The Weather
Forecast — Occasional rain; moderate temperature.
Maximum yesterday 51
Minimum yesterday 41
Precipitation ..... .02

Daily—Twenty-third Year
Weekly—Fifty-seventh Year

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Minimum 41

HUNDRED MISSING IN SEA DISASTER

Today

By Arthur Brisbane

Hoover at Panama.
Coolidge Knows Costs.
About 'Honest' Gamblers.
Poor Toad—Like Bears.

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On his trip to South America Mr. Hoover stops first at the Panama canal. As an engineer interested in such magnificent work, soon to be president and responsible for the canal's safety Mr. Hoover will have his mind on our inadequate national protection. Enemy flying machines in a few hours could destroy the locks, and make the canal useless. And only fighting planes can protect that canal.

Talking to the American Legion in Washington President Coolidge emphasized in gratifying fashion the importance of war preparation.

He made clear his belief that that it is not necessary to be defenseless to prove yourself a friend of peace:

"If European countries had neglected their defenses it is probable that war would have come much sooner.

"All human experience seems to demonstrate that a country which makes reasonable preparations for defense is less likely to be subject to a hostile attack and less likely to suffer a violation of its rights which might lead to war.

"This is the prevailing attitude of the United States and one which I believe should constantly determine its actions. . . It is our duty to ourselves and to the cause of civilization to the preservation of domestic tranquility, to our orderly and lawful relations with foreign people to maintain an adequate army and navy."

Add to that wise utterance a sufficient number of fighting airplanes, submarines and fast cruisers and the country will have peace of mind. President Coolidge, wise economist, knows that no expense equals the cost of lack of preparation when war comes. He said:

"It is sometimes represented that this country made a profit out of the war. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

"Up to the present time, our own net costs, after allowing for our foreign debt-expectations, are about $36,500,000,000. To retire the balance of our public debt will require about $7,000,000,000 in interest. Our veterans bureau and allied expenses are already running at over $500,000,000 a year. . . Our final cost will run well toward $100,000,000,000 or half the entire wealth of the country when we entered the conflict."

Seven thousand million dollars for interest on our debt, more than twenty-three times what it cost to build the Panama canal, and one hundred billion dollars for our total war bill.

You could get, for two percent of that amount, absolute safety, plus the respect of other nations.

Uncle Sam would be able to say to nations that call him "Shylock"—

"Shylock or no Shylock take notice that I want peace, and can force it. If you doubt it come and see—

To "be a toad and live upon the

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RESCUERS FIND 203 SURVIVORS

Gale-Tossed Small Boats of Steamship Vestris Found By Fleet of Rescue Ships —Radio Summoned Craft —Comb Sea Throughout Night—100 Missing.

(By the Associated Press.)

One man was known to be dead, a woman and child were reported floating in the rolling waves and other deaths seemed probable as reports from the rescue fleet off the Virginia Capes slowly pieced out the story of the sinking of the liner Vestris today.

At noon, almost a full day and night since the 339 passengers and crew went over the tilting side of the stricken vessel into lifeboats and rafts, only 203 has been definitely accounted for, and most of the lifeboats had been picked up.

One man taken from the water by the steamer Berlin told of seeing a woman with a child in her arms floating near him. Search was begun for them and lookout was kept for others who had found no room in the boats or who had been washed from the rafts.

The dead man, unidentified in first reports, was found by the battleship Wyoming, lying on the raft where he had died of exposure.

The rescue began before dawn, the ships that had turned from their paths on their errand of mercy being led to the lifeboats by flares sent up by the chilled persons who all night long had tossed on angry waves left from a week nl gale.

Lifeboat after lifeboat was sighted and as the morning passed was taken aboard with its shivering complement of men and women. The American shipper got the most, the liner Berlin got some, the tanker Myriam others, and the battleship Wyoming still more.

But at noon more than 100 others were apparently ... ll to be accounted for and there was a growing fear death would claim many of these before they could be saved.

Shortly afternoon the navy department ordered the dirigible Los Angeles to prepare to leave its hangar at Lakehurst, N. J., at 6 o'clock tonight to join the rescue fleet. It could not leave sooner because it had been undergoing a general overhauling and was not ready to take the air.

The code of the sea that calls the strong to help the weak today had apparently resulted in the saving of nearly all those who yesterday took to lifeboats when the steamer Vestris turned over 300 miles off the Virginia coast.

Almost a dozen boats ranging from battleship to cutter, cruised the waves through the night in response to frantic distress signals and early in the morning had picked up six small boats and a raft bearing all but a few of the 339 passengers and sailors who had left the Vestris with its decks awash.

