

Today

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Ford Vs. Rockefeller. 50,000 Kind Indians. A Worried Queen. Handicap For Louisiana.

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Henry Ford's offhand statement, "No successful boy ever saved money," was not meant literally. He meant that it was better to spend for information than merely to save a few dollars.

The other "world's richest richest man," John D. Rockefeller, surely "a successful boy" did save money. He advised young and old to save now, as he hands each one a 10-cent piece with a smile worth a good deal of money.

Ford has high respect for John D. Rockefeller. He said to this writer, "I never saw John D. Rockefeller but once, but when I saw that face I knew what made Standard Oil."

Bolivia still wants to fight Paraguay. Young Bolivians fifty thousand Quechuas and Amapas Indians offer to fight on Bolivia's frontiers. Deeply touched, the Bolivian government thanks them.

It is hard to realize that not long ago the British were rearguing Indians in Canada, sending them to scalp their Yankee cousins in northern New York and elsewhere. Times improve.

King George is not able to answer the message of sympathy sent to him by President Coolidge, and a reply sent by Queen Mary through Lord Stamfordham reveals her anxiety. She refers to "the general infection." Doctors know what that means—a poisoned blood stream. And she foresees "weeks of slow, anxious progress before convalescence can be reached."

If the king recovers, he will probably owe his life to the return of his oldest son, and prompt action taken by him. Assuming the responsibility of life or death, it was the Prince of Wales that ordered an operation, without which the king's death was inevitable.

Shipping Board handicaps New Orleans by a differential of 60 cents per ton on importations of burlap from India. New York harbor gets the benefit of the differential.

Uncle Sam should treat all his children alike. Why handicap Louisiana because the great harbor happens to be some miles west of New York? Has the Supreme Court of the United States had a chance to pass on that question?

"I'm game—not worrying a bit," said "Red Moran to Father McCaffrey, walking to the electric chair smoking a cigarette. He played cards with his guard until told to change to a black suit, presumably out of respect to the electric chair. You can't wear it to heaven.

Red" took the cigarette from his mouth when the death cap was put on his head, and so died.

Moran was mistaken in his state (Continued on Page Four.)

WAR WEARS AS BOLIVIA TAKES FORT

Retaliation For Similar Paraguayan Act — Populace Parades and Howls For Blood — Open Conflict Comes As Diplomats Ponder — Munitions From Germany.

LA PAZ, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The Bolivian army has struck back at the Paraguayan forces which on December 6 captured the Bolivian fort Vanguardia, in the disputed territory of GranChaco. The new conflict, which resulted in the capture of the Paraguayan fort Boqueron, was reported in a terse communication by the Bolivian minister of war tonight.

His statement read: "New Paraguayan detachments having threatened our forts in the Chaco, a sanguinary clash occurred. Our forces after punishing our opponents occupied Fort Boqueron. The army has done its duty. Signed: R. STARBUZZ, Minister of War."

No mention was made of casualties in this encounter. In the attack of Fort Vanguardia, which caused the long summering border dispute to break into open flame, more than twenty Bolivian soldiers, including two officers, were killed and others captured.

This open conflict between armed forces of the two countries resulted in immediate breaking of diplomatic relations by Bolivia, followed shortly by similar action on the part of Paraguay. Angered citizens paraded the streets of La Paz, Bolivia, demanding war.

President Siles considered patients but at the same time assured his people that Bolivia would stand firmly for its rights. Besides the statement of the war minister, an official communication was issued tonight saying: "After the outrage on our army at Fort Vanguardia, without ever forgetting our international duties and our sworn faith to maintain peace, as we informed the council of the League of Nations, Bolivia has the unescapable duty to exact satisfaction and at the same time prevent a recurrence of clashes which seem possible owing to the concentration by Paraguay of new forces, including its general staff. Our legitimate fears have been realized."

LA PAZ, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Capture of the Paraguayan fort Boqueron after severe fighting was announced tonight by the Bolivian minister of war. The formal announcement from La Paz was the first intimation that anything approaching studied military operations was in progress. Relations between Paraguay and Bolivia strained for years because of a boundary dispute reached a crisis within the past week as a result of the assault and capture of the Bolivian outpost at Vanguardia, asserted by Paraguay to be within her borders.

