

CLEARINGS
Bank clearings today were
\$30,700.20.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER
Cloudy—Max. 60, Min. 45,
Mean 52.5; Bar. 30.69.

FORTY-FIRST YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 1911.

No. 2.

HUSBAND MISSING, MURDER SUSPECTED

WOODVILLE MAN AND WOMAN NOW IN COUNTY JAIL

Are Held on Charge of Lewd Cohabitation While Officers Search for Missing Man, Who Disappeared a Month Ago.

ARREST IS MADE BY DEPUTY SHERIFF SANDRY

William Watson Appeared on Scene Two Months Ago—Husband Disappeared Later.

William Watson and Mrs. Alice Winters of Woodville were lodged in the county jail this morning, charged with lewd cohabitation. The man is probably face the more serious charge of murdering Mrs. Winters' husband, Charles Winters, who disappeared under mysterious circumstances one month ago. Officers are emphatic in their belief that the couple murdered Winters. Neither the man nor the woman make an effort to conceal their affection for the other.

The couple were arrested in Woodville Thursday evening by Deputy Sheriff Sam L. Sandry who was accompanied by Constable William Beel and Dave Smith. The three officers approached them, together.

It is stated by officers that Mr. and Mrs. Winters had lived in Woodville for some time. About two months ago Watson is said to have appeared on the scene and immediately began paying marked attention to Mrs. Winters. On February 2 Winters disappeared and Watson then, they say, immediately took up his residence at the home of Mr. Winters. Outsiders were told that Winters had left and that his present whereabouts were unknown. A friend of the missing man not satisfied with this explanation carried the matter to District Attorney Mulkey who immediately ordered the officers to make a search. Last night the couple was placed under arrest.

County officials state that they will at once make a thorough search of the premises where Winters formerly lived and see if his body cannot be found. In the meantime the suspected couple will remain in the county jail on the first charge.

BALLINGER TO GET GLAD HAND

Seattle's Insurgent Mayor, However is Very Careful in Wording of His Invitation to Public to Greet Returning Secretary.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 24.—Official Seattle will welcome ex-Secretary Ballinger home and will repeat the welcome tomorrow night at the Hotel Washington.

The chamber of commerce is working on plans to make the welcome as enthusiastic and genuine of appearance as possible, urging other chambers along Ballinger's route to get busy along the same lines.

George W. Dilling, insurgent mayor, has issued a carefully worded invitation to the public to join in tomorrow's reception. It commends Ballinger as judge, compiler of the state code and as mayor.

"A man who has served as commissioner under Roosevelt and secretary of the interior under Taft needs no further commendation from me," the mayor concludes.

Solons Beat Clerk

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 24.—That no action will be taken by the legislature regarding a fight Sunday when two democratic legislators beat a republican departmental assistant, was predicted here today.

WOMAN APPEARS ON STREET IN AN EXTREME HAREM SKIRT; MOBBED

Indignantly Declares That She Will Never Wear It Again—Various Pedestrians Block Traffic.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 24.—Mrs. R. F. Searla of New York was compelled to take refuge yesterday in a local hotel to escape a crowd of curious male pedestrians. She started Broadway by wearing an extreme harem skirt. In a few moments traffic was blocked and police were required to break up the crowd and allow the lady to make her escape.

"I never thought my harem skirt would create so much excitement," said Mrs. Searla indignantly today. "I shall never wear it again."

DIAZ'S DAYS AS RULER NUMBERED

So Says Wealthy Chihuahuan, Who States That Rich Men in His District Are Going Over to the Cause of the Insurrectos.

EL PASO, Texas, March 24.—The days of Porfirio Diaz as president of Mexico are numbered, according to a wealthy Chihuahuan, who arrived here today with the news that the wealthy ranchers who formerly supported the federal cause were flocking to the support of the insurgents. He stated that one of the most influential residents of the state of Durango had joined General Madero's army after recruiting a company of 500 men. He also declared that the business men everywhere realize that Diaz would soon be ousted from the presidency and were lending their support to the rebels.

According to a report reaching here today, a new band of rebels concentrating 20 miles east of Juarez.

WOULD BLOW UP NEW COURTHOUSE

Two Charges of Dynamite Explode but Damage is Slight—Nearby Structures Are Severely Shaken by Explosion.

OMAHA, Neb., March 24.—Two charges of dynamite, placed in different parts of the new \$1,000,000 court house, exploded here this morning. The damage to the building was slight, though nearby structures were shaken by the explosion. Blood hounds are being used in an effort to trace the dynamiters, who are known to have sought the injury of Caldwell S. Drake, of Columbus, Ind., who are the contractors on the building.

