

## QUESTION MARK CONTINUES FLIGHT

All Endurance Records Broken and Plane is Still Going Strong.

Los Angeles, Cal.—After breaking all endurance flight records for heavier-than-air craft, the Question Mark early Monday had more than doubled them. At 1:26 a. m. the army plane had been continuously on the wing for 138 hours.

The old refueling record, established by Belgians, was doubled when the Question Mark had been in the air 129 hours and 14 minutes at 7:40:46 a. m. Sunday and the German single load sustained flight record was doubled when the ship had been aloft 130 hours and 50 minutes at 6:16:45 p. m.

Missing cylinders in the three motors with which the giant army Fokker is powered at one time threatened to force the plane to earth, and at least once brought from Major Carl Spatz, commander of the flight, an order for all members of the crew to take their posts and prepare for the final glide to the airport.

For more than seven hours the ship was kept at an elevation of 4000 feet and within gliding distance of the field prepared for a forced landing, but shortly after 1 a. m. Monday the ailing engines apparently were readjusted, for the Question Mark took on a heavy load of gasoline and began a more courageous flight.

## RUSSIA ASKS FOR U. S. RECOGNITION

Paris.—One of the first problems of foreign policy that President-elect Hoover, on taking office, may be obliged to consider is that of the possible recognition of the soviet government by the United States.

Eleven years have now passed since the relations between the two countries were broken, and the United States today is the only great power which has not yet recognized new Russia, although it is true that Great Britain, after recognition, felt obliged to sever official intercourse.

Just now Russian diplomacy is unusually active. A new commercial treaty with Germany, highly advantageous for the latter, has been concluded. Trial balloons looking toward a new treaty with Great Britain have been launched.

Foreign Commissar Litvinoff, in a sensational speech, has once more delicately suggested that the time is approaching for American recognition, adding that the circumstances are favorable for a settlement by negotiation of outstanding differences.

Senator Bough has served notice that he intends soon to present a new motion in the senate for recognition of the soviet.

## JOBS ASSURED OREGON MEN

United States Employment Service Reports on Outlook.

Washington, D. C.—The labor department's forecast for Oregon in 1929, issued by Francis I. Jones, director general of the United States employment service, is reassuring the lumber, construction and agricultural industries of the state. Director-General Jones' predictions for Oregon are as follows:

"In spite of there having been considerable unemployment in the state throughout 1928 an optimistic outlook prevails for 1929. It is generally believed that there will be an increase of production in the lumber industry that probably will result in an increase in the demand for this class of labor.

"In most cities sufficient building has been planned to insure employment to the resident building mechanics.

Oiling of Highways Found Successful.

Salem, Or.—Oiling of Oregon's highways, which was started in a small way in 1923, has proved very successful, according to the biennial report of the state highway department which has been filed with Governor Patterson. "The oiling program began in a small way in 1923," read the report, "and has been continued until there are 1100 miles of oiled macadam and more than 100 miles of bituminous macadam in the state."

Old Films Collected by Bosworth.

Hollywood, Cal.—The first major step toward perpetuating the history of the motion picture industry was taken here when Hobart Bosworth, veteran film actor, presented the southwest museum with a pioneer motion picture collection.

Archbishop of Milan Is Dead.

Milan, Italy.—Cardinal Tosi, archbishop of Milan, died Monday. He was 65 years old and succeeded the present pope as archbishop of Milan.

## WILHELM MIKLAS



Wilhelm Miklas, who has succeeded Dr. Michael Hainisch as president of the republic of Austria. He is a member of the Clerical party and formerly was a school teacher.

## ALLOTMENT RECEIVED BY OREGON HARBORS

Washington, D. C.—A total of \$1,269,400, including \$600,500 for improvement and \$668,900 for maintenance, will be allotted to rivers and harbors handling Oregon commerce from the \$50,000,000 river and harbor item included in the war department bill reported to the house. Those figures include \$240,500 for improvement and \$62,500 for maintenance of the harbor at Crescent City, Cal., which will provide an important water outlet for southwest Oregon.