Threat of war was seen in the situation and the council of the League of Nations sitting at Lugano, the Pan-American conference at Washington and several individual chancelleries moved to effect mediation. SANTA FE, Argentina, Dec. 15.—(AP)—A large quantity of war materials destined for Bolivia, passed through this city today by the North Central Argentina railway. Four airplanes of German manufacture, unarmed but suitable for war purposes, were included in the shipment.

LA GONAN, Switzerland, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The council of the League of Nations again acted today in an effort to bring a peaceful settlement to the Bolivian-Paraguayan border dispute. In addressing tonight new exhortations to the governments of Bolivia and Paraguay, the council has "given it its best," as one member put it, to secure an amicable solution of the conflict. By this action, it is felt, the council has given testimony of its belief that political quarrels in

PROBABLE SITE OF COOLIDGE-TRUMBULL WEDDING



The home of Governor Trumbull of Connecticut where it is expected that the wedding of Florence Trumbull and John Coolidge will take place. The president's son and Miss Trumbull are shown during John's visit to the Trumbull home following the formal announcement of their engagement.

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Many Schools Close Early For Christmas As Precaution—U. S. Health Bureau Stresses Avoidance of Needless Crowding — Many Cases On Coast. Phenomena Occurs In Santa Barbara Kitchen and Experts Puzzled — Housewife Stirs the Beans and Hears A Hunting Song, After 'Ave Maria.'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The close of the week brought additional reports from many parts of the country of more schools and colleges letting out earlier than usual for the Christmas recess because of the widespread outbreak of influenza. In some instances the dispatches said the closing of the institutions had been prompted by a slight increase in the disease while others told of the action being taken as a precautionary move only.

While the United States Public Health Service here has been in close touch with its offices throughout the country, but few reports were received today and these failed to disclose any material change in the situation. A dispatch from Seattle to the health service said the disease was "quite prevalent" in that city and that a number of cases had developed among the personnel at Port Townsend, near here.

Another report told of cases developing in Charleston, South Carolina, while a dispatch from a government contract hospital at San Pedro, Cal., requested additional funds because of outbreaks of the disease among merchant seamen in that port. Word also was received by the federal health authorities during the day from the marine hospital at New Orleans, Louisiana, and Fort Stanton, New Mexico, that a number of the personnel of the institutions had contracted the disease.

Meanwhile, public health officials, who have said the disease was of a milder form than during the 1918 outbreak, had nothing to add to the advice already given as to the best means of preventing the spread of the disease. One caution stressed was the avoidance of needless crowding. PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Sixty-nine more cases of influenza, making a total of 434 reported to the city health office since the epidemic started, were added to the list today. Two deaths from the disease were reported today, those of Charles L. Ernest, fourteen, and R. W. Sammons, 47. In addition, five deaths from pneumonia were reported today.

ST. HELENS COPS SUED BY WOMAN ST. HELENS, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Miss Ellen Chapman today filed suit for \$25,000 damages against Don Ruben and J. F. Culbertson, marshal and deputy marshal, respectively of St. Helens, alleging false arrest and imprisonment. The complaint says Miss Chapman was taken without authority from a hotel to the city jail on January 16, last, and was held in the jail for several hours.

SENSE IN SPENDING LIKE'S PLEA

Governor Patterson Would Centralize Spending Power And May Ask Legislature To Increase Power Over State's Money — Too Many Boards, Etc., Etc. Etc.

SALEM, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Declaring that laws vesting the governing authority in the supervision of expenditure of state money, so that no money appropriated for state government can be expended without approval of the governor "are in keeping with the tendency of the times," Governor I. L. Patterson tonight intimated that he may ask the state legislature to enact such measures. The governor is now a state budget officer. The statement from the executive department tonight, after expressing sympathy with the tendency toward additional authority in the supervision of expenditures for governmental purposes, added: "While I am not in a position to say at this time whether or not we intend that the scope of the present budget law be enlarged among these lines, nevertheless I feel that such action is in keeping with the tendency of the times. I have been informed that in those states where such laws are in force, satisfactory results have been attained."

In following on this line of thought, the governor continued: "It is becoming the policy to centralize authority in the conduct of public affairs rather than to centralize it through many offices, boards and commissions. In belief, to apply the ordinary rules of successful business enterprise to the conduct of public affairs, whether in the nation, the state or the minor political divisions of government.

