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MEDFORD, OREGON, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1911.

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BATTLESHIP BLOWS UP; 300 DEAD WITH FEZ AND FIZ THEY SCORN BIZ; SHRINERS? SURE 'TIS

CITY GREETS NOBLES FROM FAR AND NEAR

All Sections Of State Represented By Members Of The Order Of The Mystic Shrine—City In Holiday Attire.

IMPERIAL POTENTATE GREETED BY HUNDREDS

First Pilgrimage Of All Hillah Temple Proving To Be A Great Success.

Now it so happened during the reign of illustrious Potentate Grant of Hillah Temple, that a special dispensation was granted him and his fellow nobles by Imperial Potentate J. P. Treat (May Allah Bless him) giving unto them the privilege of pitching their tents on the cool and refreshing oasis of Medford, desert of Oregon, and there holding a ceremonial session under the auspices of Hillah Temple.

Now it came to pass that on the 25th day of the tenth month Shawwal 1329, Mohammedan calendar, there gathered at the oasis aforementioned many nobles and sons of sheiks from all parts of the desert, and having gathered and refreshed themselves they found that many unregenerate sons of the desert had gathered and petitioned to be allowed to join the caravan in its pilgrimage to the holy city, and to enjoy the teachings of the wise men. And after council had been held it was decided that the sons of the desert should go with them, not as one of them, but rather as servants unto them, and bearers of burdens, until such time as they should be able and willing to endure the Moslem test of courage, faith and fidelity. And it was given the petitions strictly in charge that should they fail to undergo the trials of those noble attributes that they should depart and live forever in the tents of the infidels.

Now on approaching the oasis of Medford the vast concourse of nobles discovered that the peace loving people of that oasis had been apprised of their coming and had made overtures of peace by gaily decorating as if in honor of the caravan. On entering the oasis the nobles found flags and banners of their colors thrown to the four winds in riotous abandon while everywhere the mystic symbols of their faith were displayed. This pleased the nobles mightily and they spoke words of praise and commendation. The residents of the section being a peace loving people engaged in the tending of their flocks, the tilling of the ground and the cultivation of their vineyards expressed delight in receiving strangers from the four quarters of the globe, but in order that they might not have their laws and regulations ruthlessly ignored and violated they threw open all the gates of the city and placed all of the favored spots at the disposal of the nobles. In this way no conflict arose and the sojourners found complete and unmolested rest and refreshment.

Now it came to pass that soon after the arrival of the great caravan that the nobles were apprised of the presence of J. P. Treat (May Allah Bless him) who came on a long and wearisome journey in order to receive their allegiance. So the subservient to his wish but he being apprised of their loyalty laid aside his sceptre for a space and equality. Then wildest scenes of enjoyment were enacted. Many methods of providing pleasure were employed. And it came to pass that the pilgrimage was a great success and the nobles were pleased.

Fully 500 members of the order of the Mystic Shrine are in the city

CONVICTS TO BUILD ROAD CRATER LAKE

Governor West Pledges Aid In Construction Of Road Which He Regards As State Highway—25 To Come At First.

COUNTY MUST FURNISH FOREMAN; SQUARE DEAL

Says Crater Lake Is Oregon's Greatest Scenic Highway—Urges County To Build Roads.

"Upon request of the Jackson county court, I will next November or December, send twenty-five convicts to work upon the Crater Lake highway, the number to be increased later if desired. The convicts will be furnished the county free, but must be well fed and taken care of," states Governor West Sunday before his departure for Salem. He outlined his plan as follows:

"The convicts will be sent here alone and unguarded. I will personally select the prisoners to be so trusted. A few may break their honor pledges and attempt to escape, but I doubt it, and my experience so far justifies my belief.

"The county must furnish a competent foreman, who will treat the prisoners square. No ill-treatment will be tolerated, and the men will be instructed to return to Salem if not given a square deal.

"I will name a committee of Jackson county citizens to co-operate with the county court in the handling of the men and in looking after them. One of them will be deputized as a penitentiary warden with full authority to act. He will be held responsible for the actions of the convicts.

"I regard the Crater Lake highway as properly a state highway. I helped to get the state appropriation through for its construction. If it were possible, the state should build it. As it is, the state can aid its construction by furnishing labor—and the convicts are better off in useful occupation than in prison.

"This was my first trip to Crater Lake. It is beyond my powers to describe its beauty. It is, and always will be, one of the great national wonders of the world—Oregon's greatest scenic attraction.

