

The Weather
 Forecast—Fair, and moderate temperature.
 Maximum today 76
 Minimum yesterday 49
 Daily—Twenty-third Year
 Weekly—Fifty-seventh Year

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MEDFORD, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1928.

Weather Year Ago
 Maximum 84
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Today

By Arthur Brisbane

East Goes West and V. V. Annoying Holdup. Tornado Exaggeration. No Pineapples, Please.

Monday, Mr. Hoover from California was telling the east why it should vote to retain and increase Republican prosperity. Governor Smith from New York was on his way west to tell farmers why they should put out Republicans and put Democrats in.

Many speeches about prohibition, nullification, as Republicans call it, modification, as Democrats call it.

Much whispering and loud talking about religion. But the real issue is PROS. PELTY.

Once workmen talked about the full dinner pail. Now they talk about the full pocketbook.

The job of Democrats is to convince the public that the national pocketbook will expand, and national savings increase more rapidly under Democratic than under Republican rule. Nothing else really counts.

A lady bandit adds annoying features to the holdup industry.

Twelve gentlemen were playing poker in Brooklyn, a policeman among them. Violent sobbing at the door, a woman in distress. The poker players open, and hear "Stiek 'em up" — two men pointing automatics stand behind the sobbing young lady. She points one automatic steadily while her friends collect pocketbooks and jewelry, \$5000 in cash.

Then to facilitate the "get-away" the young lady of the sobbs and automatic told the 12 gamblers, "Drop your trousers to your knees." They obeyed hastily, leaving them hobbled. Any man can appreciate their predicament. Lady and hold-up partners left in their automobile. That is now.

If you have made any winter plans about Florida, don't let any news reports, accurate or exaggerated, influence you. There are no tornadoes in Florida in winter.

For information about "terrible tornado in Florida" comes in this dispatch from Peter O. Knight, one of the ablest lawyers in Florida.

"Tampa, Fla., Sept. 17. News dispatches sent out from Florida concerning so-called hurricane positively malicious and criminal. The velocity of wind in Tampa has not exceeded 30 miles per hour. No damage here whatever and damage to entire state negligible. Please give this publicity." — Peter O. Knight.

A typhoon in China has killed many, and many houses destroyed. We pay little attention; it is too far away. In the Virgin Islands thousands are homeless. That is nearer home but leaves us cold. A majority of us don't know where the Virgin Islands are.

The sugar crop of Porto Rico is safe. THAT interests us. Sugar might go up. Coffee growers suffer heavy losses. That interests us. It may mean dearer coffee.

Judge Jarecki, of Chicago, says that city will enlist men to guard the polls in November. He doesn't want any more "inapple politics." "Pineapple," you know, is Chicago's playful euphemism for an explosive bomb.

If pineapples only were used in the Chicago campaign it wouldn't be so bad. But automatics, machine guns and brass knuckles added to

HOMELESS, STARVING, THEY RIOT

Porto Rico Storm Refugees Loot Stores for Food—People Deep in Despair—Relief Work Under Way, As Suicide Increase—Fag End of Hurricane Hits Gotham.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Sept. 19.—(AP)—With reports of food rioting current, nine companies of the Porto Rican National Guard today were patrolling 23 towns of the island. The guardsmen were called out by Governor Horace M. Towne after reports became prevalent that in several towns devastated by the tropical hurricane starving people had stormed and looted stores.

Instructions were also issued to 25 volunteer reserve officers to proceed throughout the island, delivering emergency supplies, delivering the inhabitants of relief plans and surveying the needs. Governor Towne in a radio message to the war department last night stated there was "no disorders anywhere" and there was "absolutely no necessity for martial law."

Henry M. Baker, national director of disaster relief for the American Red Cross, stated that food riots were increasing. Mayors of a dozen towns in appealing for aid, informed him that the people of their towns would mob them if they returned empty-handed. They begged for something, either money or food, to take back with them. The mayors said their people were in a desperate plight and were plunged in despair because of lack of relief.

Mr. Baker arrived with five assistants on the United States destroyer Glimmer and they at once plunged into the work of organizing relief measures. With about one-third of the island and heard from the list of known dead stood at 214. Bodies of parties found, however, that reports which came through from various sections tended to confirm first estimates of a death toll of 1,000 and a property loss of \$100,000,000.

In many instances it seemed probable no reports of deaths would come to the authorities. Pedro N. Moritz, health commissioner, said that in the country many of the dead were buried where their bodies were found and no attempt was made to inform the authorities.

