

MANCHU PRINCES ASSENT TO REPUBLIC

EDICT ISSUED CONSENTING TO GREAT CHANGE

National Convention Shall Decide, Says Edict, Between the Monarchy and a Republic—Cabinet to Decide at Once on New Election Laws.

FINAL SUSPENSION OF HOSTILITIES TO COME SOON

Manchu Princes Evidently Find That Further Resistance Is Hopeless.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28.—In an imperial edict issued today the Manchu princes practically assent to the abdication of the emperor and the establishment of a Chinese republic.

Issued after a protracted meeting of the princes, in which the fiercest recriminations were indulged, the edict assents to the proposal that a national convention shall decide between the monarchy and a republic, and orders the cabinet to decide at once on election laws by which the delegates to the convention shall be chosen.

The edict specifically states that Tang Shao Yi, the Manchu representative here, shall consult with Wu Ting Fang regarding the final suspension of hostilities, and says it hopes the decision of the convention may finally be whatever is for the good of the country.

The publication of the edict is taken here to mean that, finding further resistance hopeless, the Manchu princes have finally determined to yield, and have adopted this method of so doing in an effort to save at least a title of their power and possessions, as well as to delay as long as possible the day of reckoning.

The action of the Manchu chiefs resulted from a final notice from Yun Shi Kai that he had done all possible to save the monarchy; that a national convention was their only salvation, and that if his expedition were refused he would cease from any further efforts to stem the tide of rebellion.

The edict, as soon as issued, was forwarded here by telegraph from Peking, and both Tang Shao and Dr. Wu were apprised of its contents at once. No statement has yet been given out by either the Manchu representative or the former Chinese minister to the United States as to what action will be taken, but Dr. Wu at once went into conference with the other rebel chiefs in an effort to prepare an answer to the proposal.

While he would make no definite statement, Wu Ting Fang is understood not to be enthusiastic over the convention scheme outlined in the imperial edict. Wu fears that the apparent surrender is merely an expedient to gain delay, to permit the country to drift into anarchy, and thus to cause foreign intervention.

WANT ELK FOR CRATER PARK

Binger Hermann Requests Wyoming Congressional Delegation for Two Carloads of Elk to Be Liberated in Crater Lake National Park.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—A request has been received from Binger Hermann by members of the Wyoming congressional delegation for two carloads of Wyoming elk from the Jackson's Hole region, for placing in Crater Lake park. He has been advised to make formal application to the secretary of agriculture and the governor of Wyoming.

COLD WAVE SWEEPS OVER MIDDLE WEST
CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 28.—With the mercury at 5 above zero, the coldest wave of the winter struck Chicago and the lake region today. Two deaths already have resulted and thousands of persons are suffering. At Minneapolis it is 8 below zero, and at LaCrosse, Wis., 7 below.

WOULDEST OBSERVE NEW YEAR'S? THEN LAY IN A STOCK

You Must Do New Year's Shopping Early This Year, for on Sunday the Lid Will Be Clamped on Tight, This Not Being an Open Face Town.

Handicapped by the calendar which says that the old year of 1911 must make its exit at midnight next Sunday, those who have been wont to bid the departing 12 months goodbye in company with the cap that cheers and makes 'em climb the what-not, will either bid old hoary 1911 farewell a day before it takes its one way ticket and hikes for the hence or will do their New Year's shopping early, for no liquor may be sold after midnight on Saturday, Medford not being classed with the open face towns.

So the "sound of revelry by night" will be heard on Saturday, December 30, at all the grills and cafes.

This year of 1911 has been a prosperous one for the butcher and the baker, to say nothing of the candlestick maker, and it is predicted that a general good time will be tipped over on Saturday night, December 30. A general good time at this season of the year means the spilling of perfectly good fluid known by the various titles of "joy water," "fickle juice," "joy riders' delight," "a long one" and some other 8000 names that have not yet been classified.

All of which matters not. Custom has decreed that folk must celebrate when the old year leaves and the new one enters. Whether it is as a welcome for the baby year or a fond farewell for the aged 12 months, probably the celebrators themselves do not know—or care. It doesn't make any difference, anyway.

