

SECOND EDITION

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER  
Showers tonight, Tuesday  
fair; Max. 58; Min. 34.

Forty-fourth Year,  
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MEDFORD, OREGON, MONDAY, APRIL 13, 1914.

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## FOUR GUNMEN ELECTROCUTED FOR MURDER OF GAMBLER ROSENTHAL

### QUARTETTE OF GANGSTERS PAY FINAL PENALTY

"Gyp the Blood," "Dago Frank," "Lefty Louie" and "Whitey Lewis" Die in Electric Chair at Ossining for Murder of Herman Rosenthal.

Crowd Witnesses Death Agonies—Some Die Calmly, Some Paralyzed With Horror—Bodies Claimed.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 13.—Superintendent of Prisons Riley said today that justice did not miscarry when the four gunmen were electrocuted at Ossining this morning. He intimated that one or more of the quartet made a statement to Warden Clancy at the last moment, practically confessing and involving others.

OSSINING, N. Y., April 13.—"Gyp the Blood," "Dago Frank," "Lefty Louie" and "Whitey Lewis," the four New York gunmen, were electrocuted in Sing Sing prison here today.

The gunmen went to their death chair death chair respectively at 5:38, 5:48, 5:57 and 6:08 o'clock a. m.

The first died in six minutes, the second in four, the third in five and the fourth in nine.

Not one of them confessed. "Whitey Lewis" was the only one of the four who made a statement.

Sitting in a chair awaiting his turn in the death chamber, he said: "Gentlemen, I want to say a few words for the sake of justice. Those witnesses who swore they saw me shoot Rosenthal were perjurers. I swear by God I didn't shoot him."

#### Crime Convicted of

The quartet of gunmen were convicted of murdering Herman Rosenthal, a New York gambler, in the morning of July 16, 1912. Rosenthal had "squealed" on the police official he said had protected him—Lieutenant Becker—and was to have told his story to District Attorney Whitman.

It was charged that Becker employed the four gangsters to kill Rosenthal to prevent him from testifying. Like the gunmen, he was convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to die. After more than a year in the death house he was granted a new trial and is now in the Tombs.

Father Cashin, Catholic chaplain at Sing Sing, accompanied Crofoet to the death chair. The last communion had just been given to the doomed gunman and he walked through the "little green door" with the blessed wafer on his tongue. In his hands he carried a crucifix. He seemed dazed and made not a sound as he was strapped in the chair.

#### Dago Frank Calm

Seidenshner, who came next, was quiet, calm and quavered a psalm from the Hebrew book of prayer.

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### BRASS BAND WELCOME FOR TINKER AT CHICAGO

CHICAGO, April 13.—Several thousand baseball fans headed by a brassband, marched to the railroad station here today to welcome Joe Tinker and the members of the Chicago Federal League club, returning from their spring training camp. The club will open the season at Kansas City Wednesday.

The American League season will open here tomorrow, with the Cleveland Naps pitted against the White Sox.

### SCENE OF FINAL ATTACK IN THE BATTLE OF GOMEZ PALACIO, WHICH LED THE WAY TO TORREON.



GENERAL VILLA LEADING FINAL AND SUCCESSFUL ATTACK ON GOMEZ PALACIO — GENERAL JOSE RODRIGUEZ, COMMANDING CAVALRY REGIMENT

### SITUATION AT TAMPICO TENSE ADMITS WILSON

President Sustains Admiral Mayo in Demand for Salute to American Flag as Well as Apology—Anti-American Feeling Growing.

Spain Protest Considered—Program to Expedite Anti-Trust Measures Approved.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—President Wilson thinks Admiral Mayo was fully justified in insisting sharply that the Mexico federals at Tampico salute the American flag as reparation, in addition to an apology, for the arrest of a United States navy paymaster and marines who had gone ashore to buy gasoline.

He made this clear in what he said to callers today. He had an engagement with Secretary of State Bryan for the latter part of the afternoon to go thoroughly into the latest developments in the Mexican situation.

