

## Plane Yet Flying as Day Near

### Question Mark Surpasses Zeppelin to Hold Championship of World

### Engine Trouble Eliminated; Machine May Stay up Many Hours More

METROPOLITAN AIRPORT, Los Angeles, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The army monoplane Question Mark appeared, ground observers said, to be keeping its desired altitude without difficulty as it completed 113 hours of continuous flight at 11:28 o'clock this morning.

METROPOLITAN AIRPORT, Los Angeles, Jan. 5.—(AP)—A record of 112 hours of unceasing flight was reached by the army monoplane Question Mark at 11:26 tonight.

Major Spatz, commander, appeared cheerful and smiling as the plane was given 100 gallons of gas at 11 p. m., Lieutenant Irving Woodring of the refueling plane said.

Lieutenant A. C. Strickland, also aboard the refueling ship, said he peered through an opening in the floor of the fuselage and saw the engine exhaust of the Question Mark as it flew out a clear blue flame, indicating that the cylinder trouble previously reported by Major Spatz may have been only momentary.

Plane Limping Badly Earlier in Night METROPOLITAN AIRPORT, Los Angeles, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Limping with a number of missing engine cylinders the army monoplane Question Mark tonight at 10:56 o'clock exceeded the last official record for sustained flight of aircraft, that of the Graf Zeppelin.

The giant dirigible was in the air continuously for 111 hours and 20 minutes in its flight last fall from Friedrichshafen, Germany, to Lakehurst, N. J. The only record, unofficial, which had not been broken since then was the French dirigible Dixmude, which plunged into the sea after having been in the air an estimated 118 hours. At 10:56 tonight the Question Mark had been in the air 111 hours and 30 minutes.

Shortly before 11 p. m. tonight, the following message signed by Major Carl Spatz, commander, was dropped from the Question Mark: "Missing cylinders are not necessarily serious," H. J. Adamson, in charge of information at the airport said. "There is always a chance that they will pick up again, but it is risky at this stage of flight. We feel no great pessimism yet, however, hoping the plane can remain in the air until dawn, when the missing plugs can be replaced."

The refueling schedule was changed so that 100 gallons of gasoline will be given to the Question Mark at 1, 5, and 7 a. m. It received 100 gallons at 11 p. m.

Numerous Records Overtaken and Passed Droning steadily over peaceful San Fernando valley, its three motors operating as sweetly as New Year's morning when it took off on its epoch making flight, the army's Question Mark plane early tonight was establishing its time and absolute claim to supremacy of the air.

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## Annual Meeting Of City Council Will Be Monday

The annual meeting of Salem's city council, at which committees are appointed and officers serving under the council are elected, will be held Monday night at the city hall. This is also the biennial meeting, at which the old council turns over the reins of city government to the new council.

New members will be H. H. Vandivort succeeding Ed Schaefer, D. B. O'Hara succeeding Ken Keith, Randall, Ralph Thompson succeeding E. B. Grabenhorst, John B. Giesy succeeding B. E. Herrick and Chris Kowitz succeeding Carl B. Armprist. Mr. Giesy is still ill to take his seat. A possibility exists that George J. Wenzel, containing in place of George W. Thompson who died recently, will resign and that a new alderman for the long term in the fifth ward will be selected.

Indications were Saturday that all present officers would be re-elected, although there has been some mention of a contest for the office of city attorney.

## HOOVER PARTY TO REACH U. S. THIS MORNING

### Battleship Utah Scheduled to Arrive at Hampton Roads at 8 A. M.

### Formalities to be Eliminated Due to President-Elect's Request

U. S. S. UTAH, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Herbert Hoover will return to his homeland tomorrow from his history-making good-will tour of Latin America upon which he embarked from San Pedro, Cal., November 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoover will go aboard from the Utah at Old Point Comfort at 9:30 a. m., to board a special train for Washington where the president-elect will spend a week or ten days conferring with party leaders regarding cabinet and other appointments and policies of his administration.

This last day on the Utah was one of farewells, the president-elect and Mrs. Hoover having luncheon with senior officers in the ward room at noon and giving a party by way of adieu to officers and newspaper correspondents on the upper deck this afternoon.

