The Weather
Forecast—Fair; freezing temperatures tonight
Maximum yesterday 47
Lowest this morning 31
Precipitation ..... Trace

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 47
Minimum 31

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

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Money for South America
Balm in Gilead.
Bribery On Solid Basis.
Mussolini Speaks.

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Herbert Hoover, talking to our friends in Chile, urges the use of United States loans to develop South American countries. That is wise advice, useful to the United States.

If some of the billions lent to Europe since the war ended, some of them used for war preparations over there, had been lent to South America it might be better for us, for South America and for Europe.

It is not pleasant to read of an attack on Mr. Hoover planned by anarchists in the Argentine. It is not possible to understand such an insanely criminal attempt.

However, Mr. Hoover will proceed on his way, attending to the business in hand. His work as a young engineer in China and elsewhere long ago, proves that fear plays a small part in his makeup.

Steel, motors and "the coppers" were the little children that led the Wall Street market up Wednesday. Radio bounced back to 312, going as high as 330. Lambs still left clinging to the ticker decided that there might be balm in Gilead, after all.

New York thinks ten out of 12 on a jury should be allowed to convict, no matter what the other two might do. A criminal on trial if prosperous may "influence" two. If ten could convict it would make it less easy to "fix" a jury. That's the theory.

Jury fixing is a prosperous industry in New York AND elsewhere.

Wall Street believes that Packard and Chrysler, both big and successful, will combine and establish another gigantic fighting automobile unit.

The individual manufacturer will soon feel like Gulliver among the Brobdinagians, whose smallest child can hold the traveling Englishman on the end of one finger.

However, brains and energy count, even among giants. The right kind of "independent" will find and maintain his place.

Prohibition and bootlegging have pretty well established bribe giving and taking as a regular institution.

Count that day lost in Italy, whose low descending sun finds Mussolini without a new idea. But there are few such days. At present he rebukes "imbecile optimism" as Italy's greatest peril.

What would he say about this country, where imbecile optimism piles up gold in billions, like a Strassburg goose laying on fat, but provides no protection against an enemy that might decide to eat the goose.

Mussolini, offering a prize for big families, says the rich disgrace themselves by having so few children and calls the poor "Italy's hope."

Why worry about the childless rich as long as the poor have children? The rich that amount to anything originally came from poor people ever since the days of Romulus and Remus and farther back to Adam and Eve.

It is better for those that do not want children not to have them; better for them, better for the world. What you do unwillingly is not done well.

The king's "surgeon-apothecary" who still retains the old fashioned

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ELECT VAN HOVENBERG PRESIDENT

Local Man to Head Oregon State Horticultural Society—Burch and Rosenberg Nominated, Trustee—Study of Pear Industry Asked.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 14.—(AP) H. Van Hovenberg, Jr., of Gold Hill, was elected president of the Oregon State Horticultural society, in session here. Howard Merriam, Eugene, was chosen vice president, and Clayton Long, Corvallis, secretary treasurer. Medford was chosen for next year's convention.

Alfred Burch and Dave Rosenberg, Medford, and Royce Busenback, Roseburg, were nominated for trustee, Governor Patterson to select one.

The convention asked that the State Agricultural college and bureau of agricultural economics, department of agriculture make a study of the pear industry, similar to one made of the prune industry.

Resolutions opposed further reclamation development for at least ten years; and opposed efforts of county courts to combine the offices of county agent and horticulturist. Increased tariff on agricultural and horticultural products was favored; appropriation for federal study of the nut industry was urged; and creation of the office of state bee keeper recommended.

Another resolution pledged the society to the program for beautification of state highways.

The state college was asked to maintain production of cost surveys, extend the work of the extension service by providing additional specialists, and to make a study of all horticultural lines of the Pacific northwest.

The convention entered its final sessions today. The principal talk of the morning program was given by R. Lehr, Los Angeles, who spoke on modern tillage methods, dealing particularly with modern equipment now available to aid the horticulturist in his work.