San Juan police found evidence of the prevalence of the grief and despair in a sudden wave of suicides. Within 24 hours four persons killed themselves and four others attempted to take their own lives.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 19.—(AP)—Portions of the inlet section were flooded, trees were uprooted, signs and wires torn from their fastenings and windows smashed by the fall of the West Indian hurricane which has been lashing this city during the past 18 hours. The wind, which attained a maximum velocity of 72 miles an hour this morning, had dropped to 60 miles an hour at noon.

In the inlet section many streets were covered with water ranging from six to 18 inches in depth. Some houses have been flooded.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—(AP)—A tide three feet above normal was recorded today at noon at the Battery, southern tip of Manhattan island. A stiff northeast wind was blowing and rain was falling.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Sept. 19.—(AP)—Relief workers estimated today that 100 or more persons joy their lives in the tropical hurricane that swept over the late Oklawaha district Sunday. Deaths in the east coast communities were not expected to exceed 10, they said.

Surveys showed that the lake town of Palmetto paid heaviest toll, relief workers saying the dead there at 200 and at Belle Glade, 11 miles south, 80 were known dead, but all the bodies had not been recovered.

Relief workers reported 30 bodies found in or near Moorehaven and that 15 bodies had been taken to a morgue at Oklawaha. Rescue and relief parties were organized last night. Food, clothing, medicine and drinking water were badly needed and shelter was scant.

Captain Sam F. Baker of Fort Lauderdale, assisted by members of the American Legion, had taken charge at Pahokee where emergency hospitals have been established and four physicians and three nurses from here were on duty. More than 50 whites and 150 negroes were the injured under their care. Hundreds of negroes, many ill, wandered in there yesterday.

SEARCHING "MURDER FARM" FOR BODIES SLAIN BOYS



A shovel squad recruited from Los Angeles and Riverside county police authorities engaged in digging up the Cyrus G. Northcott chicken ranch for traces of the four boys murdered there.

COOLIDGES OFF FOR HOME STATE INSPECTION TRIP

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Accompanied by Mrs. Coolidge and Attorney General Stewart, President Coolidge will leave Washington tonight for a two day trip to his native state of Vermont during which he will inspect the state's recovery from its flood of last year.

On his way to Vermont the chief executive will make an hour's stop at Northampton, Mass., tomorrow morning for a visit to Mrs. Leonard Goodhue, Mrs. Coolidge's mother, at the hospital where she has been ill since last winter.

Stops of only a few minutes will be made by the president at Brattleboro, Bellows Falls, Windsor, White River Junction, Bethel, and Montpelier Junction before arriving at Burlington where he and Mrs. Coolidge will detain again and plan to place flowers on the tomb of Captain Andrew I. Goodhue, Mrs. Coolidge's father. At Montpelier Junction Governor Weeks of Vermont will board the train and accompany the chief executive for the rest of the trip in his state.

SEEK RECEIVER OF FALSE TELEGRAM

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 19.—(AP) Johnson Brown, 23, started for Yuma, Ariz., Sept. 7, after receiving an urgent message purporting to come from his brother, Ray, and has not been heard from since. Police were asked today to search for him.

"Come to Yuma, Ariz., at once. He there Saturday night or all is lost," read a telegram which Johnson Brown received at Pullman, Wash. He and Basil Gilliam sped to Portland by auto, and Johnson took a train for Yuma.

Ray Brown said he was in Huntington, Ore., the day the message was sent, and that he had not been in Yuma since 1917. Johnson Brown had \$300 in cash when he left here, and was to have telegraphed Gilliam on his arrival at Yuma.

BLIND GUEST OF LEGION ON WAY

PARIS, Sept. 19.—(AP) Major Georges Scaplin, a blind war veteran and a member of the French chamber of deputies, today started for the United States to attend the American Legion convention at San Antonio where he will be a guest of honor.

The major, who is a leader in the movement for rehabilitation of soldiers blinded in the war, was invited to attend by the American Legion as a special representative of the French people.

While in the United States he will lecture at several universities.

AL TO SPEAK NEAR STATUE OF CARRIE

WICHITA, Kan., Sept. 19.—(AP)—A memorial to Carrie Nation, famous temperance crusader, faces the speakers' stand being prepared for Governor Smith's reception at the Union station here Friday.

NO DANGER FOR 2 MONTHS OF RAIL WALK OUT

CHICAGO, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Representatives of 55 western railroads and 79,000 trainmen and conductors now look to President Coolidge to expedite a settlement of wage differences between them.

