

The Weather	
Forecast—Colder tonight; freezing temperature.	
Maximum yesterday	49
Minimum yesterday	33

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago	
Maximum	60
Minimum	31

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Today

By Arthur Brisbane

6,000,000 Are Blind. Happy Are the Banks. The Nature of Woman. War, Famine, Stocks, Etc

The American Federation of Labor, ably led by President Green, will join the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness in a national campaign of prevention.

There are in the world at least 6,000,000 totally blind. To know how great is the affliction, stop reading for a moment, close your eyes, and ask yourself what life would be worth, if you could never open them.

Ignorance increases blindness and disease born of vice, and superstition increases it. In Egypt, today, you may see infants with flies attacking their eyes, the mothers afraid to hurt the flies, because it is a sin. Your grandmother's spirit might live in one of the flies. That superstition alone has caused thousands of Egyptian children to lose their sight.

National City Bank stock went up \$400 a share last week, rising \$100 in one day. The Hanover National Bank prepares to give stockholders a stock dividend of 100 per cent. Mr. Baker's First National Bank pays 100 per cent cash dividend. All three in New York City.

This real Thanksgiving period for bank stock owners is not surprising. Borrowers pay from 7 to 9 per cent interest. One day's dealings, in these 5,000,000 share days, amounts to six billion dollars.

Seven per cent on that would amount to \$420,000,000 in a year. And call money interest is only part of banking profits.

At present rates, with a little time, the banks would have all the money.

Who can explain the nature of woman, or the terrible intensity of jealousy? The Bible and Shakespeare tried, but it cannot be done. Robert E. Evans, Denver policeman, was in love with Marie King, trained nurse, told her so, then married someone else.

She waited five years, and when he was brought to the hospital, wounded in a fight with bootleggers, she killed him as he lay sleeping, in the early morning, and shot herself.

Her farewell note said: "You belong to me. I have waited five years for this chance, and it came." She asked that she might be buried near him.

Explain all that if you can. If she recovers, as she may, will a jury convict her or say with the Bible that jealousy hath a most vehement flame, and was too much for her?

Lord Cecil advocates "absolute equality in tons and gams in the navies of Britain and the United States."

"It is quite a concession by the British. They find that word 'equality' unpalatable."

Why not stick to the plan originated by Britain, in the old "We've got the men, we've got the ships, we've got the money, too."

With men, ships and money Britain ruled the waves and ruled the roost.

It's not convenient for Britain to spend the money at present. But is that any reason why we should spend it? Britain did not consult us about her navy or its size, in the good old days. She simply went ahead. And she had the right idea.

STANFORD TROUNCES ARMY MEN

Cardinals Run Up 26 to 0 Score in Powerful Attack—Huge Crowd Marvels—Captain Hoffman Carried Brunt—Cagle Smothered By Stanford Line.

By Brian Bell
Associated Press Sports Writer.
YANKEE STADIUM, New York, Dec. 1.—(AP)—A powerful Stanford university football team came from California today to smother the Army eleven 26 to 0, scoring in three of the four periods. The Cardinals grew better as they went along, and at the close were having things very much their own way. A crowd estimated at 86,000 witnessed at the power of the visitors from the far west, and at the ineffectual efforts of the West Point cadets to stand up against it.

Captain Biff Hoffman, a bettering man in human form, bore the brunt of the visitors' running attack in the first half, but he had plenty of assistance in the second half when the Cards scored 20 of their 26 points, notably by Frank

trip, who ran sixty-four yards for a touchdown in the closing period. Hoffman scored half his team's touchdowns, and did all the kicking.

The elusive Red Cagle flashed brilliantly at intervals, but the fast clearing Stanford line was on top of him before he got started most of the time. His passing was sensational, but not consistent. Ed Messinger, army end, was the defensive star of his team while Dynamite Post, before he was forced from the game by injuries, was the bulwark of the Cardinals' line.

