

Today

By Arthur Brisbane
A Coolidge Goodbye.
Royal Sign Manual.
Watch Your Heart.
Chicago, Florida, Closer.

(Copyright, 1928, by Star Co.)

President Coolidge's message to congress, asks for fifteen cruisers, explaining that a big navy is no bar to the Kellogg peace pact. That's true, and it wouldn't make much difference if it were a bar. A navy is a reality. A peace pact is a piece of paper.

Those that prattle about peace when there is no safe peace except in protection, should consider the 60,000,000 Japanese, living beside more than 500,000,000 Chinese.

Chinese as a race are probably abler than the Japanese. But Japan dominates China and stands an equal among the nations. China stands nowhere. The Japanese know how to protect themselves, desiring peace, they are ready to fight, if necessary.

President Coolidge says this country is not "militaristic or imperialistic."

Certainly not, but it is an empire, a good solid one, all tied together, from the north-western tip of Alaska to the southeastern tip of Florida.

And it means to be ready for unpleasant approaches by anybody that is militaristic.

The president puts it mildly when he tells congress "the country can regard the present with satisfaction and anticipate the future with optimism."

The Gauls told Alexander that the only thing they feared was that the sky might fall on them.

The only thing Americans have to fear is their own foolishness.

Another gentleman, with no official title, has a message for congress. His name is old Mr. Power Lobby, and his boss is that important person, the power trust.

His message to congress is not printed, no advance copy sent to editors. But the public will know, by watching congress, how effective and how "convincing" the message is.

Watch your heart, especially if you have responsibilities and worries, before it is too late. Five doctors are watching King George's heart now, too late perhaps. His temperature is lower, congestion in the lungs has subsided. But doctors warn against optimism, because of that weak heart.

Mentally, as Goethe said, it is "Courage gone, everything gone." Physically, it is "Heart gone, everything gone."

Figures, unfortunately, reveal the gravity of King George's illness. Yesterday it cost 90 percent to insure the king's life over Christmas.

The king's doctors, first two, then three, then four, now number five, in attendance. Three have titles of nobility which enable them to leave off the letters "M. D." In Britain, on this day, doctors have little social standing. As for the dentist, he has less than none.

The "Royal Sign Manual," which means the king's signature is necessary on many documents, and the king is too ill to sign papers. A royal commission exercising certain of his powers, will include the Duke of York, Premier Baldwin, the Archbishop of Canterbury.

BUDGET IS PRESENTED TO CONGRESS

First Real Business Session
Receives Expense List—Almost Four Billion Dollars—Coolidge Economy Warning Given—Boulder Dam Fight Looms.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Congress had graphically called to its attention today that the United States is almost a four billion dollar country.

In its first real business meeting of the session, it received from President Coolidge the annual budget calling for expenditures of \$3,780,719,647 during the next fiscal year, and before the membership could open their eyes the treasury and postoffice departments put in joint claims for \$1,136,673,388 as their share.

Congressional air was murky with figures as the house and senate met to discuss the budget, but the voice of President Coolidge for government economy made itself evident to those who would appropriate government funds. The president warned that "it is clear that we cannot assume many great additional expenditures without jeopardizing the present favorable outlook."

The size of the national requirements did not keep the senate and house busy very long, however. The budget, Secretary Mellon's report and the treasury postoffice bill were laid aside for later and more detailed consideration, while some other things were brought out.

The senate foreign relations committee decided to defer for the moment any action of the Kellogg treaty calling on the nations to renounce war. Secretary Kellogg will be asked to give his views. Meanwhile in the senate two demands were made for congressional investigations of the sinking of the British steamer Vestris. They were by Senators Jones of Washington and Wagner of New York.

The senate also received the resignation of T. Coleman Du Pont, of Delaware, submitted because of the senator's ill health.

Representative Britten, Republican of Illinois, won the honors for setting through the first bill of the session. It would ask Secretary WHB to assign a naval medical officer to the house to look after sick members.

The senate squared itself away for a fight over Boulder dam.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—President-elect Hoover was mentioned in the house today for the first time since opening day, an observation coming from Representative Huddleston, Democrat, Alabama, that Hoover might be encroaching upon the functions of the diplomatic service in his South American good will tour.

Representative Laganard, Republican, New York, defended Hoover's voyage as likely to result in some good, but he regretted that it is being made aboard a battleship.

I am too happy for expression" was the way Governor Patterson opened his official welcome to the members of the Beaver eleven as they lined up before him at the station.