The federal board of mediation, which has been attempting to reconcile opposing demands of the unions and railway officials for the past week, announced yesterday that no adjustment of wages and the working rule had been reached.

No definite official action can be taken for two months, officials explained, although the trainmen and conductors have voted in favor of a strike. If President Coolidge should intervene and appoint a fact-finding commission, under the railway labor act, the special board would have 30 days to investigate and report. If such a report were made, the unions would be compelled to wait another 30 days before acting. If the president should decide to refrain from taking a hand, the unions might act at once.

HOONOLULU FATHER PAYS RANSOM, BUT STOLEN BOY KEPT

HONOLULU, T. H., Sept. 19.—(AP)—Honolulu police today were set upon the trail of the kidnapers of Gill Jamieson, 10-year-old son of Frederick Jamieson, vice-president of the Hawaiian Trust company, after the father had reported giving the abductors \$1000 in an unsuccessful attempt to ransom the boy.

Young Jamieson was taken from his school yesterday when a man reported to the teacher that the youth's mother had been injured in an accident and desired him to return home at once. That the youth had been abducted was revealed later in the day when the father received a note demanding \$10,000 and threatening death to the boy if the ransom were not paid.

The banker obeyed the abductor by refusing to take police into his confidence and last night went alone to a rendezvous requested by the kidnapers. Shortly before midnight he telephoned Mrs. Jamieson that he had met a man at a designated place downtown and that he had given the abductor \$1000 on the promise that the boy would be restored to him at once.

Jamieson said the man took the \$1000, disappeared in a crowd listening to a band concert, and failed to return with the boy.

Baseball Scores

BOSTON, Sept. 19.—(AP) Cincinnati at Boston, two games postponed, rain. Double header to morrow.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 19.—(AP) Philadelphia-Philadelphia postponed, rain. Double header Saturday.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—(AP) Chicago-New York game postponed, rain.

No other national and no American games scheduled for today.

AGED THIEF HELD AS PILFERER OF CHURCH POOR BOX

SPOKANE, Sept. 19.—(AP)—A plan to loot all the Roman Catholic and Episcopal churches in Spokane was thwarted today when a sturdy Catholic priest caught the robber in the act, chased him and brought him to the police station, officers reported.

The Rev. Father John Cronin, St. Augustine's church, surprised C. A. Moser, 60, of Portland, Ore., as he was robbing the poor box of the church, the father said.

Moser fled when the father and Tom Cosgrave, church engineer, chased him about, but father Cronin got into his automobile caught up with the alleged robber, and stopped him.

The priest drove to the police station with one arm around the neck of the man whom he said was stealing from the poor. Police searched Moser and found a list, they said, of all Catholic and Episcopal churches in the city. The names of St. Aloysius and our lady of Lourdes cathedral had been checked off.

Moser admitted entering these churches and robbing the poor boxes. Chief of Detectives E. G. Miles said, and further confessed that he procured the list for the purpose of making the rounds of the poor boxes. Moser was booked on a charge of state vagrancy.

QUELL CONVICTS WITH TEAR GAS

BALTIMORE, Md., Sept. 19.—(AP)—Tear gas bombs were used to quell about 200 "striking" prisoners in Maryland penitentiary who today broke out in revolt. They barricaded themselves in their cells with chains stripped from their coats and hurled bottles and chairs at Warden Patrick Brady and guards.

Gas bombs were turned on rebellious prisoners at one end of the west wing of the prison when they refused to remove their barricades. The guards subdued the rioters in that section quickly and the same treatment was to be given the others if they refused to break their barricades.

VOTING MACHINES PUT UNDER BAN

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 19.—(AP)—Voting machines will not be used at the November election in Multnomah county. The county commissioners today instructed County Clerk Beverage to return to the ballot box method in all precincts. Length of the ballot was the reason given.

The county purchased a number of voting machines which were used in the larger precincts at the primary in May.

BYRD POLAR SHIP FORCED TO RETURN

PANAMA, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Having developed engine trouble shortly after sailing for Dunedin, New Zealand, en route to the Antarctic, the City of New York, supply ship of Commander Richard E. Byrd's south polar expedition, was returned to port today.

TEXAS FOES OF AL CALL ON HOOVER

Invite Him to Make Speech Lone Star State Declared in Revolt Against Smith, and in Doubtful Column — Anti-Smith Leaders Hopeful.

By JAMES L. WEST Associated Press Staff Writer WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—(AP)—An appeal to Herbert Hoover to carry his campaign to Texas was made today by Thomas B. Love, former Democratic national committee man for that state, and a delegation of Texas Democrats who called on the Republican presidential candidate at his headquarters.

