

MEDFORD LEADS ALL OTHERS ON OREGON LINES

Greater Growth in Receipts in Local Passenger Depot Than in Any Other City in the State Says Traveling Passenger Agent.

SELLS MORE TICKETS THAN ANY OTHER EXCEPT PORTLAND

Official Has High Praise for Wonder City Which He Says is Sure Winner.

That Medford is the most important station of the lines of the Southern Pacific in Oregon outside of Portland is the statement made by W. H. Jenkins, traveling passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, who is now in Medford on a short business trip. Mr. Jenkins states that the ticket sales in Medford show a greater increase for the past year than any station of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, barring none, and that during the past six months the aggregate sales in the Medford depot were larger than those of any other station in Oregon outside of Portland.

"Medford is a wonderful town," states Mr. Jenkins. "It is a favorite with railroad men, for it is a business center. Receipts at the local station are marvelous. They have made the greatest gains during the past year of any city in the northwest and aggregate sales show it second only to Portland in the state.

"Every time that I come to Medford I am wonderfully impressed by the great gains made in building. The city is certainly making a wonderful growth and is a marvel.

"Of course, you have the climate and resources about here to encourage this great growth. And then, there is the spirit here which builds cities and makes them famous. Medford's future cannot be questioned if the spirit which has held sway for the past three years is maintained.

KENYON'S ELECTION PREDICTED TOMORROW

DES MOINES, Ia., March 17.—With the counting of the 42d ballot this afternoon in the fight for the United States senatorship it was found that Kenyon lacked just nine votes of election. He received 68 votes. Observers predict his election tomorrow.

SENT TO PRISON FOR \$1.18 THEFT

Klamath Falls Burglar Who Stole Forty-Three Copper Cents, One Half Dollar and One Quarter Dollar Sent to Penitentiary.

KLAMATH FALLS, March 17.—For the stealing of 43 copper cents one-half dollar and one-quarter dollar, James Davis must spend at least two years in the penitentiary at Salem, Oregon. Judge Henry L. Benson gave him an indeterminate sentence. The penalty on a conviction for burglary is from two to seven years. Davis will have to go to Salem and spend at least the minimum time in stripes, while it will then be up to the governor to parole him at the end of that time or keep him in prison until the seven years are up, just as the chief executive of the state sees fit. The behavior of Davis while in prison will determine the action of the governor in this matter. With a good prison record, he may receive his freedom at the end of two years, while on the other hand he may be kept longer. Davis was found guilty by a jury after only about three hours' deliberation. He was charged with having burglarized the Monarch grocery store on the night of February 5. Davis pried open the door with an iron bar, and had taken the money from the till. Nothing else had been molested.

MOTHER AND 13 SONS TRAVEL UP SINGLE TICKET OVER RAILROAD

Off spring All Under Six Years of Age—Six Eldest Are Triplet Sets, Four Next Twins and Rest Triplets.

MUSKOGEE, Okla., March 17.—Riding on a single railroad ticket Mrs. Frank Scott of Highland, Kans., and her thirteen sons are expected to arrive in Oklahoma soon. Mrs. Scott's children are all under 6 years of age. The six oldest are triplet sets, the oldest being 5 1/2, the others a year younger. The next two are three, the next pair 2, while the three babies are 2 months old. All of their names begin with "A."

BUSY TIME FOR TEDDY WHILE IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 17.—The stay of Colonel Theodora Roosevelt in Los Angeles will be a busy one according to the program mapped out by the committee on arrangements made public today. Roosevelt is scheduled to arrive here at 1:15 a. m., March 21. He will deliver speeches at the depot, and at the new Y. M. C. A. building, Temple auditorium and the Hotel Maryland and Auditorium in Pasadena, the first day. March 22 Roosevelt will make several other addresses, but these principal events on the program will be his speech at the City club, where he will be presented by Governor Iliam Johnson.

