

The Weather
 Forecast—Cloudy; continued cool; freezing temperatures tonight.
 Highest yesterday 44
 Lowest this morning 21

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
 Maximum 44
 Minimum 21
 No. 266.

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

MEDFORD, OREGON, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1928.

Today

By Arthur Brisbane

Transfusions Might Help Flying and Influenza. Bonus for Singed Lambs? What Did Red Moran Think?

Great Britain was cheered by hope that the king might recover. It was faint hope, for doctors, after operating, reported indications of continued blood infection.

In cases of blood stream infection, American surgeons report blood transfusion, with remarkable success.

The king, exhausted by long illness, the fighting strength of his blood low, might find resisting power in new blood from a strong man.

Transfusions of half a pint two or three days apart have worked wonders in cases of toxemia. Once used only as a last resort, transfusion is now in constant use here.

The country is indebted to President Coolidge for deep interest shown in aviation and recommendations for airplane expenditures in his message, and his part in the celebration of the Wright brothers' flying anniversary.

Thursday famous fliers, with government officials of 40 nations, discussed in Washington national problems that will arise as air transportation across continents and oceans develops.

National co-operation is necessary that the air may be free to all, as the ocean is free.

In another Washington building experts discuss the possibility of checking influenza, alarming in places. Although fortunately not as bad as 1920, deaths in 75 cities total 189 for the week ending December 8.

Kansas leads in the number of cases reported, 13,596, but it is believed that only one-fifth of all cases are reported.

What causes influenza nobody knows. It is suggested by serious men that "interstellar dust clouds" may be responsible. Hitherto influenza waves have swept from east to west. This time the disease is traveling from west to east.

Not content with its own destruction, influenza, weakening the system, prepares it for encephalitis lethargica, a new "sleeping sickness" almost as common as infantile paralysis.

Government that pays attention to diseases of pigs and plants might well attack human influenza.

Workers in Wall Street will receive large cash bonuses this year, running from 10 per cent to 100 per cent of their annual wages, and totaling tens of millions. The men have worked hard and bonuses will be welcome.

Something in the way of a bonus would also be welcome by little lambs that recently have had their wool singed. Seven hundred and fifty of them, whose accounts are said to have been closed out in one brokerage house, would appreciate a bonus. "Money" dropped 6 per cent yesterday. That is a sort of bonus.

What do you suppose "Red" Moran thought about Thursday night, listening to music in a death cell, while other Sing Sing prisoners were enjoying the annual convict frolic?

Sixty convicts presented the

POPULACE MEDFORD INCREASES

School Census Shows Continued Growth and Indicated Total Population of 13,772—Compares With 12,189, Last Directory Figures.

There are 2473 pupils in the Medford city school district, an increase of 244 or 7.5 per cent over last year, according to the annual census, just completed.

The census includes all persons living within the district between the ages of four and 20 years, on October 25 last. During the year 180 pupils became four years of age, and 170 passed their 20th birthday. There are 15 Japanese children among the pupils, and 59 non-citizens among the parents.

Computing upon the ratio of 25.23 per cent, used in the 1920 national census, to total population upon a school pupil basis, the population of the Medford school district is 13,772.

Using the ratio of 26.41 per cent, used by Secretary of State Scott Kozar last year, in computing the state census, from a pupil basis, the population of Medford is shown to be 13,111.

The last city directory showed Medford to have a population of 12,189, figuring four to a family.

Growth Shown

The growth of the school population for the last 14 years is shown in the following table. The figures under "census" show the number, between the ages of 4 and 20 years, in the district. The total enrollment shows the actual number in school.

Year	Census	Total
1914	1621	1541
1916	1652	1317
1917	1684	1494
1918	1876	1284
1919	1694	1698
1920	1995	1375
1921	2201	1675
1922	2122	1772
1923	2277	1910
1924	2651	1959
1925	2711	2180
1926	2947	2369
1927	3234	2557
1928	3478	2772

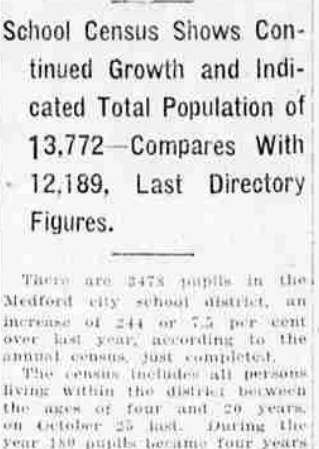
*Discrepancy due to faulty census taking.

