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MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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LONDON POOR APPLE MARKET; WILMEROTH

Charles W. Wilmeroth, Back From Europe, Discusses Relative Merits of European Cities as Distributing Points for Northwest Fruit.

HAMBURG, HE SAYS, IS OUR BEST TRADE CENTER

Heavier Boxes Must Be Used for Shipping Across Ocean, He Declares.

"London is the poorest of our present markets for northwestern apples, either Liverpool or Glasgow is better. Hamburg by all odds is the best trade center for our orchard products. Buyers gather there from all parts of Germany, also Holland, Denmark and eastern Russia. The demand is unusually good and prices are ruled by quality. But before our apples can be sold at satisfactory prices we must provide more substantial packages, also the popular sizes, ranging from 120 to 150 a box."

Charles Wilmeroth, last year manager of the Rogue River Fruit and Produce association, said this in an interview on returning from a stay of four months in Europe, where he studied apple-marketing conditions in the chief trade centers.

Visited Four Nations. "I visited England, France, Germany and Italy," he continues. "In England and Germany, there are great markets for our apples. In France there is practically no market at the present time, and it is questionable whether the effort to create trade with either of those countries would pay either now or in the immediate future. The chief trouble with the foreign apple trade is to put the fruit on the market in good condition. Too much of it is damaged and bruised in transit."

"The northwestern apple box, with its board sides bulging, is crushed in handling. At the port of New York, for instance, the boxes are put into large nets, which are hoisted by derricks, and let down into the holds of the vessels. At the port of Liverpool, they are again jammed against these net slings to be hoisted out of the holds of the ships and on the docks. Our boxes are not strong enough to withstand such methods. Really, the conditions in which a shipment of box apples reaches the European market would make a grower weep."

Prefer Box Fruit. "Europeans prefer the box fruit to the barrel stuff, but there must be some change in the box destined for foreign trade. It must be made of heavier material and the bulge eliminated. Another fault I found with some of our fruit shipments abroad was that the apples are too big. The goods are sold by the pound there and the purchasers do not want all the weight in one, two or three apples. The smaller sized apples, say from 120 to 150 a box, move more readily and at better prices than the large fruit."

"Most of the sales in Europe are made at auction immediately upon receipt of the fruit. This custom, of course, leads to unwise results. Some days a particular market is over-supplied, and then for weeks it cannot meet even a slight demand. This difficulty, however, could be avoided by storing the apples at New York, or the port of export, and then forwarding them in reasonable quantities to the European markets."

Mr. Wilmeroth's observations are confirmed in a report from J. D. Whipple, commercial agent for the United States in England, who says among other things: "London decreases in value. The importance of London as a fruit market is becoming less every year. Of course, with its enormous population it will always be a large market for its own needs, but as a distributing center it is rapidly giving way to Liverpool and Glasgow, especially so far as the apple trade is concerned. This is due to several reasons. One is the absurdity of landing fruit at Liverpool and Glasgow and taking it all the way to London to be sold. Other causes are the excessive local charges on freight and the elaborate system of fees. The apple is by far the most important fruit coming to the British market. The northwestern apples are very popular. The only objection urged is that of size. The English retail trade does not want an extra large apple. If the wholesale prices obtained in Great Britain for American fruit, it might be said in a general way that they are New York prices with freight and other charges added."

300 FEDERALERS OFF TO RECAPTURE TOWN

DOUGLAS, Ariz., April 20.—Following reports that the rebels had captured the town of Naoga, six miles west of Agua Prieta, 300 federalers under Captain Quintana left for that place today to engage the enemy.

With the federalers in full possession and no insurgents in sight, quiet reigned in Agua Prieta today and the soldiers enjoyed the respite, celebrating their success with a barbecue and Mexican sports.

SAYS T. R. WANTS TOO MUCH CREDIT

Panama Representative Decries Roosevelt's 'I Took Panama' Speech—Says Canal Was Obtained by Regular Treaty.



NEW YORK, April 20.—Monsieur Philippe Bunau-Varilla, who represented the government of Panama in the negotiations which resulted in the transfer of the canal zone property to the United States, is on his way to Paris, accompanied by his brother, Monsieur Etienne Bunau-Varilla.

