

The Weather
 Forecast—Fair, but with fog tonight.
 Maximum yesterday 46
 Minimum yesterday 35
 Precipitation .01

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
 Maximum 50
 Minimum 45

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Today

By Arthur Brisbane

Shop Very Early.
 We Are So Rich.
 100 Billions Insurance.
 Rat-Bite Fever.

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Do your Christmas shopping early for your own sake. Stock speculation has given ready money to many that may not have so much next year. This will be a tremendous season in the stores and, if you wait, you will find the choice small. Start now and be liberal.

What you give can never be taken from you, never be lost. It is safe forever. "That I gave away, I have. That I kept, I lost."

Many woke up this morning wondering what the stock market would do in the next few days. The simplest mind knows as much as the wisest.

Nobody should overlook increased wealth, individual and national. A country that earns twenty billions a year more than it needs to live can keep a boom going, but there are limits to pyramiding.

Life insurance measures prosperity. Fifteen years ago this country carried twenty billion dollars worth of life insurance. Now the life insurance total is close to ONE HUNDRED BILLION DOLLARS.

Standard Oil of California is added to the list of billion dollar corporations. Its stock is worth more than a billion. The same is true of its little brothers Standard Oil of Indiana and Standard Oil of New Jersey. Only a few years ago, the government attacked and "dissolved" Standard Oil because it had reached the first billion.

Various pieces into which it was cut are worth now more than a billion each and that does not begin to indicate their real value.

State governments force railroads to abolish grade crossings and railroads protest "you are forcing us to build up our competitors, the motor bus lines that use public highways."

There's truth in that, and it is real competition. Regular motor bus mileage is now 270,000 and exceeds the regular route mileage of railroads, according to a survey by Dominick and Dominick.

What can railroads do? They can build express roads for automobiles, busses, trucks, etc., above their tracks, through the crowded suburbs, with no grade crossings, and charge tolls. The Pennsylvania, New York Central and Long Island railroads could collect millions a year in tolls.

And railroad men could go the motor busses one better, by establishing flying lines. General Atterbury of the Pennsylvania made a start. C. E. Mitchell, head of the National City Bank, and associates have bought a flying company, with big factories, controlling a number of commercial routes.

There is no reason why railroads should let themselves be eaten slowly by motor busses, as the dinosaurs were eaten by rats.

A new disease is called "rat-bite fever." And, one of many carried by rats, the disease comes from bite of a rat, or of a dog or other animal that has come in contact with rats.

If men could stop killing each other for a few years, devoting their killing energies to rats, mosquitoes and other dangerous pests, this would be a better world.

An end of rats, alone, would produce savings great enough to offset the billions lost in the last war.

NICARAGUA WELCOMES MR. HOOVER

President-Elect Greeted By Nicaraguan Notables — Splendid Popular Ovation Given—Corinto Decorated for Visit—10,000 Persons Present.

CORINTO, Nicaragua, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Herbert Hoover, on his good tour of Latin-American countries, landed here at 10:55 a. m. He was officially welcomed by President Diaz, former president Chamorro and President-elect Moncada.

Several members of the cabinet also were in the welcoming party and a big crowd gave him a splendid popular welcome.

After greetings had been exchanged, Mr. Hoover entertained the presidential party, some Nicaraguan celebrities at a luncheon aboard the U. S. S. Maryland.

The town of Corinto was gaily decorated with flags, bunting and welcome signs today in honor of the visit of President-elect Hoover.

President Diaz of Nicaragua, Brigadier General Leon Feland and Lieutenant Colonel E. R. Beards arrived in Corinto by special train from Managua yesterday. They took up residence at the home of Robert J. Jordan, of Minneapolis, collector of customs, who has turned over his house as the reception headquarters at which President Diaz planned to welcome Mr. Hoover.

Moncada Present. President-elect Moncada of Nicaragua arrived in Corinto on Sunday and exchanged official calls with Rear Admiral David F. Sellers who has been here several days arranging the program.

A feature of the train trip of the presidential party were the loud cheers for former President Chamorro, who accompanied the party, sympathizers greeting him on route. There was also applause for General McCoy, who supervised the recent presidential election.

