

The Weather

Forecast—Cloudy tonight and Saturday; not so cool tonight. Maximum yesterday 32. Lowest this forenoon 25.

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By Arthur Brisbane. Chilly for Lambs. The King's Doctors. Deep Sea Fish, and Men. Divine Plus Fours.

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Wall Street's little lambs felt the chill of winter Wednesday. Benevolent managers of high finance, to save little people from "foolish gambling" when it is too late, raised "call money" to 12 per cent.

If foolish gambling by the public allows banks and the Federal Reserve to go too far in the direction of criminal usury, there may be quite a smash.

Mr. Mellon, who knows about money, ought to look into that and probably will. Promoted clerks in the Federal Reserve men well, and are glad to give the banks a chance to make a little dishonest money. But there is such a thing as going too far.

Physicians wailing bulletins issued by King George's doctors find it difficult to say exactly what they mean. Royal doctors must be as optimistic as they dare to help Britain's Christmas trade, at the same time protecting their own reputations.

Unfortunately, the most accurate diagnosis probably is that of insurance companies that now refuse to insure the king's life, even at 90 per cent for three weeks.

"Infection in the lungs" is the trouble. The thin wall that separates the king's lungs from doctors watching him is a more effective barrier than the great wall of China.

At the Rockefeller Institute in New York, Dr. Carrel opens the lung cavity of a dog, removes a piece of lung tissue, theoretically diseased, and an hour later the dog is as well as ever. Ordinarily, atmospheric pressure would cause collapse of the lung and death on opening the lung cavity. Carrel's assistants pumped air into the windpipe at a pressure equal to atmospheric pressure. The dog doesn't suffer by the way, feels nothing.

But you can't experiment on a king.

Scientists study fishes that live a mile below the ocean surface. Bring them to the top, removing the water pressure, they burst and die.

Human beings live at the bottom of the atmospheric ocean, 500 miles deep. If you took us to the top we probably would burst, and we should die surely. Man cannot live 10 miles up, to say nothing of 500 miles.

We pity the poor, submerged deep sea fish, leading such dull lives. They would pity the submerged poor among human beings.

Science says 24 of earth's life was once in the ocean. Some animals climbed on the land, developed lungs in place of the fish's bladder, ears in place of gills. Men were included in that migration to land. Other animals, even more ambitious, learned to fly—the birds.

Among human beings a few, bird-like, fly above the level of necessity to the realms of wealth. Once they get there, they, like the birds, are safe. But, like the birds, they don't do much thinking. They don't have to think.

Germany likes new ideas. German girls go into athletics in scanty clothing. Societies and health fairs exist here and there in Germany and other parts of Europe, where clothing is barred entirely.

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MOTHER OF NORTHCOTT IS BITTER

Shrieks and Sobs in Denial of Guilt—Shouts Charge of Frame-Up—Portland Interviewers Told Mother and Son Pals—Nephew's Name Brings Hysteria.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 7.—(AP) Shrieking at times in a furious passion at those who say Gordon Stewart Northcott is guilty of murder and of abominable brutalities, and sobbing the next instant in relating how dear he is to her, Mrs. Louisa Northcott, accused jointly with her son of a series of boy murders, passed through Portland last night en route to Los Angeles county.

Bitterness seemed to permeate the raw-boned woman's entire mind



Mrs. Louise Northcott

as time and again she shouted that her son was "framed," that he "was never given a chance," that his neighbors in Riverside, Cal., "were jealous of him."

Living as a heavy, heavily featured, with deepest, nervous eyes that wear a brooding look, the woman glared defiantly at questioners as they sought to learn of the crimes alleged to have been committed on the Northcott chicken ranch at Riverside.

At times—and then only for an instant—tears welled into her eyes as she spoke of her son who has confessed and then renounced his confession to the murders of at least four small boys. Her dry sobbing over the 61-year-old woman instantly was on the defensive, shouting denials and hurling recriminations.

"I swear to God that he's been framed," she screamed during the questioning when newspaper men sought to point out to her what they considered a logical train of events in connection with the murders.

Were Pals. "I tell you we were pals—he told me everything. I didn't know any of these boys they say were out at the ranch. I didn't know Walter Collins; I didn't know Lewis Winslow; I didn't know Nelson Winslow; and this Mexican boy—I never saw them." And she pounded on the table in front of her as her features worked in a frenzy of excitement.

