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MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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JAP MONARCH SERIOUSLY ILL; BRAIN TROUBLE

Emperor Mutsuhito Failing Rapidly and Death Only a Question of Weeks—Collapse Occurred Friday Night While With Empress.

Religious Services Held Throughout Empire for Recovery—Wife of Heir to Throne With Him.

TOKIO, July 20.—Official announcement was made today that the health of Emperor Mutsuhito is rapidly failing and that his death is probably only a question of weeks.

The Mikado is seriously ill of both stomach and brain trouble, and all public and private audiences have been stopped. His condition today is more serious than at any other time since his illness began.

The sudden change for the worse occurred Friday night, when the Mikado abruptly collapsed while conversing with the empress. Court physicians were summoned and the empress remained all night at her husband's bedside.

Today religious services were held throughout the country for the emperor's recovery, the special services in the Buddhist temple here and at Kito being especially impressive.

The wife of the heir to the throne, Prince Yoshihito, is representing him at the place in his absence, and keeps him acquainted with his father's condition by telephone.

Warned that the Mikado is sinking steadily members of the Japanese royal family are arriving hourly and hastening to the bedside of the dying ruler. All members of the cabinet and other important government officers are assembled at the palace. The public have been warned that death may come at any time and streets are crowded with anxious throngs. The whole city is quiet and sad.

According to a bulletin issued tonight, the Mikado's temperature is 105; pulse, 104; and respiration 35.

Prince Katsura has been advised of the Mikado's condition and is expected to reach Tokyo quickly. It is believed if the emperor dies Katsura will become premier again.

Mutsuhito-Tenno is the 121st emperor of his line, which dates back 2,555 years—the oldest dynasty in the world. The emperor is of pleasing address, nearly 6 feet tall, broad and muscular, of courtly bearing and intellectual appearance.

According to Japanese legend, Mutsuhito is the direct descendant of Gimmu, the divine conqueror, who "descended from Heaven on the white bird of the clouds." Gimmu, says the legend, conquered the Ainos, a warlike race, whose descendants still live in the north part of Japan. Having settled with them he styled himself Tenshi, or "The Son of Heaven," and founded the present dynasty in 660 B. C.

ASQUITH DODGES SACK OF FLOUR

DUBLIN, July 20.—Supporters of home rule for Ireland were wildly enthusiastic here today over the speech of Premier Asquith in the Theater Royal last night. The speech was strongly nationalistic, and has made Asquith the hero of the hour here.

Orangemen of Belfast made dire threats today as to what would happen if the premier ventured to visit their city.

Last night a number of home rule supporters attacked a crowd of suffragettes and attempted to throw them into the river.

A suffragette threw a bag of flour at Premier Asquith in the townhall square today but missed him. She was arrested and placed in jail.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 20.—Flirting with central must cease, say Bell telephone officials. Hereafter operators will be instructed to switch flirtatious male voices to the chief operator. The order is effective at once.

PUSH CAUSE OF POPULAR GOVERNMENT

Jonathan Bourne Organizes National Republican Progressive League to Urge Precepts of Direct Primaries, Initiative, Referendum and Recall.

Purpose to Question Candidates Everywhere and Secure Pledges of Support of Popular Measures.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—That a national republican progressive league will be formed by the progressive element of that party to urge the precepts of popular government in the coming campaign was the statement issued here today by United States Senator Jonathan Bourne, junior, of Oregon. He said:

"It is our purpose to pursue the campaign for popular government. We urge in the coming campaign the election of the advocates of popular government everywhere. It is our purpose to question candidates for the legislature regarding their attitude upon the principles for which we stand, notifying the candidates that they will not receive our support unless they pledge themselves to writing to support these measures if elected.

"The five principles of our league are as follows:

- "Popular election of United States senators.
- "Direct primaries.
- "Presidential primaries.
- "The initiative, referendum and recall.
- "A thoroughgoing corrupt practices act."