Of the humanity-burdened craft that put away from the sinking vessel shortly after noon yesterday when it reported itself lying on its beam ends, only an improvised raft was believed missing this morning. Search for it continued with the battleship Wyoming reporting that she had rescued other persons from floating wreckage.

In all the messages that flew from ship to shore telling of the rescue, there was no mention of whether there was loss of life. Although it was not possible during the early hours to determine the exact number of those saved, it was supposed that all had either crowded aboard the life boats and rafts or had clung to the wreckage come upon by the rescue fleet.

Wait in Hope

Those who waited through the night to read the drama-laden wireless messages that pictured the disaster, were hopeful that all the ship's personnel had left her when the lifeboats were lowered away. They took additional comfort from the fact that Captain Carey of the Vestris was one of those picked up and from the knowledge that the law of the sea makes the master the last to leave.

The hurrying rescue craft reached the scene of the sinking ship during the early hours of the night but they searched in vain until just before dawn when the first contact with the drifting survivors was made. The news came in a message from the steamer American Shipper, picked up by the naval

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AIMEE REFUTES BRIBERY HINTS IN KIDNAPING

Mrs. McPherson Indignant at News of Grand Jury Theory—Keyes Political Football, She Says—Mrs. Kennedy Subpoenaed.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Former District Attorney Asa Keyes, appearing before Superior Judge Douglas Edmonds today pleaded not guilty to the indictment charging "wilful and corrupt" practices in office. The trial was set for December 5.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 13.—(AP)—From far-off London, Aimee Semple McPherson has pounced indignantly on bits of news that told her how a grand jury has started to peer into the past of her kidnaping case, on the theory that she might have bribed a district attorney.

As the evangelist of Angelus temple puts it, the intimations of bribery have been born of political strife in the city of her adoption. Not only are they utterly untrue, dispatches quote her, but the grand jury once heard all she can tell and ever will tell, despite the fact that the jurors apparently are willing to listen to more.

As a parting shot, she branded it all a "political dodge," and then turning to the defense of Asa Keyes, district attorney of Los Angeles county, whose activities the grand jury has been perturbed about, she described him as a "football" kicked about by political parties.

Keyes has been ordered to court with seven others today to enter a plea to indictments charging him with corruption and bribery in his legal stronghold. "It is a case of one party wanting to get Keyes out and others wanting him," Mrs. McPherson was quoted. "It is just the sort of thing we get around election time."

Outwardly, Keyes is out of politics. He resigned from office some weeks ago, with the explanation that he believed he had completed a faithful life of public service and wanted to devote his time to his family. His resignation takes effect December 5. Mrs. McPherson is completing an European tour, undertaken to preach the gospel of good against the spirit of evil. She left Los Angeles some weeks ago.

Subpoena Reports.

While the evangelist was denying the rumblings of bribery, three of the persons who played outstanding parts in her kidnaping story were reported to have been subpoenaed by the grand jury. They were Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, mother of the evangelist; Kenneth G. Ormiston, Mrs. McPherson's "radio" man, and Mrs. Lorraine Wiseman-Sielaff, the mysterious "Miss X" of the kidnaping case.

It was anticipated that they would be interrogated about documentary evidence which newspapermen furnished the grand jury several days ago. It was reported that the evidence indicated that more than $100,000 was spent in defense of Mrs. McPherson on charges that she and her mother had obstructed justice.

The charges, now nearly two years old, grew out of the evangelist's disappearance and her story that she had been kidnaped. When investigated by the grand jury, the story resulted in the placing of charges against the mother and daughter. These were dismissed later by Keyes for lack of evidence.

FORD AIRPLANE LISTED MISSING

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Nov. 13.—(AP)—The huge Ford airplane, piloted by Lieut. William R. Williams of Spokane, and carrying 10 passengers, which left Rock Springs, Wyo., at 7:40 a. m. today for Salt Lake City, had not been heard from at 1 o'clock this afternoon, two hours after its scheduled arrival here.

FOOTBALL SCORES

High School Football Yesterday

Corvallis 7; Albany 7 (tie).
Pendleton 0; La Grande 0 (tie).
Bandon 26; Coquille 13.
Marshfield 12; North Bend 0.
Benson Polytechnic, Portland 6; Washington 0.
Roseburg 19; Grants Pass 6.

VISIT BIDS TO HOOVER POURING IN

May Be Necessary to Extend Itinerary of Good Will Tour As Latin Americans Ask Visit—Two Months' Trip Seen — Donovan Visits Hoover Today.