"All Oregon is proud of you, and your teamwork in New York shows what teamwork can do."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—A lump sum appropriation of \$25,401,000 for work on public buildings, scarcely more than half of the amount made available for the same purpose in 1927, was carried in the treasury and postoffice appropriation bill which came to the house today from its appropriations committee.

For the new building at Portland, Ore., the committee increased the cost limit from \$1,500,000 to \$1,600,000. To provide additional space and better features, it ignored a recommendation that another \$250,000 be added for additional land.

The tentative allocation of the lump sum estimate included: Boise, Idaho, \$150,000; Portland, Ore., \$600,000; Pullman, Wash., \$10,000; and Seattle, Wash., \$130,000.

TO ATTEND AIR CONFERENCE



Orville Wright has been appointed to a committee with Charles A. Lindbergh to represent the United States at the international conference on civil aeronautics, which meets in Washington in December. He will also take part in the laying of the cornerstone of a monument at Kitty Hawk, N. C., to commemorate the first flight by the Wrights 25 years ago.

BEAVERS GIVEN BIG WELCOME AT PENDLETON

Oregon State Gridiron Heroes Get Noisy Greeting in Roundup City—Governor Patterson Gives Official Welcome.

PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 5.—(AP)—"Rah, beavers!"

With whistles blowing, sirens shrieking and the townspeople whooping it up, Pendleton this morning welcomed Oregon State College gridiron heroes home from their 25-12 victory over New York University in Gotham on Thanksgiving day.

The roundup city rattled the sidewalks of New York in welcoming a Lindbergh, an Al Smith or a visiting potentate in its real western acclaim of those 30 Orangemen who brought the timber clad hills of the northwest and its football potentialities closer to the canyon of Gotham.

With Governor I. L. Patterson representing the state, Pendleton city officials, citizens and school students shouting Oregon State yells and songs, the players rode through Pendleton streets.

Allumni of this section prepared a greeting for them long to be remembered. Mrs. Tierckley Davis, with an O. S. C. banner and Coed Club with the nation's flag, stood on horseback in the lead, the automobile cavalcade wound through the streets and then back to the station.

The Beavers brought back a touch of little old Gotham when they climbed out of the train a number of them wore black derbies picked up along the avenue.

I am too happy for expression" was the way Governor Patterson opened his official welcome to the members of the Beaver eleven as they lined up before him at the station.

"All Oregon is proud of you, and your teamwork in New York shows what teamwork can do."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—A lump sum appropriation of \$25,401,000 for work on public buildings, scarcely more than half of the amount made available for the same purpose in 1927, was carried in the treasury and postoffice appropriation bill which came to the house today from its appropriations committee.

For the new building at Portland, Ore., the committee increased the cost limit from \$1,500,000 to \$1,600,000. To provide additional space and better features, it ignored a recommendation that another \$250,000 be added for additional land.

The tentative allocation of the lump sum estimate included: Boise, Idaho, \$150,000; Portland, Ore., \$600,000; Pullman, Wash., \$10,000; and Seattle, Wash., \$130,000.

DOTY MILL Burns
DOTY, Wa., Dec. 5.—(AP)—Fire during the noon hour here today completely destroyed the planing mill of the Doty Lumber and Shingle company, this city's sole industrial plant, doing damage estimated at \$75,000. The loss is believed to have been largely covered by insurance.

PORTLAND INFANT BURNED TO DEATH
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 5.—(AP)—Fire which swept the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Pitts this afternoon, burned to death their 11-month-old son. Mrs. Pitts stepped to the home of a neighbor, leaving the infant asleep. When she returned the house was in flames, the fire apparently having been caused by an overheated cookstove. Neighbors called the fire department but the firemen arrived too late to save the child. The Pitts house was at 1221 Webster street.

PORTLAND GIVEN FUNDS INCREASE FOR POSTOFFICE
WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—A lump sum appropriation of \$25,401,000 for work on public buildings, scarcely more than half of the amount made available for the same purpose in 1927, was carried in the treasury and postoffice appropriation bill which came to the house today from its appropriations committee.

NORTHCOTT REPUTATES HIS STORY

Alleged Slayer Pleads Not Guilty and Denies Confession—Further Details of 'Murder Farm' Given—Tears and Shouts Mark Demeanor.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5.—(AP)—A confession that stood repudiated in court when Gordon Stewart Northcott, alleged "quadruple slayer," entered pleas of "not guilty" was all that officers had to show today for a 27 hour search for desert graves and a three day battle of wits with the strange 21 year old Canadian.

In Riverside superior court, Northcott denied it all—his written and signed confession to the murder of Alvin Gothea, Mexican youth found beheaded near Puente and his detailed verbal confessions to the murder of three other boys on his Winerville chicken ranch.