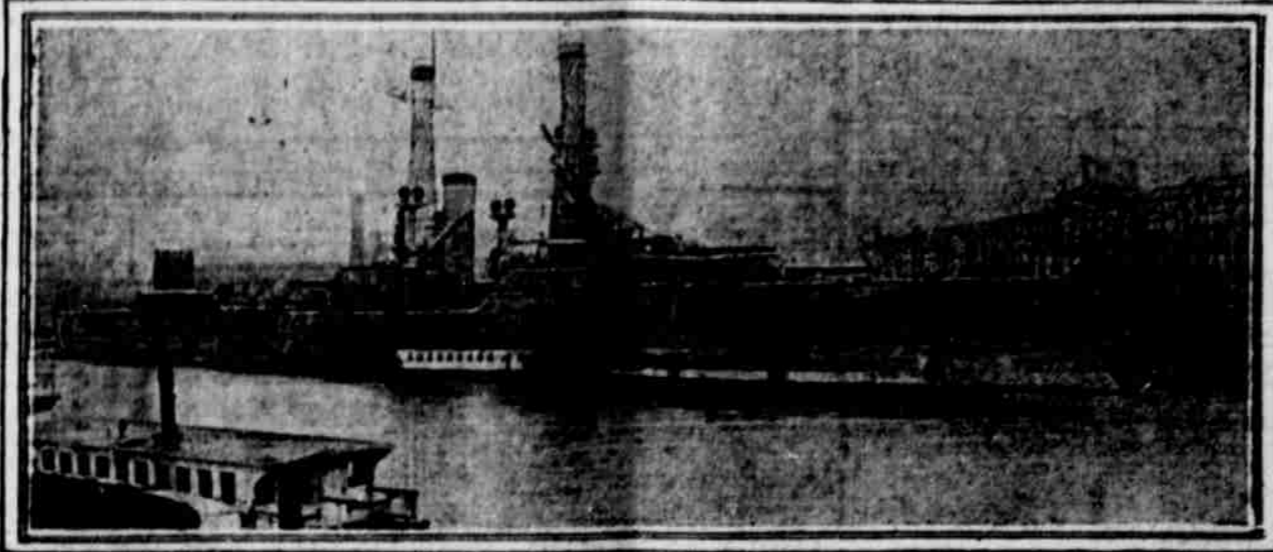
"The Rogue river is the most beautiful river I have ever seen—and I have seen every stream in Oregon. Other rivers are beautiful in spots, but the Rogue is a continuous panorama of beauty.

"There is no question at all but that the Crater Lake highway will rank among the great scenic drives of the world, but in its construction, its scenic possibilities should be made the most of.

"Jackson county has a great opportunity to become a tourist center. It should grasp the opportunity at once. Build your highways and build them as soon as possible."

today for the first pilgrimage of Hillah Temple. The affair takes on added importance owing to the presence of John F. Treat, imperial potentate.

The only feature to be enjoyed by the public at large will be the big street parade at 4 o'clock.



The French cruiser Liberté, which was wrecked in the disaster in Toulon harbor today, was one of the three warships attending the Hudson-Fulton celebration two years ago. The other vessels which accompanied the Liberté were the Verite and the Justice. They each cost \$12,000,000.

COLD GREETING FOR MR. TAFT

Farmers In Heart Of Insurgent Kansas District Stand Glum And Silent As President Speaks—Hardly A Cheer Or A Handclap.

COFFEEVILLE, Kans., Sept. 25.—With hardly a cheer or a handclap to greet him from the 10,000 persons who thronged about the stand from which he spoke, President Taft defended here today his veto messages on the wool, cotton and other bills. The farmers in the heart of the insurgent district stood glum and silent as the president voiced his defense.

"Bound as I was by platform pledges," he said, "to see that American industry was sufficiently protected, I could do nothing but withhold my signature from the bills."

On arrival here President Taft breakfasted at the Country Club and then automobilized through the streets. He spoke from a temporary stand in the main plaza of the town.

REIGN OF TERROR ON IN RUSSIA

ST. PETERSBURG, Eydkuhnen, Sept. 25.—Whether Stolypin was killed as a result of a genuine revolutionary plot or at the instance of other government officers who hated his policy there is no doubt that the Russian terrorist organization is on the eve of a fresh period of activity.

The premier is by no means the first officer to meet death at an assassin's hands recently. He was merely so prominent that the news of his death could not be suppressed. That of the victims who preceded him has thus far been pretty effectually hushed up by the government, which objects to encouraging the revolutionary element by letting it become generally known how successful the terrorists have been lately.