One feature of the reception plans called for the appearance of a recent beauty prize winner, as the statue of liberty, on a pedestal at the Corinto waterfront.

At least 10,000 persons had crowded into this little port to welcome the president-elect. The American flag was flying from numerous buildings.

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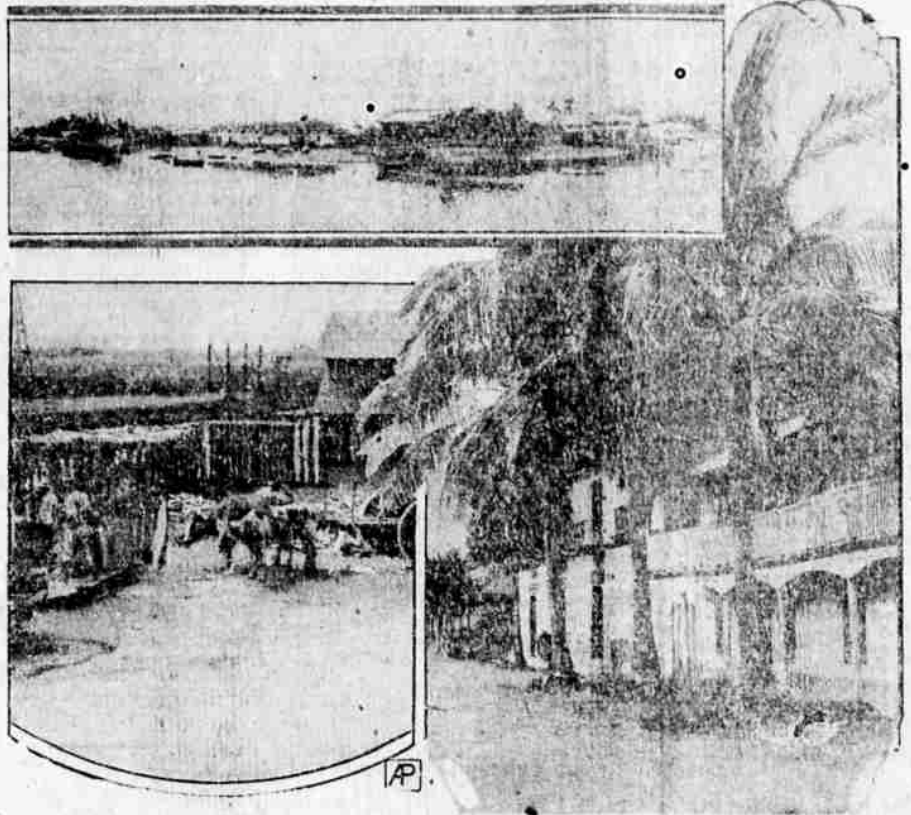
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President-Elect Lands Corinto, Nicaragua



Battleship Maryland anchors off principal port of Nicaragua, the waterfront of which is shown above. A Corinto street (lower right) and natives hauling wood with oxen (lower left) are among the sights Hoover may view as he passes through the city.

STORM RUINS VACATION OVER AUTO GUESTS COSTA RICAN GOV. AL SMITH MAY SUE HOST COFFEE CROP RETURNS HOME WHEN INJURED

Trees Stripped of Berries—Government Aid Needed—La Junta Inundated—Dominicans Have Floods

PANAMA, Nov. 27.—(AP) Dispatches from Costa Rica to the Star Herald today said that the coffee crop in Cartago province and the surrounding region had been virtually ruined by a storm which stripped the trees of berries ready to be picked.

It was generally believed the government would have to postpone an \$11,000,000 road building program to undertake reconstruction work and to give assistance to small coffee growers.

Coffee is Costa Rica's principal source of revenue and that produced in the stricken region brings the highest prices on the Hamburg and London markets where it is used for blending purposes.

Dispatches from Port Limon said the small town of La Junta on the banks of the Reventazon river had been inundated and all houses washed away. No deaths were reported. Some twenty land-slides were reported to have occurred. This and continued heavy rains made it impossible to determine when communication between Port Limon and the capital at San Jose would be restored.

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic, Nov. 27.—(AP) Terrible rainstorms during the past two days have caused serious floods in various parts of the Dominican Republic, causing some loss of life and heavy material damage.

