

CLEARINGS
Bank clearings today were
\$38,701.86.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER
Clear—Bar. 30.08; Max. 65;
Min. 30; Mean 37.07.

Forty-First Year.

MEDFORD, OREGON, MONDAY, MARCH 27, 1911.

No. 4.

BOARD CLEARS MOTORMAN OF ALL BLAME

Bring in Report Laying Blame for Saturday's Accident on Broken Brake Beam—Many Witnesses Are Examined.

ALL OF INJURED PEOPLE ARE GETTING ALONG WELL.

Special Examiner for State Railroad Commission Investigates and Concurres in Report.

A special board of inquiry summoned Sunday composed of Southern Pacific officials and three local men to investigate the cause of the collision of the north bound motor and number 15 from Portland Saturday morning in which a score of persons were badly injured brought in a report Sunday evening completely exonerating the railroad men in charge and laying the blame on a broken brake rod. The report was compiled by the board of inquiry after a complete investigation and a survey of the wreck. Many witnesses were examined. The report in full is published elsewhere on this page.

All of the persons injured in the smashup Saturday are doing nicely and will recover from their injuries. None was hurt as seriously as first believed.

W. C. Earle special examiner of the state railroad commission was in Medford Sunday investigating the affair and started to the board of inquiry that he concurred in their report although he did not sign it. It stated that it was his belief that the accident was not due to the fault of any person.

Sunday hundreds of persons from this city visited the scene of the wreck and many carried souvenirs away with them. The tracks from the city to the Crater Lake junction were crowded all afternoon.

According to the report of the board the damage to the engine or train 15 will amount to some \$50. The damage to the motor was placed at \$500.

The wrecked car was taken to Roseburg for repair on Sunday. It was in tow of a freight train and was bound with chains in order to keep it upright.

The motor has been supplanted for the time being by the little old steel train that previously made the trip. The motor will not be in commission again for a month.

THOUGHT FIEND IS UNDER ARREST

Man Giving Name of George Brown Arrested in Salem—Detective of Portland Says Man Answers Description.

SALEM, Ore., March 27.—A man given the name of George Brown and who answers the description given out by the Portland police, was arrested here this morning on suspicion of being the murderer of little Barbara Holzman of Portland. Detective Joe Day of Portland who is here saying the man answers the description. Day will leave with the prisoner on the Oregon Electric at 2 o'clock for Portland.

Says Correspondent Hid.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—Fearing injury to the Italian celebration of the unity of that country, Marquis Cusani Confalonieri, Italian Ambassador to the United States today made formal denial of statements by a United Press correspondent in Rome that Cholera, plague and a threatened strike have endangered the success of the Italian exhibitions. Marquis Confalonieri declared that plague had never appeared in Italy and that cholera there has been extinct since January 30.

Official Report of the Board of Inquiry Into the Collision of Motor and Train

MEDFORD, Ore., March 26, 1911.
REPORT OF BOARD OF INQUIRY, MOTOR CAR No. 63, TRAIN No. 24, COLLIDING WITH TRAIN No. 15, CRATER LAKE JUNCTION, 10:31, A. M., MARCH 25, 1911.

Train No. 24, being motor car 63, had an order to meet train No. 15 at Crater Lake Junction. No. 24 left Medford at 10:28 a. m. When approximately 300 feet from the south switch at Crater Lake Junction, into which they were to enter, Motorman B. W. Riggs made a reduction of air to apply brakes, and found that brake applied and released at once, then made an emergency application without effect, then applied hand brake without effect, reversed his engines, at the same time whistling for train No. 15 to back up.

No. 24 was moving about ten miles per hour and No. 15 had just started to move backward when collision occurred.

The motor car was well filled with passengers, a number of whom were more or less injured but none fatally. The damage to the motor car is estimated at \$500.00, to engine on train No. 15, \$50.00. No other damage to equipment, or to track. The board, after hearing the testimony of witnesses, made a close inspection of the motor car, discovering broken brake hanger, which permitted the brake beam to drop onto rail, rendering the brakes inoperative, and it is our opinion that this hanger broke at the time motorman made first application of air brake to stop, as referred to above, and we find further that the accident was caused by brake hanger breaking on account of a concealed flaw.

The board exonerates the railroad company and its employees from all responsibility or blame for the accident.

(Signed)
J. M. KINNEY, Motor Car Expert, EDGAR LAUPER, Lumberman, H. G. NICKLSON, Furniture and Hdw. Dealer, H. E. WILLIAMS, Capitalist.

M. J. BUCKLEY, Asst. Genl. Manager, F. J. GRAHAM, Asst. Genl. Manager, L. R. FIELDS, Superintendent, T. W. YOUNGER, Asst. Superintendent.