"It has been said repeatedly that the deficit in the general fund at the end of the current year will be between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000—that is, the general fund moneys available for the payment of authorized obligations upon that fund will be short to that extent. "In view of the limited revenues which will be available during 1929 and 1930 for the payment of general governmental expenses, and the fact that the natural growth of the state and its activities require larger appropriations for their operations during that period, it becomes a very difficult problem to make recommendations to the forthcoming legislative assembly which shall have in mind the balancing of the estimates of requirements with the estimated revenues accruing to the state during that period.

"The recommendations of the governor are, of course, subject to much closer action by the executive review and revision, either upward or downward as the legislature may conclude. Such estimates are also of great aid to the legislative assembly in arriving at final conclusions upon the requisites of any of the state activities.

"In those states, I am reliably informed, where the preparation of the budget is vested in the executive, there is not a great general departure from his recommendations. The preparation of the budget by the executive has resulted in much closer action by the executive and the legislative branches of the commonwealths and permitted of arriving at the requirements of the various state agencies without resort in many cases to log rolling and trading as have frequently been practiced."

CLATSKANIE HIT BY NIGHT BLAZE CLATSKANIE, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—With a loss of approximately \$28,000 the Clatskanie Mercantile company was destroyed by fire here tonight. The fire started at 10:20 o'clock and threatened for a time to spread to surrounding structures in the heart of the business district, before it was brought under control. Equipment from Rainier was rushed to the fire but the Clatskanie department had the blaze under control before the neighboring firemen arrived.

The Clatskanie Mercantile company was owned by Earl W. Critchfield. The building, a frame structure valued at \$8,000, was owned by C. H. Stockwell and E. L. Edgerton. The loss to stock and equipment in the building was estimated at \$20,000. For 29 years the Christmas Seal has saved lives and brought health and happiness to men, women and children.

PRESIDENT ASKS PACT APPROVAL

Kellogg War Outlaw Treaty Due For Vote In Senate Tomorrow—Irreconcilable Solons Want No L. of N. Meddling In American Affairs — Administration Stand Assailed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—President Coolidge late today called to the White House two members of the Senate Foreign Relations committee whose attitude toward the Kellogg treaty to outlaw war has yet to be made clear, and in a conference which lasted nearly an hour expressed his intense desire that the senate ratify the pact and at the same time attach no reservations. The treaty is expected to come to a vote in the committee on Monday.

The two senators, Johnson of California and McLean of Connecticut, both republicans, refused to discuss their talk with the chief executive, but a short while later a brief announcement of what had taken place was made through Everett Sanders, Mr. Coolidge's secretary.

Earlier in the day, the senate heard the first words of opposition to the treaty to be uttered on the senate floor. Those came from Bruce of Maryland, who, nevertheless ended his speech with a declaration that he would vote for ratification because he felt that the pact although faulty in itself was calculated to bring the United States into the League of Nations and the World Court.

The position of both Johnson and McLean has yet to be clearly determined. Johnson's attention has been attracted to the treaty since the season began by his Boulder Dam canyon bill which finally was approved yesterday by the senate. Otherwise, no oratorical opposition has appeared, a resolution has been offered by Senator Moses of New Hampshire, a republican, irreconcilable to the League of Nations which, while not a reservation to the treaty itself, would declare the sense of the senate to be that the pact did not affect well established American rights.

Chairman Borah, of the Foreign Relations committee, is hopeful the committee will approve the treaty on Monday. Some senators are expected to exert their influence to have the Moses resolution reported at the same time. Senator Hiram began his attack on the treaty today over a mild protest from Senator Curtis, the republican leader and the vice-president-elect. He suggested to the Marylander that his remarks might better be reserved for a secret session of the senate but Bruce insisted on going ahead. The Kellogg treaty was described by Senator Bruce as "superfluous" because, he said, seventeen nations at the Havana conference as well as the League of Nations itself had declared against recourse to war to settle international disputes. Furthermore, he assailed, President Coolidge for advocating ratification of the pact and at the same time erecting a construction of additional warships.

He asked why, when Mr. Kellogg was "cooling like a gentle dove," did Mr. Coolidge "set up such a jungle roar about more cruisers in his address last Armistice day." Senator Bruce referred to the communications exchanged during the negotiations and declared that "the total effect of all these reservations in making the Kellogg pact an even more feeble thing than it would appear on its face to be, is almost too manifest for comment."

Trying to make countries stop warring on each other by international law, the senator declared, is as impossible as enforcing a law to make people stop drinking.