The Oregon allotments approved by the chief of engineers include \$355,000 for improvement of the Umpqua river and \$5000 for improvement of Tillamook bay and harbor.

The war department bill also will make available \$490,000 for additional construction at Fort Lewis, Wash., bringing the total amount appropriated and authorized for the building program there to \$2,242,000.

## CUT DEBT \$726,603,316

Balance in General Fund on Last Day of Year Just Ended \$269,543,963.

Washington, D. C.—A reduction of nearly three-quarters of a billion dollars in the gross indebtedness of the United States during the last year was reported by the treasury, which issued figures to show that the debt had dropped \$183,657,742 during the month of December.

The gross debt December 31, 1927, amounted to \$18,036,352,451, while last December 31 it totaled \$17,309,749,135, a decrease of \$726,603,316. November 30 the debt was \$17,493,408,877.

The balance in the general fund the last day of the year was \$269,543,963, while the month previous it had amounted to only \$91,026,728.

## Ford Makes Proposal to Egypt.

Cairo, Egypt.—The newspaper Hiasn says that the Egyptian government is examining a proposal of Henry Ford that he construct at his own expense a macadamized road of 250 kilometers in length (about 155 miles) anywhere in Egypt and undertake its upkeep. In exchange the Egyptian government would allow Ford cars to enter Egypt duty free.

## Trains Crash Head-On Near St. Louis.

East St. Louis, Ill.—One man was killed, another was missing and two others were seriously injured when two Baltimore & Ohio railroad trains met in a head-on collision two miles east of here. Railroad officials were unable to explain the causes of the crash.

## THE MARKETS

Portland  
Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, hard white, \$1.46; soft white, western white, \$1.13; hard winter, northern spring, \$1.08; western red, \$1.10.  
Hay—Alfalfa, \$22.50@23 ton; valley timothy, \$17@17.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$21.50@22; clover, \$17@17.50; oat, \$16@17; oats and vetch hay, \$18@18.50.  
Butterfat—50@52c.  
Eggs—Ranch, 32@36c.  
Cattle—Prime steers, \$11.50@12.50.  
Hogs—Medium to choice, \$7.75@9.25.  
Lamb—Good to choice, \$11.50@12.25.  
Seattle  
Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.14; hard winter, northern spring, bulk Montana No. 1, \$1.08; western red, \$1.10; Big Bend bluestem, \$1.46.  
Hay—Alfalfa, \$22; timothy, \$28.  
Butterfat—52c.  
Eggs—Ranch, 35@37c.  
Cattle—Prime steers, \$11.50@12.  
Hogs—Prime, \$9.40@9.50.  
Lamb—Choice, \$11.50@12.  
Spokane  
Hogs—Good and choice, \$9.35.  
Cattle—Good, \$9.25@10.

## OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

The 7,489,338 feet of lumber and logs exported from Coos Bay in December brought the year's business to 101,408,942 feet for the year 1928.

The Hult sawmill and planer shed at Lowell were destroyed by fire early Saturday morning. The loss was quite heavy, but the mill will be rebuilt at once.

There are now 20 members of the Coos County Egg association with an aggregate ownership of 12,000 hens, a considerable increase in the last few months.

Schools in the Umapine district of Umatilla county have been closed and all public gatherings prohibited, several cases of scarlet fever being reported.

Dates for the annual state convention of the Elks' lodge, which will be held in Klamath Falls this year, were set for July 17, 18, 19 and 20 by the Klamath lodge.

The Terminal Ice & Cold Storage company has started construction of a \$31,000 building at Salem which, when completed, will double the company's capacity.

Operating with trucks equipped with miniature derricks, cattle rustlers are inflicting heavy losses on central Oregon stockmen, according to information from Bend.

The state highway commission has awarded a contract to the W. H. Puckett company of Boise, Idaho, for grading 15.5 miles of the Central Oregon highway for \$102,225.

William M. Paynton, who farms near Wingville in Baker county, suffered a \$3000 loss last week when fire destroyed his poultry houses and burned more than 500 laying hens.

Roy E. Cannon, Multnomah county superintendent of schools, was elected president of the Oregon County School Superintendents' association at its annual convention held in Salem.