CONSPIRACY FOR LAND FRAUDS

Syndicate of Capitalists Indicted for Planning Theft of Coal Lands Worth Ten Million Dollars in Alaska—Accusations Made.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—That the so-called "Frost cases" constitute the most extensive land frauds in the history of the interior department was the statement today of Land Commissioner Fred Dennett. Nine men are under indictment by the federal grand jury at Chicago. The men are charged with having planned to steal coal lands worth \$10,000,000. It is alleged they built a railroad connecting the lands with Alaskan markets and ports, and that they planned to float a multi-million stock company. American and Canadian capitalists are involved in the charges. Those indicted are: A. C. Frost, former president of the Alaska Northern railway, and former president and promoter of the Chicago and Milwaukee electric road and president of the A. C. Frost & Co.; George M. Stewart, receiver of A. C. Frost & Co.; Pierre G. Bach, former secretary of the Alaska Northern railway and secretary and treasurer of Frost & Co. Frank Watson, Spokane; George A. Ball, Muncie, Indiana, said to be Frost's backer; Dunean M. Stewart, Seward, Alaska formerly manager of the Southern Bank of Toronto; Harry C. Osborne, G. Wynne, L. Francis and Francis H. Stewart, all of Toronto. It was announced in a statement by the general land office this afternoon that 604 coal land sites in Alaska probably would be cancelled as a result of the Chicago indictments.

STOCK MARKET DROPS AND THEN RECOVERS

NEW YORK, March 17.—The stock market opened today with slight losses from last night's closing levels. Amalgamated Copper and Canadian Pacific declined 1/4, Great Northern preferred 1/2. Atchison advanced 1/4. The market rallied somewhat later. Canadian Pacific rallied a point and other favorite stocks also made up earlier losses. The market closed strong. Bonds were irregular.

FAIR TRAIL PROMISED FOR CAPTURED AMERICANS

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—Formal assurance that the Americans and Federal troops captured at Casas Grandes would be fairly tried before being shot to death, was given the state department this afternoon.

ROOSEVELT TO LEAD REGIMENT AGAINST JAPAN

Before Leaving Albuquerque, Former President Completed Preliminary Arrangements for the Organization of Rough Rider Regiment.

THINKS JAPS PROMISED ASSISTANCE TO MEXICO

Coaling Station on West Coast Price for Aid to Diaz in Suppressing Rebellion.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., March 17.—It was learned today that before leaving here Wednesday former President Roosevelt completed preliminary arrangements for the entire organization of a volunteer regiment to fight Japan should the occasion arise. Various rough riders admitted today that they had been offered commissions in the event of hostilities. Colonel Roosevelt came here from El Paso, where it is said inside information of Japanese activities in Mexico started him into making the tentative arrangements to go to the front of the necessity should arise. It was said this afternoon that Colonel Roosevelt had been told that the entire Pacific coast was lined with Japanese. The only explanation of the mobilization that he could give was that the state department had been informed of an agreement between the mikado and Diaz whereby Japan was to get a coaling station on the west coast of Mexico as the price for assistance in suppressing the present rebellion.

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TARGET WORK FOR WARSHIPS

San Diego Squadron Resumes Test at Colorado Range—Boat and Shore Practice Under Way—Coal of Various Kinds Being Experimented.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 17.—Whatever the original purpose of the assembling of the United States cruiser fleet here, announcement by Admiral Thomas to the United Press today precluded the possibility of any immediate war move. Admiral Thomas stated that target practice by the cruisers off Coronado would be resumed at once, and this means that the vessels will be less scattered and that present and the coming supply of coal will be used up so rapidly as to affect the readiness of the warships for immediate cruising. All the cruiser men will now begin on various kinds of target work, including boat and shore practices. The West Virginia and Maryland men have more to do than those on the other cruisers on account of having lost time during the coal tests that have been occupying them for two months. Twenty Years for Mrs. Melber.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 17.—Mrs. Edith Melber, who yesterday was convicted of murder in the second degree for having poisoned her little son probably will be taken to Auburn prison this afternoon to begin a twenty year sentence.

LIMANTOUR HASTENS WITH PEACE OVERTURES FROM MEXICAN REBELS

Army Officials See in Hurried Return of Mexican Finance Minister Real Answer to Mobilization.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 17.—High army officials here today see in the hurried return of Mexican finance minister Limantour to Mexico City the real answer to the American mobilization. It is believed Limantour realizes that America seriously contemplates intervention and is rushing to Mexico City with peace overtures from the rebels which he hopes will clear the situation. Preparations were completed today for handling the militia officers during the "maneuvers." One officer from the militia will be assigned to each company of the regulars.

CALIFORNIA PASSES TEACHERS PENSIONS

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 17.—Both houses of the legislature have now passed a teachers pension bill, and today all that is needed is the governor's signature. The Williams bill was passed by the house last night. It pays \$360 a year to pedagogues who have served for thirty years and sums in proportion to teachers disabled after twenty years employment.