Bridges have been carried away, the road between Puerto Plata and Santiago was destroyed and oilers were damaged. Much stock was drowned. Cocoa, tobacco and corn plantations suffered greatly.

Rain in the northern part of the island continued today. The extent of the damage had not yet been determined today.

LINDBERGH LANDS NASHVILLE TODAY

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 27.—(AP)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh landed at McConnell field at 11:33 today, having flown here from Memphis.

Lindbergh remained here only 15 minutes, refueling his plane and departing on his flight to New York.

CARUSO'S DAUGHTER AWARDED ROYALTIES

TRENTON, N. J., Nov. 27.—(AP)—Gloria Caruso, young daughter of the late Enrico Caruso, was today awarded two-thirds of the royalties, now estimated at approximately \$1,000,000, from the reproduction of his father's voice on Victor talking machine records, notwithstanding that by a decree of the Italian courts Gloria was awarded only a half of the New Jersey estate.

Retirement Assertion Reiterated—Plays Golf With Bobby Jones — Senator Harrison Keeps Score?

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 27.—(AP) Intent on reaching his desk at Albany Wednesday, Governor Alfred E. Smith was en route to New York today.

Governor Smith closed his vacation in the south, most of which was spent on the Mississippi coast, here yesterday, as guest of Major John S. Cohen, publisher of the Atlanta Journal, and Democratic national committee chairman.

At a luncheon attended by about 100 prominent Georgians, Governor Smith reiterated his declaration that he will retire from politics at the expiration of his gubernatorial term, but will always hold himself in readiness to aid the Democratic party.

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 27.—(AP) Senatorial immunity today stood between Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi and anyone who cares to question his ability to score a golf score.

In a foursome yesterday won by Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York and Bobby Jones, paired against the senator and William M. Zochman of New York, Jones and the governor ended the match, 12 and 5, at the 13th—but Jones and his partner's card, kept by the Mississippians, read:

Out	4	4	4	4	5	5	5
In	4	3	4	5			
Bobby Jones	7	4	7	5	6	6	4
Out	7	4	7				
In	4	7	6				

Which, diagnosis will show, gave the governor a 22 for the 13 holes, and Bobby Jones an alphonine 75, and the gallery announced it self ready to testify that the Georgia links commander was not off his game.

BRAKEMAN'S SLAYER GOES ON TRIAL TODAY

EUGENE, Ore., Nov. 27.—(AP) Three women and nine men today faced the jury which today began hearing testimony in the trial of Joseph L. McDaniel, 23, charged with first degree murder. McDaniel is charged with stabbing to death E. A. McGrew, Southern Pacific brakeman, on a freight train on the Cascade line.

Twenty-one witnesses were examined before the final selection of the jury was made at a night session last night.

BAKER—Contract let for \$48,660 addition to local creamery plant.

Guest Act' Declared Unconstitutional By State Supreme Court—Injury Done to Person Has Recovery Right.

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 27.—(AP) The "guest act" of the 1927 legislature, which attempted to deprive a person riding in an automobile, as the invited guest of another, of the right to sue the driver or operator of the car for damages in the event of injury while riding, is declared unconstitutional in an opinion of the supreme court today.

The case is Virginia M. Stewart, appellant, against J. O. Hank, P. M. Houk and William L. Van Allen, doing business as the Redmond garage. The case was on appeal from Clatsop county. The opinion is written by Justice Rossman and reversed Judge Robert G. Morrow of the circuit court.

The opinion holds that the act is in conflict with the constitutional provision that "every man shall have remedy by due course of law for injury done him in his person, property or reputation."

This is held to be a firmly established legal right that cannot be taken away by legislative enactment.

There was one case pertaining to Jackson county as follows:

H. F. Paul et al vs. State Industrial Accident Commission, appeal from Jackson county; appeal from judgment; opinion by Justice Coshaw. Judge Orlando M. Corkins reversed.

GEORGE McMANUS GIVES SELF UP ON MURDER CHARGE

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—(AP) George McManus, whose overcoat was found in the hotel room in which Arnold Rothstein was fatally wounded, surrendered today after police had sought him for three weeks in vain, and he will be arraigned this afternoon on a short affidavit charging him with murder in the first degree.