Jail records at Klamath Falls reveal that 534 prisoners have been jailed during the year 1928, a record year in the history of the city. In 1927 469 prisoners were incarcerated.

Mrs. Mary Robinson Gilkey, the first white child born in Yamhill county, is still living and enjoying excellent health on the same farm near Dayton upon which she was born 82 years ago.

Judge Fee of the circuit court at Pendleton has ordered a final payment of 10 per cent to depositors of the failed Bank of Stanfield. This will bring the total dividends to 85 per cent.

While members of the family were absent from their home in Baker recently burglars backed a truck up to the rear door of J. H. Sullivan's house and carried away everything that was movable.

James Force and his wife of Riddle suffered serious injuries when their car skidded, due to icy pavement, and rolled off the highway grade at Dilard, while on their way to Coos Bay to attend a wedding.

The state land department transferred to the state treasurer during the month of December a total of \$130,360.92, according to a report prepared in Salem by George G. Brown, clerk of the state land board.

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company will expend \$305,000 in improvements in Salem during 1929, according to announcement made by officials. The improvements include a new telephone exchange building.

Possibility that the Pabst Brewing company will select the Willamette valley as the location for a plant to manufacture a special product for the treatment of diabetes, was announced by C. E. Wilson, secretary of the Salem chamber of commerce.

The dam at the Snellstrom Brothers sawmill at Vaughn, 24 miles west of Eugene, broke last week, according to word received in Eugene. A large volume of water swept the little mill town, carrying away five small houses, but no one was killed or injured.

David W. Laughlin, who died recently at Carlton, crossed the plains from Missouri in 1850 and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. His brother, J. D. Laughlin, still resides upon the donation land claim near Yamhill upon which they settled in 1850.

When the export volume of Portland's water-borne commerce for 1928 was cast up at the close of business December 31 by the Merchants' Exchange, there was shown to have been 350,460,978 feet of lumber cleared for foreign ports, with a valuation of \$7,682,635, while the 1927 export lumber business measured 325,327,939 feet at \$7,062,246. General cargo dispatched during the year for offshore destinations represented a combined value of \$11,356,804 while in 1927 general cargo sent abroad was valued at \$10,159,946.

Raymond Moore, 29, garage employe, was dead and his nephew Clyde Moore, 23, was in custody after a wild flight through the hills as a result of the discharge of a rifle in the hands of the nephew during a tussle with the uncle. The shooting occurred at Radio park, 18 miles from Grants Pass.

The Southern Oregon Sales company, prominent fruit buying, selling and packing concern of Medford, announces that it will start work February 1 on the construction of a cold storage and packing plant to cost \$100,000. It will be one of the largest plants of the kind in the state.

Linn county has increased its equipment by nearly \$10,000 during the last year, the inventory for 1928 shows. Value of machinery owned by the county now is \$133,134.15. Last year's inventory showed county equipment valued at \$123,156.50. The equipment consists chiefly of gravel plants, rock crushers and road machinery.

The Clatsop tax roll for collection in 1929 will amount to \$2,112,992.64, according to figures announced at the county assessor's office in Astoria. The roll is \$71,501.03 less than that collected during 1928. Although the roll totals less millage, levies are generally higher in view of valuation reductions amounting to \$2,000,000.

Linn county market roads built during the last season cost \$527.40 a mile, whereas the average market road cost throughout the state is more than \$6000, according to C. H. Leonard, county engineer, in his report to the state highway commission. The report states that 19 1/2 miles of market road were built at a total cost of \$102,541.32.

While the combined business carried by 195 stock fire insurance companies and their 65 subsidiaries, operating in Oregon, showed a gain of \$9,000,000 in 1927 as compared with 1926, approximately 75 stock life insurance companies showed a gain of \$33,680,026.94 in outstanding risks at the close of 1927 over the same period of the preceding year.

Roseburg's building record for 1928 was the best in the city's history, except for the year of 1925. The total amount was \$439,165, which was only \$72,000 less than the city's banner year. The new court house, now in process of construction, and the medical arts building, for which the contract was only recently let, constituted the two major projects of the year.