By James L. West, Associated Press Staff Writer.

STANFORD UNICERSITY, Cal., Nov. 13.—(AP)—Herbert Hoover may find it necessary to extend the itinerary of his good will tour of Latin America considerably beyond the scope contemplated when he decided to embark upon his history making journey.

Urgent invitations for the president-elect to visit countries in both South and Central America, which were excluded from the original schedule, are now coming in and from forty days his trip may be extended to two months or slightly longer.

Mexico, Colombia, and Ecuador are among the southern republics which have asked that the president elect include them in his tour, their invitations being joined with that from Bolivia, the visit to which would involve a considerable trip, in addition to that which must be made by the good will mission in moving from Valparaiso to Buenos Aires.

Under the original plans, the battleship Maryland bearing Mr. Hoover and his party, was to have touched first at Balboa, Panama Canal Zone, and then moved in past Colombia and Ecuador, to Peru, with Chile the next country to be visited. Both Colombia and Ecuador, through their ministers, have asked that the party call at their capitols.

Donovan Visits

President-elect Hoover turned his attention today from the preparations for his South American trip to receive William J. Donovan, assistant to the attorney general, a close personal friend who stood high in his council of advisors, both during the pre-convention and the pre-election campaigns.

The assistant to the attorney general came to California yesterday on official business for the department of justice and stopped over at the Hoover home enroute from Los Angeles to San Francisco. His visit served to revive cabinet selection discussion which had become dormant with the announcement of the Latin American tour.

Both before and since the election, Donovan's name has been spoken of frequently in the discussions of the attorney general for the Hoover cabinet. He has been assistant to Attorney General Sargeant for a number of years and has had personal direction of the prosecution of some of the most important litigation which the government has embarked upon during that time.

SEARCH IS MADE FOR SIX MEN LOST IN BARREN LANDS

WINNIPEG, Man., Nov. 13.—(AP)—Search has been instituted by airplane and by land parties for six men reported lost between Fort Churchill and the end of steel on the Hudson Bay railway, according to a report received here last night from the Pas, Manitoba. The men left Churchill on November 3 and were to have journeyed 100 miles to mile 412 on the Hudson Bay railway where they could make rail connection for the Pas.

The men had been employed at Churchill during the summer by the dominion department of marine and fisheries. The party included Joseph Smith of, Prince Albert, Sask., but the names of the other members are not known.

None of the men carried sleeping bags or tents and they had only a small supply of food, depending on reaching shelter cabins each night fall. The men are presumed to have strayed from the trail and are believed to be wandering in what is known as the "barren lands," of the north country. The trial is a hazardous one.

Wins Nobel Prize

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Sigrid Undset, Norwegian authoress, was today awarded the 1928 Nobel prize for literature by the Swedish Academy.

LEAD ARMISTICE OBSERVANCE

President Coolidge and General Pershing were speakers at Armistice day observance in Washington November 11. Their voices were carried over a nation-wide radio hookup.

WORST DANGER FROM ERUPTION BELIEVED PAST

Peril of Mt. Etna Relieved —Problem Now Is Work for Refugees — Damage Totals Huge Sum—Many Homes Destroyed.

ROME, Nov. 13.—(AP) The peril of the Mt. Etna eruption may now be considered past and the villages of Carrabba and Nunnata may consider themselves out of danger say direct dispatches from Sicily late today.

The main problem confronting the authorities is to find work for the refugees pending the time that new houses can be constructed and the devastated region can recover some of its former fecundity.

Advices to Stefani News Agency from Catania stated that the lava flow toward Carrabba today reached the road over which passengers were transported to Messina. The railway service on that line has been abandoned and travelers are obliged to take the Termini Imerese to Palermo or go by sea.

Fresh estimates today showed that nearly 1800 acres of rich land have been covered by the lava. About one-fourth of this area produced grains, another fourth was used for nut-bearing trees and the remainder was given over to the production of wine grapes.

The correspondent in Sicily of the Tribuna estimated that the damage from the eruption had reached a total of $18,466,800 of which $3,000,000 represented grain lands, orchards and vineyards.

The correspondent said that only fifty out of 800 houses were standing in Mascali and that the loss from this source was $1,200,000. In Serragnano one hundred houses were destroyed. They were valued at $165,200. Private estates and villas in the countryside that were wiped out by the lava were estimated as representing a loss of $160,000.

