

The Weather
Forecast - Buggy and cloudy to-
night; continued cool. Lowest
tonight, about 20.
Highest yesterday 29
Lowest this morning 20

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Highest 48
Lowest 22

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

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Today

By Arthur Brisbane

The Sea Islands.
Long Staple Cotton.
The 'Bloody Marsh'
Georgia's Beautiful Coast

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ST. THOMAS ISLAND, Ga., Dec. 16.—This is one of the beautiful sea islands lying close to Georgia's coast, near Brunswick, forming an inland waterway along the Atlantic.

Here grew originally the "sea island cotton" with long staple, known over the world. It grows now in far-away Arizona and across the ocean in Nile Valley. You have it in your rubber tires.

On this island Oglethorpe fought the battle of "Bloody Marsh" that settled for all time the Spanish claim to these lands.

Spaniards landed from their ships, which had just defeated the British, and marched inland. Oglethorpe met them and defeated them.

Local tradition says the Spanish troops came from their boats without shoes. Oglethorpe spread branches of prickly pear all over the bloody marsh. Anyhow, he won.

His fortification, Fort Oglethorpe, still stands in ruins at the water's edge in the little hamlet of Frederica. Its walls of oyster shell masonry several feet thick, defy time and stand with the old rusty cannon on top. The walls were built in 1736.

Close by, is the church built by John Wesley, who came from England to carry out his religious ideas and, although he didn't know it at the time, to establish the Methodist church, with one possible exception the most powerful in the United States.

At the end of two long rows of live oaks, about 300 years old, you see ruins of the residence of Colonel King, where Aaron Burr went into retirement after killing Alexander Hamilton.

Slave quarters and the old house in ruins are also of oyster shell masonry.

Natives tell you they know the live oaks are 300 years old because "it takes them 100 years to grow, their prime lasts 100 years; then it takes them 100 years to die."

Oyster shells are still abundant. Men don't go to the market for oysters here. They go to the edge of the water with a hammer and knock off as many oysters as they want.

This old island comes to life in a modern way, thanks to Detroit and Howard Coffin. He made his millions in Hudson and Essex automobiles. Instead of taking his money to Europe as some do, he decided to go on building. He joined Carl Fisher in building up Montauk Point, the far end of Long Island, with golf links, polo fields and a fine big hotel.

He has just finished building another fine hotel, more golf links, airplane fields, polo fields, etc., on this island. Georgia is much obliged to him for this proof that he appreciates as fine a coast resort as there is in the world.

The good Lord gives to human beings the beautiful earth. It takes individuals with energy to make it available for the big crowd, as Flieger developed Florida, Carl Fisher developed Miami, the Prince of Monaco developed Monte Carlo, and as Mr. Coffin is

MEDIATION IN DISPUTE ACCEPTED

Pan-American Conference Has Clear Path Toward Conciliation South American Belligerents—Strive to Terminate Warlike Activities of Republics.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(AP)—With its offer of mediation in the Bolivian-Paraguayan controversy accepted by both disputing countries, the way was clear today for the Pan-American conference on arbitration to take affirmative steps to reconcile the two nations.

Dr. Victor Maurtua of Peru, chairman of the special committee appointed by the conference to suggest conciliation procedure, conferred immediately today with other members of his committee and planned to call a meeting as soon as Bolivia's acceptance should be received here.

Although no concrete steps have been suggested to remove all danger of war between Bolivia and Paraguay, it is understood that the committee will strive to have both countries cease all warlike activities, urging Paraguay to demobilize and Bolivia to calm its people.

Even partial settlement of the controversy will greatly facilitate the other labors of the conference, which so far has been greatly handicapped by the threat of war hovering over South America. Delegates had so far avoided, as far as possible, any meeting at which the dispute might have been brought up and given rise to heated debate.

The state department showed great gratification at the announcement of Bolivia's action.

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The Bolivian-Paraguayan crisis is under a quick shift in the direction of peace today with the acceptance by Bolivia of the good offices of the Pan-American conference of conciliation and arbitration.

This decision followed on the heels of a Bolivian order to the commander of the Bolivian frontier forces to cease attacks on Paraguayan troops in the disputed Chaco region, where tension has run high for the past 19 days.

(Paraguay yesterday announced acceptance of the Pan-American offer of mediation, thus indicating together with Bolivia's action that the possibility of immediate further hostilities has been largely averted.)

The acceptance by Bolivia of the conference's good offices, forwarded to Secretary of State Kellogg, who sent the original offer, was made public in a communique issued in La Paz at an early hour this morning.

This communique was signed by Tomaso Elio, minister of foreign affairs.