Boston baked beans and brown bread had a prominent place on the menu of the luncheon, this dish especially appealing to Mr. Hoover.

Encountered by Ship After a cloudy morning the Utah ran into bright sunshine in mid-forenoon with wind and sea behind her slightly hastening her pace. By mid-afternoon the skies cleared and the wind freshened, kicking up enough sea to give the Utah a considerable roll and pitch but not enough to make it uncomfortable for the president-elect. In mid-afternoon the big battleship was crossing the gulf stream north of Cape Hatteras and about 180 miles from her anchorage in the Virginia roadstead, which will be reached about 8 a. m.

It will require about an hour to transfer all the baggage from the ship to special baggage cars on the train and the Hoovers will remain aboard until this is completed but other members of the party will land immediately after arrival.

Formal Welcome Will be Eliminated There will be no salutes and no welcoming committee, state officials as the president-elect has requested elimination of ceremony at his landing.

Although the party has been given the courtesy of the port and was notified that no customs inspections will be made until Mr. and Mrs. Hoover made complete declaration of customs manifests of gifts and purchases in Central and South America countries they have visited on the tour.

Some of their gifts are almost priceless, particularly the arrival in England. Her appearance in the ecouncil at Sunbury-on-Thames is being awaited with much curiosity by those who are personally unacquainted with her.

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## MILLIONS CUT OFF BUDGET ESTIMATES

The expense of the Oregon state government for the biennium of 1929 and 1930, according to the state budget, made public Saturday night by Sam A. Koser, budget director, will be \$23,191,032, as compared to \$23,559,457 for the 1927-1928 biennium and \$24,456,346 for 1925 and 1926.

Of the estimate for 1929 and 1930 the sum of \$7,494,141 will come from license and other miscellaneous fees, leaving \$15,696,891 recommended to the legislature for appropriation. Of this latter amount \$6,854,466 will be by direct appropriation by the legislature; \$520,150 is fixed of continuing appropriations; \$1,952,273 millage levies within the 6 per cent limitation, and \$173,952 levied outside the 6 per cent limitation to pay interest on irrigation district interest bonds. This means that the only part of the total appropriation for which the legislature is directly responsible is the \$6,854,466.

The sources from which the money will be available are \$11,370,504 from the annual property tax for the two years paid by the counties into the state treasury, \$4,125,779 from various licenses, fees, special taxes, unused balances of the company will create \$500,000 wool spinning mill here. Construction will start Jan. 15. First installation of machinery, Jantzen said, will be a unit to take care of 600 pounds of yarn a day. Other units will be added later, he said, until a production of 3,000 to 4,000 pounds daily has been reached.

Portland to Get Big Jantzen Mill

PORTLAND, Jan. 5.—(AP)—C. C. Jantzen, secretary of the Jantzen Knitting Mills, today announced the company will erect a \$500,000 wool spinning mill here. Construction will start Jan. 15. First installation of machinery, Jantzen said, will be a unit to take care of 600 pounds of yarn a day. Other units will be added later, he said, until a production of 3,000 to 4,000 pounds daily has been reached.

## Tex Given Little Hope of Recovery In Latest Report

### Fight Promoter Has "Fighting Chance" to Live, Physicians Assert

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Tex Rickard's condition tonight appeared to increase in gravity when his resistance was lowered by the inroads of the peritonic infection which caused relapse after an operation for appendicitis.

The last official bulletin, issued by Dr. H. E. Adkins, attending physician, at 9:15 o'clock, stated that Rickard's condition virtually was the same as during the afternoon but that his resistance possibly has been lowered.

Following a consultation an hour earlier with Dr. Henry Craig Fleming, Mrs. Rickard's personal physician, who flew here from Palm Beach to lend his aid to the promoter's battle, Dr. Adkins said that Rickard had "a fighting chance for life."

Rickard's temperature remained at 103 but the pulse rate had increased from 132 to 140 since 4 p. m.

Presence in the sick room of his wife's physician seemed to cheer Rickard, it was said, and was taken as a good omen.

Mrs. Rickard maintained her watch by the bedside of her husband all day and early tonight, but Maxine, three-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rickard, came to Washington to confer on this question among others.