The first announcement that McManus was in custody indicated that detectives had picked him up in a Bronx street home but it developed that McManus had arranged the meeting and was accompanied by his lawyer.

He was taken to the district attorney's office where he was questioned by District Attorney Hamilton. On the advice of his counsel, James Murray, he refused to answer questions. Hamilton then announced that he would arraign him before General Session Judge Mancuso on the murder charge.

Oregon Weather. Oregon: Fair tonight and Wednesday; fog in the west portion tonight; colder, with portion tonight. Gentle, variable winds on the coast.

KING LESS DISTURBED IS REPORT

Less Fever Than Monday—Strength Maintained—Warship Ordered to Africa at Disposal Prince of Wales—Code Message Sent Heir.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—(AP) The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Gloucester are returning to England as soon as possible, it was learned late tonight.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—(AP) Less fever than at the same hour Monday night was reported in the 9 p. m. bulletin issued by Sir Stanley Hewett and Lord Dawson, on the condition of King George. The bulletin said:

"The king passed a less disturbed day. His temperature was somewhat lower than at the corresponding hour last night. His strength was maintained."

LONDON, Nov. 27.—(AP) The admiralty tonight ordered H. M. S. Enterprise to proceed from Aden to the Red Sea, and there hold herself at the disposal of the prince of Wales.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—(AP) An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Cape Town says that a cable received from Boston, Tanganyika, states that a code message reached the provincial commissioner there shortly after ten o'clock this morning and a fast motor car was sent immediately to meet the Prince of Wales who is coming in from his camp. The dispatch said it was believed the message contained instructions for the prince to return to London.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—(AP) Anxiety over King George's illness was not greatly relieved this morning when his physicians issued what might be characterized as a "committal" bulletin.

The physicians, Sir Stanley Howett and Lord Dawson of Penn, informed the public that their royal patient had passed the night more restfully and that his feverish condition had abated somewhat.

The bulletin did not actually give the king's temperature and summed up everything else by stating that conditions otherwise were unchanged.

On top of the disturbing bulletins of the past few days which have indicated that the king is very sick, today's report did not tend greatly to relieve anxiety among his subjects over the eventual outcome of the attack which has now been in progress nearly a week.

It was realized that the king's stamina was undergoing a severe strain owing to constant pain from pleurisy and the lack of rest and sleep that attended it.

The text of the official medical bulletin was:

"The majesty the king had a more restful night and the temperature is somewhat lower."

SEATTLE, Nov. 27.—(AP) Calmly awaiting the end, Ezra Meeker, 95 year old ox-team pioneer, lay in a hotel here today. A few days at most, possibly a few hours, separate the aged man from death, his physician and son-in-law, Dr. C. L. Templeton, believes.

Meeker had roused today from a state of coma, into which he sank last night. He was somewhat weaker. Yesterday afternoon he called his grandson and attorney, J. L. Templeton, to his bedside to settle his affairs.

"Nothing in this world can save him," Dr. Templeton said.

Church Members to Earn Manly Self Defense

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Nov. 27.—(AP)—Permit or no, the West Alle Presbyterian church plans to hold boxing classes with Myron ("Finley") Mitchell, former junior welter weight champion, as the tutor.

When the church applied for a permit the request was held up because on member declared it could not be issued to the church which, he said, was not incorporated for the specific purpose of teaching boxing as required by law.

Today Rev. W. S. Critchley, pastor, said that if the commission refused to issue a permit members of the church would hold classes without one.

NEGRO HELD CONFESSED AX KILLER

Elmer Williams Held in Spokane — Police Say Has Confessed to Omaha Hatchet Murders — Engaged Boy to Write Nebraska Police Letter.

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 27.—(AP) Police said today that a negro giving the name of Elmer Williams, 24, laborer, had confessed to them a series of hatchet murders in Omaha.

The man was arrested, according to Chief of Detectives C. G. Miles, after he engaged a newsboy to write two letters for him, referring to the mystery murders of Mrs. Walter Resso and her sister, Greta Brown, in Omaha, and saying that Nebraska authorities were making a "bad mistake" by holding Jake Bird, another negro suspect in connection with the hatchet killings.