COOLIDGE THINKS KELLOGG TREATY TO BE RATIFIED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(AP)—President Coolidge is of the opinion that the Kellogg treaty to outlaw war has sufficient support for its ratification without any reservations or accompanying resolutions.

The senate foreign relations committee today voted 14 to 2, to report the peace treaty to the senate.

DIAMOND LAKE ROAD DISTRICT UNFAVORED

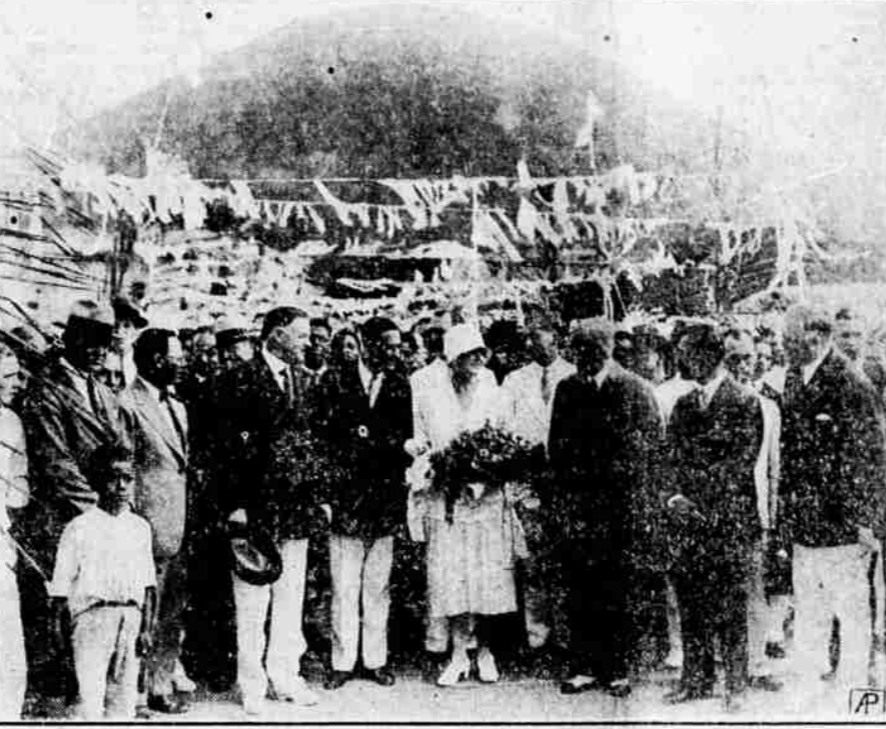
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—(AP)—The state highway commission announced here today that it had disapproved boundaries proposed for a super-road district planned in Douglas county to finance construction of the Umpqua highway to Diamond Lake. It was said that another hearing on the subject would be held.

The commission recently held a hearing in Easowich at which objections to the proposed boundaries were voiced by delegations from parts of the county and by representatives of timber interests and the Southern Pacific railroad.

Ballots Best Bats.

BETHANY, Mo.—(AP)—"Babe" Adams was knocked from the box on November 6 by a barrage of ballots. The former Pittsburgh pitcher lost the race for sheriff of Harrison county.

GOOD WILL PARTY VISITING HONDURAS



President-elect Hoover and his party just before leaving Amapala, Honduras. Mrs. Hoover can be seen in the center of the picture.

BLIND ARCHER LAZY IN 1927 REPORT SHOWS

Marriage Decreased 1880. Compared With 1926 Figure—Divorces Increased 6.2 Per Cent—Both Increase in Oregon

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The department of commerce announces that, according to the returns received, there were 1,200,954 marriages performed in the United States during the year 1927, as compared with 1,292,694 in 1926. These figures represent a decrease of 1880 marriages, or about one-fifth of one per cent.

During the year 1927 there were 192,937 divorces granted in the United States, as compared with 180,853 in 1926 representing an increase of 11,184, or 6.2 per cent. There were 4252 marriages annulled in 1927, as compared with 3825 in 1926.

The estimated population of continental United States on July 1, 1927, was 118,828,000, and on July 1, 1926, 117,136,000. On the basis of these estimates the number of marriages per 1000 of the population was 16.12 in 1927, as against 16.27 in 1926, and the number of divorces per 1000 of the population was 1.62 in 1927, as against 1.54 in 1926.

While the net decrease in the number of marriages performed in the country as a whole was 0.2 per cent, the relative change in the different states ranged from a decrease of 25.4 per cent in Florida to an increase of 95.3 per cent in Nevada. (This increase in Nevada, as well as the increase in Arizona, is due largely to a change in the marriage law of California requiring three days' notice to be given before the issuance of a license, which law became effective July 29, 1927.)