Seymour Jones, state market agent, was also a speaker on the morning program.

Others scheduled to address the convention today were C. D. Minton, Forest Grove; Professor A. G. B. Bouquet, Corvallis; P. G. Bettendorf, Portland; H. H. Weatherspoon, Elgin; Ira N. Gabrielson, Portland, and A. C. Marsters, Roseburg.

PRIZES LISTED FOR BEST YARD ILLUMINATION

A contest which is expected to prove of interest to all Medford home owners is being sponsored by the publicity department of the Medford Chamber of Commerce and was announced today. Prizes will be awarded to the four best decorated and illuminated front yards during the Christmas holidays, including decorations and colored lights on trees, shrubbery and buildings.

The contest will be open to any resident not connected with the California Oregon Power company or with any local electric concern and entries must be filed with the publicity department of the chamber before December 24. The lights used for decorative purposes must be burned every night from December 22 until January 2, at the end of which time prizes donated by the People's Electric store, Medford Electric company, Southern Oregon Electric company and the California Oregon Power company, will be awarded.

Awards will be made on the general artistic appearance of the house and grounds. The prizes will consist of a $25 percolator, a $15 waffle iron, a $10 automatic toaster and a $9 iron.

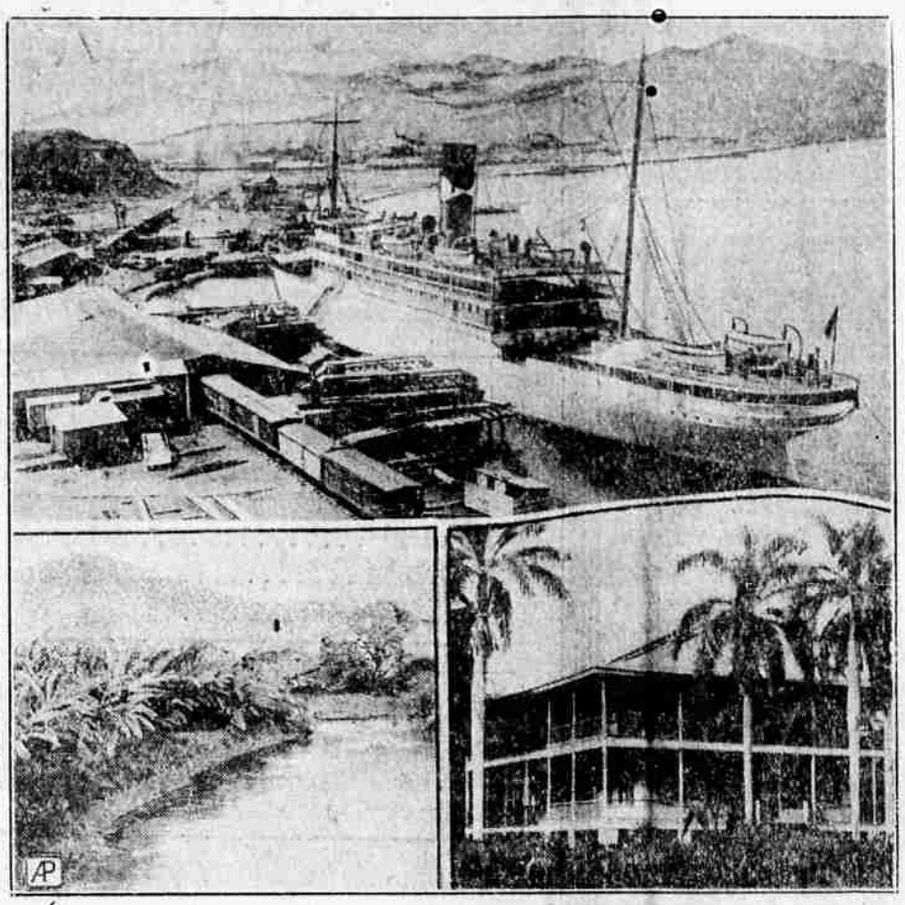
The Noted Dead

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—(AP) Jacob M. Dickinson, Democratic secretary of war in President Taft's administration, died late yesterday following an operation and several weeks' illness. He was 78 years old.

