allows Only 160 Acres to Any One Person—Provision Violated.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28.—The story of an alleged attempt to grab 96,676 acres of land in southern Oregon, valued at \$4,000,000 by legal juggling, is asserted in a complaint today on file in the federal court.

The defendant is the Southern Oregon company, as successor to the Coos Bay Wagon Road company. The endeavor on the part of the government to regain title to the property is based on a provision in the original grant from the United States to the state of Oregon, which stipulated that the sale of lands should be restricted to not over 160 acres to any one person. This provision, the Coos Bay Wagon Road company, as grantee of the state of Oregon, violated, the complaint alleges.

Sold to Agent. According to the document 96,676 acres of the original grant of 103,639 acres was sold to John Miller, who contracted to purchase the block, he acting as agent for Collis P. Huntington, Charles Crocker, Leland Stanford and Mark Hopkins, all of California. The sale was made in 1875.

In 1883 the Oregon-Southern Improvement company entered into negotiations for the purchase of the lands sold to Miller and later in the year the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust company took a mortgage on the property. Later the lands passed into the hands of J. Rotch and E. D. Marshall upon the alleged payment of 120,000.

Land Transferred. Then, according to the complaint, the land was conveyed to the Southern Oregon company which was a reorganized company of the Oregon Southern Improvement company, the document asserts.

ASYLUM TO PENDLETON; BAKER COUNTY SORE

SALEM, Or., Dec. 28.—Scores of protests are being poured into the capitol from Baker and Union because of the action of the state board in selecting Pendleton as the site of the Eastern Oregon branch insane hospital. According to reports reaching here, the citizens of Baker were particularly disappointed and their hint at injunction proceedings intimate that politics had much to do with the board's action.

There is a feeling of some satisfaction of Umatilla county, however, as Pendleton succeeded in landing the asylum site and Dr. D. Plamondon of Athens was appointed to the superintendency of the institution.

HAMMOND, Ind., Dec. 28.—Nine city officials of the town of Gary, Ind., the new city built by the United States Steel corporation, were called into court today for arraignment on indictments charging them with election frauds. Mayor Thomas Knott and Chief of Police Martin were among those indicted. It is expected that all will be released on bail at once.

2000 REBELS IN HONDURAS READY FOR WAR

Revolution Which Has Been Threatening for Months Is Now Ready to Break Out, Say Federal Officials—Preparing to Repel Attack.

Large Number of American Adventurers Are Aiding Revolutionists—Gunboat on Way With Bonilla to the Front—Battle Soon.

PUERTO CORTES, Honduras, Dec. 28.—Two thousand rebel soldiers who have gathered during the past few months are reported ready for an attack on Tegucigalpa. According to federal officials, the revolution, which has been threatened for months, is about to break out, and the first battle is expected early in January. Preparations to repel an attack on the city are being made and federal troops are being mobilized at Tegucigalpa.

The revolutionary army has been drilling at a point about 20 miles from Cape Gracias. Lee Christmas, an American adventurer, who has played an important part in the revolutionary movement, and has led armies in Honduras and Nicaragua, will share the command of the revolutionists with former President Bonilla. A number of American adventurers are enlisted in the ranks of the rebel army. Most of the recruits, however, are Central Americans, many of whom have been expelled from Honduras by order of President Davila and who have rallied to Bonilla's standard.

Machine guns, it is reported, will play an important part in the rebel attack. A battery of these weapons has been organized and American gunners are handling the artillery.

A second force is reported mobilizing at Ceiba. The gunboat Hornet, bearing Bonilla and Christmas, is expected to land tonight or tomorrow. As soon as they reach the quarters of the revolutionary army, it is believed that the advance on Tegucigalpa will begin.

Where Jews Are Living.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—How the children of Israel are scattered over the earth today is shown in some interesting statistics published here in the Universe Israelite. The Jews now living in the world number 11,817,783, of whom 8,942,266 dwell in Europe, 1,894,409 in America, 522,625 in Asia, 341,867 in Africa and 17,106 in the lesser parts of the earth.

Russia is the European country with the largest number of Jews (5,110,548), and New York city has more Jews than any other city in the world. Its Jewish population is 1,062,000. Warsaw comes next, with 254,712 Israelites, and London is fifth, with 144,300. In Jerusalem the Jews number 53,000, or 66.2 per cent of the total population.

STOCKS CLOSE STRONG AFTER SHARP DECLINE

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The opening prices in today's stock market were in almost every instance lower than yesterday's close. Southern railway preferred and St. Paul were off a point and substantial losses were noted in United States Steel, Reading, American Tobacco preferred, Chesapeake & Ohio and Chicago Great Western. Reading later recovered its opening loss and Consolidated Gas and Pacific Mail made slight advances. Union Pacific and Southern Pacific were firm following the early decline.

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