MALOLO BACK FROM VOYAGE TO HONOLULU

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 27.—(AP) Headed by Mayor and Mrs. George L. Baker of Portland, the Pacific northwest good will delegation of 159 Portland, Tacoma and Seattle business men, arrived here today aboard the Matson liner Malolo from Honolulu. The visitors left Portland three weeks ago from Honolulu and are returning home from a good will tour of Hawaii.

Chamber of commerce and city officials met the delegation at the dock this morning and later entertained them at a luncheon in the commercial club.

At the luncheon Mayor James Goble welcomed the party to San Francisco and spoke of the feeling of friendship that exists between northern California and the Pacific northwest.

Mayor Baker of Portland thanked the assemblage in behalf of the city of Portland and assured his hosts of a warm, personal welcome when they visited his city.

Following the entertainment program here, the delegation will break up. A number of the visitors will remain in San Francisco, while others indicated that they will leave for Portland tonight.

GREAT FIRE HITS WELLINGTON, N. Z.

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Nov. 27.—(AP) The greatest fire in the history of Wellington last night did damage estimated at \$1,250,000 when 16 buildings were destroyed in the produce market in the heart of the city.

The fire started in the center of the block and spread in four directions and raged for four hours, watched by a crowd of between 30,000 and 40,000.

FLOODS ARE MENACING BELGIUM

Gale and Heavy Rains Bring Worst Calamity in Half-Century — Fifty Villages Hit By Flood — Dykes Crumble and Populace Flee for Life.

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Floods resulting from the tremendous gale and heavy rains that accompanied it, are proving to be the worst calamity that Belgium has suffered from nature in half a century. Fifty villages are wholly or partly under water.

The entire Antwerp garrison was today put to work repairing dikes of the Scheldt, Rupel, Demer and Nethe rivers, which gave way at a dozen places under the pressure of tide-water. Hundreds of hot houses were demolished and communications by road and rail were cut.

It all happened without warning and the population had time only to save their lives.

Shipyards, metal works and brickyards along the banks of the Scheldt in the neighborhood of Antwerp, Termonde and Hoboken, suffered severely. Many houses also collapsed in those districts.

Brussels and Antwerp received no milk or fresh vegetables this morning. In the latter city the water works were inundated and the burgo-master warned the people that they must boil all drinking water for an indefinite period.

At Blankenberge several sea-front houses collapsed and the entire coast, from the French to the Dutch frontier bore testimony in the way of shattered piers and promontories to the havoc wrought by the tempest.

AMSTERDAM, Holland, Nov. 27.—(AP)—All efforts to rescue the crew of the Italian steamer Salerno, which grounded off Zaanhoofd on Sunday have been abandoned because of a terrific surf which has been running.

It was regarded as virtually certain that the entire crew, believed to number 27, were drowned.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Floods today followed in the wake of a four-day gale, which caused the loss of a score of vessels of substantial tonnage in western European waters and possibly took a toll of 100 lives.

Belgium north to the Frisian island, the lowlands were flooded as the sea was driven in upon them by raging winds. Dykes and sea walls buffeted by heavy seas gave way to the rush of water.

Police, soldiers and civilians were working frantically in Antwerp to repair broken dykes there and on the opposite side of the Scheldt. The city water and gas pipes were undermined and gave way, the suburbs were flooded, industrial plants in Hoboken and elsewhere were closed. Railroad bridges were damaged and telephone and telegraph lines down.

Six persons were missing and it was feared that they were dead. A hole 60 yards in circumference and 8 yards deep was made in the grand palace at Antwerp.

At Ostend, Belgium, the water from the seas ran down streets and inundated the ground floors of buildings.

The Flanders villages of Grembergen, Moorslede and Termonde were evacuated by the authorities as the sea rushed through a break 20 yards wide in the dykes.

Homes Abandoned. A number of houses in the neighborhood of Rotterdam, Holland, were also abandoned. At Berghem, Holland, a 150-foot dyke broke with a tremendous crash, letting in the sea.

Ships Suffer. The French freighter Casareo, sunk off Algiers and 15 of her crew of 19 were drowned. An Italian steamer, believed to be the Salento, was wrecked and all on board were lost. The Norwegian steamer Michelsen was driven ashore and three members of the crew drowned while the rest were being rescued.