

The Weather
 Forecast—Fair.
 Maximum yesterday 42
 Minimum 35
 Lowest this morning 33
 Precipitation .83

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
 Maximum 45
 Minimum 28

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

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Today

By Arthur Brisbane
 A Good King Dying.
 Cook Stove Slavery.
 They Want to Fight.
 To Protect U. S. Oil.

Deep sorrow in Britain. The king, unconscious all of Tuesday, seems to have no chance of recovery. His oldest son, coming in haste from his work for the empire of Africa, arrived in time to see his father alive, however.

The world's sympathy is with the British people, and with King George, a good father, a good husband, wise king, good citizen of the British empire, obedient to law, devoted to duty.

There have been greater kings, like Henry the Eighth; more spectacular kings, like Richard the Lion Hearted; more constructive kings, perhaps, like Alfred the Great, or William the Conqueror, who brought French system into the British islands. But there has never been a BETTER king.

When it was suggested, long ago, that big apartment houses should contain many families, with one central heating plant, and water supply, there was a conservative hub-bub. "You are trying to break up the American family. That family will always live in its own separate home under its own roof."

Nevertheless, big department houses were built. Now it is suggested that millions of women, tied to cooking stoves, should be set free from that drudgery. Community kitchens, cooking food properly, carefully, scientifically, and would deliver food to the homes.

A good suggestion. It would enable women to use their brains for thinking, instead of working. The idea isn't entirely new. Those engaged in manufacturing prepared foods, breakfast foods, soups, preserved fruits and other products, help to minimize "kitchen slavery."

Paraguay and Bolivia think they want to fight, because a boundary dispute killed 25 men. The remedy suggested is to start a war and kill 25,000 more men.

This war threat comes at an awkward time, when the Kellogg treaty is presented to the Senate as a "sure cure" for war.

The difficult thing is to keep from fighting those that want to fight. Big countries like the United States MIGHT, but WON'T, say to the little countries: "If you fight we shall send men in airplanes and shoot you." That would only be adding more shooting to the world's trouble, besides we haven't got the airplanes. Bolivia, asked to accept arbitration, says: "No, I won't." What can you do about that?

"Recovery is brisk," were the words from Wall Street yesterday, when the ticker stopped ticking, and the worried speculators took their headachy home feeling better. In a country so rich, it is hard for the bears to scare even the most foolish bulls thoroughly.

Sooner or later, of course, the gamblers learn their lesson. But with any kind of sound judgment, to keep apart from mere speculation, investment in American securities is the best in the world.

OPERATION HAS AIDED SOVEREIGN

Progress Made Since Removal of Lung Liquid—Queen Takes Motor Drive and Lunch With Prince—Prayers at Abbey Each Noon By Subjects.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—(AP) King George, apparently relieved by last night's operation for the removal of purulent fluid at the base of the right lung, today was making progress.

At three o'clock this afternoon it was stated in authoritative circles: "The king is progressing." Shortly before this statement was made Lord Dawson of Penn and Sir Stanley Ewert, the king's principal physicians, returned to the palace and again saw his majesty.

Queen Mary left the palace shortly before the three o'clock statement for a motor drive. She had luncheon with the Prince of Wales who drove to Buckingham palace about noon.

The last time he had luncheon there was on Aug. 14 when he attended a farewell party just before the court left for Balmoral. That likewise was almost the last time that he saw his father before his dramatic meeting in King George's sick room after the prince's 6999 mile dash from Africa.

Speaking at a League of Mercy meeting at St. James' palace this afternoon, Princess Mary said: "You will be pleased to know that so far the condition of the king is satisfactory."

The crowd on hand to watch the posting of this morning's bulletin was larger than usual because of the sensational nature of yesterday's developments and widespread concern as to how the majesty had stood the shock of the operation.

The crowd surged forward eagerly to read the report when it was placed on the palace railings. Among the spectators was an old army pensioner who had been waiting in the cold for hours and had watched the changing of the guard. He smiled with satisfaction as did many others when it was seen that the bulletin was of a somewhat reassuring character.