Beginning six weeks ago there followed in rapid succession the killing of the assistant prosecutor, the deputy assistant prosecutor and the assistant chief of police of Tamboff and the 17-year-old son of Captain Kurosh, commanding the cruiser Finn at Helsingfors in 1906; the serious wounding of the governor of Zereninski prison, and the suicide of a high police officer named Sasonoff.

ARE YOU CRAZY? THEN ATTEND DANCES

MORRIS PLAINS, N. J., Sept. 25.—Because he believes that dancing is one of the chief cures for insanity, Dr. G. D. Evans, noted expert of the Thaw trial, and head of the New Jersey state insane asylum, states today that hereafter all nurses engaged by him must be willing to teach patients to dance.

COST OF LIVING IS INCREASING

Freely Asserted That In A Month Altitude Record Of A Year Ago Will Be Exceeded—Sugar Higher Than In Years.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—Prices of food products are soaring so rapidly that it was freely asserted in wholesale circles today that within another month the altitude record of a year ago would be exceeded and that by the first of the year the necessities of life would be out of reach of the common people.

Wholesale dealers make no effort to minimize the situation.

Sugar is higher than since the civil war days; coffee is daily advancing; eggs and butter are almost prohibitive; potatoes are selling for \$ for 165 pounds; other products are proportionately higher, making the outlook gloomy for those with limited means.

NO BIG FIGHT IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Sept. 25.—The clergy of England, who have been making strenuous efforts to put a quietus on the proposed heavyweight fight between Jack Johnson, world's heavyweight champion, and Bombardier Wells, English champion, won their victory today, when it was announced here that the fight will not take place.

The announcement comes as a result of the stand taken by Winston Churchill, the home secretary, who declared that unless the promoters voluntarily abandoned the match he would put the matter in the hands of a magistrate and have both Johnson and Wells bound over to keep the peace.

LOWER MARKET FOR TOP STEERS

PORTLAND, Sept. 25.—Receipts for the week were 2940 cattle; 91 calves, 1714 hogs; 2359 sheep and 49 horses.

Packers and buyers started in the week fairly well loaded with supplies and the increased offerings of cattle caused a lower market. Steers, especially the heavy classes, were from 25 to 40 cents less than the week previous. There was a more frequent call for cows and butcher cattle and the market on this class ranged more steady. The calf market was steady.

The constant arrival of Eastern East and the matter of quality eased the hog market up a little. One lot of tops sold at \$8.00, with extra heavy as low as \$7.00. The sheep market was steady to strong, with top lambs at \$5.00.

ROAD STRIKE NOW PROSPECT

Conferences Will End Tonight And Action Is Expected Tomorrow—No Statement Is Made Regarding Situation.

DAVENPORT, Iowa, Sept. 25.—With international officers of the various crafts conferring here with President O'Connell of the machinists union, the indications today are strong that the allied trades of the Harriman lines will strike.

The conference with President O'Connell will end tonight and action is expected tomorrow. Both President O'Connell and the other officers of the different crafts refuse to make any statement in regard to the situation, but it is said to be very grave, and that a strike is imminent.

A report on the general conditions along the Harriman lines will be made on the floor at the machinists convention here this afternoon.

FOWLER THINKS HE WILL CROSS

EMIGRANT GAP, Cal., Sept. 25.—After having circled above Cisco, 20 miles further east than he has yet been, Aviator Robert G. Fowler is today tuning up his machine for the bi-test to Summit.

Fowler is solving the problem of the air currents by degrees, and he thinks when he passes Summit he will have no further trouble. He claims he was up over 8,000 feet yesterday and that another day's flight will see him over the Sierras. He probably will try again tomorrow.

LITTLE CASH IN DEFENSE FUND

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 25.—Hampered by a lack of funds with which to carry on proper investigations in the preparation of the coming trial, which will undoubtedly start October 11, the defense in the case of John J. and James B. McNamara is today face to face with a serious proposition.

BLIND MAN CHOPS HOLE, ESCAPES FIRE

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 25.—With their rooming house in flames, and a solid wall of fire blocking their way to safety, Peter Schiltze, blind proprietor of a rooming house at Tenth and Hoyt streets, saved himself and wife from incineration by chopping through the wall with an axe.

ITALY AND TURKEY ARE NEAR CLASH

Italy's Attempt To Seize Tripoli Has Awakened Turks To Fact That They Must Fight To Retain Disputed Territory.