SPECTACULAR FIRE WITH \$500,000 LOSS SWEEPS VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 20.—One of the most spectacular fires in the history of the city and which for a time threatened to destroy the entire business section of the city broke out shortly before midnight on Main street and Park Lane. Six important business blocks were destroyed involving a loss of half a million dollars, about half covered by insurance. One fireman was severely injured by a fall and many occupants of rooming houses and hotels in the vicinity had narrow escapes.

The flames originated in a shed back of the Champion and White five story building and it believed to have started through careless handling of matches by tramps who used it for sleeping purposes. It was communicated to the Champion and White building, used by a building supply concern, and quickly spread to the A. B. C. garage, roaring through the concrete and brick buildings used by the Canada Malleable Range Company, the Gibbs Tool Works, the Angulus Rooming House and to a portion of the British Electric Company's car sheds, completely gutting everything as it went.

Forty men and women sleeping in the Royal George Hotel which was scorched and thirty men in the rooming house were saved at the risk of the lives of firemen, and several of them were overcome by smoke. Six street cars were burned as well as twenty motorcars in the garage.

A high wind drove the flames in a menacing manner and it was only by a most strenuous fight on the part of the firemen that the flames were prevented from taking the entire East End of the city. The collapse of the Champion and White building was spectacular in the extreme and a score of firemen made a narrow escape from being buried in the ruins.

Hundreds of shivering, half clad people filled the streets and the entire city was aroused. The flames shot hundreds of feet into the sky, a lumber yard being among the plants destroyed.

DEADLY RIOTING IN SEAMEN'S STRIKE—100,000 MEN ARE AFFECTED



TRANSPORT WORKERS MARCHING IN WEST STREET.



TYPES OF STRIKERS IN WEST STREET.

CLOUDBURST HITS HILLS SOUTH AND EAST OF ASHLAND

A miniature cloudburst struck the upper end of the valley from Ashland southeast Friday afternoon. Rain fell in torrents and the ground was whitened with hailstones as large as pigeon's eggs. It was the severest hailstorm ever recorded in this section and did some damage to peaches and other fruits. Bear creek became a roaring torrent for a few minutes, a wall of water sweeping down as high as the highest water mark of last winter.

The storm was accompanied by a heavy electrical display. The north and west part of Ashland received hardly a drop of moisture, but from the new high school east and south, the country was deluged and blanketed by hail.

The same storm flooded the foothills about Eagle Point, sending Butte Creek on a rampage and putting the telephone line out of commission, filling the desert with pools of water, and muddying the waters of the Rogue. No other damage is reported.

Thursday evening a heavy shower fell east and north of Central Point but beyond filling the road with puddles, did no damage.

The storm has cooled the atmosphere and ended the hot spell.

GENERAL VILJOEN OF BOER WAR DYING

MEXICO CITY, July 20.—General Benjamin Viljoen veteran Boer commander, was today reported dying in a sanitarium at Nogales. Viljoen became a naturalized Mexican citizen after the Boer war and was given a command of 600 federal volunteers in Sonora state.

MANY MILLS WILL REOPEN OWING TO HEAVY GRAIN CROP

Many of the flour and feed mills in the city which have been closed during the past year or two owing to the small amount of grain which has been planted and harvested in the valley are now preparing for an extended run this season having secured enough grain to guarantee them a lengthy run. Mills at Central Point, Medford, Talent and Ashland will be placed in operation as soon as the threshing season opens which will be in the near future.

The valley will produce the heaviest grain crop this year in its history. The acreage planted was far heavier than usual while the yield has been very heavy. Some loss was occasioned by the rain beating the grain down forcing ranchers to cut for hay in order to save it.

"We have no way of accurately determining the amount of grain in the valley" states Prof. O'Garra, county pathologist, "but ranchers say it is the heaviest in the history of the valley."

TO EXPLOIT MINES OF CHINESE PROVINCE

CANTON, July 20.—The passing of the age-old superstition against mining among Chinese and a scheme for a tremendous mining boom all over China are believed to be behind the organization of a \$10,000,000 company for the ostensible purpose of developing Kwang Tung province's mineral resources. In Tse Chu, one of the richest and most progressive of Canton's native merchants, is the father of the company, a strictly Chinese concern.