GREAT INCREASE INDIA PEOPLE

England is Worried by Great Gains Made in India's Population—Over 20,500,000 Growth Over One Year Ago.

LONDON, March 24.—That the increase in India's population is startling the British government was intimated today by Premier Asquith after a conference with Viscount Morley, secretary of state for India. The preliminary census recently taken showed an increase in population of approximately 20,500,000 over the last census. It is feared that famine and seditious outbreaks may follow in the wake of this continued increase in population, as there is little to support the increasing millions.

EXTRA! EXTRA! WARRIORS MEET IN CONSULTATION

General Board of Strategy Meet in Sudden Session—Colonels Are Ordered to Prepare Their Commands for Active Service on Bear Creek.

SUDDEN ACTIVITY STARTLES MEDFORD; SECRECY CLOAKS

No Reason Given for Sudden Activity but it is Believed President Taft Has Wired Instructions.

Great secrecy surrounds the sudden summoning of the local board of strategy this morning by Chief of Staff Olney Patton, which was attended by Chief of Engineers Gerig and Charles Boynton, chief of (good) scouts. It is rumored that the board is acting under sudden telegraphic instructions from General Wood and President Taft. None of the members of the board would give the real reason for their sudden activity but remained cloaked in secrecy.

It is reported that the board has decided to fortify Bear creek in order to keep the Japanese from coming up with warships and capturing the city. It is still hoped that the Ament dam will prevent this but it is pointed out that the Japs can go where the steelhead can't so not much faith is placed in this barrier. While Olney Patton, chief of staff, will not discuss the matter in his official capacity he says that in a private capacity he favors the planting of mines just below the Natatorium. On the main street bridge he will place several heavy pieces of artillery.

In the meantime orders have been issued to the following colonels to prepare their commands for action at once: Colonel Ray, Colonel Mims, Colonel Tou Velle, Colonel J. W. Hicks of the Central Point division, Colonel Hammersley of the Gold Hill infantry, Colonel Mundy, Colonel Allen and Colonel Washburn. The latter is instructed to fortify Table Rock and hold it at all hazards.

A number of armored cars are to be used for scout duty on the Pacific & Eastern along the banks of Bear creek. A huge mogul engine, capable of developing high speed has been painted a deep black during the past few days in preparation for war.

The following generals are now in the field: General Apathy, General Public, General Deblity, General Results, General Delivery and General Summary.

Russel Hanauer has been appointed adjutant general and at once assumes the duties of the position.

F. H. Cowles has been made surgeon general and will direct the hospital corps and check casualties.

John M. Root has been placed in charge of the aerial corps and has telegraphed for Eugene Ely.

Local recruiting offices have been opened but so far only Wes Green has applied for admission.

Colonel Tou Velle has been relieved of active service with instructions to develop his gunpowder crop at once. Admiral Withington has been ordered to prepare his fleet of schooners for active service as rapidly as possible.

It is pointed out that when Gold Hill falls before the onslaught of the little brown men that the fleet will at once ascend Rogue river and attack the metropolis. This is to be prevented at all hazards and accounts for the sudden activity.

Rebels Shoot American. EL PASO, Tex., March 24.—A special to the Herald from Torreon today says that H. E. Driscoll, an American in charge of a large ranch owned by St. Louis capitalists, was shot four times by revolutionists who attacked the ranch at demanded money. When he could give them none, the leader shouted: "Then take that" and began shooting. The American is now in a hospital in Torreon, critically wounded.

SPECIAL COFFIN TO HOLD MAN WEIGHING 530 LBS.; 3 FEET WIDE

Largest Man in Illinois Dies and Special Coffin Is Ordered—Was Forced to Sleep in Special Bed.

JACKSONVILLE, Ill., March 24.—A special coffin was constructed today to contain the body of Jackson Titterton, 74, said to be the largest man in Illinois. Titterton weighed 530 pounds at the time of his death yesterday. He measured 36 inches from shoulder to shoulder and on account of his size was compelled to sleep in a special bed.

ORCHARD SOLD \$2000 AN ACRE

Burrell Tract of Ten Acres is Purchased by Chicago Man—Includes Cream of Entire Orchard Which is Famed Through State.

H. J. Neely has sold to Harry Irwin of Chicago ten acres in the celebrated Burrell orchard tract for \$20,000. The price of \$2000 per acre for Rogue River orchards is not a high price, considering that the purchaser bought the cream of the Burrell tract, which is said to be one of the finest orchards in Oregon. Mr. Irwin left for Spokane last night with Mr. Neely, with whom he will spend a few days' visit. Mr. Irwin intends to return a little later and build a beautiful bungalow home on his orchard.