The changes in the various states as regards the number of divorces compared with the year 1926, ranged from a decrease of 35.3 per cent in Vermont and 19.2 per cent in Delaware to increases of 82.1 per cent in the District of Columbia and 51.3 per cent in Nevada.

The ratio of divorces per 1000 of the population in the individual states in 1927 ranged from 0.27 in the District of Columbia and 0.14 in New York to 3.50 in Oregon and 25.22 in Nevada. Oregon had 7362 divorces in 1927 and 7085 in 1926, with 3117 divorces in 1927 and 3084 in 1926.

TOBACCO TAX AMONG PLANS STATE RELIEF

Abolition One Mill Market Road Tax—Use of County Auto Revenue Idea of Relief Body Sub-Committee

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—(AP)—A tax on tobacco, abolition of the 1-mill market road tax, and use of the counties' share of the state automobile license revenue for paying interest and principal on county road funds are three recommendations made by a sub-committee of the state property tax relief commission.

The sub-committee, reporting after a conference here late yesterday, will contribute its ideas to the main commission which is to meet here Thursday, Friday and Saturday to formulate suggestions to the legislature for property tax relief.

Three other sub-committees' suggestions also will be considered.

The sub-committee reporting yesterday believed that if the three suggestions it proposed were adopted the property tax burden could be reduced at least \$3,500,000.

Abolition of the market road tax, it said, would cut off \$1,200,000, diverting 25 per cent of the auto license fees to payments on county road bonds would save \$1,250,000, and a tobacco tax in lieu of a 1-mill elementary school tax would yield \$1,900,000.

BARNUM HEIR WILL RECEIVE \$29,000 SHARE

Right of Minor Grandson—Cash Settlement in Lieu of Bonds, Cash and Property Share.

William Laird (Bill) Barnum, grandson of W. S. Barnum and son of William Barnum, deceased, will receive \$29,000 as his share of the Barnum estate, as a result of the settlement of a controversy which has been pending for the past seven months, following the death of W. S. Barnum, February 28, 1928.

The heirs to the property, the deceased leaving no will, are: Berntha S. Larnum, the widow; John Barnum and George Barnum, sons, and William Laird Barnum, grandson, a minor.

In the petition to probate, the estate was appraised at \$11,000, and no real property mentioned. The real property is said to have been deeded in 1924 by W. S. Barnum to his wife. The deed was delivered to her during the life of the deceased and again by the First National bank after his death.

Seven months ago a controversy arose over whether or not the real property and bonds, not heretofore included in the estate, should be included before any settlements were made. The point as to whether or not the delivery of the deed was made with the intention to pass title to the real property or whether it was intended to retain control of the property until Mr. Barnum's death, was also under dispute.

Cash Settlement

Yesterday a compromise was reached between all parties concerned, whereby Jessie A. Eldridge, as guardian and mother of the boy, William Laird Barnum, received a cash settlement of \$29,000 for the minor's share which, through the right of representation, would be the share of William Barnum, his father.

AFGHANISTAN QUIET AFTER REBEL RAIDS

LONDON, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Disturbances at Kabul, capital of Afghanistan, on Sunday were described in a telegram received here which stated that Kabul was now absolutely quiet.

The telegram said that a band of 400 brigands led by the Badkhi Saqum attacked one of the Kabul suburbs on Sunday. Government forces engaged the rebels in a fight which lasted several hours during which the leaders of the attackers were killed or captured and the disturbance quelled.

Not only is Kabul quiet, the telegram said, but the situation was normal also in the eastern province of Jalalabad where recent disorders have taken place.

STATE ASSOCIATION WILL SEND GOLFERS TO PEBBLE BEACH

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—(AP)—Oregon State Golf association will defray the expenses of a golfing team to participate in the Oregon-California clash to be played January 26 and 27 on the Pebble Beach course at Del Monte. The team will be selected from the following players:

Dr. O. F. Willing, captain of the Oregon team; Bert Dawson; Ildice Wilhelm; Frank Dolp; Dr. Moe H. Chandler; Egan (Medford); Hoy Moe; Vincent Dolp; Eddie Hogan and John Reibstok.

Man Who Knew His Groceries Makes Millions

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Twenty-five years ago John R. Money had an idea. Yesterday he cashed in on it for \$8,250,000.

Money started a grocery store on the south side in 1893. The idea he had was to sell on a smaller profit margin but in larger quantities. The one store grew to ten. This year it became the nucleus of a chain of 300 units known as the Consumers' Store, operating throughout the entire Chicago metropolitan area.