"We assured him that Texas is a doubtful state and that he could carry it if he would make a speech there," said Love for the visitors. "None of us ever has voted for any presidential candidate other than a Democratic one before."

"The Texas Democrats are in open revolt against Al Smith. We still are Democrats, but are for Hoover."

Those with Love included Cato Sells of Fort Worth, another former Democratic national committee man; Marshall Hicks of San Antonio, former Democratic state chairman; Alvin S. Moody of Houston, chairman of the anti-Smith Democratic organization of Texas; O. R. Colquitt of Dallas, former governor, and D. J. Sandifer of Abilene, president of Simmons university.

In the party also were three Republicans—R. E. Creager of Brownsville, national committee man for Texas; Henry Swefel of Fort Worth, a member of the state executive committee, and R. H. Renfro of Brownsville.

The Texans were with Hoover for nearly half an hour and gave him a full report on the situation in their state. There was no announcement as to whether the Republican standard bearer would go to Texas.

Love was one of those to organize the movement against Smith in the Lone Star state and has been actively campaigning in that state against the Democratic nominee since the Houston convention.

A report of recent developments in the Tennessee political arena was given to Hoover by Will Taylor, national committee man for that state, and a group of Republican leaders. Taylor said that disturbances in the party ranks were being replaced by a harmony which he predicted would give the state's electoral vote to Hoover in November by a majority of 50,000 votes.

"The farm problem in the south is different from that in the middle west and promises which will satisfy the western farmer will not be adequate for the southern producer," he said.

"Prohibition and immigration are vital issues in the campaign in Tennessee. The state is dry and the high percentage of American born citizens in the state causes them to look with disfavor upon any move which would open too widely the immigration gates."

Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick, nominee for congress woman at large from Illinois, who called upon Hoover at his headquarters, urged the Republican nominee to speak in Chicago on his return trip to California to vote. Mrs. McCormick, who recently completed a campaign tour in the southern part of her state, declared that more women are turning out for the Republican political meetings in Illinois than in any previous year during her political experience and are forming from 40 to 60 per cent of the attendance at almost every such gathering.

Wire Report on the Pear Market

CHICAGO, Sept. 19.—(AP)—(C. R. D. A.)—Five cars Illinois, 7 California, 2 New York, 5 Washington, 7 Oregon, 1 Idaho received; 21 cars diverted, 25 California cars on the track, 37 others on track; 13 cars sold; 2500 boxes California Bartlett, \$2.35 to \$1.25, average \$3.70; 1000 boxes California Bartlett, \$2.20 to \$2.60, average \$2.70; 105 boxes Winter Nellis, \$2.75 to \$2.85; Oregon Bartlett, 752 boxes fancy \$2.65 to \$2.30, average \$2.55; 216 boxes fancy, \$3.50 to \$3.40, average \$3.55; Washington Bartlett, 522 boxes extra fancy, \$2.60 to \$2.85, average \$2.55; 309 boxes fancy, \$1.60 to \$2.30, average \$2.00.

PHILLY POLICE BOOTLEG GRAFT UNION WANING

Five Detectives Indicted for Taking Bribe, and High Official Disappears—More Arrests Due in Underworld Cleanup.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 19.—(AP) With five city detectives, a policeman and a member of a "Saloonkeepers' Protective Association" under heavy bail on charges of conspiracy, extortion and bribery, District Attorney Blough today said today that the "first-line" defenses of the police-bootleg graft alliance are beginning to crumble.

Other developments growing out of the special grand jury's investigation of bootlegging, gang murders and underworld activities generally, included the suspension of two police captains, John J. Kerns and William Frantz, by Superintendent of Police Mills, who asserted that they had failed to fully comply with Mayor Mackey's cleanup order. A third district commander, Thomas R. Harbridge resigned and was alleged to have disappeared while being sought on a grand jury subpoena.

"As a result of these developments," said Mr. Blough, "we expect to make more arrests, to fight the barriers and definitely established the system used by the police in the collection of bribes from bootleggers and saloonmen."

BEGIN ARGUMENTS ON VALIDITY OF AUTO FEE BILLS

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 19.—(AP)—When attorneys met before the state supreme court today to argue the Dunne motor vehicle license bill case, the court allowed W. S. U'Ren, Portland attorney, to appear as intervenor in behalf of certain garage and labor union organizations that favor the bill.