NOW-IS IT? OR IS IT A FAKE?

Tis Tearing Assunder Little Town in East Because School Ma'm Says It Isn't—Folks Say It Is, and There You Are Again.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., March 24.—Hell—it is or it isn't—is the crux of a controversy here which today has this town all "het up." Like Martin Luther, Miss Alma Block, the local school mistress, doubts the theory of the hot spot and told her pupils that the doctrine of heaven and hell is wholly unfounded.

When the gaping pupils rushed home and told their parents of the revolutionary ideas of the teacher trouble began. Half of the parents refused to send their children to school. Two members of the school board condemned the course of the teacher; one approved it. Miss Block refuses to resign.

NEVADA STRIKE WAS FOOLS GOLD

Assays on Four Samples Fail to Show Values—Mica Schist and Copper Glance is Mistaken for Homesteader for Gold—Rush is for Nothing.

RENO, Nev., March 24.—"Fools' gold" was the answer to the widely heralded reports of a rich strike on Fort Sage mountain. Assays on four samples from the two-foot ledge at the alleged strike failed to reveal a single cent of value. Assayists explained that the homesteader mistook for gold the yellow gleam of mica schist and copper glance.

LONDON, March 24.—Method of attack upon the old time prerogatives of the house of lords were discussed today by Ramsay MacDonald, leader of the labor party in the house of commons. The liberals, with the Irish nationalists, held the balance of power in the popular house.

TWENTY FIREMEN PLUNGE THROUGH ROOF TO FLAMES

Companions Rush Into Building and Succeed in Rescuing a Few, Including Chief Clancy Who Fell With Them—Great Bravery Shown.

SIX KNOWN DEAD ARE TAKEN FROM BURNING PILE

Firemen Had Just Rescued 30 Working Girls Which Were Panic-Stricken on Upper Floor.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 24.—Twenty firemen today crashed through to the basement of the burning Middleton Manufacturing company building when the roof fell in. Twenty firemen were on the roof when it fell through, all of them being precipitated into a mass of burning wreckage. Without the loss of a moment their companions dashed into the ruins of the building, beating their way through waves of smoke and flame and trampling over almost red hot brands to reach the dead and dying.

Within a few minutes 15 of the men, including Chief Clancy, had been dragged out of the blazing pile, all of them badly injured and as soon as torrents of water had partially quenched the flames five dead bodies, all fearfully charred, were carried into the street.

During the progress of the fire thousands of people surrounded the building and when the firemen were seen to disappear with the falling roof only the most desperate efforts of the police were able to prevent a rush by the crowd.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon a sixth corpse was recovered from the ruins. It was headless and has not been identified. The known dead: CAPTAIN JOHN HENTZ, Engine company No. 9.

LIEUTENANT JOHN HOULAHAN, Engine company No. 9.

FIREMAN RICHARD BURKE, Engine company No. 9.

FIREMAN EDWIN HAGIE, Engine company No. 18.

TRUCKMAN FRANK CAVANAUGH.

The hospitals report 16 injured five of them probably fatally.

Practically the entire city fire department was working to prevent the fire spreading the wholesale district when the walls and roof of the burning building fell, carrying the group of firemen down into the ruins. With water from a dozen hose lines drenching them the firemen attacked the blazing debris, scores of them risking their lives desperate sallies into the flames to save their comrades from certain death. As fast as the victims were borne out they were rushed to hospitals by ambulance, of which the whole city force was on hand.

Just before the wall which carried down the firemen collapsed the fire fighters had rescued 30 girls who were confined panic-stricken in one of the upper floors of the building, which proved a charnel house. Ten minutes more and all of them would surely have swelled the list of dead and injured.

The cause of the fire is unknown. The damage will be about \$100,000.

SMUGGLER CONVICTED; FINED \$1000 BY JUDGE

PORTLAND, Or., March 24.—Convicted of attempting to smuggle \$8000 worth of opium into Portland Albert Gladstone is under sentence today to pay a fine of \$1000 imposed by Judge Wulverton of the federal court. The opium was found in a trunk which Gladstone had left at the Union depot.

"Shopping" that is based upon advertising is usually a profitable use of one's time.

OWES HIS LIFE TO FACT THAT HE SMOKES PIPE; WAS BURIED 30 MINUTES

Tons of Earth Cover Man, but Pipe Keeps His Lips Apart and He Breathes.

WINNEMUCCA, Nev., March 24.—Sam Young, a miner, owes his life today to the fact that he smokes a pipe and that he kept the pipe in his mouth when buried under nine feet of earth by the caving in of a trench in which he was working. It required 30 minutes for the rescuers to remove the tons of earth that covered Young. The fact that the pipe had kept his lips apart so that he could breathe is the reason assigned by the physicians for his survival.