His formal repudiation of all confessions climaxed the weird quest on the Mojave desert in which he led officers in a search for the head of Alvin Gothea and the remains of another boy which he said he buried there in a concrete coffin. He finally said he could not find the place.

On the ride back to Riverside, Northcott "broke" further under the third degree, and made additional startling revelations concerning the "murder farm." He fixed the number of the murdered at eleven instead of nine, eight boys and three men, born into tears, shouted and talked incoherently.

Then, meeting his attorney in court, he calmed down, regained his poise, read the indictments charging him with four murders and pleaded "not guilty" to all of them.

In a statement after his plea, Northcott charged the officers with inhuman treatment. Officers puzzled. Visibly taken aback by Northcott's abrupt about face on the murder charges, and the changed demeanor of the youth who an hour before had appeared as a "howling avenger," the officers brought Northcott back to his cell in the Los Angeles county jail.

He was scheduled to make a plea here today to the murder of the Mexican boy. Both Los Angeles and Riverside counties indicted him for this murder since the killing was said to have taken place on the chicken farm and the boy's body was found near Puente in this county.

Back in his cell Northcott said: "I never made any confession. It is all a lie. Why should I plead guilty to crimes of which I know nothing?"

He asked for newspapers, scanned them eagerly, and then, pointing to a headline shouted: "That's what they did. That's why they took me on that long ride."

Officers who accompanied Northcott on the futile desert search were frankly puzzled by the sudden changes in Northcott. "Maybe he is preparing an insanity plea for his appearance in court," was the comment of Bill Bright, head of the homicide detail.

BOMB HITCHED CAR STARTER PROVES FATAL

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 5.—(AP)—The "smiling pacemaker" of the St. Paul underworld, the "Dapper Danny" Hogan who said he didn't have an enemy in the world, lay last night and watched shattered amputate his right leg, shattered by a bomb.

And then he died. Accepting the physician's advice against an anesthetic, Hogan remained conscious while the leg was being amputated. A dozen friends offered their blood for transfusion, but Hogan died before such an operation could be performed.

Hogan was 48 years old and married.

Attorneys in revenge from bankers in reprisal for some real estate wrong at the hands of "Dapper Danny" reached police today as they sought clues.

GATES GUEST HONOR AT KLAMATH FALLS
KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 5.—(Special)—C. E. "Pop" Gates, lane highway commissioner, will be guest of honor at a banquet to be given at the Pelican grill this evening at 6:30.

Members of the county court and citizens of Klamath Falls and Klamath county will be host. Guests have been invited to attend from Lake county. Klamath citizens will express the appreciation of the county for the work done by the highway commission in this part of the state, and for "Pop" Gates' untiring efforts in behalf of this section since he has been a member of the commission. Mr. Gates is a resident of Medford.

tern Conference Discard Razzing Basketball Game

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—(AP)—The right of basketball fans to razz the officials is slated for discard in the Western conference.

Big Ten athletic directors and coaches have decided that razzing and hissing must go and are ready to take drastic steps, if necessary, to stop jeering. Education will be tried first, and if that fails the crowds will be policed. Booming and hissing of officials by spectators at basketball games last year reached the stage where athletic directors expressed fear for the existence of basketball as a Big Ten sport.

IOWA YOUTH TAKES PRIZES CHICAGO SHOW

Hereford Steer Owned By 12-Year-Old Lad Declared Grand Champion—Three Other Championships Won—Total \$1000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—(AP)—More than thirty championships in livestock had been divided among 13 states and Canada, and four major crops awards had gone to four states and the dominion as the fourth day of the International Livestock Exposition opened its busy doors today. A half dozen prizes each had been given in the fat cattle, brooding cattle, swine and horse branches and seven titles had been decided in sheep competition.

Today was to see a large share of the judging completed in brooding classes of all types of farm animals, with virtually all of this branch of judging to be finished by tomorrow.

A lad of twelve from a farm near State Center, Iowa, won the major share of the spotlight yesterday, when his Hereford steer, "Dick," was declared grand champion after its youthful owner, Clarence Goecke, had about decided there was no use entering his pet beast in the banner event.

Clarence had already won three championships with his steer and had bought his ticket back to Iowa, when W. L. Hazzard, coach of the prize-winning Oklahoma Agricultural college, prevailed on him to stay. The boy's winnings are expected to reach \$1,000 in addition to approximately \$1,000 which it is estimated he will get at the sale of the steer.