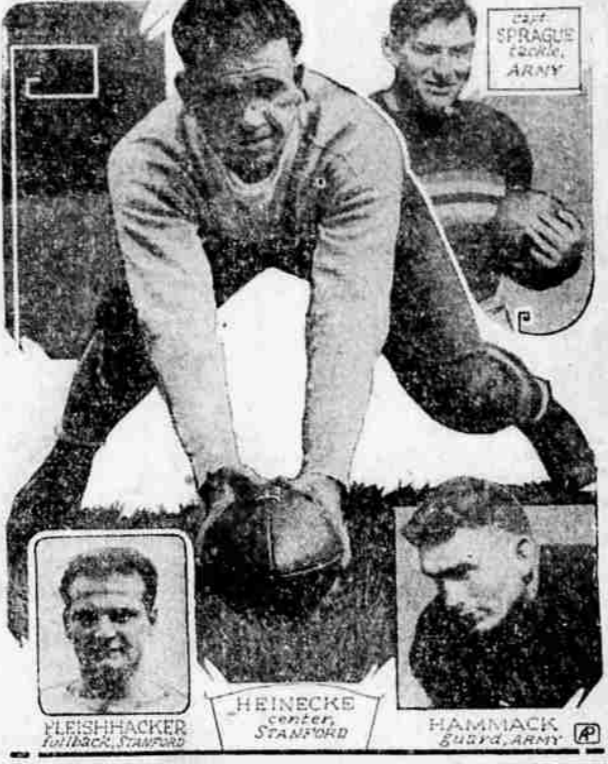
First Period.
Captain Hoffman kicked off to Murrell who came to the 19-yard line. Murrell took three yards at right guard. Murrell punted to Stanford's 43-yard line. Hoffman completed a forward pass to Preston on Army's 20-yard line. Stanford made another first down on the second play. Wilton plunged through center for four yards on a fakeable pass. Fleishacker added two more yards at center. Hoffman added five yards off right tackle. Fleishacker got two yards at center. From behind his own goal line Murrell kicked to Army's 34-yard line. Hoffman passed to Wilton for a gain of a yard. Hoffman passed to Mueller for a first down on Army's 22-yard line. Hoffman plunged two yards at center. Hoffman passed to Mueller on Army's 13-yard line. He backed Wilton ahead of right tackle for seven yards. Wilton made a first down through the middle on Army's 16-yard line. Timberlake took Murrell's place at fullback for the Army. On a fake double pass, Fleishacker plunged five yards at right guard. Sims added a yard off left tackle. Fleishacker made a first down through the middle on Army's 6-yard line. Hoffman slipped off right tackle to Army's one-yard mark. Hoffman plunged over the middle for a touchdown. Hoffman's attempted placement kick for the extra point was blocked by Sprague.

Score, end of half: Stanford, 6; Army, 0.

Second Half.
Hoffman's pass was blocked down by Timberlake. Army took the ball on its own 7-yard line. Timberlake plunged a yard on a fake tackle to Army's one-yard mark. Hoffman plunged over the middle for a touchdown. Hoffman's attempted placement kick for the extra point was blocked by Sprague.

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CARDINAL AND ARMY STARS



SLAYERS SAY 'WITCHCRAFT' SPELL BROKEN

Murderer Known As 'Pow-Wow Doctor'—Look of Hair Sought to End 'Spell'—To Investigate Strange Beliefs.

YORK, Pa., Dec. 1.—(AP)—Police said today that John Blymer, 32, and John Curry, 15, two of the three under arrest for the killing of Nelson D. Rehmeyer in an effort to get a look of his hair to break a spell they believed Rehmeyer had cast over them, did not appear to regret the slaying.

They did not intend to kill Rehmeyer, but they are not sorry he is dead, for the spell has been broken, is the philosophy of the two, the police said.

Wilbert G. Hess, whose family was led to believe that Blymer was a "pow-wow doctor," seems to be the only one of the trio who worries over the killing. He was present when Rehmeyer, a farmer, was clubbed to death last Tuesday night in his home.

The look of hair sought was to have been buried eight feet underground to "break the spell."

A cursory investigation of the antecedents of the tragedy reveals that a center of so-called "pow-wow doctors" in York county and at least one in Lancaster county, had much to do with the mental state of the three that led them to the crime.