WALES NOW SOVEREIGN EX-OFFICIO

The King Sleeps, With Pulse Steady And Fever Ebbing — Anticipated Sudden Change In Condition Fails — Ten Physicians At His Majesty's Bedside.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Because of the illness of King George the Prince of Wales has become acting king of England. He probably will continue in that capacity until his father is able to resume his duties. The prime minister calls upon the prince on business of state, just as he was wont to do upon King George. Other cabinet ministers come to consult the prince and he is arranging to keep in the near future all the appointments that the king would ordinarily fill. He is passing upon documents and in various other ways is acting as titular head of the state.

There is every evidence that Albert Edward will continue his work for some time. Whatever turns the illness of the king may take he is, by word of his doctors, relegated to a period of inactivity in official affairs which may extend for months. While a council of state has been duly appointed to act for the sovereign, it is the Prince of Wales as eldest son and heir to the throne who steps to the front as the principal member of that commission.

Thus far the prince has not left the immediate vicinity of York House where he has his office. He makes frequent visits to Buckingham palace to see his father and talk with his mother and some times goes to the residence of the Duke of York. Aside from that his only outings have been to a nearby club where he exercises by playing squash.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—A prolonged consultation in the sickroom of King George, in which five physicians took part, caused tension in and about Buckingham palace late today. When the evening bulletin was issued at 8:20 p. m. it revealed that the doctors had decided to add treatment by rays to the methods which they are employing in their attempt to bring the stricken monarch back to health.

This bulletin, which had been awaited by the crowds outside the palace with apprehensive interest, showed that there had been no such sudden change as had been anticipated. The condition of the patient remained about as before, the disquieting factor being the persistence of the exhaustion from which he has been suffering.

This was balanced, however, by the fact that he had obtained some sleep, which is of great help in such an illness; the steadiness of the pulse and the moderation of fever. The text of the bulletin was: "His majesty had a quiet day with some sleep. Though the pulse remains steady and the fever is now moderate, the exhaustion persists. It has been decided to employ ray therapy as part of the treatment."

The five signatures on this announcement were those of Sir Stanley Hewitt, Lord Dawson of Penn, Sir Hugh Rigby, the surgeon, and Drs. Frank Howitt and Robert Stanton Woods, both members of the Royal College of Surgeons. The addition of these two made the total of the king's attendants ten. This includes radiologists and the specialist who administered the anesthetic at the time of the operation on the king. Today, as the third day following the operations, was regarded as a more or less critical one and on the whole the two medical reports were considered satisfactory. While there has been no decided improvement there has been no relapse.

AUTO SCOFFLAW ROUNDUP GROWS

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—A check of the number of arrests for traffic law violations during the past week, from noon Saturday, December 8, until noon today, showed that 1,264 persons were cited to city court. Of this number all but 123 appeared, or forfeited bail, while bench warrants were issued for the other 123. Fines for the week totaled nearly \$3,500.

One hundred and seventy-one persons were cited today for infraction of traffic regulations, and all but 23 appeared in court. The crusade against traffic law violations, the most extensive this city has ever known, followed a shakeup of the traffic and view squads of the police force, and came after a week of safety education.

PROSPERITY NOTES TARRYTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Three thousand employees of the Chevrolet Motor company and the Fisher Body's employees who have been laid off since November 1, have been notified to return to work Monday morning.

LEADER OF STATE SENATE CONFERS

SALEM, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Senator Norblad of Astoria, (Clatskanie county) whose election as president of the state senate at the January session of the legislature apparently is assured, was here today conferring with Governor Patterson and other state officials. He was accompanied by Edward Seeborg and Mrs. King, both of Astoria, who will act as referees in the senate.

Senator Norblad tonight left for Portland where he will confer on Monday with Ralph Hamilton of Bend. Mr. Hamilton is slated for speaker of the house of representatives.

ALBANQ. ORE., DEC. 15.—(AP)—Linn county today heaped honor on Edgar Grimes, 18, a Harriburg farm boy, winner of the national Four-H club championship. Business men and others of Albany joined with those of Harriburg, and with representatives of the state's officialdom, educational institutions, and farm organizations, celebrated his championship. The Four-H club championship is the highest honor within reach of the Boys' and Girls' club national organization.

It was the second time in successive years that the Oregon trophy had been brought to Mossburn. In 1927 Alex Critchbank of McMinnville won the national honor. The trophy was won in competition with 750,000 other club members from all sections of the country.