How's baby Maxine getting along? Walter Fields, close personal friend of the Hoovers, (Turn to page 6, please)

## FACTIONS LINING UP FOR ARMY MEETING

### Preparations Made for Quick Action Sunbury Gathering on Tuesday

LONDON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—An informal meeting of members of the high council of the Salvation army who are here to decide at a session beginning Tuesday whether General Bramwell Booth is to continue as commander-in-chief, was held today and cleared the way for quick action at the official assembly. A high official told the Associated Press tonight that the issues were now clearly defined.

No member of the Booth family attended the preliminary gathering, Catherine Booth was understood to be with her mother in the cottage at Southwell where the General lies ill. Evangeline Booth, commander of the army in the United States and its possessions, remained at her hotel interview.

This is a task to which commander Eva has been giving an average of 14 hours daily. She has been secluded from reporters and all unofficial visitors since her arrival in England. Her appearance in the ecouncil at Sunbury-on-Thames is being awaited with much curiosity by those who are personally unacquainted with her.

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## FARM LEADERS AWAIT ARRIVAL OF MR. HOOVER

### Word Sought as to Next President's Attitude on McNary Measure

### Legislation Held up Pending Conferences at National Capital

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Congressional leaders looked forward today to the approaching visit here of Herbert Hoover for an answer as to whether farm relief is to be pressed at Florida or deferred to the extra session promised by the president-elect.

It is the verdict of the leaders that unless Mr. Hoover next week gives definite word that he is for the McNary bill now before the senate, no legislation can be enacted at this time and an extra session, probably this spring, is consequently unavoidable. They are going to put the question to Mr. Hoover during his stay here.

The president-elect is understood to have received code messages from Washington imploring him, to indicate his wishes on the pending farm relief bill which has received endorsement of the Coolidge administration and it is believed here that he changed his plans to go direct to Florida to come to Washington to confer on this question among others.

As Mr. Hoover approached the capital today, a republican stalwart, Senator Jones of Washington, issued a statement in which he lined up with Senators Borah of Idaho, and Brookhart of Iowa, for a postponement of the farm relief question to an extra session this spring after the new administration takes office.

With these three republicans, all strong Hoover men in the campaign, standing pat against farm relief until the new president goes into power, leaders declared flatly that no farm relief legislation would be undertaken now unless Mr. Hoover himself gives the word for the pending McNary bill.

Chairman McNary of the Senate Agriculture committee, has (Turn to Page 7, Please.)

## Rushlight Heads Multnomah Body In Legislature

PORTLAND, Jan. 5.—(AP)—A. C. Rushlight, member of the house, will be permanent chairman of the Multnomah county delegation in the 1929 session of the state legislature which convenes January 14. At an informal meeting of the delegation today Rushlight was the unanimous choice.

Joe F. Singer, who has served continuously as sergeant-at-arms of the house for the past 20 years was named to act in the same capacity for the Multnomah delegation.

## Noted Envoy III



Myron T. Herrick, 74, United States ambassador to France, has been reported near death at his estate outside of Cleveland, following an attack of bronchitis several days ago. Oxygen was rushed to the stricken diplomat in a final effort to save his life.

## AMERICAN NATIONS SIGN PEACE PACTS

### Sweeping Provisions for Arbitration and Conciliation Are Approved

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Sweeping treaties of conciliation and arbitration for the Pacific settlement of future differences between American republics were signed here today by representatives of twenty states of the western hemisphere.

Gathered in Washington since December 10, the Pan-American conference on arbitration and conciliation concluded today its labors and also looked back upon steps to reconcile the Bolivia and Paraguay boundary dispute.

Before adjourning the parley Secretary Kellogg, its chairman, announced that brigadier-general Frank R. McCoy, supervisor of the Nicaragua election, would represent the United States on the international commission for the conciliation of the Paraguayan-Bolivian tangle which has been constituted under the good offices of the conference.

Only Argentina of all American republics was not represented at the conference. Delegates of all others agreed today to three documents, namely a general treaty of compulsory arbitration an unlimited treaty of conciliation, and a protocol of progressive arbitration by adherence to which countries could discard what reservations they might have made to the arbitration treaty at the time of signing.