#### Tampico Situation Serious

All advices indicated that anti-American sentiment at Tampico was growing. It was said that neither federals nor rebels showed a disposition to regard foreigners' rights, and to those of Americans they were especially indifferent.

So far as President Huerta's repudiation of his Tampico subordinate's action in arresting Americans was concerned, President Wilson and Secretary Bryan had yet to decide between themselves whether it was sufficient.

#### Spain Protest Considered

The president had not fully considered Spain's protest against its subjects' expulsion from Torreon, and it was admitted in administration circles that it was unlikely the United States can do much to help matters. General Villa was said to be determined on the expulsions and General Carranza backed him.

President Wilson this afternoon approved the house program to expedite anti-trust measures. He also endorsed the consolidation into a single general bill of all measures originally advocated, except the trade commission bill.

The president believes there is a general disposition on the part of big business to force relinquishment of the administration's trust program. He also made it plain today that he thinks that is the cause of the numerous stories that the administration intends to relinquish trust legislation. Such reports he said were baseless.

#### To Rush Trust Bills

The president said it was necessary to pass the trust bills at this session if the party carried out its platform. He conferred with Representatives Clayton, Carlin and Flood, members of the house judiciary committee, who are preparing the bills. After the conference it was announced that the bills probably would be ready soon for action by the full judiciary committee.

President Wilson said this afternoon that congress must expedite matters if all necessary legislation is to be passed for time for adjournment either in June or July.

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### ONLY 365 COAST SHIPS CAN USE PANAMA CANAL

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Navigation Commissioner E. T. Chamberlain was examined today by the senate inter-oceanic canals committee. His testimony showed that of 24,675 coastwise American ships, only 365 were capable of being used continuously and profitably through the canal. Of those, the railroad clause in the canal act, he said, would bar 99 per cent.

Senator O'Gorman of New York asked why figures in reference to sailing vessels were omitted. Chamberlain said the condition of the winds on the Pacific side of the canal was such that sailing vessels would have to be towed from five hundred to 1000 miles from the mouth of the canal. He said it would be impossible to use them.

Under the law, Chamberlain continued, coastwise trade includes ships touching at United States ports on the Atlantic and Pacific oceans or those of Porto Rico, Hawaii and Alaska.

### CUMMINS ASSERTS RAIL RATE RAISE LEGALIZED ROBBERY

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Roundly denouncing the methods of the railroads which are endeavoring to secure the interstate commerce commission's indorsement of a 5 per cent freight rate increase, Senator Cummins of Iowa declared in the senate today that "there is in progress the most comprehensive, energetic system campaign I ever witnessed to make the country believe regulation of railroads has resulted in failure."

That the interstate commission would decide the rate increase proposition on its merits the senator said he was convinced, but he declared the public is being deceived by incorrect and exaggerated statements.

He added that the proposed 5 per cent rate increase would amount to more in a year than all the tolls paid by all the ships which pass through the Panama canal in twelve or fifteen years and more than American ships, if they paid full tolls, would be charged in half a century.

### DEVELOPMENT OF COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN FAVORED

PORTLAND, Or., April 13.—Striving to enlist all men and all agencies of the Columbia basin in one stupendous movement for navigation and power development, the Columbia and Snake River Waterways association opened here today its fifth annual convention.

George F. Richardson, president of the association, gave to the convention its keynote, "Co-operation."

The important sessions of the convention are being held in the Commercial club.

The program of addresses include all subjects related to the transportation and industrial development of the Columbia basin; the speakers and delegates represent communities of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia. The deepening of the Columbia river bar channel to forty feet, the public water terminals building at Astoria and Portland, the completion of the Celilo canal, the establishment of steamboat service on the upper Columbia as well as the lower river, the canal of the upper Columbia and Snake to facilitate transportation and to furnish electric-hydro energies. These and other subjects will be given studious investigation.