Each day at noon, until further notice, prayers for the king will be said at Westminster Abbey. Today all classes and creeds went there to offer silent prayer for the ruler's struggle against illness. Women in rich furs, side by side with those in plain and worn clothes knelt in the abbey and joined in the silent prayer. They were followed at intervals by businessmen and government officials who had taken a few minutes from their lunch hour.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—(AP) The Daily Express said today that King George had been undergoing electrical treatment for the last two weeks. An apparatus especially installed in his bedroom gives a high frequency electrical treatment which is passed into the patient's body with an alternating current. The effect is to stimulate the nervous system and strengthen the heart.

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ALLEGED KILLER OF BOYS PLEADS NOT GUILTY



Gordon Stewart Northcott, Wineville, Cal., chicken farmer denied he had committed four slayings on his poultry ranch when arraigned in the court of Superior Judge O. K. Morton (inset). The youth acted on his own authority. Upright right shows an initialed note of Northcott's in which he promised to admit his guilt in court.

TEXAS TOWNS ARE DAMAGED BY TORNADO

Nine Injured, One Dead in Path of Destructive Storm—Three Communities Hit—Homes Wrecked and Trees Uprooted.

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 13.—(AP)—At least nine persons were injured seriously, two perhaps fatally, when three communities in North Sabine parish and South De Soto parish were struck by a tornado late yesterday. A number of residences were destroyed in the vicinity of Benson, Noble and Converse. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Platt and J. T. Pugh, his wife and five children were brought to the Mansfield hospital last night for treatment. Pugh and one of his daughters are in a critical condition.

LUFKIN, Texas, Dec. 13.—(AP)—A strong wind and rain storm struck the Sulphur Springs community, 25 miles southeast of Lufkin, late yesterday, killing one woman and injuring several other persons, demolishing houses and uprooting trees.

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HONORARY SOCIETY IS SUSPENDED ON CHARGE RUM USED INITIATION

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CITY SCHOOLS RANK 18TH IN MONEY SAVING

Percentage of Pupils Maintaining Accounts Shown by National Publication—\$19,694.86 On Deposit—Three Schools Perfect

The Medford city schools now rank eighteenth among all the cities in the United States in respect to percentage of pupils maintaining saving accounts. According to the October report published in the Educational Thrift Gazette, a New York publication just received here, 91.4 per cent of all the pupils in the Medford schools from the first grade through high school are maintaining active accounts by weekly deposits.

The report from the Jackson County Building & Loan, the school depository for the week ending December 4th shows the percentage for the local pupils to have been raised considerably since the October report. Percentages by schools being as follows:

High school	100
Junior High	100
Washington	100
Lincoln	96.2
Roosevelt	91.7
Jackson	90.2
Average for system	97.8

SUN SMILES FOR FIRST FLIGHT FRIDAY IN OPEN COAST GUARDS SEIZE HUGE LIQUOR CASES

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 13.—(AP)—Some sun and brisk winds today promised to help considerably toward conditioning the Del Paso Country club course, soggy from recent rains, for the first flight tomorrow of the Sacramento Open.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 13.—(AP)—A second death from influenza within 24 hours was reported in Portland today. Daniel H. Dickoff, was the latest victim. The city health bureau today received reports of 45 new cases, making a total of 234 in the city.

TRIAL IS SET FOR "APE BOY" AND MOTHER

Gordon Northcott to Be Tried January 10—Returned to Los Angeles—Gen—Pleads Not Guilty—Meets Mother.

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Dec. 13.—(AP) Gordon Stewart Northcott, so-called ape boy, returned to Los Angeles last night, following his arraignment here with his mother on the charge of killing Walter Collins.

Both Mrs. Sarah Louise Northcott and the youthful proprietor of the Wineville chicken ranch, upon which four boys are alleged to have been slain, entered pleas of not guilty to the joint indictment. Their joint trial was set for January 10.