And then the period of reaction, and Mrs. Northcott gave way to sobbing, comforted by Mrs. Sweetser, who with her husband, Sheriff Sweetser, are taking the woman to California.

While she talked, Mrs. Northcott was not so excited and never so volatile that she did not hesitate and turn her deepest eyes aside for the briefest instant before answering a question that seemed to her too pointed.

A mention of the name of Sanford Clark, Northcott's nephew and his accomplice, at one time threw the woman into a paroxysm of rage. At another time she had been speaking of the Riverside chicken farm, how Stewart cared for it and all most of the work on it. She was interrupted by Sheriff Sweetser.

"And Stewart could have had boys out to the ranch without your knowing it," the sheriff demanded. "Mrs. Northcott stiffened. Her frame trembled as she glared at the sheriff across the table.

"Sanford Clark," she shouted, and "lost control of her voice." "Sanford Clark could have had them. He was—out there alone—a lot!"

BEHLIN, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Juan Martinez Del Rio, former husband of Dolores Del Rio, film actress died here today. He was attended in his last hour by Father Sanchez Moreno, family priest of the Del Rio, who came from Madrid, when the illness became serious. Death resulted from heart failure, induced by blood poisoning which followed a minor operation on a leg.

Engaged up by hope that his former wife might reach him, Del Rio lived several days longer than his physicians expected, but during the night a change came for the worse.

KING GEORGE OF ENGLAND



King George of England is ill at Buckingham palace and is under the care of royal physicians. He is suffering from congestion of one lung caused by infective catarrh. Above is a recent picture of his majesty taken when he reviewed cavalry units in the uniform of a field marshal.

CHILE IS NEXT STOP FOR GOOD IS BOOSTED BY WILL TOURISTS STATE DEMAND

Maryland Off Coast of Chile — Antofagasta Port of Call Saturday — Valparaiso Monday — End of Trip On Maryland.

ABOARD U. S. S. MARYLAND, EN ROUTE TO ANTOFAGASTA, Chile, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The Hoover "good will" ship passed today from the coast of Peru to that of Chile.

Also for the second time recently the Maryland ran into a radio "pocket," all official messages and press dispatches being held up during that time. When the Maryland sailed to the coast of Peru today, she also bade farewell to the Peruvian cruiser Coronel Bolanos which had accompanied her from Callao. The escort ship fired a parting salute and turned back toward her home port.

PHOTOGRAPHS REVEAL STORY OLD ROMANCE

UPPER SANDUSKY, Ohio, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Two faded photographs in the personal effects of an elderly woman who died recently in LaGrande, Ore., have solved the mysterious disappearance of two prominent young people of the village of Sycamore, near here, 50 years ago.

On the night of August 19, 1879, J. Wesley Lytle, a young farmer, drove away from his farm at Sycamore, leaving his wife and four small children. A few days later his horses were found here. Two weeks passed without word from Lytle and then Phoebe Schafer, socially prominent Sycamore girl, disappeared. The village never heard from them again and eventually they were forgotten.

When Attorney A. E. Hall of Upper Sandusky, opened a package he received yesterday from LaGrande, Ore., he found two old photographs sent him by the administrator of the estate of "Mrs. James W. Lytle" for identification. The photographs had been taken at Upper Sandusky half a century ago. Hall succeeded in identifying

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COUNTY BUDGET STOP FOR GOOD IS BOOSTED BY WILL TOURISTS STATE DEMAND

Budget Committee Adopts Expense Program — Increase of \$63,735 Caused By Increase in State Tax Over Last Year.

At a meeting of the budget committee this morning the budget for the year was formally adopted, with no protestants.

The budget as adopted provides for the raising of \$672,919.86. Last year the amount was \$608,281.64. The increase of \$63,735.22 is due to an increase in the state tax over last year, and the mill levy voted by the people for the county fair. The state tax for Jackson county was \$296,704.68. This year it has been fixed at \$215,635.61.

The fund for the maintenance and salaries, etc., in the county is practically the same as last year. A delegation of women, interested in health work, and headed by Mrs. Louis Ulrich, called upon the budget board under the misapprehension that the appropriation for county health work had been clipped. They were advised that no reduction had been made.

James MacCracken, a dairyman of the Talent district and prominent in Boys' and Girls' club work in this county, was present at the session as a spectator. Mr. MacCracken has not missed a meeting of the budget committee for many years.