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DISROBED IN JEWEL SEARCH

Customs Officials Compel Woman and Daughter to Remove Wearing Apparel to Locate Diamond Necklace.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Infuriated at the action of custom officers in compelling his wife and daughter to disrobe in an effort to locate a diamond necklace which officials believed was being smuggled into the United States, Joseph Hull, a wealthy banker of Savannah, Ga., threatened today to bring suit against the New York officials. Mrs. Hull and her daughter, Eliza, were required to remove their stockings, skirts and other articles of wearing apparel, in addition to hats, braids and puffs. The search failed to disclose the necklace. Mrs. Hull and her daughter occupied a state room on the steamer Lusitania. They brought 29 trunks, which were closely scrutinized by custom officials. The baggage of other passengers was also examined. When Hull was informed of the action of the local officials he was furious.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 17.—Offerings daily of \$1, with food, proved the magnet, it was said, for the action of fifty Hindu laborers to quit work in the Imperial Valley and take up arms against Mexico. Most of the Hindus have been service in India.

RODRIGUEZ IS SLAIN IN FIGHT WITH FEDERALS

Rebel Forces Clash With Mexican Troops at Tecarte and Sustain Loss of General and Six Soldiers, According to Report.

INSURRECTOS RETREAT TO AMERICAN TERRITORY

Regulars Out Numbered Enemy Two to One—Seven Hundred Shots Exchanged.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 17.—According to Thomas LeMadrid, a prominent Mexican lawyer of this city, General Rodriguez, leader of the rebel band, and six of his soldiers were killed in the early morning battle at Tecarte today. This information, he says, was received direct from Philip Portega commander of the federal forces, who declared that he will drive every rebel from Lower California in the next thirty days.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 17.—The long expected battle between Mexican federal troops and rebel forces in the territory between Mexicali and Tia Juana occurred at 4 o'clock this morning at Tecarte, about 50 miles from San Diego and 85 miles from Tia Juana. The rebels were routed with a loss of two men Indians, killed, and two wounded, while two of the federals were wounded. The rebels, about 40 in all, retreated under fire of the Diaz troops, two of them taking refuge in the United States, and 13 taking up positions in Marron's Canyon near Tecarte, where they were able to defy the federals and were left in possession.

The Mexican federals, 80 in all marching from Ensenada to Mexicali, surrounded Tecarte, unexpectedly at 4 a. m. and began firing on the town, held by the little rebel band. The federals were commanded by Joe Morales prominent rancher and well known in San Diego and Ensenada. They quickly drew the fire of the rebels and in all about 700 shots were exchanged before the insurrectos convinced that they were overwhelmingly out numbered broke and ran in all directions, leaving two dead Indians on the field and carrying two wounded men with them. Official reports placed the number of Mexican federal wounded at two and none killed.

TO ENFORCE ROAD RULES

Chief of Police Instructs Patrolmen to See That all of the Drivers in City Keep on Right Side of the Street.

The Medford police officers were this morning instructed by Chief Hitson to enforce the rules of the road on Medford's streets and keep the machines to the right of the street. This order was issued following several narrow escapes from serious accidents of on the streets by drivers getting on the wrong side and suddenly turning. All machines must make outside corners in the future. They must strictly observe the rules of the road and keep on the right side of the street. If they do not observe these rules of the road they will be "run in."

CUNARD STEAMER LINE PURCHASE CAIRN LINE

LONDON, March 17.—The Cunard Steamship Company today purchased the Cairn line of steamers operating between London and Canada under the name of the Thompson line. In addition to the vessels now operated the Cunard people take over three new passenger liners in course of construction on the Tyne, and will institute a weekly service.

FASHIONABLE CLUBMAN LEADS SALVATION LASS THROUGH SWELL HOTEL

Frank Hutchinson, New York Millionaire, Creates Sensation—Passes Tambourine, Gets \$50.

PASADENA, Cal., March 17.—Frank Hutchinson, New York millionaire, member of the Lambs and other exclusive Gotham clubs, created a sensation in the ultra fashionable Hotel Green last night when he led a Salvation Army brass band and forty soldiers through the corridors and dining room. He later passed a tambourine, collecting \$50 for the army people. Clad in irrefragable evening dress, Hutchinson marched by the side of the demure lady adjutant of the corps. He carried an immense American flag while the girl bore the army emblem. With the band playing blantly, drowning the hotel orchestra, and the Salvationists shouting hallelujahs, he wound through the corridors, while the blase guests stood in their chairs and shouted applause.

BRIGADE COMMANDERS TO CONDUCT INSPECTIONS

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 17.—To ascertain the efficiency or inefficiency of United States troops now assembled in this vicinity, General Carter this afternoon ordered all brigade commanders to personally conduct rigid investigations.