CROWDS IN STORM HEAR LA FOLLETTE

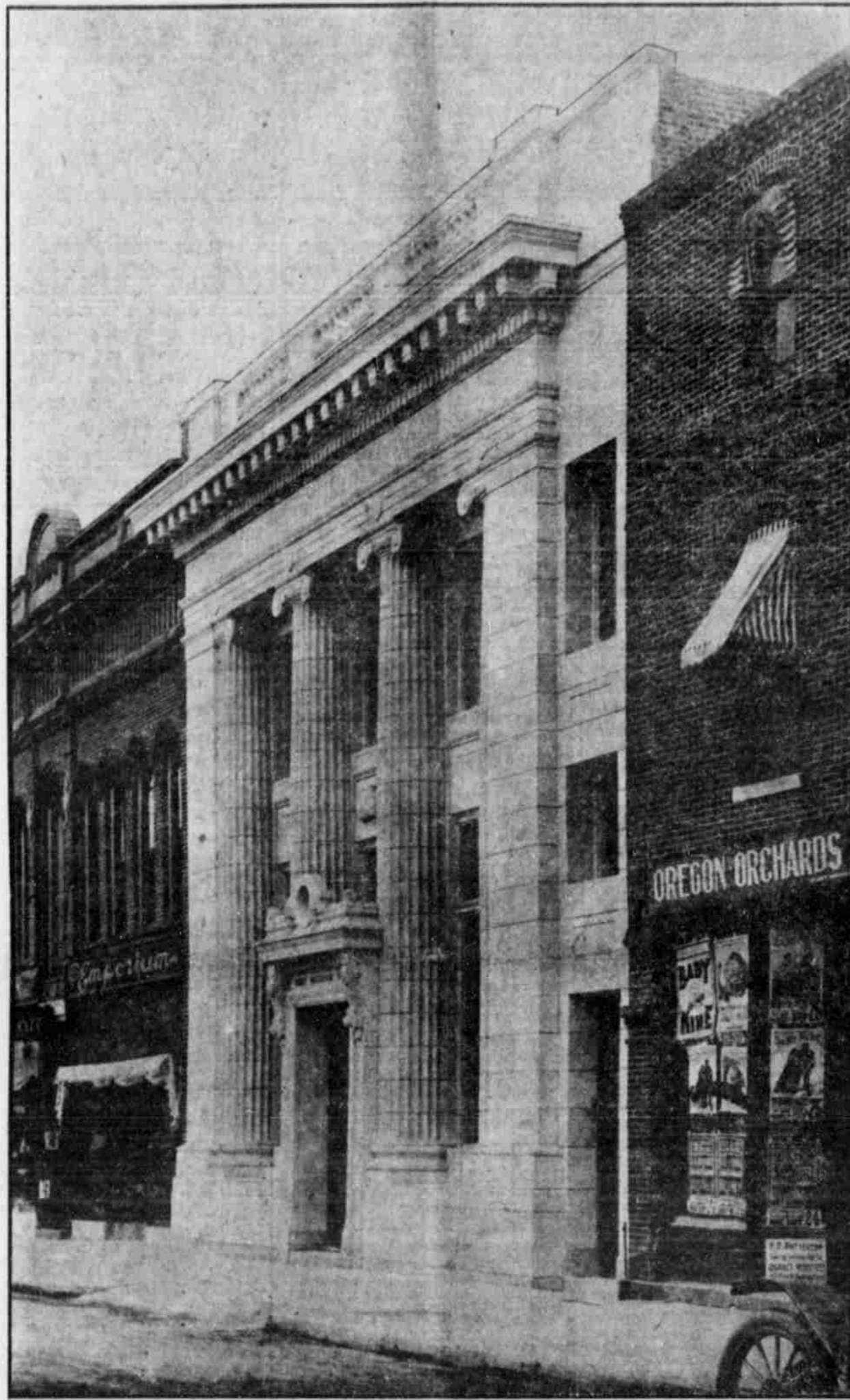
Declares That Progressive Movement Is Simply an Effort to Restore the Government to the People—Direct Primaries Necessary.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 28.—Leaving behind him memories of an enthusiastic day, Senator Robert M. La Follette left here today for his second day's invasion of Ohio cities in his fight to capture the state delegation from President Taft.