CHINA GRANTS RUSSIA'S DEMANDS

War is Averted by Celestial Empire Giving in—Terms of Concession Have Not Been Made Public—Conditions All Met.

PEKIN, March 27.—War in the far east today is believed to have been averted by China's unreservedly granting of Russia's demands for certain trade concessions in Mongolia. The terms of the foreign boards note are not made public here—only the statement that Russia's conditions have been met being made.

NO SALARIES YET FOR ASHLAND

Sunday Theaters May Still Be Run—Bonds Are Issued for Paving of Street Intersections—Over 800 Votes Cast.

ASHLAND, Ore., March 27.—A special election was held Saturday to vote on three propositions, the first whether to repeal the ordinance passed lately by the city council about closing the theaters on Sundays which was repealed by a vote of 469 for and 366 against; the second to decide about issuing \$35,000 for paving street intersections, which was carried by 534 to 268; third, to decide for the second time whether to give the mayor a salary of \$90 per month and \$30 to councilmen, which was lost by 514 to 283.

GRAND JURY FREES BOY ON CHARGE OF STEALING

The grand jury set Harry Curry at liberty today. Curry was accused of stealing a watch from a pal of his. The two boys were slightly intoxicated Saturday night. Curry and his friend went to the Plaza for supper. Here, it was claimed, Curry lifted a watch worth \$29.50. He was arrested by Chief Hall and taken to Jacksonville Sunday by Deputy Sheriff Shearer. At the hearing it was proven that Curry was so far under the influence of liquor that he did not know he had a watch. That there was no intent to steal it; that in all probability his partner left it on the chair or else after they went to bed together the boys misplaced the watch. Curry was badly worried to think

BOOKER T. WILL NOT PROSECUTE

Says Ulrich Did the "Manly Thing" as He Believed Colored Educator Was Kidnapped and Acted Accordingly.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 27.—Further indication that Booker T. Washington will not prosecute Albert Ulrich, his recent assailant, was shown today when Washington reiterated that Ulrich "did the manly thing."

NO MORE WOOD IN BATTLESHIPS

Deck of Old Texas Literally Torn to Pieces—Splinters are Everywhere—Entire Crew Would Have Been Wounded if on Board.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—The elimination of every stick of wood from subsequent United States battleships has already been decided upon as one of the imperative reforms in Dreadnaught construction, as a result of the firing tests with the San Marcos, which has just been wrecked. The wooden decks of the old battleship were literally torn to pieces and splinters were everywhere. Great gashes two and three feet long were cut below decks where wood has been largely used in the construction of officers' quarters, the havoc was even greater. It was asserted that undoubtedly the whole crew of the San Marcos, had they been on board, would have been wounded by flying splinters.

Hit By Train.

OAKLAND, Cal., March 27.—Struck by the San Jose local as he was walking along the First street trolley this morning, Edward Houston, a teamster, was instantly killed and his body hurled into the bay. Houston came here from Coalinga.

PEACE IS TALKED BY REBELS AND FEDERALS TODAY

Limontour Will Soon Meet Madero When Latter Will Present His Demands—Complete Change is Wanted.

DECLARE PEACE IS NOT TO BE THOUGHT OF NOW

Diaz and Carrie Must Go Say Rebel Leaders—America Must Not Interfere.

EL PASO, Tex., March 27.—The representatives of the insurgent Mexicans here and the federales in Juarez are talking peace today. The junta here predicts that within the present week Minister Limontour for Diaz will meet either here or in Juarez with Francisco Madero, when the latter will formally present his demands, on the granting of which will depend his cessation of further hostilities. That a complete change in Mexico, and nothing less will be demanded by the Maderos was declared by Alfonso Madero.

"Peace is impossible," he said, "until Diaz and Carral go. It is untrue that the insurgents have agreed to lay down their arms pending a settlement—the settlement must be made first."

"If America intervenes in Mexico it will mean a most bloody war. The insurgents would immediately cease opposing the federales and would join with the Diaz faction in fighting the Americans. We will oppose even more intervention, and will fight to the death against armed interference."

Alfonso Madero said that Limontour had remained in Washington until he (Alfonso) had communicated with Francisco Madero in the field and obtained a promise that Limontour's passage through the insurrection territory would be safeguarded. He said that the rebels might easily have captured Limontour had they desired to do so.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—Belief that the Madero family, the backbone of the Mexican revolution, has received peace proposals from former Ambassador de la Barra, which may end the revolution, is general here today. Alfonso and Julio Madero are here awaiting the arrival of Gustavo Madero and Francisco Madero, senior, from Washington, and the family conference will be held either here or in the Chihuahu mountains.