Sale of the Consumers' Store to the Kruger Grocery and Baking company for \$8,250,000 was announced last night.

Read Dr. William Brady's Article on The "Flu" Epidemic Today on Page 4

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—(AP)—P. G. Ridley, 37, died at the police emergency hospital today, as a result, physicians believed, of drinking fuel alcohol.

COQUILLE BANK RAID IS FOILED

Youth Shot and Partner Is Captured After Holdup Attempt—Pair Flee to Residential Section—Exchange of Fire Brings Bahdit Down.

COQUILLE, Ore., Dec. 18.—(AP)—One youth was shot dead in a gun fight and another captured by officers and citizens today after an attempt to hold up the First National bank of Coquille.

Reputed by a revolver shot from the cashier of the bank, two youthful robbers fled in a car and were overtaken in a residential district, where one of the pair was killed in a gun fight and the other captured. The name of the dead man was believed to be Marion Rubie. Bud McGowan was the name given by his companion who was arrested.

The pair drove to the side door of the First National bank this morning, and rapping on the door, who opened it to "stick up" his hands. The clerk slammed the door in the robber's face.

O. C. Sanford, vice-president of the bank, who was standing behind the clerk, fired a revolver shot through the glass door and the robber returned the fire, the bullet glancing on the iron casing and lodging in the wall.

The robbers then jumped into a sedan, which was quickly pursued by citizens. A bullet fired by G. Russell Morgan, Coquille attorney, went through the rear glass of the fleeing car. A sheriff's force and posse followed the trail of the machine to Knowlton Heights, a residential section, where it was parked in a private driveway. The robbers had taken to the woods. There was an exchange of four or five shots. The robber, who gave his name as McGowan, surrendered and Marion Rubie was found lying dead in the road. McGowan's revolver had not been fired.

Officers reported that Rubie answered the description of a man who committed a holdup at Fortuna, Cal., in 1923, and escaped with several thousand dollars. This robber was pursued in the hills for months and later was captured and sentenced to San Quentin prison. When working on a road crew he escaped.

Cosa county officials wired San Quentin officials to determine the identity of the slain man.

RUM RUNNERS KIDNAP CHIEF OF HIJACKERS

Texas Rangers Search for Alleged Victim of Disgruntled Liquor Gang—Believed Left to Die in Barren Oil Country.

WINKLER, Tex., Dec. 18.—(AP)—Texas Rangers and border patrolmen hunted a party of 100 men today in a search over the barren trans-Pecos oil country for P. O. "Denver Blackie" Burcham, local restaurant owner, reported to have been kidnaped and left to die by rum runners.

Burcham has been missing since last week. A youth known only as "The Blue Punk" told the authorities the alleged kidnaping was in revenge for the hijacking of a \$50,000 cargo of liquor, the rum runners holding the restaurant man responsible.

The searching party yesterday located a water-trough in the near desert where, according to the youth's tale, Burcham was bound and left to die. There was evidence that he had broken his bindings of rope and wire.

Bills of lured rope, wire and bloody footprints were found in the trough, and it was thought the victim had managed to ignite the inflammable parts of his fastenings, then escape the wire bindings.

"The Blue Punk" told officers that the act was in revenge for the hijacking of a half million dollar cargo of liquor last Friday, for which the leader of a whiskey running gang held Burcham responsible.

Quarantined Forces Legal and Out Divorce House In

LEWISTON, Idaho, Dec. 18.—(AP)—A smallpox quarantine was forcing a woman to remain under the same roof with her divorced husband, while her legal husband was kept outside, has developed here.

When Ray Farrar came to the home of Mrs. John Hall, his former wife, to bring tops to his daughter, he became ill. He returned to his hotel, but city health officers, learning that he had smallpox, forced him to return to the Hall home, and a quarantine was established.

When John Hall returned home, he was denied entrance.

HOOVER WILL CURTAIL TRIP TO GET HOME

Sails for Rio Janeiro Today—Return Voyage Shortened for Conference With Party Heads On Cabinet Plans—Special Session.

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The U. S. 25, carrying President-elect Hoover on the Atlantic stretch of his good will mission to Latin America, sailed for Rio Janeiro at 10:50 o'clock this morning.

The president-elect, leaving Montevideo, where he had been received with great cordiality, with his party.

Concluding his visit to Uruguay, Mr. Hoover carried from this republic deep impressions of its desire to contribute to the peace of the Americas. He gave expression to these impressions in an exchange of speeches with President Campesino at a farewell banquet, which was attended by a distinguished company of Uruguayan and North American.