**Figures from June graduation, others from October 25, last.

The figures show that the Medford schools are enjoying a steady growth since 1919.

The census was taken by Mrs. Prue Platt, Mrs. Earl C. Gaddis, Mrs. Nora C. Kirkpatrick, and Mrs. B. M. Bryant, with Mrs. George Kuzman, office assistant.

IOWA BOY'S PET KING OF BEEFSTEAKS



Dick, a Hereford, owned by Clarence Gaecke, twelve years old. State Center, Iowa, was adjudged grand champion steer of the International Livestock show at Chicago. Clarence bought the animal from his father and has had daily charge of its care and feeding. The steer and youthful owner are shown above.

LAST CALL FOR THEO. ROBERTS SCREEN ACTOR

Grand Old Man of Screen and Stage True Sportsman, Succumbs to Flu Attack—On Boards 48 Years.

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 15.—(AP)—The humble seat that Theodore Roberts had occupied on Friday nights for many years at the Hollywood American Legion stadium, was vacant last night, as a white-haired, dignified, yet kindly gentleman whom the thousands of boxing fans here had come to call one of their number, had gone on.

The arena darkened, a spotlight pierced the gloom, flashed across thousands of intent and saddened faces, and came to rest on the seat that Roberts, through the years had occupied. The fans stood up in tribute, as a bugler sounded taps for the "Governor," and grand old man of the screen and stage, and a true sportsman.

The veteran actor died from an attack of influenza from which he never rallied after an operation had been performed in an effort to save his life. Although he had been in a stupor for the last two days, Roberts had recognized his friends and the end came peacefully.

Suffered Stroke

Two years ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis, from which he never fully recovered, although he had appeared in pictures since then, getting up from a wheel chair to work before the camera without revealing to millions of film fans the condition of his health. He took his final call yesterday before an audience of two—his secretary and his nurse.

Roberts was born in San Francisco October 8, 1881. His family wanted him to study for the ministry, but the actor's wild romances of San Francisco, with his vivid theatre atmosphere, lured him to apply his natural talents to the footlights, where he made such a great success.

He made his first stage appearance in San Francisco in 1896 in support of James O'Neill, in "Hedda Gabler." Before starting his stage career he had taught elocution in the city.

Roberts spent 48 of his 58 years of life in enacting roles on the stage and screen. A list of his performances would fill several columns, for he had played practically every variety of character role—dramatic, vaudeville, light, and excellent in whatever he had undertaken to portray.

The body will lie in state tomorrow from 2 to 8 p. m., at the funeral parlors and on Tuesday from 10 o'clock until noon at the Elks club, which will have charge of the funeral services at two o'clock in the afternoon. Interment will be in Hollywood cemetery.

MRS. KIRKWOOD ACQUITTED OF MANSLAUGHTER

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Mrs. Frances Kirkwood, Long Island housewife, today stood acquitted of the charge that she intentionally stabbed to death her husband, Dr. Glen Kirkwood, a veterinarian. She had been charged with first degree murder.

Kirkwood died last August from a stab wound inflicted during a struggle between himself and his wife in the kitchen of their



Mrs. Frances Kirkwood Woodside, Long Island, home. She testified the wound was inflicted when he tried to take a butcher knife from her which she had seized with suicidal intent, after he had admitted intimacy with other women. The state contended she stabbed Kirkwood "in the heat of passion."

APPEAL FOR PEACE SENT AMERICANS

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Minister Biaz de Medina, of Bolivia, expressed his private opinion today that Bolivia would accept the good offices extended by the Pan-American conference on arbitration to his country and to Paraguay, to solve their boundary controversy.

The minister thought, however, that acceptance by his country would be dependent upon an understanding that some kind of reparations would be received by Bolivia for the recent raid by Paraguay upon a Bolivian fort.