MEMSIC FIGHTS WOLGAST TODAY

Battle Between Lightweight in Progress—Champion Has Trained But Little For Mill—Fight Again This Month.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 17.—A realization that at least three fights, which will net him in the neighborhood of \$20,000, hinged on the result of his battle this afternoon with George Memsic did not prevent Champion Ad Wolgast from resting this forenoon. Wolgast remained in bed until 9 o'clock. After a light breakfast he walked about the grounds at Doyle's training camp for an hour or more. Returning, he chatted with his wife, Tom Jones, his manager, and friends who called to wish him good luck, until noon, when he ate a hearty meal. Wolgast jumped on the scales, "just for fun," he said, to show his friends how light he really was. "I ever felt better in my life," said the champion. "I was in good condition when I started west and the few days I have had here has been amply sufficient to tone me up. I expect to win inside of fifteen rounds."

Memsic spent the night at his mother's home. He retired after a visit to a theater and rose about 9 o'clock. Memsic, too, weighed in and grinned when the beam raised at 132. Despite the 2 to 1 offered by Wolgast's admirers, betting was very light. Barney Oldfield made a wager of \$200 against \$400 of Tom Jones' money. Wolgast will spend the next ten days at Paso Robles Hot Springs, taking a thorough rest. "From the springs we will go to San Francisco," said Jones. "We will fight there March 31. After that we will stall around a day or two and then cut for New York to fill our date with One Round Hogan."

ROBERT MORRIS HEIR TO SUE FOR FORTUNE

LONG BEACH, Cal., March 17.—Claiming that he is the heir of Robert Morris, founder of the national banking system in the United States, signer of the Declaration of Independence and lender to the United States of \$1,500,000 after the war with England, Captain T. J. Morris of this city is about to institute proceedings in the state department at Washington to recover the loan of his ancestor, with interest, the total amounting to \$16,000,000.

Captain Morris has affidavits showing that the first Morris was his great grandfather, and that 13 heirs besides himself are now living.

15,000 EXPRESS DRIVERS WALK OUT ON STRIKE

Men Employed by Wells Fargo and United States Express Company Leave Work—Americans Employes Refuse to Obey Strike Order.

POLICE PROTECTION IS PROMISED BY GAYNOR

Thousands of Strikers Marching Through Streets of New York City—Disturbance Feared.

NEW YORK, March 17.—A general strike of the drivers and helpers of the Wells Fargo and the United States Express companies became effective. Employes of the American and the National Express companies were ordered out, but refused to leave their jobs. General Manager Ashton of the teamsters' union said today that 22,000 men are involved in the strike order. Ashton is seeking a general arbitration agreement in order to effect a settlement of the teamsters' grievances. If he fails, it is predicted that a general strike of all teamsters will follow. The express companies are preparing for a fight to a finish. Five thousand strikers were on the streets this afternoon and many arrests for minor disturbances were made. Mayor Gaynor promise dthis afternoon the support of the entire police force, if necessary, to employers wishing to continue work and fearing to do so. He offered a detail of three policemen for each delivery wagon.

REBELS FLEE TO HILLS WHEN FEDERALS APPROACH

CULIACAN, Sinaloa, Mexico, March 17.—Learning that federals were marching on the town of Guadalupe de Los Reyes, the rebel command which was holding that city fled and took to the hills, according to two government spies who were there at the time and who have arrived here. The town was re-taken by Colonel Louis C. Morales and a detachment of the seventh battalion. A few stragglers from the rebel command were taken prisoners.

PLANTING MINES AT GOLDEN GATE

More About Coast Defense Program Being Inaugurated—Three Artillery Companies Engaged in Work of Strengthening Fortifications

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—On April 1 three mine-planting companies will begin work of mining the entrance to San Francisco harbor under the supervision of coast artillery officers, in accord with orders from the war department. A second order directing the distribution of the provisional regiment of artilleryists at the Presidio to the forts about the bay was obeyed within an hour after its receipt. The various emplacements could be manned with service gun crews at the present, but sufficient men for relief duty are not at hand, according to army officers. The mine planting order marks a more alert coast defense. The three artillery companies comprise 300 men, who will become skilled mine operators under experienced officers. The planting will be done at night in order to give the men experience in mining a harbor under cover of darkness. In addition to this, night practice on the rifles at the forts will be held. The operations will be under direction of Captain Johnson, district artillery engineer. People offering less desirable properties than yours find buyers through advertising—every day. You should be able to.