J. N. Jady, Jr., of the Griffin Creek district called upon the meeting and filed a general protest against the taxes. He informed the body that he wanted "them to quit throwing out the county money by the acceptor."

Emmett Nealon of the Central Point district, a member of the budget committee, was unable to attend being confined to his home with an attack of the flu.

James H. Owens of Wellen, as chairman of the budget board, read the published budget. Ralph Hillings of Ashland, secretary of the board, and the county clerk and the county clerk were present.

As a reward for their services County Judge Alex Sparrow invited the budget committee and the county commissioners to have lunch with him, the invitation being spontaneously accepted by all save Mr. Owens, who announced: "I'll take mine about the Fourth of July" upon the grounds that a farmer could not work up an appetite these short days.

"No you don't," said Judge Sparrow. "I feed no farmer after he has been out in the hay field all day."

It also developed at the session that Ralph Hillings carries a watch 27 years old; James Owens pulled from his vest a timepiece 30 years of age, and Judge Sparrow had a watch 39 years old.

GUNMEN KILL POLICE CHIEF NEAR CHICAGO

South Chicago Heights 'Tough Cop' Victim of Racketeers — Sawed-Off Shotguns Spout Death Through Window.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—(AP) Leroy Gilbert, the South Chicago Heights police chief who was proud of his reputation as "a tough cop," won't bother the "boys in the booze racket" any more. Some men with sawed-off shotguns got him last night; shot him dead, through the back.

He was seated at home with his family. His back to the front window and the light from a floor lamp behind his chair set him apart from others in the room, like a spotlight singling out an actor on the stage. His chair was only a few feet from the front window; and the back of his head, dropped slightly forward as he read, was an easy target from the street. The shade had been drawn only half way.

The killers got out of their motorcar, a sedan, and except the few yards from the curb to the window. Their tracks in the skin of snow on the ground were found by investigators later. The shortened gun muzzles were rested on the window sill, permitting the shooters to take steady aim.

Twice the guns sent charges of shot tearing through the window, into the back of Chief Gilbert's head. A third volley went wide, and the third finger of Mrs. Gilbert's right hand was torn away.

Thirteen year old Ruth, one of five children, came running in from another room and slipped on the machine, the chair in which her father's body had slumped.

Machine Seen. Glenn Gilbert, the chief's brother, ran from the house and the gunmen sent a wild volley at him as they drove away. He was able to escape, to gain a good view of the machine, the description of which provided one of the principal clues on which highway police are at work.

If Gilbert's life had been threatened, he had kept it a secret. His wife said she had not known that her husband had an enemy in the world.

Gilbert, with four policemen, has been in charge of law enforcement of the community of 1089 inhabitants for six months. The village, two miles south of Chicago Heights, is largely populated by southern Europeans, and federal prohibition officers on several occasions have found a thriving "alky" business there, as well as in Chicago Heights.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—(AP) Gunmen ripped shotgun shells into a car in South Chicago Heights early today to kill Thomas Scanlon, a typewriter salesman. Five hours after the village chief of police fell a victim of assassins.

Scanlon was shot in the head as he rode in Adam Soderberg's car on the Lincoln highway. Four men waved flashlight signaling Soderberg to halt, but he disregarded their commands. Soderberg, who was not injured, said he believed the men had planned a holdup.

Less than five months ago bombers damaged the plant of the Chicago Heights Star, a newspaper where Scanlon was employed. King Williams, the editor, said he could not connect the slaying of Scanlon with his own troubles.

LOS ANGELES FLU AT PEAK NEXT WEEK

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7.—(AP) Health authorities expressed the belief today that the influenza epidemic which started here November 15 would reach the peak next week. Five hundred new cases in Los Angeles were reported yesterday and 800 the day before.

The health department announced that 8000 cases had been reported in the city in approximately four weeks, with 132 deaths. Local schools remained open, although authorities at Pasadena continued to suspend classes. Health reports from Orange, San Bernardino, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, where the germ also gained a hold, said the disease had been subdued in those counties.

The total number of cases in Los Angeles for the first six days of the month was announced last night as 2821. Many cases had been reported in Hollywood.

Oregon Weather. Generally cloudy tonight and Saturday, rain in the northwest portion; warmer tonight, increasing southerly winds.