A fight by Norbert Savay, defense counsel to have young Northcott remain in the custody of Riverside officers, was settled in favor of the state by Judge O. K. Morton, who agreed with Assistant District Attorney Earl Redwine of Riverside county that Los Angeles officers should be allowed to complete the "observation" of the condition of the prisoner already begun in that county.

JACKSON COUNTY SECOND HIGH ON FORESTRY MONEY

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 13.—(AP) Thirty-one Oregon counties will receive an aggregate total fiscal year of \$171,638.19, according to district forestry officials, who have just compiled the amounts due each county on the basis of the national forest acreage contained. This is done under the federal law which provides that 25 per cent of the receipts from the sale of timber, forage, and other products of the national forests shall be returned to the counties in which the forests are situated.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 13.—(AP) Res. Aloysius H. Vreoboch, 55, assistant pastor of St. Leo's Catholic church of Tacoma, was instantly killed shortly before noon today when the automobile he was driving was hit by a Pacific Traction Line street car.

SAFETY OF HOOVER IS PLANNED

Argentine Government Prepares in Advance of Party Arrival—Accused Plotters Held By Police—Ideal Weather to Feature Reception—Papers Issue Special Editions.

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA, Dec. 13.—(AP)—While the police today were holding Alejandro Scaron and Jaime Gomez Oliver, accused of plotting against the life of President-elect Hoover, the government's clockwork-like organization for the protection of the Hoover party began functioning in anticipation of its arrival.

Police Chief Colonel Graneros mobilized 1500 Buenos Aires police, including the entire strength of the detective force, and in addition had under his command strong detachments of military and naval forces.

Mr. Hoover's arrival, expected some time between 8:30 and 7:30 p. m. will be the signal for clearing the central Argentine railway station of all persons without official status and a cordon of the police and military forces will keep the crowds from approaching the station gates until after the departure of the official party.

President Hipolito Irigoyen and members of the cabinet will meet the Hoover party at the station and will accompany the president-elect to the home of Robert W. Hines, American ambassador in Buenos Aires. The party will be protected along the half-mile route by mounted and unmounted police and military detachments.

Ideal weather prevailed this afternoon as the city prepared to welcome the American president-elect. The cold drizzling rain yesterday had presaged a gloomy day for the reception, but the clouds had cleared this morning and the entire city, gayly decorated, took on a carnival appearance.

Electrically lighted festoons were installed the entire length of the Avenida de Mayo, the principal thoroughfare, from the government palace to the capitol building. Interwoven were the United States and Argentine flags. Signs of welcome to Mr. Hoover were displayed on buildings and in shop windows, while the principal office buildings displayed numerous American and Argentine flags.

The official program for tomorrow was still tentative today, awaiting approval from Mr. Hoover himself. The chief event, however, will be a banquet for men only in the "Salon Blanco" (white room) of the government house, with President Irigoyen as host. At the same time the wife of the civil governor of the province of Buenos Aires will give a dinner in honor of Mrs. Hoover, to which wives of members of the diplomatic corps have been invited.

Saturday night there will be a gala performance at the Teatro Colon. Acts of the grand opera "Aida" and a typical Spanish ensemble will be on the program. While Mr. Hoover is here he will also have an opportunity to inspect the harbor of Buenos Aires, the central produce market and the big meat refrigerating plants.

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Jack Dempsey and Georges Carpentier Divorced by Mates

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Jack Dempsey and Georges Carpentier were divorced yesterday because their wives testified they had the un-natural propensities of their more famous namesakes. It was a right to her jaw, Mrs. Anna Dempsey told Judge Karkowski, that caused her to sue her husband. Judge Sabath entered a decree for Mrs. Kathryn Carpentier after she described Georges' inclination to disturb the peace of her home.