After leaving Rio Janeiro on Christmas eve, Mr. Hoover will decide his future itinerary. Apparently he has decided to eliminate some West Indian stops, which were originally planned and possibly Havana will be excluded from the return voyage. Mr. Hoover is believed to be anxious to get to Florida for conferences with party leaders on the makeup of his cabinet. He is also thought to be anxious to make plans for his own administration, including the tasks to be set for the special session of the new congress, which is to be called preliminarily to the solution of the farm relief program.

PROGRESS OF KING GEORGE IS CONTINUED

LONDON, Dec. 18.—(AP)—King George's physicians tonight issued the following bulletin, time 8:10 p. m., on his majesty's condition: "The king has passed a quiet day and the progress noted this morning has continued."

(Signed) "Hewitt."
"Rigby."
"Rawson."

LONDON, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The long and patient struggle to save the life of King George and restore him to health and strength witnessed another of its tremendous fluctuations in the last 24 hours but the latest advices from the sick room this morning indicated an upward turn again.

The morning bulletin of the doctors said that both the king's general condition and the condition around the infected lung area had improved overnight, if only slightly.

GANGSTERS FLOUT LAW IN CHICAGO

Star Witness in Mafian Kidnap Case Shot Down—Companions Beaten With Baseball Bat—State's Attorney Sees Challenge to All Law—No One Safe.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The kidnap trail of little Billy Ranieri, dusty from weeks of courtroom tedium, today was wet with human blood—Ole Scully's blood.

Two bullets through the head, another in the body as he ran the gauntlet of guns in a West Taylor street restaurant late yesterday and Scully was dead. The sentence is asking for the men on trial—Angelo Pettiti, Andrew Cappellano and Tony Cappellano. It got death—Ole Scully's.

Assistant State's Attorney Samuel Hoffman had just completed his opening statement to the jury when this message was received in Judge Robert E. Gentze's courtroom:

"Ole Scully was shot dead, and the heads or arms of five of his companions were broken with baseball bats by five men who followed them into a restaurant on West Taylor street."

The message created a sensation.

No One Safe

"None of our lives are safe," exclaimed the prosecutor, "ours or the witnesses."

"This is a challenge to all law enforcement," said State's Attorney Swanson, "and it will be answered as such."

Those who were beaten severely while Scully was being killed were Narciso J. DeLuca, restaurant owner; Joe Malone, sewer contractor (as was Scully); Jack Devito; Joe Sabelle; and Frank Pantalone. Devito is a brother of Mike Devito, another state witness in the Ranieri trial.

The men had come to the restaurant from a funeral, riding in Scully's car, which they parked outside. Suddenly the door flew open and four men entered. Three carried pistols, the fourth was armed with a baseball bat.

"Who owns that car in front?" they demanded to know.

Scully and his companions denied knowledge of the car, whereupon the man with the bat, cursing, began beating them. Scully, defying the thugs, ran for the front door. Triggers were pressed as he reached it, and he fell dead.

The man with the baseball bat stood over Scully's body and sidrck it several times.

Even with a dead man in the floor and the sound of their revolvers echoing down the street, the men did not run. They set upon the others, using the bat and the butts of their pistols as clubs.

Pantalone managed to reach the street, screaming, "Help! Murder! One of the gunmen jabbed a pistol against him and told him to "shut his trap." The other gunmen came running out, got into their car and drove away.

Last Friday Scully counseled with Assistant State's Attorney Hoffman.

"I've got plenty of money," Hoffman quoted Scully as saying, "and I'll spend it all to keep Pettiti in jail the rest of his life. My life won't be worth a nickel if Pettiti gets out."

Tank Precautions

The extent of alarm felt in official circles over the Scully playing was evidenced today by the elaborate precautions taken to safeguard the lives of all persons involved in the trial. Assistant State's Attorney Hoffman announced that he would take immediate steps to send his children out of the city and that he and Mrs. Hoffman will move to a hotel until the trial is over.

Double guards were placed at the Ranieri home, protecting every approach. Almost at the time Scully was being shot down, a special delivery letter was received by Ranieri threatening his life if he persisted in the prosecution.

Police guards were given Judge Gentze, all state witnesses and members of the prosecuting staff. The precautions against a mafaru were described as the most elaborate ever taken by Chicago police.

The Ranieri case is down in the police records as the climax to years of Mafia extortion which has kept many Chicagoans of Italian birth in constant fear of their lives.

Ten-year-old Billy was snatched into an automobile on his way home from school last September, taken to the country and kept prisoner 10 days. He was released shortly after Pettiti had been arrested.

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