### COUNCIL REJECTS SPECIAL ELECTION LIGHT FRANCHISE

At a special session of the city council this afternoon, the proposition of the California-Oregon Electric company asking for the calling of a special election asking the people to instruct the council to validate the 25 year franchise annulled by a city ordinance was defeated by a unanimous vote. This action according to officials of the electric company, means a lawsuit, and a legal fight to the bitter end to settle a problem that has been before the last three councils.

The action of the council was taken upon the advice of Attorney Gus Newbury, special counsel of the city in this matter, and who, will in all probability handle the case in the courts. The hiring of Attorney Newbury was felt by members of the council to be advisable, and to assist City Attorney McCabe, against the array of legal talent that will be marshalled by the electric company.

The next step in the matter will be the demand of the electric company for \$15,000 due to the company for electric lights.

### MERIDITH UNDER ARREST CHARGED WITH MURDER

PITTSBURG, Pa., April 13.—Dr. C. C. Meredith, proprietor of the maternity hospital at Bellevue, a suburb, in which the police say at least 20 women died from illegal operations and were cremated in the hospital furnace, and Miss Lucy Orr, the head nurse, were in jail today, and charged with murder.

They were originally arrested on accusations of performing unlawful operations and of the theft of their victims' valuables and on these charges had been at liberty on bail. The basis of the murder charge was not made public. There was another arrest in connection with the case at Washington Pa., but the prisoner's identity was kept secret.

Meredith was taken in custody at Wildwood, where he has a chicken farm. He was perfectly cool and self-possessed, but would not discuss his case.

District Attorney Jackson still insisted today that Dorothy Arnold, who, he asserts, was operated on at the hospital, is dying in New York.

### YOUTHFUL FORGER PLEADS GUILTY; INSPIRED BY MAGAZINE STORIES

Merle Reynolds of Grants Pass, aged 19 years, inaugurated and concluded a criminal career in two hours Saturday night, when he attempted to and succeeded in passing worthless checks aggregating \$150 on Medford merchants. This morning before Justice of the Peace Taylor he pleaded guilty and was bound over to the grand jury under \$500 bonds. The story of the young man's flash in high finance is interesting and unusual.

The idea, he told Chief Hillson this morning, came from reading stories of crime in high-class magazines, principally the Craig Kennedy stories in Cosmopolitan, and was fanned into flame by the stories of a fellow-workman, who recounted his own adventures in passing bad checks in the east. The lure of easy money tugged so strongly that Saturday afternoon he secured a number of counter checks and during the evening rush in the stores began his operations. For two hours all was

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### SPENCER MURDERER OF TAXI DRIVER

JOLIET, Ill., April 13.—Information intended to show that Henry Spencer, awaiting execution here for the murder of Mrs. Mildred Rexroat, was also the slayer of John W. Bates, who was killed ten years ago, was offered today. Bates was a taxicab driver.

### LIND RETURNS FROM MEXICO; OUTCOME PARRAS' BATTLE UNKNOWN

WASHINGTON, April 13.—The presidential yacht Mayflower, with John Lind, who has been acting as President Wilson's personal representative in Mexico on board, dropped anchor off the navy yard wharf at 10:15 today. It came directly from Vera Cruz. Lind did not immediately disembark. It was expected he would confer with the president at the white house later. The president said that he had not yet received full details concerning the ar-

rest of United States marines at Tampico but he intimated clearly that full reparation would be insisted on. It was said at the navy department that the Mexican salute of the American flag had not yet been fired but it was expected it would be.

#### Battle in Progress

The rebels left a small garrison at San Pedro and pursued Velasco and his men. Velasco, however, at latest accounts, was reinforced near

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### STEEL UNDER PRESSURE DROPS TO LOW MARK

NEW YORK, April 13.—Extreme dullness marked the opening dealings in stocks today, except for the metal shares. Steel was under heavy pressure and dropped to 60 1/2, a new record for the present decline. More transactions were made in this stock than in all the others combined, for the first few minutes. No wide fluctuations were recorded elsewhere and trading continued slow. Bonds were about steady. The market closed weak.