When Mons. Bunau-Varilla's attention was called to the movement begun in congress to get at the bottom of Mr. Roosevelt's "I took Panama" speech, he said: "The Panama Canal zone was taken by the United States according to regular treaty, signed by representatives of the two governments and ratified by the United States senate. I cannot attribute Mr. Roosevelt's words to anything else than misquotation, for it would have been impossible for the canal property to have been acquired any other way than regularly."

THRIPS CAUSED \$200,000 LOSS

Horticultural Commissioner Bloomer of Sacramento Says 400 Cars of Pears Have Been Lost to the Growers of the Sacramento Valley.

SACRAMENTO, April 20.—The damage caused by the pear thrips to the orchards along the Sacramento River south of this city will aggregate close to \$200,000, according to County Horticultural Commissioner Bloomer, who has made a thorough investigation of conditions. This large loss will tend to create a good price for pears.

"I have estimated that 400 carloads of pears were destroyed by the ravages of the thrips in the down-river district," said Bloomer today, "and as the value of those can be estimated at the rate of \$500 a carload, the aggregate loss will amount to about \$200,000. The loss in boxes will be several hundred thousand. In some of the orchards there will be practically no pears at all."

Commissioner Bloomer says investigation has shown that the orchards which were damaged the heaviest were those where the soil was damp from overflow. Where the soil was dry and sandy, thrips seemed to thrive. This discovery has decided some of the growers to flood their orchards next year to keep out the destroyers.

STRIKERS RIOT; COP IS BEATEN

Furniture Workers Strike Assumes Serious Aspect at Grand Rapids—Two Thousand Fail to Report for Work.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., April 20.—The first rioting in the strike of furniture workers occurred today when Patrolman Minsong attempted to disperse a crowd of strikers who were parading the streets. Minsong was badly beaten with clubs and stones before other policemen came to his assistance.

Two thousand trimmers and iron workers failed to report for work today, having joined the strike of the furniture workers. Manufacturers announced today that they were preparing to import strike-breakers. If this is done serious trouble is certain to follow.

FALLS HEIR TO \$70,000 BUT WORKS ANYWAY

REDONDO, Cal., April 20.—Although Motorman Edward McGuire of the Pacific Electric Company was notified yesterday that he had fallen heir to \$70,000, the news of his fortune did not prevent him from appearing for work today. He took out his regular run at 8:15 a. m. McGuire's fortune comes from his father's estate, which consists of tracts of coal and timber lands in Arkansas, Mississippi, Kentucky and Virginia.

DIAZ IS SENDING TAFT SHARP NOTE

Fiercer and More Momentous Than Any Clash Up to Date in the Present Revolution Will Be Battle Which is Hourly Expected on Border.

INSURGENT COMMANDERS OFFICIALLY NOTIFY U. S.

Urge That All Americans Be Kept From Crossing Boundary Line as They Wish to Protect Them.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—State and war department officials here today are agog through the receipt of unofficial information that the reply of President Diaz to President Taft's note regarding fighting on the border is a sharp retort and in no way pacific in its tone.

It is reported that Diaz, in his statement strives to create the impression that the Mexican revolutionary forces are mostly Americans. It is said the note does not promise to protect Americans, but merely repeats old army orders and blames Americans for the border trouble. It is said to change that lieutenant Tronzora of the federalists wounded at Agua Prieta by a bullet which was fired from the American customs house.

Aiding Rebels Charged. Special complaints also made against "Major Gardner," commanding at Douglas, Ariz., alleging that he interfered in the combat there on behalf of the rebels. The reply, it is said, also cites the fact that a rebel whose gun was out of order crossed the border, where it was repaired by an American soldier.

The Mexican president, it is said, also quotes an affidavit by John Dean of Douglas, Ariz., in support of the assertion that the rebels are mostly American citizens.

Blames United States. In conclusion the report says, Diaz deplores the border trouble but blames the United States for them, and declares that Mexico has nothing for which to answer. The note states plainly that Diaz thinks the United States neither misinformed or wrongly interprets the border situation.

Callers at the White House today declare that President Taft does not think Diaz's reply to his note will prove to be any obstacle to a speedy settlement of affairs along the boundary.

Congressman Stuyven of Texas, who talked with the president, said: "President Taft knows the diplomatic game. He regards the Diaz note as a trivial incident and thinks it only a part of his plan to jockey for position."

Stuyven said that President Taft had evidently received confidential messages from Mexico City as to the text of the Diaz reply.