SULLIVAN FINED FEDERAL COURT LIQUOR CHARGE

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 13.—(AP) Con Sullivan, Klamath Falls sheepherder, was fined $100 in federal court today on a charge of transporting liquor across the Indian reservation. It was shown that he had carried two gallons of moonshine to oblige sheepmen friends, and the district attorney's office recommended leniency.

Robert Reiland and Henry Sanchez, both of Klamath Falls, were held to the grand jury under $2500 bail, charged with sale of liquor in Indian territory October 31.

John Potter, Klamath Falls Modoc Indian, was held on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon as a result of an argument with John Stokes, a Redwood, charge.

Half Hour Address to Carry Parting Message to American People—Leaves Wednesday for Southern Vacation.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 13.—(AP) Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York will reach the gulf coast Friday or Saturday for a vacation at the Edgewater Gulf Hotel, midway between Gulfport and Biloxi.

The governor is expected to be accompanied by Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi, who is a close friend of the defeated Democratic presidential candidate.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13. — (AP) — Governor Alfred E. Smith tonight in a half-hour radio address will give his parting "message to the American people."

The governor, upon his arrival here from Albany announced that no advance copies of his talk would be given out, nor would he intimate just what would be its nature. He will speak from the National Broadcasting studio, starting at 8 o'clock.

Tomorrow he will leave with several friends for a vacation of several weeks "somewhere in the south." He said he did not know where he was going.

"I haven't seen Billy Kenny yet," he said. "He is fixing things up. We are going where the temperature is 75 in the shade."

He said he did not think he would stop at Warm Springs, Ga., to see Franklin D. Roosevelt, governor-elect.

"I am trying to get away from politics. I've had a lot of it for four months."

None of the members of his family will accompany him. The governor expects to spend the greater part of his time playing golf.

The broadcasting of the governor's speech will be over the WEAF chain of the National Broadcasting system, including KGO, KPO, KFI, KGW, KOMO, KHQ.

EXPECT COOKE TRIAL GO JURY LATE TODAY NO DEFENSE WITNESS

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 13.—(AP) The defense in the trial of James F. Cooke, president of the defunct brokerage house of Overbeck & Cooke, charged with larceny by embezzlement, began arguments before the jury today. It was expected that the case would go to the jury late today. Deputy District Attorney George Mowry will close for the state.

The defense attorneys, John P. Winter, Earl Benard and John Collier, rested their case last week without placing any witnesses on the stand. The state presented nearly a score of witnesses.

BIDS WILL BE REQUESTED FOR HIGHWAY WORK

After Year Marking Time Commission to Start Work—Fear of Dunne Bill Withheld Operation—Important Projects Listed.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 13.—(AP)—After nearly a year of watchful waiting the State Highway commission today began functioning as of yore. The highway program for 1928, held back on account of the menace of the Dunne bills, which if passed would have whittled down the state's road funds to a small point, got away to a good start at the special meeting of the commission.

Within five minutes after Chairman H. B. Van Duzer called the meeting to order, three important projects were ordered to be advertised for bids, which will be opened at the December meeting of the commission. This work was promised months ago. The projects are:

Grading the Harper-Burrell ranch section, 15.6 miles, of the Central Oregon highway; grading the Dairy-Lorenz mill section, 8.4 miles of the Klamath Falls-Lakeview highway, and surfacing the Lamnka ranch-Albee section, 11.7 miles, of the Pendleton-John Day highway.

William Hanley headed a large delegation from Harney county to urge the completion of the Central Oregon highway.

"Some of the road locating surveys were said to have been run in the dark, and we do not want any more such charges brought here," stated Chairman Van Duzer.

But he promised the delegation that the west end of the road from Harper to Vale will be located and completed as soon as possible. The road is now surveyed, and partly finished between Bend and Burns.

A delegation from Redmond was promised that the Keys creek-Laughlin ranch section, 7 miles, of the Ochoco highway will be graded soon, the contract to be let in the near future.

County Judge James, of Toledo, was heading a Lincoln county delegation, didn't have much to say. He was promised everything he asked before he had time to say other than "good morning." The commission long promised him that the Roosevelt highway from Seal Rocks to Alsea bay and then on to Yachats, 15.3 miles, will be ordered as soon as the Dunne bills were lost.

Federal Aid Funds.

The state now has $1,189,000 to apportion in federal aid funds. A meeting with the government officials will be held soon and this money allocated to the various roads.

The Dairy-Lorenz mill section is the last uncompleted part of the Klamath Falls-Lakeview highway. It will be completed as rapidly as possible, so surfacing can be done in 1930.

Regrading of six sections, 25 miles, of the McKenzie highway is in the offing.