When Detective Ralph Keech first learned of the witchcraft element in the killing, he got in touch with Charles W. Dice, who has figured in witchcraft in York and vicinity. From Dice he learned that Blymer was the "doctor" in the Hess case. Dice was unable to tell the identity of the man of slither build and known as "John," said to have been with Blymer on his visits to Rehmeyer. The latter's wife gave the detective this description: From Dice, however, the detectives obtained the information which led to the arrest of John Curry. This had first told of the killing and then Blymer was arrested.

District Attorney Amos W. Herrmann, as a result of the revelations in the Rehmeyer killing, will give attention to an investigation of the witchcraft situation in York county.

MELENZ HOPS FROM NICARAGUA FOR COLON

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 1.—(AP)—The Tropical Radio company announced here today that it had been advised that Lieutenant Benjamin Melendez, a Nicaraguan, had fled from Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, this morning for Colon, Panama, where he is to arrive this afternoon.

Melendez landed near Puerto Cabezas last night during a storm and spent the night there. The plane was not damaged.

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Dec. 1.—(AP)—Final figures of the vote in the recent licensing referendum in New Zealand give a majority of 144,325 against prohibition. The vote was as follows: For continuation of the present licensing system, 374,592; for state control, 64,276; for prohibition, 294,458.

Plenty of Apples In Storage for School Teachers

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—(AP)—Teacher may expect to receive many a beautiful, red-checked apple pretty soon.

The government bureau of agricultural economics announced that apple storage houses throughout the United States have on hand 2,870,000 barrels, 12,421,000 boxes and 4,913,000 bushel baskets of apples. Combined holdings are 44 per cent of greater volume than a year ago, and 30 per cent above the 5-year average.

BLUEBLOODS OF FARM IN CHICAGO SHOW

Twenty-Ninth International Livestock Exposition Opens—12,000 Purebreds Shown—Grains and Hay Also On Exhibition.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—(AP)—Kings and queens of the animal kingdom, groomed in dress regalia for a world's fair of their own, sought blue ribbons of agricultural royalty today with the opening of the 29th annual International Livestock exposition.

There were record entries of nearly 12,000 bluebloods, including 40 breeds of beef cattle, swine, horses and sheep. Millionaire livestock fanciers had sent their best stock to parade for honors during the eight-day show.

Socially prominent leaders of Chicago showed with 40-acre farmers in the cosmopolitan crowds that thronged the stockyards. A message from Secretary of Agriculture Jardine called the exposition a "congress for discussing the farmer's problems."

The International Horse Show, exhibiting 500 of the world's choicest horses, was a fair in itself. Not only livestock, but grains and hays—from Canada, Australia and New South Wales—were on display to contest perfection honors with America's best.

A veritable university of short courses in the latest methods of farming was part of the exposition. Every agricultural practice, every implement, every phase of the industry had its place.

Cattle Judging.
Cattle judging teams from colleges throughout the country had arrived to vie for champion championships and the Spoor trophy, a bronze statue twice won by five different schools. Iowa State college, the University of Nebraska, Oklahoma A. and M., Purdue and Texas A. and M. sent teams with hopes of gaining permanent possession of the trophy, which goes to the first three-time winner.

From Dalbeattie, Scotland had come Walter Biggar to judge the world's fat cattle. Three before he has picked the champion steer, the exposition's chief objective of interest. Last year he selected California Stamp, a 1975 pound steer from the barns of the University of California.

Preliminary competitions, begun yesterday when boys' and girls' football clubs announced their own winners of annual contests, were today's principal attractions.

TROJANS LEAD ROCKNE SQUAD LOS ANGELES

Score end second period: U. S. C., 20; Notre Dame, 0.

By RUSSELL J. NEWLAND.
Associated Press Sports Writer
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 1.—(AP)—Notre Dame's ramblers rolled into town today primed for their final effort of the football year—that of trying to knock over their greatest inter-sectional opponents, the undefeated Southern California Trojans, coast conference champions.

Nearly 20,000 persons, capacity of the bowl, poured into the stands for the third annual grid classic between these rivals. Homecoming day for the Trojans flashed with a brilliant year which numbers victories over all opponents except a tie with California's Bears.