## SALEM HAS FOURTH NORTHWEST OUTPUT

### Canned Goods Produced Here Would Make Solid Ribbon to Missouri

Salem canneries packed over one-fourth of the Oregon output of canned fruits and vegetables in 1928, and the Salem district packed about the same proportion of the entire northwest output, according to figures made available here Saturday. When the cold pack totals are included, it is believed that Salem's share will figure even higher in the total.

Of canned fruits and vegetables alone, the Salem canneries turned out approximately 1,400,000 cases which would amount to 33,000,000 cans of the ordinary size, and these cans if placed end to end would form a solid ribbon of canned goods from Salem to the Missouri river; would line the entire route followed by the wagon trains that brought Oregon's early settlers.

Oregon's canned fruit and vegetable pack amounted to 4,134,391 cases, of which 3,706,627 cases were of fruits. The increase from year to year may be shown in the fruit pack figures for the last ten years: 1919, 1,233,735; 1923, 1,823,465; 1925, 2,077,120; 1926, 2,201,403; 1927, 2,508,245.

Salem's share of this, not counting the plants in the adjacent territory in 1926 was about one million cases, and in 1927 was 1,100,000.

The entire northwest pack in 1928 was 8,560,785 cases, of which 7,550,529 were fruits. Pears take first place in Oregon's pack with 1,060,109 cases put in the last season; apples were next with 639,432, prunes third with 484,878, loganberries fourth with 463,587. Other fruits rank as follows:

Cherries, 346,921; strawberries, 233,81; blackberries, 222,137; raspberries, 132,081; jams, jellies and preserves, 59,496; gooseberries, 34,600; black raspberries, 31,273; rhubarb, 2,782; plums, 1,747; miscellaneous fruits, 3,061.

## Gas Price War To Spread Over Oregon, Belief

PORTLAND, Jan. 5.—(AP)—That the campaign of price slashing in the gasoline and oil trade in Portland will spread over the entire state within a few days, is the belief of several Portland retailers, although no confirmation of this can be had from authoritative sources. The dealers themselves offered no explanation to support their view.

## "Soup Kitchen" To Be Reopened

The Salvation Army is reopening its soup kitchen, which was operated until shortly before Christmas. It was announced Saturday by Captain Earl H. Williams. It will be in operation Monday. It was thought that there would be no further need for this service, but the "homeless man" situation has continued so acute that it was found necessary to resume it.

## Legion Seeking 700 By Tuesday

With membership standing at 585 Saturday night, the officers of Capital Post No. 9, American Legion, are planning an active campaign Monday and Tuesday in the hope of reaching the 700 mark by Tuesday night. When the regular post meeting will be held.

## Test Wells To Be Drilled in Search For Better Water

### First Experiment Will be Conducted Across Street From Oregon Linen Mills, Manager of Service Company Announces; Work to be Started This Week; Division Head Confers

Drilling will be started on test wells in an effort to solve the problem of a satisfactory water supply for Salem, early this week under the supervision of local officials of the Oregon-Washington Water Service company, it was learned Saturday night.

The first of these wells will be sunk in Rosedale Annex, directly across Madison street from the Oregon linen mills, it was stated by W. J. Helwick, local manager of the company. If this well does not give indication of a sufficient volume of water to be obtained in that location to supply the city's needs, others will be drilled elsewhere in and near Salem.

If after thorough experimentation it is found that wells will not solve the problem, the company then will proceed as rapidly as possible to install a filtration plant of the most approved type, it was announced.

Additional indication of the active interest which the water service company is taking in the problem of a satisfactory supply, was seen Saturday when J. T. Delaney, division manager of the California company, visited Salem and called upon members of the city council and other local residents to confer with respect to complaints that have been made.

Mr. Delaney mentioned the plans for drilling test wells, and told members of the city council that the company was planning to spend a considerable amount of money to improve the water supply here, but was not contemplating raising the rates.

He admitted freely that the water here is not satisfactory, but declared that it was an unfortunate condition under which the company plans to remedy as quickly as possible.