A military funeral for Dickinson, a native of Mississippi, will be held tomorrow afternoon at Nashville, Tenn. Veterans of the Confederate army will be in charge.

His career of public service began early this century. After supporting Taft against Bryan in the campaign of 1908, he was made secretary of war, but resigned in 1911 for business reasons.

SOLDIERS PATROL COLOMBIAN STRIKE DISTRICT



Ten persons have been slain and a number injured in clashes between soldiers and strikers as a result of the strike of banana workers in the Santa Marta region in Colombia. Martial law has been proclaimed and several thousand soldiers are patrolling the district. Above is view of Santa Marta with United Fruit company steamer at dock. Lower left: Banana plantations along Seville river in center of strike trouble district. Lower right: United Fruit company office at Rio Frio, near Santa Marta.

S.P. PERSONNEL TO BE CHANGED JANUARY FIRST

De Forest to Head Board—Holden Chairman Executive Committee—Sproule Retires and Shoup Takes Presidency.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The board of directors of the Southern Pacific company today announced several important changes in its official personnel, effective, Jan. 1, 1929.

Henry W. de Forest, chairman of the executive committee, has been elected chairman of the board, a new position.

Hale Holden, for many years president and chairman of the executive committee of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad company, has been elected chairman of the executive committee of the Southern Pacific.

William Sproule, president, will retire on December 31, after more than 41 years of service in various capacities.

Paul Shoup executive vice-president, was elected president to succeed Mr. Sproule.

A. D. McDonald, vice-chairman of the executive committee of the company, will, in addition to the other duties of that position, have general management of the Southern Pacific steamship lines. He also will continue in the office of president.

L. J. Spence, executive officer of the company, after more than 43 years continuous service in various positions, will retire on Dec. 31 at his own request, on pension. The office of executive officer will be discontinued.

L. H. Dyer, general manager of the Pacific lines, has been appointed vice-president in charge of operation. F. L. Burckhalter, first assistant general manager, has been appointed general manager to succeed Dyer. Frank Mulks, now assistant to the executive vice-president, was appointed assistant to the president.

DISCIPLINE LACK HELD CAUSE OF LIFE LOSS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Lack of discipline among members of the crew of the steamship Vestris was held responsible for the large loss of life in the sinking last month, in the report today of Dickerson N. Hoover, supervising inspector general of the government's steamship inspection service.

Payroll Holdup.

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Dec. 13—(AP)—Earle Belu, 30, payroll clerk of the Drayton mills, was shot in the head and probably fatally wounded today when two men attempted to hold him up and seize the payroll of the mill.

REFUND OF TAX LEVY IS SOUGHT

State Will Present Claims Before Congressional Committee for Quarter Million Refund — Levy Dates Back Civil War—Hearing Set for Jan. 4.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 14.—(AP) Captain Burton Smith of Washington, D. C., and other eastern attorneys will present the claims of the state of Oregon at a hearing before the house ways and means committee January 4 relative to a possible refund to the state by the government of about $250,000. This sum represents direct taxes levied by the government on property in Oregon during and after the Civil war. Other states are taking similar action, and the entire amount involved is about $200,000,000.

What the tax levy was for is not shown in any state records here, nor do any of the state officials recall the purpose. The move for the refund, as far as Oregon is concerned, originated in 1921, when the legislature passed an act empowering the state board of control to enter into a contract with attorneys whereby the latter would endeavor to get legislation through congress authorizing the refund. On October 4, 1921, the board entered into a contract with Walter Critchlow, a Portland attorney. The board at that time was Governor Olcott, Secretary of State Kozer and State Treasurer Hoff.