Five thousand people braved a blizzard here last night to hear La Follette talk in Gray's armory. His address was principally an attack on the trusts. He made no direct mention of President Taft or of his own candidacy for the presidency, but devoted his time in large part to a denunciation of the Taft and Gary plans for a federal license of incorporations, as a trust controlling device. He also bitterly denounced the Aldrich-Payne tariff law as "the most outrageous assault of private interests on the people contained in tariff history."

La Follette, who is making his entire tour on regular trains and electric interurban railroads and attending himself to his baggage, spoke at noon today to railway employes and residents of a rural community near Norwalk. He will make an address in Toledo tonight.

One of the Features of the New Year's Edition



This cut, showing the new home of the First National bank of Medford, is but one of the many striking features which will appear in the New Year's edition of The Mail Tribune, to be issued next Monday, and which will portray in a striking manner not only the development of Medford and the Rogue River valley during the past year, but also the manifold resources of this section. This edition will be the most complete ever attempted in the annals of southern Oregon journalism. Order your extra copies now and do your share in attracting eastern friends to Medford and the Rogue River valley.

LILLIAN RUSSELL IS TO WED NEXT MAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Lillian Russell is to jump into the Nat Goodwin class in the matrimonial race, when she is, for the fourth time, led to the altar in May. Alex P. Moore, editor and publisher of the Pittsburgh Leader, is to be the groom.

CUTS RED TAPE THAT MEN MAY WORK

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28.—Declaring that the problem of the unemployed did not permit of red tape, Mayor Rushlight said today that the city would put as many men to work on the Mount Tabor road as he possibly could tomorrow. The mayor is empowered to expend \$10,000 in providing labor for men with families.

RUSSIA TAKES STERN STEPS IN PERSIA

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 28.—With orders to hang all Persians who participate in attacks on the czar's citizens, troops were today started for Persia to wage what looks like a war of extermination. The war office here is greatly excited and it is believed preparations are being made for an extended campaign.

TO THE PUBLIC.

The New Year's Mail Tribune will be the largest and finest edition we have ever attempted to issue. It will contain more cuts than all previous special issues combined. It is far and away the most costly edition ever attempted in southern Oregon.

The New Year's number will contain an illustrated orchard section, devoted to horticultural interests of the valley; a Medford section, devoted to the growth and expansion of the city, with panoramas and photos of all new buildings and statistics of improvements; a Rogue river valley section, with panoramas of the various cities and photos of their buildings and descriptions of their progress. There will be illustrated articles on the new Prospect power plant, on the convict camp, on Crater Lake highway, on valley soil survey and many other subjects.

We appeal to the people of the Rogue river valley, particularly Medford, for generous support. Now is the time to show the world our progress. All should cooperate in the endeavor.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE.

TAFT TO TRAIL IN WAKE OF LA FOLLETTE
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—President Taft intends following Senator La Follette on his three days' speechmaking trips through Ohio. This announcement was made at the White House today. It was stated that the president expects to speak in Cleveland January 29; at Columbus January 30, and at Akron January 31.

TELFER'S BOOKS IN TWO AND ONE-HALF YEARS OUT BUT \$16

Splendid Record Is Made by Robert W. Telfer As City Recorder—Experts Complete Their Work Today at City Hall.

While their report has not as yet been made public, it is reported that the findings of the experts who are just completing their examination of the city's books for the period of Robert W. Telfer's incumbency as city recorder have found a shortage of approximately \$16. This in a period of two and one-half years, during which time Mr. Telfer has handled, in round numbers, \$70,000 in actual cash and over \$1,000,000 in bond issues and accounts. That his books should show but \$16 shortage is remarkable, as Mr. Telfer in taking cash has never dealt in pennies. For instance, an account of \$1.36 has always been accepted and credited when paid as \$1.35. To this is due the shortage.

It is further reported that the report of the experts, which will soon be submitted to the finance committee of the city council, will compliment Mr. Telfer very highly in regard to the manner in which he had kept the books.