The honors won by young Goecke were in line with the record here made by his state, which continued to capture prizes today, bringing its total of major livestock awards to six.

Rome Workman, Illinois boy from Waverly, shared honors with Goecke when he became "corn king" of the show with his ten ears of Holli's yellow dent. Workman's father is a former champion.

Walter Biggar, famous livestock judge from Scotland, who was brought to this country especially to judge the champions, asserted that the animals at the show were the finest he had ever seen.

PRESIDENT ASKS \$36,310,815 FOR CARE OF INDIANS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—In caring for its Indian wards, the United States will spend \$36,310,815 in the fiscal year of 1929 if the recommendations of the budget submitted to congress today by President Coolidge are followed. The amount of the estimated cost of operating the Indian bureau next year is \$46,000 more than that appropriated by congress for the present year.

Included in the list of expenditures, the government makes provision for caring for the irrigation systems in the various reservations the education of the Indians in the Indian schools and for fulfilling the treaties with them. The Indian school at Salem, Ore., is allotted \$120,000.

Fire Ousts Co-Eds.
HENDERSON, N. S., Dec. 5.—(AP)—Fire early today destroyed the main building of Louisiana college at Louisiana, N. C., driving 75 girls and teachers into the night and resulting in injury to two freshmen. The students, all girls, were sent to their homes today to remain over Christmas.

RESCUE TANKER CREW MEDITERRANEAN SEA
LONDON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—The German steamship Uarda today reported rescuing the crew of the British tanker British Courage, which was afloat in the eastern Mediterranean.

PERUVIANS WELCOME MR. HOOVER

Lima Turns Out for Popular Welcome—Drive From Callao Long Ovation—Stars and Stripes Shown With Peruvian Flag—Crowd Throws Flowers.

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 5.—(AP)—President-elect Hoover, making his second good will visit in South America, entered the city of Lima today amidst picturesque scenes and a popular welcome seldom, if ever, accorded any foreign visitor here.

After being enthusiastically greeted at Callao on his disembarkation from the U. S. S. Maryland, Mr. Hoover traveled over the eight-mile highway from Lima, everywhere cheered by crowds.

As he and his party entered Lima's suburbs, the crowds grew more dense and by the time the city itself was reached the streets were lined with spectators. Along the wide, beautiful avenues, the balconies of homes and roofs were crowded with spectators and the stars and stripes and Peruvian flag were everywhere. Placards and posters in English welcoming the president-elect were conspicuous along the route.

The foreign minister, in greeting Mr. Hoover, said that because of his world war work in Belgian relief and in the Red Cross he had won the admiration of Peru. "Therefore, in Peru," he said, "you will surely feel side by side with your heart the throbs of the great, glorious and powerful nation, of which you are about to rule her destinies."

You will find here feelings of union and fraternity, which have invariably bound our two countries."

Flowers Thrown.
Mentioned flowers with pennants flying escorted Mr. Hoover in a triumphal procession through the "city of kings." Mrs. Hoover rode in another automobile accompanied by the president's eldest daughter. The crowd threw flowers, with which Lima is now blossoming at the beginning of its summer season, at the Hoover party.

After a brief rest at the United States embassy the president-elect was escorted by the foreign minister to a "Carroza" or open carriage something like a barouche, drawn by six beautiful bay horses of the finest Arabian strain. The coachmen wore gorgeous blue and red liveries with white wings and olive green hats, such as the Spanish viceroys used centuries ago.

Mr. Hoover and the foreign minister drove through streets lined with thousands of spectators to the national palace where President Leguia welcomed him cordially and gave him a most warm greeting. This president's official speech of welcome will be made at a banquet tonight.

FLU EPIDEMIC IS MENACING THE COUNTRY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—With 8,212 cases of influenza reported in California, and 15,000 in the country as a whole, the United States public health service today warned physicians and health officers to be especially vigilant to forestall another widespread epidemic.

State health officers reported the following numbers of cases in their states for the week ending December 1: Montana, 2,471; Oregon, 266; Utah, 258; Arizona, 209; South Carolina, 2,118; Georgia, 241; Alabama, 128; and Indiana, 51. Several other states had less than 100 cases. In every state, it reported, there are at least a few cases.

The first cases reported were in San Francisco, several weeks ago. Apparently, the disease spread to Holtwood, thence west, and less extensively south and east.

Dr. R. C. Williams cautioned against mingling with crowds and advocated sleeping in open air, and the usual necessary precautions to prevent coming in contact with the disease.

Oregon Weather.
Oregon, Fair tonight and Thursday; freezing temperatures throughout in the interior. Fresh easterly winds.