The whole question of peace, it is believed, hinges upon the attitude of Francisco Madero, junior, the self-styled provisional president of Mexico. If he accepts the peace plan, the rebellion will end.

Reports from Mexico today say that the rebel activities are increasing and today the vigilance of the American troops patrolling the border is redoubled.

PANIC COMES AS RESULT OF FIRE

Girls at Work in Clothing House of New York Are Startled By Cry of Fire—Two are Seriously Injured as Result.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Nervous through their of the disaster in the Triangle Shirtwaist Company's factory, 125 girls employed by the clothing firm of Manson and Jacobson, in a 12 story building on West Eighteenth street today were panic-stricken by the cry of fire and two of them were seriously hurt in the stampede which followed.

Rosie Torchinski, whose cousin was killed in the Triangle fire, fainted while at her work and fell from her chair. Then someone shouted "fire" and the rush to safety was on. The girls were quieted after a desperate battle at the exits. The two most seriously injured were taken to a hospital.

GRADING STARTS WEDNESDAY; ALL EQUIPMENT HERE

Clarke Henery Construction Company Plains to Begin Work on Jackson Street Soon—Are Now Hauling Supplies.

CITY LAYS WATER MAIN STUBS IN A HURRY

Will Complete Present Contract By July First and Be Ready for More.

The grading machinery having arrived and camps established, the Clarke-Henery Construction company plan to start work grading Jackson boulevard on Wednesday morning. The yard now hauling material and supplies to that street, preparatory to starting work.

Meanwhile the city is very busy putting in stub sewer and water mains for future use. Sunday there was a scene of much activity on the street, as the city officials did not care to delay the paving program.

The graders arrived from Sacramento Saturday evening and were unloaded and set up today. Camps have been established and the work on the season's program will soon be under way.

"I believe that we can get the present contract out of the way before July," stated Arthur W. Clarke, superintendent of the company, this morning, "as we are ready to follow closely on the heels of the graders. We got a late start last season, but this year we will be off early and aside from this we have our plant ready for operation."

PAPERS ROAST NEW YORK FIRE

Strong Editorial Condemnation of Saturday's Disaster is Voiced By Every Paper in New York—New Laws are Urged.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Editorial condemnation of the strongest sort is voiced here today by New York newspapers as the aftermath of Saturday's deadly fire. Some of the expressions follow:

Times: New laws are needed. The enforcement of existing statutes is imperative.

World: Loft buildings by the dozen are being built in New York which are legal death traps. An enormous army of workmen and women must starve or, in the law phrase, "assume the risk" of working in them.

Tribune: It is not the act of God, but the act of man, responsibility for which is so widely spread that it may never be traced.

American: This frightful catastrophe is no mere accident. It was a crime. The deaths were murders, for which the community is responsible.

Press: Responsibility is too diffuse. The grand jury and the district attorney will do their best, but they will waver between this set of offenders and that and so on, until finally they will feel like indicting nobody.

Gaynor to Answer.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Although he declined to make a statement, it is believed today that Mayor Gaynor is preparing to answer Magistrate Corrigan's charge that the "town is more open than under former police chief Devery."

Corrigan declared that gambling houses, infamous resorts and graft are as rampant and profitable as ever, that strong arm men operate unchecked, and that serious crimes go unpunished.

"We have had fifteen months of government by epistle," said Corrigan, "and this is the result." The mayor's answer was that he would make his reply in his "own way and at his own time."

HEAVY FROST TONIGHT

Professor P. J. O'Gara issued a warning to the local orchardists this afternoon to the effect that a heavy killing frost will occur tonight in low places. Call Medford telephone central after 6 p. m. for further warning.

PROFESSOR GETS IN BAD WITH WOMEN, HE SAYS THEY ARE GREAT BURDEN

In First Stage She Was Slave in Second a Co-Operative Laborer—Now in Third Is Parasite.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Professor Seltt Nearing of the economic department of the University of Pennsylvania is "in bad" with the women today as a result of a few remarks he chose to make concerning them.

Here is what he said: "If the women of today continue to be the economic burdens to men that they now are, they will ruin this country just as the dissolute women of Rome ruined that empire. "The woman of today is in the third stage. First, she was the slave, a creature that might be beaten by her lord and master. Second, came a state of co-operative labor with the cookstove and the loom. Now we have the parasite woman. The whole idea of the woman of the middle and upper classes is to sponge upon the men."

ZERO WEATHER AGAIN PREVAILS THROUGHOUT THE EASTERN STATES

General Rains and Snows Are Predicted—Frost King's Reign Will Last a Week.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—Beginning today temperatures below the zero mark on an average will obtain over most of the country east of the Rockies, while relatively high temperatures will be prevalent west of the Rocky mountains, this week according to an according of the weather bureau.