HUGE SUM VOTED FOR DRY WORK

Senate Votes Quarter Billion Enforcement Item—House Yet to Approve—Many Members Unaware of Action—No Fight in Debate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—A quarter of a billion dollar prohibition enforcement item was slipped through the senate today in the twinkling of an eye and with many members apparently not knowing what had happened. It must be approved, however, by the house, which has repeatedly defeated such proposals advanced by the wets.

Senator Bremer, Democrat, Maryland, who has fought the dry laws in and out of congress, offered the amendment to increase the \$13,500,000 prohibition item in the treasury-postoffice appropriation bill by \$250,000,000. It required just a moment for Senator Moses, Republican, New Hampshire, who was presiding, to declare the motion had been put and accepted, and the bill was sent to conference with the house conferees. There were free predictions that the item would be eliminated forthwith.

There was no fighting over the item and prohibition was hardly mentioned in the debate which preceded passage of the measure, which already called for appropriations of more than a billion dollars. The senate balked, however, on a proposal to increase the salaries of Under Secretary Mills of the treasury and Director Lord of the budget, by \$2,000 each, and this plan was withdrawn after stiff opposition had developed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(AP) The senate also voted to increase the authorization in the Boulder Dam bill from \$125,000,000 to \$145,000,000. Increased authorization for the Federal building at Portland, Ore., was approved.

ACCOUNTS SHORT AT T. B. HOSPITAL SEEK BOOKKEEPER

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 13.—(AP) The surety company that furnished the bond for E. D. Parrish, bookkeeper at the state tuberculosis hospital, is attempting to locate Parrish in Portland following Parrish's discharge from the institution when a shortage in his accounts was discovered. Parrish, according to Dr. G. C. Bellinger, hospital superintendent, admitted a shortage of about \$400. An audit of the books is being made by Otto Kubin of the state department to get an accurate check on the shortage.

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PARAGUAY SAYS WAR IMMINENT

State Department Given Note Describing South American Situation—Massing Troops and Munitions—League of Nations Awaiting Details.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The Paraguayan charge d'affaires delivered neutral notes today to the state department and to Dr. Victor Maura of Peru, chairman of the Pan-American conference committee looking into the Paraguayan-Bolivian boundary dispute, in which he described the situation as giving rise to the danger of imminent war.

The note transmitted information received from Paraguay to the effect that Bolivia was massing troops and war materials in the neighborhood of the border clash of last week, which gave rise to the present difficulties. In explanation of the situation the note added that, in view of the proximity of permanent Paraguayan garrisons in that region, the danger of an armed clash was great.

The Paraguayan charge d'affaires, Juan Ramirez, said later that he understood the Paraguayan garrison nearest the disturbed center comprised about 1000 men, the regular number of troops maintained there.

The Bolivian minister said today that he had no information from his government as to warlike preparations, and that he understood no mobilization measures had been taken such as the recall to the colors of reserves. The minister, however, said that he saw nothing extraordinary in the fact that his country might be sending troops to the border as a prudent move.

LUGANO, Switzerland, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The council of the League of Nations today had under advisement communications from Paraguay and Bolivia and was waiting for a further promised message regarding the latter's appeal for pacific settlement of the boundary dispute. Declaring that Paraguay would accept and faithfully fulfill her international obligations, the Paraguayan foreign minister cabled President Briand that the council's appeal "furnished proof of the lofty spirit of peace" governing that body.

He charged that Bolivia had refused to participate in the plan of summoning a commission whose purpose was to avoid conflicts between American states, basing her refusal on what he called a mere statement of alleged grievances. The message from Bolivia came from Foreign Minister Palacios and announced that he had submitted the council's appeal to the president and would reply shortly.

FEUD BETWEEN BROTHERS ENDS WITH MURDER

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—(AP)—A long-standing feud between two brothers over a girl ended early today in murder and suicide. The brothers, Robert Ricker, 43, and William, 39, had their home with two sisters in Whitestone, Long Island, and according to the story the sisters told the police they had been quarreling 13 years over a girl whose affections William accused his brother of alienating while he was in France.

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