Stock Changes Slight.
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—At the opening of today's stock market changes were very slight and stocks made little headway. Later there was a resumption of yesterday's late selling, but the declines were small. When Lehig Valley gained a point the balance of the list recovered fully. The market closed firm. Bonds were steady.

\$3,000,000 GAIN IN OREGON BANKS

Total Deposits Now \$121,982,533 While One Year Ago They Were But \$119,194,851—Actual Gain in Year Is \$2,776,681.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 28.—Almost \$3,000,000 gain in the bank deposits of Oregon during the year is shown by a statement just complete by Superintendent Banks Wright. At the close of business December 5, 1911, the total deposits in the banks of the state amounted to \$121,982,533, while the deposits for the last report in 1910 were \$119,194,851, a gain of \$2,776,681.

Snow Covers Ground.
Medford people awakened this morning to see a white mantle of snow on the ground fully an inch deep. This, however, did not remain on the ground and by 10 o'clock Medford's holiday snow storm was but a memory. Yesterday snow fell nearly all day in Ashland and this morning there was a depth of several inches on the ground. At Butte Falls and Prospect the snow was 14 inches deep this morning. The mountains on all sides of Medford are a mantle of white, and the placer miners are elated over the prospects for a good season's work in their mines.

\$584,829 IN PAST YEAR FOR PUBLIC WORK

City Engineer Arnsperger Completes His Annual Statement Showing Vast Strides Made by Medford in Past Year in Improvements.

MORE PAVING THIS YEAR THAN TOTAL BEFORE

Twelve Miles of Service Mains Are Laid—Four Miles of Cement Walks.

Five hundred, eighty-four thousand, eight hundred and twenty-nine dollars and thirty-seven cents was expended by the city of Medford in 1911 for public improvements, according to the annual report of Olen Arnsperger, city engineer, the advance sheets of which have just been completed. This money was spent as follows:

Pavement, 9.17 miles, \$434,536.23; sewers, 5.84 miles, \$52,660.17; storm sewers, 0.44 miles, \$271.75; water mains, 7.34 miles, \$77,399.86; concrete walks, 4.38 miles, \$16,187.15; miscellaneous, \$1328.21.

This gives the city of Medford on January 1, 1912, a general summary of improvements as follows: Pavements, 16.77 miles, \$824,307.20; sewers, 24.95 miles, \$193,764.61; storm sewers, 1.59 miles, \$21,000.00; water mains, 27.4 miles, \$244,558.99; concrete walks, 24.68 miles, \$91,214.55; miscellaneous, \$1328.21; gravity water system, 23 miles, \$275,000. Total, \$1,651,263.62.

Paving.
Medford today has \$824,307.20 worth of pavement laid, 336,277.80 square yards, or 16.77 miles. During 1911 179,253 square yards of this amount was laid, or more than in all previous years together. January 1, 1911, found 157,024 square yards laid. The total amount of paving in the city at present is classed as follows: Bitulithic, 52,475 square yards; asphalt, 279,967; bricklithic, 3834 square yards.

Water Mains.
During 1911, 7.34 miles of new water mains were laid in the city, making a grand total of 27.4 miles, constructed at a cost of \$244,558.99.

Sewers.
During 1911, 5.84 miles of sanitary sewers were laid, making a total of 24.95 miles of mains laid at a total cost of \$193,764.61.

Sidewalks.
During 1911, 4.38 miles of concrete walks were constructed in the city, making a total of 24.68 miles, laid at a cost of \$91,214.55.

NEW DISEASE STARTLES BERLIN

What Was First Thought to Be Ptomaine Poisoning Now Thought to Be Some Unknown Plague—Deaths Are On the Increase.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—With 50 indigents already in the Berlin municipal shelter and other asylums and 100 other cases reported, the whole city is terrified lest it has been stricken with some unknown plague.

The deaths were at first attributed to ptomaine poisoning, caused by eating tainted herring, which the inmates of the asylums had brought in from the streets. Physicians today, however, confess that they are unable to diagnose the disease, and the greatest conservatism exists in government circles lest the epidemic shall spread.

The victims die quietly. They are seized with spasms of severe vomiting and within a few hours expire.

Not many good jobs will be found in this city this week except through want advertising.