No instructions on the subject have reached the Bolivian legation as yet. The minister expressed his confidence, however, that any offer of peace and good will would be welcomed in La Paz, and accordingly he was sure that yesterday's decision by the arbitration conference would be well received.

The Paraguayan charge d'affaires likewise was confident that his country would accept the mediating offer of the conference. His instructions are awaited hourly by the delegate to the conference to guide his activities in the endeavor to conciliate the dispute.

"NO ONE LEFT," ILLINOIS USES AVIATRIX DIES CHAIR IN TRIO BY OWN HAND OF EXECUTIONS

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Loneliness and fear of illness were believed by police today to have caused Miss Leila Kerr, 35 years old, student flyer, to shoot herself to death in her suite in the Hotel Ambassador.

A note, found in the pocket of a coat, read:

"I have suffered a stroke. There is no one left since the family is gone and my brother died. He died in the war. I occupy a two-room suite on the eighth floor of a large hotel. My brother, Walter, was killed in the World war and her father, mother and a sister died several years ago. She was the only survivor of the family.

The body was identified by her uncle, John B. Kerr of New York City, president of the New York Ontario & Western Railway company.

Miss Kerr was born in West Orange, N. J., but registered at the hotel last September as from Chatham, Mass. Since the death of other members of her family, Mr. Kerr said, she had become melancholy and virtually a recluse.

Flying was her recreation, he said, and she had twice crossed the continent in airplanes. A student's flying certificate dated last July was found among her effects.

Miss Kerr had been seen about the hotel since late Thursday. When the manager, Theodore Kroff, entered her suite with a key last night, he found the body on a bed, clad in an afternoon frock. Near her was a silver-handled pistol and a box of cartridges. There was a bullet wound in the right side of her head.

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PHANTOM PROWLER DISTURBS CO-EDS ON EUGENE CAMPUS

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—University of Oregon sorority houses have been under a reign of terror in the past few days by the appearance of a "phantom" prowler who steals through the houses at night.

According to the story, the "phantom" wears a lark blue sweater and a cap pulled down over his eyes. Several times he has been seen, and upon hearing screams of girls whom he has aroused, escaped in a coupe.

One girl was said to have been chased through a cemetery which adjoins the campus. Another girl was reported to have chased him down three flights of stairs.

Capture Chinese

VALLEJO, Cal., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Word was received by the sheriff here that Choy Kim, alias Ah Choy, wanted since October, 1927, on a charge of murdering Mrs. Margaret Shelly, 58, near Fairfield, had been captured in China. Officials said they expected difficulty in extraditing the Chinese.

AERONAUTICS CONFERENCE ENDED TODAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The international civil aeronautics conference, called by President Coolidge to provide opportunity for an exchange of ideas among aviation leaders of the world 25 years after the first flight by the Wright brothers was concluded today with an air show at Bolling field. Army aircraft from Bolling field and others from the naval air station entertained members of the conference for an hour with stunts and a display of combat formation.

Charles A. Lindbergh, a delegate to the conference, hopped off alone for an unannounced destination shortly before the start of the show. Many conference delegates will go by steamer for Kitty Hawk, N. C., where they will participate Monday in ceremonies commemorating the first airplane flight by Orville Wright in 1903.

Mr. Wright, honored guest of the conference, was expected to join the Kitty Hawk pilgrims.

Tuberculosis Christmas Seals are "stickers for health."

REJECTED POEMS BRING SUIT FOR HEAVY DAMAGE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—When a Portland newspaper refused acceptance of \$5 poems, Edward Clayton felt he had been damaged to the extent of \$1000, and brought suit for that amount against the city editor.

An examination of Clayton resulted in commitment to the state insane hospital at Salem, and R. P. Bonham, district immigration director, here, announced today that he would start proceedings to deport Clayton to Canada.

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1929 LICENSE O. K. ON NEW VEHICLES

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James flew unaccompanied from the west coast to Columbus, but from there he was paced in another plane by Martin Jensen, Hawaii flier.

Nurul Returns

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Paavo Nurmi, famous Finnish runner, arrived today on the Roebuck for his second visit to America, and dispensed immediately the mystery about his intentions by flatly asserting he had not turned professional and did not intend to do so.

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