Governor Notified

Nothing more was heard of the matter until yesterday when Governor Patterson received a telegram from Clayton E. Coore, secretary of the house ways and means committee, stating that the hearing would be January 4, and asking whether the state would be represented. Inquiry by the governor developed the fact that Senator Gus C. Moser of Portland had some connection with the contract and the governor communicated with him. Moser said that he had become associated with Critchlow in the case and that they had secured the services of Captian Smith and other eastern men. The contract with the state board empowered Critchlow to employ counsel.

Individual claimants in Oregon are interested in the collection. Whatever money may be collected that is not claimed by individuals will escheat to the state. The contract allows the attorneys a fee of 10 per cent of whatever is collected.

Senator Moser said that in the house Representative Korell was for it and that Representative Butler would be as soon as fully informed. Representative Hawley refused to commit himself until he had heard both sides of the question discussed.

SISKIYOU SNOW SLOWS TRAFFIC OVER HIGHWAY

Claims Needed for Mountain Trip—Snow Continuing—Green Springs Also Covered—Local Fall in Night Melted Quickly.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14.—(AP)—A snow storm in the Siskiyous slowed southbound traffic today and made chains imperative, the Oregon State Motor association was informed. It was still snowing, with seven inches on the ground at 8 a. m.

Another snow storm was whitening the grades of McKenzie pass, though cars made the trip across early today.

Slippery roads were reported on Greenspring mountain between Ashland and Klamath Falls, and on Sand mountain between Klamath Falls and Bend.

The Columbia River highway was passable, with crews at work sanding the slippery spots. The Roosevelt highway was reported open and in good shape.

On Snoqualamie pass 18 inches of snow made travel extremely difficult, although cars were still going through.

Fog was the only hazard encountered today by Portland motorists who groped their way to work through a haze.

Snow was eight inches deep on the summit of the Siskiyou mountains this forenoon, according to State Traffic Sergeant C. P. Talent, who was in Medford from his Ashland headquarters. He attempted to drive over the summit but was forced to use chains because of the slippery condition of the pavement.

The snow is reported to be slightly deeper on the Ashland-Klamath Falls highway, but not as slippery. Snow fell in Medford last night, but covered the ground with but little depth, all of which quickly melted away. Not as much snow was reported in Ashland.

SWING-JOHNSON DAM BILL PASSED BY SENATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The Swing-Johnson Boulder dam bill was passed today by the senate.

OSSINING, N. Y., Dec. 14.—(AP) Thomas "Red" Moran, 22-year-old Brooklyn gangster who killed two policemen, was electrocuted at Sing Sing prison this morning after gaining two hours of life because the prison inmates were giving their annual comedy show. The execution was delayed till visitors to the show had left the grounds.

Moran was smoking a cigarette as he entered the death chamber. He was placed in the chair at 1:02 a. m., and pronounced dead six minutes later.

PLAN MADE ARBITRATE IN DISPUTE

Pan-American Arbitration Conference to Offer Good Offices in Paraguayan-Bolivian Controversy—Latin American Countries to Aid Diplomatically.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Secretary Kellogg as chairman of the Pan-American conference today notified the governments of Bolivia and Paraguay that the conference was ready to act as mediator in the frontier dispute between the two countries.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—A plan whereby the Pan-American arbitration conference now in session here would offer its good offices to Paraguay and Bolivia for settlement of their boundary dispute, was presented to the conference today by its special committee dealing with the controversy.

The plan, which was decided upon in a last minute meeting of the committee before noon, also provided that if both Bolivia and Paraguay accept the offer of the conference the committee already appointed to look into the matter would be maintained to conciliate the dispute.

The proposal was that suggested yesterday by Dr. Orestes Ferrara, Cuban ambassador to Washington. It followed advices from Argentina that she waived any prior rights as a mediator in favor of the arbitration conference. This opened the way for decisive action on the part of the conference here. It was emphasized at the conference, however, that whereas Argentina was undertaking to mediate the whole vast problem of boundary relations between Paraguay and Bolivia, the arbitration conference would only deal with the circumscribed problem of the difficulties arising out of the recent clash of troops on the boundary.