Inheritance tax in the amount of \$700,212.58 was collected by the state inheritance tax department during the year 1928, according to announcement made by T. B. Kay, state treasurer. The state treasurer administers the inheritance tax law. The income from inheritance tax during 1928 was \$83,000 in excess of that collected in any one year in the history of the department.

Poultrymen of eastern Oregon will meet in Pendleton on January 11 to hear the report of a poultry survey made by the Oregon Agricultural college for the part of the state east of the Cascade range. The college was asked to make the report early in the fall when poultrymen met there to draw up a plan whereby they could take advantage of the new "pick up" or "in transit" freight rate offered by the Union Pacific.

Friday and Saturday, February 1 and 2, have been set aside for the dedication of the newest addition to Linfield's campus, Melrose hall. At that time Baptists, the people of McMinnville and the college will join hands in the opening of a building which is the initial movement toward a series of new buildings which will include a library, a chapel, commons building, dormitories, a new gymnasium, a new science hall and a new music hall.

Joe Miller of Alder slope has been chosen head of the Wallowa County Marketing association, formed at Enterprise recently. There are six other directors, with one of them acting as secretary-treasurer. Information from the county agent shows that during the two months co-operative shipping has been done from the county, more than \$60,000 worth of hogs alone have been marketed by the farmers of the county, as well as a considerable number of sheep and cattle.

Legislation providing relief from depredations by dogs among sheep in Oregon is the purpose of a movement started in Albany by local sheep owners, who complain that their losses are constantly growing greater. In Linn county proceeds from dog licenses during 1928 totaled \$3112.35, while claims for sheep losses have already far exceeded this amount. During 1927 dog licenses yielded \$2843, while claims were nearly \$6000, leaving sheep owners to bear half their losses.

The land settlement report of the Oregon chamber of commerce from January 1, 1928 to January 1, 1929, includes the following information: Number of inquiries received, 12,123; signed questionnaires returned, 735; number stating they were coming to Oregon to locate, 667; with specified capital investment of \$1,875,223; letters mailed out, \$1,723; pieces of literature mailed out, 25,920; callers at office, 2,618; new settlers reported, 457; investment, \$2,123,316.50 and acreage 387,031.

## O. A. LARROZOLO



O. A. Larrozo, elected to the United States senate from New Mexico to complete the term of the late Senator A. A. Jones.

## TARIFF REVISION TASK STUPENDOUS

Washington, D. C.—The stupendous legislative task of readjusting the nation's tariff structure got under way Monday when the house ways and means committee opened hearings on the more than 10,000 items that make up the 1922 act, at present in effect.

When the job will be completed is a matter of conjecture, although it is certain to come in the Hoover administration. In times past it has taken from nine months to more than a year to write new tariff laws, but republican leaders are agreed that only a small proportion of the items will need to be changed now and are emphatic in correcting the impression that a widespread general revision is contemplated.

On this basis, Chairman Hawley, of the ways and means committee, believes he will have a new bill ready by the middle of April. Some democrats, however, have warned against haste in preparation of the measure, declaring it would lead to an unscientific law.

The hearing Monday opened on the first schedule in the 1922 act, which will form the foundation for the re-adjustment.

## BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

In spite of a restless day, King George's condition remains unchanged, says a bulletin issued by his majesty's physicians.

A commission appointed to study the possibility of constructing a tunnel 20 miles in length under the Strait of Gibraltar has returned a favorable report. The cost was estimated at \$48,000,000.

The Chinese nationalist government has decided to appropriate \$5,000,000 Mexican annually from expected revenues resulting from the new tariff for purposes of reorganization of domestic and foreign loans.

The high council of the Salvation Army held an informal meeting in London and cleared the ground for action at the big conference to be held at Sunbury. Evangeline Booth, the American commander, was not at the meeting.

Pope Pius received a delegation of Roman nobility at Rome, headed by Prince Marcantonio Colonna. The visitors presented New Year's greetings and congratulated the pontiff on the sacerdotal jubilee which was celebrated throughout the world.