NORTHCOTT TO STAND TRIAL LOS ANGELES

Riverside County Defers to Los Angeles—To Plead December 5—Accused Denounces Police and Newspapers.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 1.—(AP)—After his first night in jail here, Gordon Stewart Northcott, 21-year-old Canadian, charged with murdering four boys in southern California, awoke today to face the prospect of standing trial first in Los Angeles for the murder of the Mexican youth found beheaded near Punia.

Northcott was arraigned yesterday. He will make his plea December 5.



Sanford Clark (top), first accuser of Gordon Stewart Northcott (bottom), George Cyrus Northcott (middle), father of Gordon.

Sanford Clark, father of Northcott, from whom he is alleged to have committed all four murders, announced that he had deferred to Los Angeles county in the matter of initial prosecution. This county claimed jurisdiction on the grounds that the body of the Mexican was found within its limits, although the murder was said to have been committed across the county line.

Despite Deputy District Attorney Rodwin's insistence that Northcott confessed to killing the Mexican, following a seven-hour third degree on the train from Vancouver to Los Angeles, the accused, since in the hands of his attorneys here, repudiated the alleged confession.

Denounces Police.
Northcott delivered a bitter denunciation of Los Angeles police and newspaper methods, alleging violation of his rights, and what he described as "attempts to convict" by publicity prior to trial. He pronounced "attempts" being photographed in jail by newspaper photographers and of being interviewed, which he said "was an outrage."

"Your American jails make a theatrical performance of a case," he told J. Edgar Hoover. "I am not a criminal. I am a man. I am not a criminal. I am a man. I am not a criminal. I am a man."

"English law is fine, excellent," he told newspaper reporters. "But American law is not. In Canada you're innocent until you're proved guilty. Here you're just guilty, that's all, innocent or not."

Northcott is alleged to have lured and murdered a Mexican youth, and three missing American boys, believed dead, to his chicken coop, and murdered all of them following statutory crimes. A question of corpse defilement figures in the case of the three missing boys. Their bodies, identified as such, have never been discovered, although...

Wash. Club Intends to Keep Fighting for Al

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—(AP)—The Al Smith Democratic club of Washington, like John Paul Jones, has "just begun to fight."

The group has passed a resolution to "maintain its origin as an active, energetic body to foster and animate a nationwide movement to bring about the nomination and election of Alfred E. Smith, in 1932."

A preamble to the resolution denounces the activities of the Klan and anti-Sloan league. No mention is made of the New York governor's announcement that he never again expected to run for public office.

GOVERNMENT SHOULD HELP AGRICULTURE

Annual Report of Secretary Jardine Shows Year of Achievement—Farmers Entitled to Practical Aid for Complex Problem.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—(AP)—Despite the clamor of demands for farm relief legislation, Secretary Jardine in his annual report to President Coolidge declares that "it is beyond question that 1928 will go down in American agricultural history as a year of achievement."

Insisting that the gross income from agriculture this year will be well above the 1927-28 total of \$12,232,000,000, the Secretary nevertheless complains his forecast with the statement that "this does not mean that agricultural grievances are insubstantial nor does it mean that the remedy for these very real difficulties should be left to the free play of economic forces."

"The situation from which agriculture is still suffering has complex economic, social and other roots," he says. "For these the nation cannot escape its just share of responsibility in that its officials advocated overwhelming expansion of production during the war. In like manner the nation must accept its share of responsibility in seeking and applying sound and adequate relief."

"In short, agriculture is entitled to practical governmental help in rebuilding its fortunes on a firm and permanent foundation."

Quality Production.
Without offering any hard and fast farm relief proposal the secretary suggests that farmers could benefit themselves by giving more attention to quality production. Discussing agricultural legislation, he draws attention to laws already enacted, such as the cooperative marketing act of July 2, 1926, the agricultural credits act of 1923, and statutes in 28 states authorizing formation of co-operative associations. Much has already been done by this and similar legislation, he argued, toward improving the situation of the American farmer.