While the search for a better permanent supply is under way, the company will continue in its efforts to remedy the bad taste in the water now being furnished, Mr. Delaney said.

## Northcott Wants Women on Jury: State Unwilling

### Youth Believes He Can Appeal to Sympathy of Fair Sex at Trial

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Jan. 5. (AP)—Special Prosecutor Loyal C. Kelly announced today that he will not allow women to sit on the jury which will decide the fate of Gordon Stewart Northcott, whose trial for murder of three boys at his Wineville chicken ranch will be resumed here today.

"Sympathetic women" on the jury have been considered a strong point in the defense both by Northcott's defense counsel, and young Northcott himself, who today declared he plans to assume personal control of the court proceedings Monday.

"The nature of the evidence which it will be necessary to introduce during this trial is such that I will not impose jury duty in the case on any woman," Kelly said. He indicated that if a special venire of 30, called for Monday, includes women he will use his rights of preemptory challenge to exclude them.

Defense Not Satisfied With Men Jurors Savary from the start of the trial last Wednesday continually has voiced his dissatisfaction with the regular panel, which, by chance, was comprised exclusively of men. His plans to challenge most of the present panel, necessitating the calling of the special venire, were looked upon by court observers as constituting a definite effort to obtain women jurors.

Superior Judge George R. Freeman, trial judge, announced appointment of Dr. Newton Evans, nationally known pathologist of Loma Linda, Cal., and Dr. L. D. Whiting, noted bio-chemist of Los Angeles to act for the court in examination of physical evidence which the prosecution has indicated it plans to present, including bits of alleged human hair and bones.

Savary Requests Appointment of Group The naming of Dr. Evans and Dr. Whiting completes a commission of experts which was asked by Savary.

Attorney Savary, in a later statement, indicated that he personally was willing to acquiesce in Prosecutor Kelly's decision that the jury would be no place for women. He agreed with Kelly that the evidence would be of such a nature as to be trying to women jurors.

## FROZEN BODY OF LOST TRAPPER IS DISCOVERED

PENDLETON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The frozen body of Frank Shade, a trapper, was found today by a searching party 18 miles from Pilot Rock. Shade had left Pilot Rock Thursday to go over his trap line. He is believed to have become lost and to have gone to sleep when he sat down to rest.

## Relief for Girls Bereft By Fire at Monmouth Is Planned by Civic Groups

MONMOUTH, Ore., Jan. 5.—(Special)—Volunteer community service has outlined the five girls who escaped in their pajamas from the fire Tuesday night which destroyed the student home of Mrs. Minnie Mack, and resulted in the death of three women students of the normal.

Mrs. J. S. Landers, wife of the president of the school, took temporary charge of the relief movement and saw that the girls were provided with shoes, stockings, underclothing, dresses and galoshes. Coats have been loaned them, and many other articles have been hastily provided for their needs.

Those who got out of the building partly dressed, have had their wardrobes suitably supplemented. School books, notebooks and other school equipment was totally destroyed in the fire, and

these necessities have been furnished all of the destitute girls so that they will be able to enter school without delay. The Monmouth Civic club headed by Mrs. Landers, held a relief meeting this afternoon, at which time Dean Jessica Todd, Miss Laura J. Taylor and other authorities of the school collaborated with women of the town in forming an organized relief program.

Mayor H. W. Morlan and other city officials are actively cooperating, and the Monmouth Lions club, also in the foreground of the relief movement, will take definite action at its Tuesday noon luncheon. One of the girls who escaped from the fire, lost \$25 in cash, and another \$16. One thought she could not possibly continue in school, but her situation has been made more optimistic by the relief fund. (Turn to Page 5, Please.)

## Army Flyers Refuel Craft In Air



The most elaborately planned aerial endurance test in history got off to an auspicious start over Los Angeles with the initial refuelings of the army's tri-motored plane, Question Mark, 3,000 feet above the earth. Photo shows the big monoplane refueling from a smaller plane 15 feet above. Below, the Question Mark's crew: left to right, Major Carl Spatz, Capt. Ira Baker, Lieut. H. A. Belverson, Lieut. Elwood Quesada and Sgt. Roy Hoop.