## Beetles "Rob" Indians of \$2,250,000.

Klamath Falls, Or.—Millions of tiny pine beetles have stolen \$2,250,000 worth of timber from the Klamath Indian tribe during the last six years. An exhaustive survey made by J. E. Patterson, entomologist connected with the United States bureau of entomology, reveals that beetles have destroyed approximately 450,920,000 feet, which, if figured at a reasonable rate of \$5 a thousand, brings the total loss to \$2,259,600 since 1922.

## Air Mail Rate to Change.

Washington, D. C.—Assistant Postmaster-General Glover, in charge of air mail, has announced that the department was preparing for a general readjustment of rates paid to holders of air mail contracts. All contractors carrying air mail for a period of more than two years will be summoned to Washington for conference.

## Jugo-Slavia King in Full Control.

Belgrade, Jugo-Slavia.—The Jugo-Slavian constitution was suspended and its chamber of deputies dissolved by royal decree. All laws of the land will remain in force unless modified by royal decree. The decree followed a cabinet crisis last week in the course of which the government of Anton Koroshetz resigned January 2.

## HOOVER RETURNS TO WASHINGTON

President-Elect Arrives from Goodwill Tour; Will Hold Conferences.

Washington, D. C.—President-elect Hoover returned to Washington, D. C., from his Latin-American goodwill tour to find himself enveloped in a maelstrom of political discussion involving cabinet appointments, an extra session of congress, farm relief, tariff revision and a score of other matters that figured in his campaign.

Arriving at Old Point Comfort, Va., at 8 a. m. Sunday on the battleship Utah from Rio de Janeiro, the last port of call in South America, the president-elect came to Washington on a special train and immediately arranged to open temporary headquarters Monday at the Mayflower hotel, where he began a series of conferences with republican party leaders.

While Mr. Hoover had only one specific engagement—that with Senator Burton of Ohio—he planned to make an early personal report to President Coolidge on his Latin-American trip.

Mr. Hoover spent much of Monday acquainting himself with the whole domestic situation as it has developed during his two months' absence from the country. However, his close associates have flatly declared that he will offer no suggestions concerning problems before this congress, as he holds it highly improper for a president-elect to undertake to interfere in any way with legislative matters pending during the administration of his predecessor in office.

## AMERICAN COUNTRIES SIGN PEACE TREATIES

Washington, D. C.—Sweeping treaties of conciliation and arbitration for the pacific settlement of future differences between American republics were signed here Saturday by representatives of 20 states of the western hemisphere.

Gathered in Washington since December 10, the Pan-American conference on arbitration and conciliation concluded its labors and also looked back upon steps taken 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 Nicaraguan election, would represent the United States on the international commission for the conciliation of the Paraguayan-Bolivian tangle, which had been constituted under the good offices of the conference.

Only Argentina, of all American republics, was not represented at the conference. The delegates of all others agreed 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.

## TEX RICKARD IS DEAD

Noted Sportsman Succumbs Following Operation on his Appendix.

Miami Beach, Fla.—Death claimed George L. (Tex) Rickard, New York sports promoter.

He succumbed in a hospital here Sunday morning to complications which set in after an operation for the removal of his appendix New Year's night.

Mrs. Rickard, Jack Dempsey, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Field of New York, Dr. E. H. Adkins and two nurses were at the bedside when the maker of champions passed away.

He was stricken Tuesday at his home, but was not removed to a hospital until that night when physicians diagnosed his illness as acute appendicitis. An immediate operation was performed.

Rickard showed improvement and was pronounced on the road to recovery until Friday night when he suffered a relapse and peritonitis infection developed.

## Dry Law Inquiry Urged.

Washington, D. C.—Two senators, Jones of Washington, a dry, and Edge of New Jersey, a wet, appeared to have reached an agreement on a resolution to invite Herbert Hoover, after he becomes president, to appoint a commission of citizens to investigate prohibition. Both have offered resolutions asking investigation of conditions under the 18th amendment.

## Mid-West Blizzard Kills 11 People.

Kansas City, Mo.—Frigid temperatures descended on the middle west and southwest Sunday on the heels of the worst storm of the season, which lashed the regions Saturday night and brought death to at least 11 persons.