General rains are predicted for the eastern states and snows in the great lakes region early this week with an eastward movement of the storm area that was over the Missouri valley Sunday. This will be followed by colder weather, the statement declares.

Toward the end of the week warm weather is promised for the east while lowered temperatures are predicted for the north west.

MAN BELIEVES THAT DOUGHNUT EXPLODED; 'T WAS HIS REVOLVER

Takes Policeman, Doctor, Two Nurses and Several Others to Convince Him of His Error.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 27.—It took one policeman, one doctor two nurses and several employees several hours today to convince Nick Pappas that he had not been wounded in an explosion of a doughnut Pappas' fondness for broiled doughnuts led him to order a plateful last night. The pastry failed to please however, and in anger Pappas threw the "sinker" to the floor. A loud explosion followed and Pappas fell with a missile in his leg.

The victim persisted in believing that the doughnut exploded until he was convinced that his revolver had fallen and been discharged simultaneously with his casting the doughnut from him.

Explosion Wrecks Home.

OAKLAND, Cal., March 27.—An explosion of unknown origin wrecked the drying house of the California Giant Cap Works at Stege early today. The concussion was distinctly felt at Berkeley and gave rise to a report that the powder works at Pinole had blown up. No one was seriously injured and the damage will not exceed \$500.

Three Are Suicides.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 27.—Three men, two white and one Chinese, killed themselves today. J. M. Slane, a real estate dealer shot himself; Wah Sing, a Chinese, hanged himself with a towel in his laundry, and George Van, a Syrian fruit dealer of Ballard shot himself.

Wah Sing's suicide is in the first in case the history of Seattle where a Chinaman took his own life.

143 BODIES ARE RECOVERED BY POLICE; 14 INJURED

Newspapers Raising Funds to Aid Destitute—District Attorney Investigates—Union Labor Plans to Make Holocaust an Object Lesson.

FUNERAL WILL BE ONE GREAT LONG PROCESSION

New York Stired to its Depths By Traged—Seeking for Cause of Flames.

NEW YORK, March 27.—One hundred and forty three blackened and mangled bodies, of which all but 39 have been identified, with 14 in hospitals, of whom five will die, was the final death toll this afternoon of the victims of the Triangle Waist company's fire in the Aesch building. Four fifths of the dead were girls.

With every newspaper in the city raising funds to aid the destitute families of the toilers who perished in the fire trap; with District Attorney Whitman seeking to convict those responsible for the horror, and Fire Marshall Beers holding a strict examination into the cause of the disaster, union labor is planning to make of the holocaust an object lesson which will prevent such sacrifice of life in the future. It has been arranged that the funerals of the victims, or most of them, will be held tomorrow in one great procession which will drive home to New Yorkers the need of adequate protection for its toilers.

Escapes Miraculous.

Veteran firemen today after a survey of the burned building, declared it was miraculous that anyone escaped alive.

At noon today the line of those seeking admittance to the temporary morgues were the dead lie extended for six blocks. Only half a dozen of the weeping women, who composed the greater part of the crowd, were allowed in the building at one time.

Declaring that 150 lofty buildings are in such condition that they at any time furnish a repetition of Saturday's fire and horror District Attorney Whitman started an investigation, the result of which it is hoped will find a remedy for the conditions existing.

Laxity of Law.

While some officials say that the laxity of the law, rather than anyone's criminal negligence, is responsible for the toll of death exacted by the fire in the Aesch building, Whitman will ask the grand jury to probe the fire fully and, if any persons have been negligent, he will demand a long prison term for them. Assistant District Attorneys Manley, Dublin and Bostwick have been detailed to probe the horror to the bottom.

Whitman differs from the expressions of other officials and states that he believes the building inspection department of the city has been criminally lax. He is convinced that if there had been an automatic fire alarm in the fifteen minutes would have been saved and no lives lost.

Doors Opened Inward.

Whitman's investigation shows that the big doors leading to the stairway of the burned building opened inward. Fire Chief Croker reports that he found dozens of charred bodies piled against these doors on the ninth floor, indicating that the first girls arriving there had been unable to open doors inward owing to the crush of their frenzied fellow workers, and that all of them, piled in heaps, died wildly battering against the bar to safety.

Survivors of the tragedy today assert that the doors of the Triangle Shirtwaist factory were locked when the alarm of fire was given. It was also learned today that the city building department, which controlled the Aesch building, had not required the placing of fire escapes on the structure when the horror occurred.

May Have Been Cigarette. Whitman and his assistants are examining fifty witnesses of the hol-

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