

CLEARINGS Bank clearings today were \$30,940.06.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER Clear—Max. 80, Min. 35, Mean 57.5; Bar. 30.

FORTIETH YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1911.

No. 1.

MOBILIZATION FORCES JAPANESE TO ABROGATE SECRET TREATY WITH DIAZ

AMBASSADOR ASSURES TAFT JAPS WILL QUIT

War Game Explained—Japanese and Mexico Had Framed Secret Treaty Whereby Nippon was to Have Coaling Station in Mexico.

JAPANESE NOW RECOGNIZES FORCE OF MONROE DOCTRINE

United States Learned of Secret Treaty and Immediately Took Steps to Stop Move.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.—Sweeping assurances that Japan will withdraw entirely from Mexico and hereafter will take no part in Mexican affairs, it is said here today in diplomatic circles, were given yesterday to President Taft at his conference with Baron Uchida, the mikado's ambassador to the United States.

Dispatches received today from Mexico City confirm this. They state that, as a consequence of the American naval and military mobilization, a secret Japanese-Mexican alliance has been abrogated.

Late Treaty Is Secret.

The only acknowledged treaty existing between Japan and Mexico is a treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation, ratified in 1891. The negotiations of April, 1910, never have been made public.

It is definitely known that President Taft and Ambassador Uchida agreed upon what statement of the embargo was to be made public and, naturally, each announced friendship for the other's country.

In spite of this parade of attachment, it has been learned that a secret Japanese treaty-Mexican treaty, the existence of which officials of both nations publicly denied, was framed last April by a special Japanese agent and that the United States has since that time been watching the course of events with increasing displeasure.

Under this agreement Japan practically controlled the isthmus of Tehuantepec and all the ports of western Mexico below Guaymas. Finally, 10 days ago, the Pacific Mail Steamship company, realizing the futility of competing with the Japanese on the coast of Mexico, announced its withdrawal of ships from Salina Cruz, the terminus of the Tehuantepec isthmus railway.

The secret Japanese agreement, it is said by diplomats who are behind the scenes, related chiefly to trade relations, and through them, opened the door of Mexico to Japan.

The movements of the troops, these diplomats say, were a notification to President Diaz that no trifling with the Monroe doctrine would be permitted, and were also a notification to Japan that America was awake to the situation and would consider any aggression an affront of the most serious nature.

Officials familiar with the facts in the case are amused at the ease with which unimpaired press agencies were deceived into believing that mere diplomatic formalities represented the true situation. A high official, who was recently sent to Mexico by President Taft to investigate the Japanese situation there, said today:

"You may be sure President Taft would not say that he feared war with Japan. If he did he would be unfit to hold office. Ambassador

PRISONERS HOOT JUDGE; WHIPPED FOR CONTEMPT

After Being Repeatedly Warned Members of the Camorra on Trial in Italy Suffer Severe Beating for Hissing at Decisions of Judge.

QUEEN OF THE CAMORRA GIVES HER TESTIMONY

Thirty Caged Camorristas Applaud Man When He Denies All Knowledge of Crime.

VITERBO, Italy, March 23.—After being repeatedly warned by Judge Bianchi that if they did not stop expressing their ideas of the trial and stories of the various witnesses by giving vent to hisses and cat calls, that he would have them horsewhipped, 13 members of the Camorra on trial here were today dragged from their steel cage in the courtroom, strung up by their wrists and given 100 lashes each. Thoroughly subdued, the trial is now proceeding in a more decorous manner. The police authorities have placed a guard about the home of the judge and given him a bodyguard, as it is feared that he will be assassinated by members of the Camorra not yet apprehended.

Firm denial of the government's charges that the Camorrist assassins of the Cucuolos washed their blood-stained hands in her home after the crime, was made here today by Maria Stenardo, known as "Queen of the Camorra," when she took the stand today in the trial of the alleged murderers in progress here.

Examined by Judge Bianchi, the Stenardo woman denied that she had bribed witnesses to testify in favor of the Camorristas and denounced the carabinieri for offering, as she said, \$12 to her for every witness she could get for the prosecution.