ORGANIZE TO BOOST FOR PORT

Delegates at Crescent City Harbor Meeting Form Body to Aid Project—Funds Needed to Complete Sea Wall—Railroad Terminus Prospect.

Companion of C. H. Demaray of Grants Pass, Judge J. L. Childs of Crescent City, C. T. Baker of Medford, O. O. Alexander of Medford and William Lee of Klamath Falls, a committee was appointed at this forenoon's session of the temporary organization of the Del Norte Harbor association to prepare by-laws and a constitution to be submitted before the organization this afternoon.

The committee labored most of the forenoon on the constitution and resumed their labors this afternoon. It was not likely, according to late reports, that permanent officers will be elected today, but it is likely that a time will be set by the committee for the next meeting of the association at which time officers will be duly elected, according to Temporary President H. R. Salmarsch.

Perhaps one of the most important steps ever taken in aiding the construction of the Crescent harbor was made last evening at the Hotel Medford, where representative delegations from Klamath, Jackson, Josephine and Del Norte counties formed a temporary harbor project organization with a second meeting to name permanent officers selected for today. A large Crescent City delegation was present and came with the primary purpose to interest southern Oregon in the sending of a delegation to congress to ask for further appropriation for the extension of the sea wall, now being built.

In one of the early speeches of the evening, J. J. McNamara, president of the Del Norte Harbor commission, dwelt upon the necessity of sending a delegation at once to Washington, D. C., to insure continued work on the jetty, which is now 4200 feet long and which must be extended two miles at a cost of several millions of dollars before it will have been completed. The speaker declared if additional funds were not found available soon, the harbor construction would suffer a delay of a year, perhaps two, which he believed could be otherwise avoided by the presence of a southern Oregon delegation in Washington.

Judge J. L. Childs of Crescent City, who with C. E. Gates of this city and Isaac Best of Grants Pass, was successful in obtaining an appropriation two years ago of \$719,000 for harbor construction, told at length of the advantages of a Crescent City harbor, explaining that harbors were few on the Pacific coast, with the best situated at San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Columbia river and Puget Sound. He compared the Los Angeles harbor with the Crescent City project both needing long jetties. The Los Angeles jetty was hard to build because of a sandy foundation, costing many times as much as the Del Norte project, which was found to have a solid rock foundation, with water only 40 feet at the deepest part.

Means New Refuge. The Crescent City harbor is the only solution for a new seaport and a harbor of refuge between Portland and San Francisco, the speaker said, and has the undivided support of all Pacific coast maritime interests, who would have a suitable harbor in time of storm. The completion of the project, continued Judge Childs, would perhaps mean more to southern Oregon than to Crescent City. The saving of freight rates, cutting fees into a much smaller figure by a shorter haul, as with the completion of the harbor, a railroad would soon follow, perhaps connecting the Pacific coast directly with the Rogue River valley and the Klamath basin. To complete the work begun will cost in the neighborhood of 12 million dollars and would include approximately 1300 acres of water. Southern California business interests are in favor of Crescent City, said George W. Howe secretary of the Del Norte commission and cited instances where business firms have gone as far as to contribute to the fund to make the construction possible. One of the greatest benefits of the harbor to that section, said Mr. Howe, is the opportunity of purchasing unlimited quantities of limestone of a better grade at perhaps cheaper prices in Del Norte county and southern Oregon. Limestone in southern California has a quality of approximately 90 per cent and in this section, it is rated from 80 to 90 per cent.

Outside Support. The support for the project not

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"Polite" Bandits Crack Woman's Head in Holdup

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—(AP)—"We," said one of two men who held up Miss Florence Gartner last night, "are the polite bandits you read about. Courtesy at all hazards, that's our motto, miss. Now please be so kind as to tender us your purse, your jewels and your fur coat." At this point the other bandit cracked Miss Gartner over the head with a blackjack. "This polite stuff is the bunk," he said, yanking the fur coat from Miss Gartner, who had been knocked down. "Treat 'em rough is my motto."

ABATTOIR IS END FOR KINGS OF LIVESTOCK

Champions of International Livestock Show En Route to Slaughter Pens—J. C. Penney Takes Dick to New York.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—(AP)—It's all over but the squealing for the champion hogs, sheep and cattle of the International Livestock exposition. The trail that led them from fields and ranches all over the United States and Canada to supremacy over the farm animal domain, and brought them admiring cheers from the thousands who thronged agricultural fairs and spectacles, is ending in the butchering houses.