In the fields of farm credits and crop insurance the secretary found the greatest need for future improvement, though he felt that the federal farm loan system and insurance, although the latter has not yet greatly increased safety and stability. "Much has been done in recent years," he says, "to improve agriculture's credit facilities, but much remains to be done."

Mr. Jardine's optimistic outlook took into consideration his notation that "in value our agricultural exports for the year were four per cent less than those of the preceding year and were the smallest in the last five years." He set forth that agricultural exports amounted to only 28 per cent of the total and explained that cotton exports fell off 30 per cent in volume, wheat 6 per cent, and that apples and pork products, both leading export items, showed reduced totals. Barley, corn, rice, tobacco, and prunes, however, showed encouraging export increases.

Large Average.
In spite of bad weather conditions in some sections, he says, the average of crops harvested was the largest ever recorded, and 8,000,000 acres above the 1927 total. Yields per acre, moreover, were about 3 per cent above the average for the last 10 years and about 1.7 per cent above those of last year.

His estimate of gross income he based on conspicuous betterment in the livestock industries, the increased income from which he believes will more than counterbalance lowered returns to be expected from cash grains, hay, tobacco and potatoes.

"General improvement in the livestock industry, in which all its branches shared was the most

ARGENTINA SHAKEN BY BIG QUAKE

Lives Lost and Heavy Property Damage in South American Quake—Santa Cruz in Ruins—Others Suffer—Communication With Interior Blocked.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 1.—(AP)—At least 22 persons were killed in an earthquake which shook the Chilean coast early today, with the likelihood that the casualties will mount when full reports are received.

A dispatch from the Teniente mine of the American-owned Braden Copper company said that seventeen persons were killed at Barahona.

Fifty persons lost their lives at Quinta where the railway station was wrecked by the tremor.

Major reports say that the important commercial towns of Talca and Chillan near Concepcion were shaken by the quakes with the likelihood of some loss of life.

Santiago and Valparaiso also felt the tremors but suffered comparatively slight damage.

Communications with the interior have been interrupted and it was with the greatest difficulty that news was coming through.

The minister of war left for Talca by airplane and troops from nearby garrisons were ordered out for rescue work.

The authorities have asked that a state of siege be proclaimed in the affected region.

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Dec. 1.—(AP) A dispatch to La Nación from Santiago says that numbers of persons are reported to have been killed and injured in an earthquake today in the region south of Santiago.

Persons arriving in Santiago by automobile reported that the town of Santa Cruz was in ruins and that the cities of Curico and Talca were severely damaged.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 1.—(AP)—A violent earth tremor was felt in this district at eleven minutes past midnight, the duration being more than half a minute.

Slight damage was reported.

The quakes was also felt in Valparaiso.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—(AP) A "very severe" earth disturbance was noted on the Georgetown university seismograph at 11:18 o'clock last night, reaching its maximum intensity at 11:23. Director Tordoff estimated the disturbance occurred 110 miles from Washington in a southerly direction.

ECUADOR HEARS FIRST SPEECH BY MR. HOOVER

True Democracy of U. S. Pictured As Guarantee of Respect—Hosts Thanked for Reception and Kind Words.

GUAYQUIL, Ecuador, Dec. 1.—(AP)—The "true democracy" of the United States was pictured by Herbert Hoover to President Ayora of Ecuador as the "guarantee of respect which comes only from equals in a common struggle to uphold human welfare."

Making his first speech in South America on his tour, Mr. Hoover said: "The good will towards all our sister republics which I know lies in the hearts of the people of the United States democracy is more than a form of political organization."

"I thank you," he told his hosts, "for the reception you have given my colleagues and myself, and I thank you for the high terms in which you have spoken of my country. I feel gratified that you should think so well of the country which we love."

CORUNYA, N. Y., Dec. 1.—(AP)—Four women were killed today when their automobile was struck by a Delaware Lackawanna & Western passenger train at Polkville.

The dead: Miss Jeanette Durfee, New Woodstock; Mrs. Ada Moore, McGraw; Mrs. Jennie Woodin, McGraw, and Miss Margory Woodin, her daughter.

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