CAMORRA TRIAL DRAWS TO CLOSE

Prosecutor States That He Expects to Conclude Cross-examination of Prisoners by Saturday—Camorra Active in Southern Italy.

VITERBO, Italy, April 20.—The examination of witnesses in the trial of the Camorristi charged with the assassination of Genaro Ciaccio and his wife is rapidly drawing to a close. Following the announcement today by the minister of justice that he would not grant the request for a removal of the case to Naples, the scene of the alleged crime, to allow the jury to study its environment, Prosecutor Bianchi announced that he expected to conclude the cross-examination of the prisoners by Saturday.

Reports from Naples today say the Camorra is doing business in southern Italy just as briskly as ever. It is doubted in Naples if there will be ever two convictions.

WHILE T. R. SPEILED; HE ROBBED CROWD

Man Who Followed Roosevelt From San Antonio to Seattle Reaped a Harvest by Picking Pockets of Spellbound Hearers.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 20.—Convinced by a jury in 19 minutes, John Brown, 72, holds the record as the oldest pickpocket. He admitted on the witness stand that he boarded the Roosevelt train in San Antonio, Texas, and was in every crowd that the former president addressed on his last tour.

Look for the ad that gives a clue to the boarding house you're looking for!

JUAREZ BATTLE TO OPEN TONIGHT

Department Officials Agog Through Receipt of Unofficial Information That Diaz is Sending Taft Sharp Retort Which is in no Way Pacific.

DICTATOR CHARGES THAT REBELS ARE AMERICANS

Says "Captain Gardiner" at Douglas Aided Revolutionists in Their Battle With Federals.

EL PASO, Texas, April 20.—Fiercer and more momentous than any clash up to this time in the Mexican revolution will be the battle of Juarez which, unless all signs fail, will open tonight in the town across the Rio Grande from El Paso.

The insurgent commanders today formally notified Colonels Sharp and Stever, in command of the United States troops here, of the battle of Juarez which they expected to attack Juarez immediately after 6 o'clock this evening, at which hour the time limit of Madero's ultimatum to General Navarro expires. The insurgents urged that the American authorities take every precaution to keep Americans away from the boundary line. They said they wished, if possible, to inflict no damage on American lives or property and asked co-operation to that end.

Navarro is Ready. In Juarez today Navarro's 750 federal troops, reinforced by 300 volunteers, are all ready for battle. Breastworks surround the whole city on the southern and western sides, and a dozen cannon, mortars and field guns are in their emplacements awaiting the first charge of the rebels.

On the rebel side all is in readiness, too. With two cannon and three field guns at his command Madero today has practically placed his 2500 men for the attack. At daylight this morning the rebels watered their horses at the Rio Grande opposite the El Paso smelter and from their numbers there is no doubt their forces have a strong force in the hills above the river.

VALUABLE PRACTICE IS AFFORDED ARMY

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 20.—Details of the maneuvers at Grossmont by the brigade of regulars under General Bliss during the last 10 days show that some valuable practice has been obtained. In one instance the brigade was separated into several detachments that were sent in different directions, 20 or 30 miles apart, to meet again at a given point at a given time. The detachments started at 10:30 last Monday morning and did not meet again until 48 hours later.

While the signal corps was near Alpine, 20 miles from a telephone, it drove a stake, with a wire attached, into the ground and immediately took a long wireless message from Washington, D. C., about the war.

General Bliss is particularly pleased with the work of his officers and men. From all accounts the men appear to have enjoyed the maneuvers experience.

SERVES TOO MUCH FROTH ON BEER; FINED

MUNICH, April 20.—Serving "steins" and "sideles" containing too much froth from that the beer does not reach the amount required by law has been adjudged a prison offense by the criminal court here. The proprietor of a local beer house convicted of selling beer in short measure was fined \$750, and five of his waiters were sentenced to short jail terms.

LOVERS WANDER ON ROOF; GREAT STIR

NEW YORK, April 20.—Through Jacob Coiter and his sweetheart, Mary Bloomfield, being so busy looking into each others eyes that they wandered one flight above Miss Bloomfield's flat in a Market street apartment house, a chapter of frenzied happenings occurred here today which is newly a record.

First, another tenant mistook the pair for burglars and shot Miss Bloomfield in the thigh; then he fired out of the front window to arouse the neighbors; 1800 persons soon filled the street; the Madison street reserve were called out; policemen with drawn revolvers invaded the apartment house and the man who did the shooting was jailed.