FEDERALS ROUT REBEL FORCE

Thirty-four Dead Left on Field—Battle Waged for Nine Hours—Reverse Heavily Felt by Revolutionists as They Lose Stronghold.

AGUA PRIETA, Mex., March 24. Complete rout of Jose Rivera's wing of the insurrecto band that planned an attack on Hermosillo saved that city. The rebels left 34 dead and two score wounded on the field after nine hours of fighting Wednesday at La Colorado. The reverse caused the revolutionists to abandon an entrenched position at La Colorado and they are reported to have fallen back in disorder with the federals in pursuit.

The federal force was commanded by General Louis Barron, who reported that he had lost several men killed and had three wounded soldiers at Hermosillo.

"NOBLE TAFT" SAYS LAIRD O' SKIBO

Canny Andy Out With Praise for President When He Names the Foremost Apostle of Peace the World Has Ever Seen.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Andrew Carnegie came out today as a most enthusiastic booster of President Taft's policy for peace through arbitration agreements. In an interview with the United Press the "Iron master" cordially approved the views on American and British friendship recently expressed by Lord Charles Bessford. Mr. Carnegie said:

"If England and America enter into an arbitration treaty it will banish all possibility of war from the boundaries of the English-speaking races because of their faith in each other. I know that, as we have lived for a century in amity, all disputes which may arise will be settled and the treaty will be adhered to. Assuming that our race abolishes war, as it has abolished dueling, which is private war, the effect upon other nations will be overwhelming.

"Our noble president, the foremost apostle of peace the world has ever seen, announces that already a great power has officially informed him that it is prepared to enter into an arbitration treaty. This is indeed insignificant, but only what was to have been expected. One power will be followed by others. The fact is that if this treaty is adopted by the senate so overwhelmingly as to impress the world, other nations will do as one has already done and will ask permission to enter the brotherhood of peace.

"Assuming that several nations had agreed to such a treaty and it was broken, we would immediately stop the mails to that nation. We would consider as one of the members of the human family who violated the rules and proprieties of the club, and would decline further intercourse with it. This would be a much severer punishment than war. The mere fact that certain acts are considered dishonorable among men is often a greater deterrent than the fear of punishment."

LA FEAN BILL IS AGAIN PROPOSED BY MIDDLEMEN

National League of Commission Merchants to Bring La Fean Bill or One Similar to the Front—Would Work Great Damage to Fruit Industry in the Northwest.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE IS RECEIVED IN THIS CITY

Minutes of League Show That They Intend to Wage War on Present System Until Successful.

That the National League of Commission Merchants of the United States has not abandoned its efforts to have the Lafean bill regulating the size of apple boxes, which was fought to a standstill in congress a year ago by the fruitgrowers of the northwest, Oregon leading the fight, passed is shown by the report of a committee having the matter in hand to the league, a copy of which has just been received by C. E. Whisler, a prominent orchardist of this valley, who was in the forefront of the battle at the national capital a year ago when the measure was before congress for its consideration.

The committee reports that the Lafean bill was defeated owing to outside influences in spite of the fact that they had done everything to get favorable action on the matter. The league accepted the report and then named a standing committee to pass a similar bill at the next session of congress and instructed the committee to spare neither time nor expense in getting favorable action.

The minutes of the league show that they intend to wage war on the present system until the Lafean bill or one similar to it is passed.

Local orchardists are already preparing to fight the commission men in their efforts to revive the question. They state the passage of a bill similar to the Lafean bill would work incalculable damage in the northwest, as it would revolutionize the methods of packing now in vogue and undo the work of years, which were consumed in reaching the present high standard of the pack.

The report of the committee as published in the National League Bulletin follows:

"Congressman Lafean advises that after making careful inquiry and observations with a view to ascertaining whether there was any possible opportunity of having the house committee on agriculture take action on the apple package and grade bill, said that he regrets that there seems to be absolutely no hope that same will receive consideration at the hands of the committee.

"While this is a matter of regret, it is not one of surprise. The league, through its legislative committee and allied interests, has assured Congressman Lafean that there will be no forgetting our aim in this direction, that the matter will be continually pressed with the same vigor and hope that our committee charged with the task of ultimately securing national legislation along this line will be ready with a new bill to present to the next congress in place of the Lafean bill, which dies when the 61st congress adjourns next month."

In support of the above statements reports have come in that the league has employed a manager, who is to gather data and present an exhibit to the next house committee.

That the league has agents in every state who are gathering data against the present pack; that a monster petition, signed by commission and produce men, is being prepared to show that the majority of the people do not like the present system.

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