The adoption of this plan, by both Bolivia and Paraguay, if agreed to by the conference, will be sought by all the Latin-American governments through diplomatic moves at the two capitals involved.

LONG STRUGGLE BEFORE RULER PAST DANGER

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 14.—(AP)—(8:15 P. M.)—King George's physicians tonight issued the following bulletin on the king's condition:

"The king had a somewhat disturbed day and the general condition is not quite so satisfactory. The pulse however, remains steady.

(Signed) "HEWETT.
"RIGBY.
"DAWSON."

LONDON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Although King George has successfully passed through a very critical phase of his illness, the latest official word from Buckingham palace today indicated that there was a long and difficult struggle ahead of him before the danger point was passed and he reached a convalescent stage.

The latest official word was contained in a message sent by Lord Stamfordham, the king's private secretary, on behalf of Queen Mary in reply to President Coolidge's cordial message to the king. This message said:

"The queen is most grateful to you, Mr. President, for your kind message of which His Majesty will in due course be informed as soon as his strength permits. Though the recent operation successfully treated one phase of the king's serious illness, the consequences of the general infection will entail weeks of slow and anxious progress before convalescence can be reached."

This message was more informative than the morning official bulletin, which stated:

"The slight improvement in the king's condition noted last evening is maintained. Any progress must be slow and difficult."

The bulletin was signed by Sir Hugh Rigby, Sir Stanley Hewett and Lord Dawson of Penn.

Indicating the greatly weakened state that the king must be in after the trying operations of Wednesday, and the effects of infection on his system, was the fact made known by the queen's message that the king had not yet been informed of Mr. Coolidge's telegram. This, it was stated, would be communicated to him only when he gained a sufficient measure of strength.

Roman Nose Cause of Lawsuit After Automobile Crash

University Library

L... ELES, Dec. 14.—(AP) M... dred Orrick sued Jack S... g and the company w... ruck he drove August ... 7, for $15,000 damages f... ged injury to her nose i... ollision with her husba... utomobile. She said the ... t changed her nose fro... cian to Roman shape. ... of the suit was begun ...

BUENOS AIRES GIVES HOOVER FINE WELCOME

Traveler Pleased With Reception—Party Guarded Against Untoward Incident — Plush Carpet at Railway for Visitors.

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Herbert Hoover was highly pleased today over the hearty welcome given him by the people of Buenos Aires, the first capital that he has visited on the eastern coast of South America. His trip down the slopes of the Andes and across the fertile pampas gave him a feeling of exaltation at the accomplishments of the people of Argentina.

The Argentine government, anxious that no untoward incident mar Mr. Hoover's visit, continued today to surround him and his party with every precaution for their safety. Secret service men guarded every avenue of approach. Their vigilance was due to possibilities indicated before his arrival by several arrests and seizure of arms and railway maps. Troops and other guards lined every route over which Mr. Hoover traveled.

Mr. Hoover and members of his party seemed inclined to doubt that there had been any plot against him. The enthusiastic welcome given the president-elect indicated there was no anti-American feeling on the part of the people. This enthusiasm prompted Mr. Hoover to issue this statement:

Greatness Realized.

"I could imagine no inore wonderful introduction into Argentina than through the Andes. One is plunged at once into a realization of its greatness, its splendid development and its magnificent resources. As a student of human advancement, I have a feeling of exaltation at the accomplishment of the people of Argentina to which I have been witness. I am deeply grateful for the genuine spirit of kindness and welcome extended me by President Irigoyen and evidenced by the many thousands of people along the way here."

The enthusiasm of the greeting given Mr. Hoover disrupted an elaborate reception that had been planned and prevented a parade from the station to the United States embassy.

A red plush carpet had been laid at the railroad station and Mr. Hoover and members of his party stepped onto it as they left their special train. The first person to shake hands with the president-elect was President Irigoyen, who rarely appears at public functions. Thousands were gathered around, cheering and shouting "viva Hoover."