ALL RESERVES HAVE BEEN SUMMONED TO COLORS

All Italians Have Been Ordered To Leave Turkish Territory—War Seems Near.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 25.—The first army corps is being mobilized for embarkation to Tripoli to reinforce 30,000 troops already there in readiness to oppose the Italian seizure of that colony.

VIENNA, Sept. 25.—Private advices from Constantinople say that Turkey is fighting mad. Italy's attempt to seize Tripoli has awakened the whole country to the realization that it must fight to retain the disputed territory, and all classes are rallying to the support of the government.

All the reserves have been summoned to the colors and an order expelling all Italians from Turkish territory has been signed by the Sultan and is in the hands of the premier ready for issuance when it is certain that war must come.

If Italy invades Turkey the fighting will be most bitter.

The report that Turkish officials at Mersina had seized the Navigazione Generale Italiana's steamer Regina Margherita is unconfirmed, although generally believed to be true. Italy's attempt to acquire Tripoli is alarming European capitals and it is feared it will re-open the Mediterranean problem.

Fifty thousand Italians have large financial interests in Tripoli.

All hope of affecting an amicable settlement between Italy and Turkey in the Tripoli altercations seems to have been abandoned, and Italy's purpose, it is stated, is to strike before France and Germany have finally concluded the Moroccan negotiations.

It is unofficially announced today that the Italian troops have landed on the coast of Tripoli, tacitly declaring war with Turkey, and that 12,000 reservists have been called to the colors and will be held in readiness to embark at a moment's notice. Besides these reservists, Italy has a force of 60,000 men available for foreign service, and it is stated that all of these troops will comprise the first expedition.

No official confirmation can be obtained of these reports. There is the strictest censorship of newspapers, which are threatened with dire penalties if they publish anything regarding the military or naval movements.

It was believed until today that Turkey had given little credence to reports of Italian war preparations, but plans for augmenting the forces in the disputed territory are now being devised. Thirty thousand Turkish troops are now in Tripoli.

CITY DADS PULL DOWN BILLBOARDS

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Sept. 25.—Determined to rid the city of the billboard evil in the downtown districts, Mayor George Ellis and 24 aldermen made an attack on the signboards and demolished four of the largest ones.

FIRE STARTED IN STOREROOM NEAR POWDER

Everywhere Explosion Is Regarded As An Evil Omen, Coming On Heels Of Peaceful Settlement Of Moroccan Difficulties.

CRUISER LIBERTE OF FRENCH NAVY ON SCENE

Warship Republicque Near By Was Badly Damaged And Is Placed In Drydock.

TOULON, France, Sept. 25.—At least 300 officers and men of the cruiser Liberté are dead here today through the destruction of the cruiser which blew up and sank in the roadstead off this port early today. Only about 100 members of the crew of the warship escaped, they swimming to shore when the vessel, after soaring skyward in a terrific explosion, settled back in the water and sank like a plummet.

The destruction of the Liberté strikingly parallels the blowing up of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor and early accounts of the disaster followed by the wildest excitement throughout the country.

The warship Republicque was badly damaged and was hurriedly placed in drydock.

The explosion broke the Liberté in two and the forward part lies at the bottom of the harbor upside down.

PARIS, Sept. 25.—The minister of marine is preparing to render aid to the families of the victims of the Liberté explosion.

Everywhere the explosion is regarded as an evil omen, coming on the heels of the peaceful settlement of the Moroccan difficulties with Germany.

According to Captain Jaures' report, there were 32 officers on the warship. One-third of the officers and 72 men had been given shore leave over Sunday and the remainder of the lost crew were sleeping between decks.

The minister of marine thinks that the fire started in the store room adjacent to the magazine and short-circuited the electrical wiring, causing the explosion. As the sailors took their posts for fire drill, slight explosions were felt, followed by flames bursting out all over the after quarter.

Explosions then followed at brief intervals, the third shooting the fire mast high. By this light the crew was visible fighting the flames from the magazines.

HARRINGTON CASE MAY BEPUT OVER

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 25.—When the case of Attorney John H. Harrington of counsel for the McNamara brothers, cited for contempt for refusing to answer questions propounded by the grand jury, comes up before Judge Bordwell this afternoon, Attorney Leconte Davis will likely ask that the matter be set over until after the Times trial. The defense maintains the Harrington case is parallel with those of Mrs. Ortie McManigal and George Behm, who were cited for contempt in refusing to answer questions bearing on the McNamara case.

OTTAWA, Ont., Sept. 25.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the defeated premier of Canada, is preparing to go to California where he will rest for two weeks before taking up the leadership of the opposition at Ottawa.