Finally it was decided a simple mistake had been made, the shooter was freed, and Miss Bloomfield went to a hospital.

Oregon's New Secretary of State



BEN W. OLCOTT Who was appointed Secretary of State to succeed Frank W. Benson, who passed away last week in Redlands, Cal. Mr. Olcott is a Republican.

WEST CHARMED WITH ORCHARDS

Governor of Oregon Makes Tour of Fruit Belt and is Delighted With What He Sees—Will Take Trip to Crater Lake Next July.

Governor West made his first trip through the orchard district of the Rogue River Valley Wednesday, visited most of the celebrated groves, inquired into the methods of care and cultivation, observed the preparations made for fighting frost and by inspecting the bloom saw the benefits result from orchard heating and departed greatly impressed with the extent of fruit raising in Oregon's greatest fruit belt.

"I have always thought the Rogue River Valley charming," said Governor West, "but had never before had a chance to inspect the orchard district. I was surprised at its extent and noticed the care and attention given orchards—better care than in any of the districts I have visited."

"The valley, always beautiful, was never more beautiful than it is now, with the fruit trees in bloom and the hillside green. I never saw a finer view than that obtained from every side at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Carpenter, above the Elton Valley Orchard. Many palatial dwellings and summer homes are being erected in all sections, many new orchards are being set out, and material progress is shown on all sides."

"I expect to visit the valley again early in July and will then go to Crater Lake with Medford friends. The governor came down from Roseburg, where he attended the funeral of Secretary of State F. W. Benson. He arrived on the late train Tuesday night, and left for Salem on No. 36 Wednesday. During his visit, as in previous ones, he was the guest of George Putnam."

ILLINOIS FIGHTING CREAM COMPANIES

CHICAGO, April 20.—With three Chicago ice cream companies under indictment, returned by the United States grand jury, Illinois' annual fight against impure and poisonous ice cream began today.

The companies are charged with shipping impure ice cream. They are the Thompson Cold Ice Cream Company, the Woodruff Company and the McElrath Brothers and Knolls.

The government chemist reported that the hundred million bottles of approximately one eighth inch inch of cream in the indictments it is charged that samples taken from various shipments indicated that the cream was "full of filthy animal substance" and " unfit for human consumption."

Boston Marathon. BOSTON, April 20.—At the crack of a pistol at noon today a swarm of eager athletes set forth on the 25-mile race which will decide the 15th annual Marathon championship of the Boston Athletic Association. Nearly all of the leading amateur long-distance runners of the country are entered in the classic event. No man under 18 was permitted to take part this year. Each runner is accompanied by a bicycle rider, who will give all necessary assistance.

Shaw Advises Seattle. SEATTLE, Wash., April 20.—"Advise what you have and have what you advertise" is the advice to municipalities of Leslie M. Shaw, former secretary of the treasury. "Don't put goods in the window that you do not keep in stock," he told members of the Commercial Club. Men, he said, are a city's best asset.

Look for the ad that calls for you—among the help wanted ads.

LORD 'O THE REALM TO WORK IN SLUMS

Sir Genelle Cave-Brown-Cave to Enter Training School and Become Officer in Salvation Army—Is Baronet of British Realm.

NEW YORK, April 20.—Liege vassal of King George V and Baronet of the British realm, Sir Genelle Cave-Brown-Cave, who is now janitor of the Salvation Army hall, Brooklyn, resigned today as vice-president of the Boy Scouts of America and declared his intention to enter the Salvation Army training college with the position as an officer in that organization as his ambition.

Cave-Brown-Cave's conversion winds up a remarkable career as a soldier of fortune. He exhibits a birth certificate, documents and photographs to prove that he is the twelfth Baronet Cave-Brown-Cave. They show he was born in 1869 and that he served as a British officer in India and Burma. He resigned from the British army ten years ago.

For the last three years the baronet has been a rough rider in a wild west show. Later he worked as an actor in a moving picture show, receiving \$10 daily. Meanwhile, he negotiated with a marriage broker to wed a Washington heiress, whose name he refused to disclose. He declares he was arranging with the parents of the young woman to give him \$500,000 when the negotiations were broken off.

Cave-Brown-Cave joined the Salvation Army last September after being converted at a "bottlejob" meeting.