For a time cavalry was able to hold the crowd in check. When Mr. Hoover and Senor Irigoyen left the carpeted station platform, however, police lines gave way and the crowds surged about. The Argentine president and his guest had a hard time gaining the automobile which took them to the United States embassy. The cavalry escort and others who were to be in the procession were left to follow as they might.

NINE HUNDRED GIVEN HUNT ON DISTRICT BOND

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 14.—(AP) In the cases of George A. Hunt against County Treasurer A. C. Walker of Jackson county and others and the Florida National Bank against Walker and others, a stipulation has been made whereby Walker, as custodian of the funds of the Eagle Point Irrigation District will pay the plaintiffs $900 on each $1000 asked in payment of matured bonds of the district and interest. This will mean a payment of $900 in the Hunt case and $3600 in the bank case. Walker claimed a legal right to hold the money for other district purposes.

LINDBERGH PRESENTED AIR TROPHY

International Air Conference Told of Czechoslovak Birdman, Who Flew in 1760—History of Plane Engines Related—Ocean Flights Aided Aviation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The tale of a Pegasus-like flight in the eighteenth century formed a contrasting topic of discussion with the recent astounding strides of aviation in the United States and foreign countries today at the final plenary session of the International Aeronautics conference.

At its opening session two days ago the conference heaped high honors upon Orville Wright, the American who was the first to fly a motor-driven airplane, and today it gathered to hear of a Czechoslovak, named Fucik, who from 1760 to 1770 made several successful flights in a birdlike contraption.

The story of the eighteenth century flight was related in a report, prepared by the Aero Club of Czechoslovakia, which told how Fucik constructed wings made from wood and tin and propelled himself through the air with bellows filled with fen gas. On his last flying attempt Fucik fell and was fatally injured.

The history of the development of the various airplane engines, including the pioneering of the Wright brothers in this field, was described by Charles L. Lawrence, president of the Wright Aeronautical Corporation, who designed the engine of Colonel Lindbergh's famous New York to Paris airplane "We." In his prepared report Lawrence declared that the Wright brothers and other pioneers practically had to develop their engines while in flight.

Corner Turned

The trans-oceanic flights of last year, Lawrence said, "turned the minds of the whole world to the possibility of flying."

"With these epochal flights," he continued, "the science and industry of aviation turned the corner from poverty to succes and the future of aviation in the United States became as assured as the future of the automobile industry."

Two of the outstanding figures in the world of aviation came together in dramatic fashion Thursday when Orville Wright, the first man to fly a motor-driven heavier-than-air craft, escorted Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh to the rostrum of the International Civil Aeronautics conference to receive the Harmon trophy in recognition of his famous New York-to-Paris flight.

The trophy, awarded annually by the International League of Aviators to the man voted to have done the most for aeronautics in that year, was presented to Lindbergh by Pierre Ettenne Fiandin, vice-president of the French chamber of deputies and president of the Aero Club of France.

The conference adjourns its plenary and sectional sessions today and after viewing a display of the flying prowess of American army and navy pilots tomorrow will leave Washington for Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, to participate in the ceremonies commemorating the Wright brothers first flight a quarter of a century ago.

AGREE SUBMIT AIRPORT BONDS TO HIGH COURT

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 14.—(AP) Attorneys have entered into a stipulation whereby the case of L. E. McClintock against the city of Roseburg, testing the validity of the Roseburg airport bonds, will be submitted to the supreme court by brief. An argument will not be necessary.

For the reason that the case also involves the airport bonds of Salem and other cities and that as far as Salem is concerned some action by the legislature may be necessary in transferring state land to the city for the purpose, it is necessary that the court hasten a decision in the case. This was the reason for submitting it on briefs.

Oldest Resident Dead

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Salem's oldest resident, Mrs. Sarah Jane Woodriff, 97 years and 9 months old, died at 5:30 this morning in a local hospital after a five days' illness with pneumonia. Until Sunday she had been in perfect health.