Fernando de Matteo, who is charged with having lured Cucuolo and his wife to death, was also examined. He denied any friendship with Nikola Morra, one of the alleged actual murderers, and amid applause from the 30 caged Camorristas, repudiated all knowledge of the Cucuolos.

STANDARD OIL NOW EXPLAINING

Resorts for First Time in Its History to Public Press to Contradict Statements That It Anticipated Unfavorable Decision.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Resorting to the public press, the Standard Oil company this afternoon broke all its traditions of secrecy when it inserted a paid advertisement in New York papers denying that it anticipated an unfavorable decision by the United States supreme court, and had already perfected re-organization plans. The advertisement says: "The persistent reiteration by various publications that the Standard Oil company has prepared to re-organize renders it necessary to state officially and emphatically that there is absolutely no truth in such reports. No such plans have been made, and no such preparations have been undertaken. All statements to the contrary are untrue and misleading."

Flies With Eleven Persons.

PARIS, March 23.—With 11 passengers aboard, Lieutenant Breguet broke all records here today by flying three miles in his biplane. He flew across the aerodrome in four minutes. The total weight of the aeroplane's passengers was 1500 pounds.

Mayor Canon's Annual Report to City Council

MEDFORD, Or., March 20, 1911.—To the members of the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon—Gentlemen: Section 14 of the charter requires the mayor of the city to make a written report of all the affairs of the city, and to make such recommendations as he deems expedient at the last meeting before general election of each year. For a number of years last past this provision of the charter has been overlooked and the practice has been established of omitting this report.

During the time that I have been mayor, the mayor and council have worked in such complete harmony, and each and every member of the council has been so conversant with all of the affairs of the city and with all of the plans in contemplation for future improvements in the service, that there has been no real need for such a report and no harm has come from its omission. There having, however, been a demand made upon me that I file such a report, I cheerfully do so at this time. The figures I shall give are in each case to January first of the current year.

During the past year all of the funds of the city have been carefully watched by the council, and expenditures so limited as not to overdraw these funds. Every fund of the city, except the street and road fund, was, on January first, solvent and contained enough money to carry the running expenses of the city until the tax moneys are received from March collections. The general fund will run very close, but it will not be necessary to protest any warrants on that fund. There will be a small shortage in the street and road fund, amounting by the time the tax moneys are received to perhaps \$2500, but this will not seriously inconvenience the city or those doing business with it, as ample levy has been made for the fund during the coming year and the local banks are willing to carry the warrants.

During the current year a large amount of improvements were installed, the cost of which was assessed on the property benefited. The assessments levied for this purpose during the last year aggregated more than \$300,000. It was necessary either to collect these assessments as levied in full or to see that the owners of property assessed signed up under the Bancroft law and paid their first installment of the assessment. This latter must be done before the bonds can be sold and the money in this way placed in the several funds to pay for the improvements. The detailed labor of securing these signatures from the owners of thousands of distinct parcels of property, entering them in the proper books and issuing the necessary bonds, has involved an enormous amount of labor. The city has been extraordinarily successful in the collection of these assessments. Out of a total of more than \$200,000 assessments levied during the year, there are at the present time less than \$17,000 altogether which has not either been paid in full or signed up under the Bancroft law. A charter amendment was recently adopted providing that in case of the sale of property for delinquent assessments the money paid by the purchaser shall be returned by the city in case the sale proves void. With this guarantee to purchasers I believe that it will be possible to sell all of the property upon which assessments are delinquent and realize the full amount of these assessments in cash. In my judgment, the city should take steps to make these sales.

It is also of the utmost importance that the work of keeping the installments on these assessments collected as they mature. Too much emphasis cannot be placed upon the importance of this matter. It involves the credit and even the solvency of the entire city. By the end of the current year there will probably be outstanding assessments payable in installments of more than half a million dollars. Unless these assessments are collected promptly as they mature, the consequences to the city will be most serious. This is a matter in which the city should be aided by every loyal citizen and property owner. Up to this time property owners have responded with great promptness and willingness, and it is hoped that this spirit will continue. At the same time the city will absolutely require efficient help on this work. It is a matter which should be constantly watched. If found necessary, a collector should be employed to go outside of the office and bring the matter of these payments to the property owners personally. If absolutely necessary, the property on which assessments go delinquent must be sold, but it will be far better from every standpoint to collect the money from the property owner.