The Dunne bill would reduce by about 50 per cent the license fees on automobiles. Although the measure was repudiated by Senator Dunne himself, who fathered it, his consolidation did not come until a sufficient number of persons had signed the initiative petitions to place the measure on the ballot. Secretary of State Kozar holds that he has no alternative, and must certify the measure for the ballot. The state highway department holds that the bill is unconstitutional and is endeavoring to restrain Kozar from placing it on the ballot.

J. M. Devereaux, attorney for the highway commission, is arguing against the bill. On the other side are Assistant Attorney General Hooford, representing Kozar, and U'Ren, representing the intervenors.

TERRY TALENT IN BEER GARDEN RAID

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 19.—(AP) Following a raid by federal agents directed by Terry Talent, Mrs. A. J. Koschick, 23, was in jail today charged with operating a beer garden. Officers reported finding fourteen persons drinking. The visitors were allowed to go. Four hundred quarters of beer, pretzels, sandwiches, meat and other commodities of a beer garden were reported found on the place.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—(AP) Col. Harry Burgess, engineer of maintenance on the Panama Canal zone, was appointed governor of the Panama Canal Zone today by President Coolidge. His successor, Gen. M. L. Walker, who has resigned.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 19.—(AP) Dorothy Weimant, 7, was killed by a Mississippi street car today yesterday when she attempted to dash across the street on her way home from school.

SAMPLE PRESIDENTIAL BALLOT

I intend to vote for _____ for President at the November election.
 I am registered as a _____ (Name party)
 Signed (Name) _____
 Address _____
 (Fill out and mail to Straw-Ballot-Contest-Editor, Mail-Tribune, Medford, Oregon).

FIEND MAY BE POSING AS WOMAN

Northcott Wanted for Farm Murders, Thought Using Disguise — Search Well and Cabin for More Evidence — Boy's Tale of Horror Proven.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 19.—(AP)—A man and woman believed to be Gordon Stuart Northcott and his mother, Mrs. Louisa Northcott, wanted in connection with murder farm disclosures in Los Angeles, were reported seen here this afternoon by an ambulance driver.

The report to police was made by the driver, who said he had just emerged from the second narrow bridge on the Vancouver side in the east end of the city when he noticed a man carrying a suitcase and making his way toward the waterfront.

Closely behind was a woman, which the driver said answered the description of Mrs. Northcott. The woman asked for information as to where a rowboat could be obtained to take them across Burrard inlet to North Vancouver.

When shown a photograph of the two persons, the driver was positive of the identification. Police started a search of the district.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Finding of indisputable evidence that two boys who disappeared from Pomona, Cal., last spring had been on the Northcott chicken ranch at Riverside, where four youths are believed to have been tortured and slain was reported by deputy sheriffs today.

Meanwhile three army airplanes, enlisted in the search for suspicious victims of the "murder farm," circled over the marsh beds of the Santa Ana river in search of an automobile believed to have been abandoned by Gordon Stuart Northcott, 26, owner of the ranch. Young Northcott and his mother, whom Sanford Clark, 15, accused of shamefully mistreating and killing four young boys, are being hunted through the northwest on murder charges.

The new evidence was a library book, which officers said they found in a hencoop on the ranch. From it a page had been torn similar to one on which one of the Pomona boys wrote a letter to his mother shortly after his disappearance. Nelson, 12, and Louis, 10, were the winners of Clark named them as two of the victims of Young Northcott's alleged perverted mind.

With almost every hour's development sending officers into new territory in the "murder farm" investigation, detectives returned today to a shack in Mini Canyon, a northwest of here, to which Clark led them yesterday. Gordon Northcott once had rented the cabin. A pair of boys' shoes, partly burned, was found near the shack.

Cyrus G. Northcott, father of the accused youth, after an all night grilling, told officers that he knew of no murders on the Riverside farm, but that if there had been his son "might have buried them in the Santa Ana river bed." A squad of officers from the pick and shovel division, which has been digging up the chicken ranch, foot by foot, were detailed to search along the isolated stretches of the Little stream.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 19.—(AP)—While Canadian authorities today hunted 21-year-old Gordon Northcott, believed possibly fleeing in girl's attire, southern California officers added a cabin on the edge of the desert to their pick-and-shovel pursuit of evidence against the accused torturer and slayer of boys.

The search for Northcott and his mother, Mrs. Louisa Northcott, was speeded yesterday as Riverside, Cal., authorities, armed with what they declared was conclusive proof of slayings on the suspected Northcott "murder farm," issued murder complaints against the couple.

Although the murder complaints were based on the slayings of one unidentified youth, the Riverside officers said they were confident that the number of boys made the victims of ill-treatment and slaying on the farm would exceed the

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