The people of Lane county are anxious to have the Siuslaw road completed, and asked the comfission to do this work before it finishes the McKenzie highway.

There are 43 bridges to be constructed and one railroad crossing to be eliminated, the latter on the Roosevelt highway at Lakeside.

Hundreds of miles of resurfacing and widening are also on the program.

The Noted Dead

EDINBURGH, Scotland, Nov. 13—(AP) Overcome by fumes from a fire which broke out in the study of his home while he was sleeping there, Dr. Alexander W. Mair, professor of Greek at Edinburgh university, was burned to death early today before rescuers were able to reach him.

The fire was confined to the one room and it was some time before its outbreak was detected by other members of the family. Prof. Mair was a noted authority on Greek and has published translations of several ancient Greek writers.

Oregon Weather

Oregon: rain in the west, unsettled with local rains east portion tonight and Wednesday, moderate temperature. Southerly gales on the coast.

California Rain.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13.—(AP) Rain extending from Santa Barbara to Siskiyou county and as far inland as Fresno, drenched California last night. Several fatal automobile accidents resulting from slippery highways were reported.

WILD TRADE IN WALL ST. CONTINUES

Hoover Market Forcing Bull Movement to Record Stock Sales—Clerks Exhausted—Cafes Add Help —Stop Orders Refused— To Speed Up Tickers.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—(AP) Because of the "Hoover market," which surpasses the wild uprush of stocks last spring, the human cogs in the exchange machine were almost at the point of exhaustion today.

Midnight oil is being burned in brokers' offices as the overworked bookkeeping staffs attempt to keep pace with a market which high speed tickers have found difficulty in following within an hour of actual transactions.

The brokers on the floor, around whom eddy and swell the buying and selling currents, are being forced to take extended week-end vacations. Many of the older members have been forced to give up their seats to younger members of their firms better able to withstand the physical battering they must undergo.

Michael J. Meehan, former brokerage clerk, who was the whirlpool center of the bull market in Radio last spring, felt the strain so deeply that he has gone on a month's vacation. He is reputed to have added additional millions to those he made last spring in the current "bull" market.

Downtown restaurants have been forced to put on extra help to take care of the enormous volume of meals ordered carried in the brokerage houses for employes too busy to go out for them.

In an effort to check the frenzied operations many commission houses have increased their margin requirements to 40 per cent or more, especially for stocks selling above $200 a share. To date, however, this move seems to have had little effect, and there have been few liquidations of weakened marginal accounts.

Many specialists on the floor have refused stop orders, that is to accept a range within which they would be authorized to operate for their clients. They have complained that it is physically impossible for them to watch such orders in this kind of a market.

New high speed printers, capable of handling three times the present volume of printing 1,000 characters a minute are being manufactured to record sales, but this service cannot possibly start operation for some time. Some brokers said that the new printers will be so rapid they will be unable to read and follow them and any advantage in speed will be lost.

Early next month sales volume under 500 shares is to be dropped from the ticker, except on opening sales, but the exchange will keep the volume count and supply it to newspapers over telegraph printers at regular intervals. The price on all sales of course will be carried. This is expected to speed up the ticker 10 per cent. In yesterday's record market of 5,670,600 shares the ticker was one hour and 35 minutes behind trading at the close.

Wire Report on the Pear Market

CHICAGO, Nov. 13.—(U. S. D. A.) Pears:

1 car Oregon, 1 Washington arrived. 7 cars on track. 5 cars sold. Oregon Bosc, 778 boxes extra fancy $2.30 to $3.50, average $3.25; 568 boxes fancy, $2.30 to $3.15, average $2.95. Washington Bosc, 504 boxes extra fancy, $2.30 to $2.95; 108 boxes fancy $2.75 to $2.85.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—(U. S. D. A.) Pears:

9 cars California, 5 New York, 7 Oregon, 8 Washington arrived. 33 cars on track. Oregon Bosc, 5250 boxes extra fancy $3.15 to $3.70, few $3.00 to $3.10, average $3.43. Fancy $3.10 to $3.40, average $3.29; Comice, 1560 boxes extra fancy, $3.15 to $3.95, average $3.51; fancy $3.00 to $3.65, average $3.32. Washington Anjous, 1645 boxes extra fancy, $3.15 to $3.95, average $3.49; fancy, $2.85 to $3.65, average $3.46; unclassified, $2.65 to $3.25, average $3.39. Nells, 1140 boxes extra fancy, $2.15 to $2.40, average $2.32; fancy $1.90 to $2.15, average $2.07.

Astoria—Local firm installs machinery to make own brand of dairy and poultry feed.