The bonds of the city authorized at the recent election should be issued at once, and the work undertaken of lowering the water mains on East Main street in order that the street may be improved. Some permanent and adequate plan of disposing of the garbage of the city must be made and carried into effect in the near future. The difficulties involved in this matter are serious, but the solution cannot be delayed much longer. It is a matter which I commend to the council for careful consideration.

The matter of better lighting of the business section of the city is one that calls for immediate consideration. The property owners and business men affected should be induced to install the necessary posts and the city should furnish the necessary electrical current for installing cluster lights along Main street and along the various side streets in the business section. This matter is already receiving the consideration of the council, and it should be pushed ahead as rapidly as possible.

It will be necessary to give a detailed statement of the balance in the various funds at the beginning of the current year, for the reason that the report of the treasurer, which is on file, and which has already been published, shows this in detail.

In conclusion, I feel warranted in stating that the affairs of the city are on a stable and safe basis, and although the amount of improvement work which has been undertaken by the city is enormous, no difficulties need be met if the affairs of the city are conducted on a careful and business-like basis and its records and business kept in a systematic and accurate manner. The work of the recorder's office is in splendid shape, and the recorder is meeting every requirement of the situation, but it is important that the council keep constantly in touch with the work of that office and be ready with any suggestions and assistance that may be needed from time to time, in order that the office may be supplied with any needed help to keep the work in proper shape.

So far as the credit and financial standing of the city is concerned, the work of this office will during the next few years be of vital importance.

Respectfully submitted, W. H. CANON, Mayor.

To those desiring a more detailed account regarding the receipts and expenditures, money derived from inspection fees, miscellaneous licenses, etc., I would gladly refer them to the city recorder, who will gladly submit copies of the treasurer's, recorder's, street commissioner's, engineer's, mayor's court and plumbing inspector's reports for the past year.

MERCHANTS EXTEND THANKS TO GOVERNOR WEST

FAMINE GROWS LESS IN CHINA

Plague is Said to Be Almost Entirely Under Control, Although Thousands Fell Victims—Relief is Widely Distributed.

TACOMA, Wash., March 23.—Bringing news that the famine which has been devastating central China and the pneumonic plague, which has been almost equally destructive in northern China and Manchuria are abating rapidly, the Japanese steamer from Yokohama, arrived in port today.

When the Tacoma Maru left the orient on March 7, Captain Yamamoto states the plague was almost entirely under control, although thousands had fallen victims to the scourge. Relief rushed to Peking and Shanghai in the form of large sums of money by cable had been distributed to the famine sufferers.

BANQUET IS BIG SUCCESS

Merchants' Association Holds Annual Session—Express Appreciation of Governor's Support of Popular Legislation.

"The Merchants Association of Medford in annual meeting assembled, herewith express its appreciation of the interest manifested by Governor Oswald West in southern Oregon, and unanimously tenders him a vote of thanks for his support of popular legislation, and of confidence in his administration for carrying out the will of the people."

Until you've found that ad that is most important to you today, you have not really read the paper.

CHINA TO BUILD GREATER NAVY

China has decided on a naval reorganization scheme to be effected in 1915, according to advices brought by the steamer Tacoma Haru which is in port today. Eight first class battleships, 20 or more cruisers, 20 or more gunboats and two flotillas of torpedo boats are to be constructed and four naval stations established.

The plans of the Chinese government provide for the most modern ideas in warship construction and armament.

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GRADING IS LET BY PAVING CO. STARTS MONDAY

Sewer Connections Are All Made on West Jackson—Grading Outfit to Arrive Tomorrow—Teams Busy Hauling Supplies.

140,000 YARDS OF PAVING TO BE LAID IMMEDIATELY

Old Contracts Will Keep Contractors Busy Until July 1—Much New Work.

Louis Moreing has been granted the sub-contract for the grading of West Jackson street by the Clarke-Henry Construction company and work will start Monday. Sewer connections on the street will all have been made before that time.