For thousands of years the belief of the Chinese that the result of excavating of any kind is to release a devil living under ground has retarded mining in China, and Hu's venture leaves no doubt that the new republican government has given him assurances that it will remove prohibitive mining laws enforced by the Manchus.

Requisition Honored

SACRAMENTO, Cal., July 20.—Requisition was honored today by Governor Johnson for the removal to Clarke County, Wash., of A. J. Enderlin, arrested in San Francisco on complaint that he stole \$1500 from the Northern Brewing company during the two years he was in that firm's employ.

TWO CARS PEARS SOLD AT \$2 BOX F. O. B. THIS CITY

The Northwestern Fruit Exchange has just advised the Rogue River Fruit and Produce association that they have sold for them to eastern buyers two additional cars of Bartlett pears at \$2 a box f. o. b. Medford. This makes three cars of Bartlett sold for this price for early August delivery. Other sales are expected next week.

The Bartlett picking season will open early in August, between the 5th and the 10th. The recent hot weather has brought the pears along very rapidly. Pears this year are in splendid condition and in point of quality are unsurpassed by any ever shipped from the valley.

John Webber Pardoned

WASHINGTON, July 20.—President Taft today pardoned John Webber, a counterfeiter who is serving time at McNeil's Island penitentiary near Seattle. Webber is more than 70 years old.

WOMAN PROPOSED TO THOMPSON

PORTLAND, Ore., July 20.—That he did not propose marriage to her but that she proposed to him and insisted on marrying him was the testimony given by R. H. Thompson, junior, prominent Portlander, in the suit for \$50,000 damages for breach of promise brought against him by Mrs. Helen M. Goodeve, a San Francisco divorcee. The suit is being heard today in Judge McGinn's court.

Thompson said he wrote the love letters to "Dear Nell" because Mrs. Goodeve was a "good fellow and he liked her company" evidence was introduced by the defense attacking the personal character of Mrs. Goodeve. It was asserted her relations with other men during the period of her alleged engagement to Thompson were improper.

Young Thompson is the adopted son of one of the heirs to the estate of R. P. Thompson, a millionaire pioneer of Portland.

FIRST PEACHES OF SEASON SHIPPED FROM MEDFORD

The Rogue River Commission company, of this city, takes exception to the claim of the Ashland Fruit and Produce association that they shipped the first peaches under date of Tuesday last. The local company has been shipping peaches since July 9th and have already shipped from Medford over 750 boxes of the early varieties.

The record for the first shipment of apples from the valley also goes to the Rogue River Commission company, they having shipped about one hundred boxes the past week.

To give some idea of the amount of local fruit and produce being shipped from Medford to all parts of the state we quote the figures of amounts sent out during the past week by this one company, all grown in the Rogue River valley. One car of potatoes, 511 crates of berries, 300 crates of peaches, 518 boxes of cherries, 93 boxes of apples, besides scores of shipments of vegetables of all kinds.

CAMPAIGN FOR BRYAN IN 1908 COST \$666,644

Bryan Allowed No Contribution Over \$10,000 and Not One Cent Was Accepted From Corporations—Herman Ridder Contributed Most.

Tammany Hall Gave Ten Thousand and Smaller Amounts Came From Others Interested.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Herman Ridder of New York, ex treasurer of the democratic national committee testified today before the senate committee which is investigating the election of 1908. Ridder said the receipts in that campaign were \$666,644 and the expenditures were one thousand dollars less. He declared that William J. Bryan instructed him that no contribution over \$10,000 was to be accepted, and that not one cent was to be taken from corporations.

Ridder declared that he himself was the largest contributor to the democratic fund. He gave \$10,000 in his own name and \$9,000 in the name of his son. Tammany Hall gave \$10,000, William F. Sheehan and E. F. Poltra \$3,000 each, Samuel Undermyer \$2,500 and others minor amounts.