ROBERTS GIVEN BIG POSITION

Is Tendered Washington State Highway Work—Wires His Acceptance and Will Leave in the Immediate Future.

W. J. Roberts, consulting engineer, who constructed the Medford gravity water system, has been tendered the position of state highway commissioner by Governor M. E. Hay, of Washington, and has accepted. Mr. Roberts leaves at once to assume his new duties.

The position is one of far-reaching responsibility and carries a salary of \$5000 a year. Mr. Roberts, however, is well fitted for the place and will without doubt "make good."

Mr. Roberts' many Medford friends will regret his departure from the city but rejoice at this recognition of his qualifications.

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COUNCIL ACCEPTS CLARK & HENERY BID FOR PAVING

City Dads Instruct City Attorney to Draw Ordinance Providing for Contract With the Construction Company.

ASPHALTIC CONCRETE, NEW IN THIS CITY, IS TO BE LAID

Has Given Splendid Satisfaction Elsewhere—Bid is for \$1.71 a Square Yard—Councilmen to Inspect.

The city council at a special session held Wednesday afternoon accepted the bid of the Clark & Henery Construction company for the paving of many additional streets in this city and instructed the city attorney to draw up an ordinance entering into a contract with the firm. The council has decided to accept the asphaltic concrete pavement offered by the company at \$1.71 a square yard but has 30 days to specify a change should they decide to accept the 5-1-2 pavement as is laid at present or the 5-1-1-2 offered for \$1.75 a square yard. With the additional streets to pave and those included in the contract now under way but not as yet completed the company has approximately 250,000 square yards of pavement to lay in the city before they finish the work here.

Asphaltic Concrete. The asphaltic pavement to be laid according to present indications is new to the city but has been in use in other cities on the coast for the past 10 years. Instead of laying a concrete base, as is the case in the pavement now being laid the company mixes crushed rock, sand and gravel at the plant with asphalt and after rolling this on the street the same wearing surface as is now being laid is placed on top. This assures a splendid wearing surface and a far less percentage of voids as is the case where asphalt is laid on concrete. The base, being composed as it is of asphalt and crushed rock, heats when the hot material for the wearing surface is placed upon it, and this allows the wearing surface and the base to amalgamate perfectly. The material for the base and the wearing surface all is put through the plant and is laid on the street at a temperature between 200 and 300 degrees.

Has Been Tried Out. This pavement has been tried out thoroughly in different California cities and after being down for a period of nine years has been found to be in excellent condition. A sample of the pavement taken from a street in San Mateo, California, is at the city hall where all who are interested may view it.

In order to inspect different kinds of paving three members of the city council will in all probability leave in the near future for Sacramento where they will inspect the work done by the Clark & Henery Construction company.

Curbs Going In. Work on the contract now held by the construction company is progressing rapidly. Curbs and gutters have been laid for several blocks on Jackson Boulevard and on next Monday the work of laying the concrete base for the pavement will be started. The graders have completed the west end of Sixth street to Front. Two large machines are to be started in mixing the concrete for the base and the work will progress rapidly from this time forward.

"With this new contract, given us" stated A. W. Clark, superintendent of the construction company, "we will at once order additional stock for our graders and wagons and in the very near future we will be operating in full swing. The old contract will be completed by July 1 and we will make the dirt for all summer. Next winter Medford will be in a splendid condition from a street standpoint."

Eats 10 Eggs. BAKERSFIELD, Cal., April 20.—After eating 18 raw eggs without salt and pepper and without hitting an eye, Jack Linn, a chef, today is in apparently good health and \$100 richer. Linn bit that amount, even, with a pool of half a dozen after-midnight customers in his place of employment. He swallowed the eggs at intervals of a minute each.

WHITE MAN ROBBED NEGRO OF WIFE

GOLDFIELD, Nev., April 20.—With a white man mentioned as co-respondent in a divorce suit in which negroes figure as plaintiff and defendant, Judge Shumers' court was fairly packed here today by men and women anxious to hear the evidence in the McArthur divorce case.

McArthur testified that Walter Green, also a negro, told him that Mrs. McArthur had been hugging and kissing a white man in the front yard of her home. Backing up her husband, Mrs. Green testified that she had seen Mrs. McArthur and a white man who was named, exchanging squeezes and osculation in a doorway adjoining her home.

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