The grading machinery will be here tomorrow from Sacramento and the work of assembling it will start at once, so that actual work may be started.

During the past week the teams of the company have been delivering supplies to various points in the city. One hundred and forty thousand square yards of asphalt paving contracted for last year are to be put down this year, in addition to 100,000 square yards now petitioned for.

The company has much work to be done this season as many new contracts are to be let. The old contract, according to Mr. Clarke, will keep the company busy until July 1, and after that date new work will be in order. More men and equipment will be used this season than last and the work will progress more rapidly.

The season's work will be opened on Jackson street according to a resolution passed by the city council at a recent meeting. This is one of the most important residence streets in the city yet unpaved and was one of the first last season to petition for pavement.

Already petitions for the paving of many additional streets have been filed with the city council and a large number of these specify asphalt as laid by the Clarke-Henry people.

AMERICANS ARE ORDERED SHOT

Citizens of United States Captured by Federals Are Tried by Drumhead Courtmartial and Ordered Executed—One a Miner.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 23.—Reports reached here today that four Americans who were captured by Mexican federal soldiers in the recent fighting in Chihuahua have been tried by drumhead courtmartial and ordered shot. One of them is said to be J. Hamilton Dignowitty, a miner and cattle man of Chihuahua. The identity of the others has not been disclosed.

Fred Dignowitty, a cousin of one of the men alleged to be in peril, brought the report of their danger here today. There has been no confirmation from any other source as yet, but the report is generally accepted here as correct.

Relief Expedition Off.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., March 23.—A British relief expedition to quell an uprising of the natives against whites is on its way today to Esperance, Sainte Island, in the New Hebrides. The few white men on the island are overwhelmingly outnumbered. The affairs of the group are administered by a commission of English and French naval officers.

REGULATION HAS CHECKED MOVE FOR OWNERSHIP

So Declares Annual Report of American Telephone and Telegraph Company—State Control is as Far as Would Go in the Matter.

GOVERNMENT SHOULD ALSO PROTECT ALL INVESTORS

Report Cites Fact That Bell Company is Absorbing Other Companies to Check Dual Systems.

NEW YORK, March 23.—That state control and regulation of public utilities has effectually killed all sentiment for municipal ownership in the United States is the burden of the annual report of the directors of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, made public here today.

State control, the report says, is a necessity, but it urges that "governmental and state supervision should stop at control and regulation, and should not be used to manage or operate public utilities, nor to dictate what the management and operation should be beyond requirements for the greatest principles of economy and efficiency."

The report continues: "If there is to be state control and regulation of public utility corporations, there should be also state protection to a corporation which is striving to serve the whole community. Parts of such a corporation's service must necessarily be unprofitable, and it should be protected from aggressive competition covering only that part of its interests which are profitable."

"Government control should protect the investor as well as the public. Through a wise and judicious state control all the advantages and none of the disadvantages of state ownership may be secured and state ownership will be doomed."

The directors' report recites the fact that opposition companies are being merged with the Bell wherever it could be legally done with the public acquiescence. It declares that the public is tired of dual telephone exchanges, adding that as fast as confidence in protection against the real or imaginable evils of monopoly increases, opposition to the mergers will decrease.

As to the financial condition of the company, the report declares that in 1910 the gross revenues of the Bell system were \$165,000,000 which paid dividends of \$25,000,000. The net revenue of the American Telephone and Telegraph company for last year is given as \$31,933,000, which yielded dividends of \$20,760,000.

PORTUGAL ON VERGE OF WAR

Special Guards Are Detailed to Watch Over Braga and His Cabinet—Army is Said to Be Split Into Factions—Dissatisfaction Rife.

LISBON, March 23.—Owing to persistent rumors of an assassination plot, special guards were detailed today to watch over President Braga and his cabinet. The army is said to be split into factions, and dissatisfaction with the present state of affairs is widespread.

Money Stolen From Ship.

BREMERTON, Wash., March 23.—The navy yard authorities today admitted that they can find no trace of the \$525 stolen from the safe of the battleship Colorado.

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