Only the breeding classes will emerge with their lives, with one exception. Dick, the grand champion steer, owned by 12-year-old Clarence Goecke of State Center, Iowa, will be taken to New York alive by the J. C. Penney company, which bought it at the record breaking figure of \$8000. Mr. Penney, who once was a poor farm boy, wants to exhibit it as an example of 4-H club achievement.

This afternoon was to mark the farewell appearance at the exposition of the two lambs who showed the way in cattle raising to grizzled veterans against whom they competed and won. Goecke with Keith Collins, also of Marshall county, Iowa, were to lead the companion rows of their winning animals into the ring for the junior feeding contest suit. It was Col. James H. Moore, who presided in stock show history by being the best steer offered for slaughter on hoof and then winning the prize for best carcass.

Judging has been completed in all the fat cattle, swine and sheep branches and in all the breeding classes, except Galloway cattle, spotted Poland China and Yorkshire sows and Suffolk hogs. This was on today's program.

So much interest was attracted yesterday by the sale of Goecke's prize steer that the sale of the other prize winners was forced into the background. Iowa State college was able to get only \$32 a hundred for its grand champion barrow, a Duroc, and Dr. J. A. Swallow of Storm Lake, Iowa, drew \$16.50 a hundred for his reserve champion, a Chester White. Both figures were under the record. The grand champion carload lots of steers—the Aberdeen Angus yearlings owned by E. P. Hall of Mechanicsville, Ill.—brought \$14 a hundred. The champion carload of sheep owned by W. G. Miles of Evansville, Wis., sold at \$27 a hundred.

The award for the grand champion and junior champion bull in Galloway class was presented to Paul Wolph of Avoca, Neb., the senior championship bull award going to Mrs. James Frantz and son of Mt. Cory, Ohio.

The Frantz and Wolph entries divided all the blue ribbons in the various Galloway classes.

MINNESOTA WOLVES TO BE HUNTED BY PLANE

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 7.—(AP)—An expedition to hunt wolves by airplane was being outfitted today by Edwin D. Fox and L. M. Chandler.

Chandler, who is president of the Minnesota Aircraft association, will do the shooting while Fox will operate the controls. They plan to operate through northern Minnesota from a base at Cass Lake, flying about until they spot the wolves and then swooping low and killing them.

The state pays a bounty of \$15 for each wolf. If the expedition proves a financial success, other trips are planned.

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KING GEO. REPORTED RESTLESS

Night Bulletin Reports Radiological Examination As Carried Out—Pleural Effusion Nominal—General Condition Unchanged—Prince of Wales at Suez.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—(AP) The night bulletin issued on King George's condition stated that his majesty had not had a restful day.

The night bulletin was as follows: "The king has not had a restful day. A radiological examination was carried out this afternoon. Neither this nor the exploration by needle previously carried out has disclosed any appreciable amount of pleural effusion. The general condition remains unchanged. (Signed) Hewitt, Hodgson, Dawson."

SUEZ, Egypt, Dec. 7.—(AP) The Prince of Wales arrived here at 9 p. m. tonight. He was met by Lord Lloyd, the British high commissioner and at once entrained for Cairo. He will leave the latter city Saturday evening, going to Port Said where he will re-embark on the cruiser Enterprise for the voyage across the Mediterranean.

ELEVEN MINUTE EGGS FEATURED YE OLDE TEAMS

The further back they go the harder boiled they look. The first part of the week Clayton Isaacs placed two pictures in the windows of the rainer Music House, showing the football championship winning teams of 1911 and 1928.

This morning he added to the collection two views each of the 1908 and 1909 Medford high school teams. On the former squad were Vernon Vawter, half back; Virgil Strang, end; Stirling Rothemel, quarterback, and Guy Bishop, tackle. Their sweaters, mostly of the rough-neck variety, ranged all the way from convict stripes to the unmistakable color of Mother Earth. Plenty tough, that bunch, who won the championship of southern Oregon.

The 1909 eleven (or so) evidently took up a collection and purchased new sweaters. In those days most of the boys parted their hair on the side and when they wanted to look particularly impressive they parted it in the middle, with the ends sticking up bushily. In this group are Frank Farrell, captain and right halfback; Irwin White, quarterback; Ralph Burgess, quarterback; Ted Childs, fullback, and Virgil Strang, end. More pictures are to be contributed to the collection and will be on display later.

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