PHILIPPINE ISLES SELF-SUPPORTING

WASHINGTON, July 20.—That the Philippine Islands, which it has been claimed have cost the United States enormous sums of money for administration, have, in fact, been largely self-supporting, was the burden of a special message sent by President Taft to congress today.

The message, which was in reply to a resolution, asking a statement of the cost of the Philippines to the United States, said in part:

"All expenses in the collection of revenues, administering post offices, courts, conservation of resources, river and harbor improvements and public works, have been paid from the revenue of the Philippines." The message did not estimate the cost of military or naval operations, on the ground that such expenditures were matters of argument.

According to the message, it cost the United States \$3,451,925 to take over certain small islands outside the lines described in the treaty of Paris, to relieve suffering in the islands in 1908, and to complete the census each year.

FIRST CAR OF POTATOES SHIPPED FROM MEDFORD

The first car of potatoes ever shipped out of the Rogue River valley was sent out this week. It is estimated that the potato crop will be between 30,000 and 40,000 sacks as against less than half the quantity last year.

A year ago some twenty odd cars of potatoes were imported by the valley, showing that the valley is daily becoming more self sustaining, the result principally of the extension of irrigating systems and the increased use of water.

HANFORD CUT \$40,000 TAXES FROM RAILROAD

While Negotiating for Purchase of Land From Northern Pacific, Federal Judge Reduced Sum Assessed Against Railroad.

Receivership of Renton Road to Be Probed as Well as Hanford's Close Relations With Receivers.

SEATTLE, July 20.—An unexpected move indicating that the congressional committee intends to probe deeper into the relationship between Judge Hanford and Kerr and McCord came this morning when the federal committee issued subpoenas for all of the stenographers' records and books in the offices of the attorneys dealing with the Seattle and Renton street car concern.

In addition to the famous Renton injunction case it is believed that the committee intends to probe the present receivership affairs of the Renton road and the actions of Kerr and McCord in that connection. Kerr and McCord, representing Renton line bondholders opposed the application made by William Crawford, former president of the road for a receiver in the state court, alleging that the company was not insolvent. Within a few days Kerr and McCord went into Hanford's court and alleged that the road was insolvent and asked Hanford to appoint a receiver, which he did.

Evidence brought out thus far has shown that the relationship between Hanford and the two attorneys had been very close. They were associated in the Hanford Irrigation company and both Kerr and McCord drew large fees through Hanford's court in the Alaska packers case.

Kerr and McCord again were the attorneys who secured the injunction from Hanford last summer in the Renton case.

George H. Plummer, western land agent for the Northern Pacific railroad again took the stand this morning and read more of the correspondence between the railway and Judge Hanford and the Hanford irrigation company. He testified that the Northern Pacific entered into eight transactions with the Hanford people.

The fact was developed that while Hanford was negotiating with the Northern Pacific for land, he reduced the taxes of the Northern Pacific by \$40,000 in the case of the company against King county.

GREAT INCREASE IN NORTHWEST GRAIN

PORTLAND, Ore., July 20.—Pacific Northwest grain crops for 1912 shows a heavy increase in quantity over the 1911 crops and are in excellent condition says the Portland Journal today. The wheat crop for Washington, Idaho and Oregon shows the greatest increase, being estimated at 74,000,000 bushels against 66,750,000 bushels in 1911.

Following is the estimated yield of wheat for 1912 for the three states: Oregon, 24,500,000; Washington, 28,200,000; Idaho, 11,300,000. Oregon shows the greatest increase, this year's wheat crop being greater by 7,750,000 bushels than that of 1911. Washington crops is heavier by 1,200,000 bushels than its 1911 yield. Idaho shows a loss of 1,700,000 bushels in comparison with the 1911 crop.

STEEL TRUST BUST NOT RECOMMENDED

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Charging that certain interests have been circulating "distorted and misleading information" concerning the contents of the forthcoming report of the house steel investigating committee Chairman Stanley today emphatically denied that the report would recommend the dissolution of the steel trust.