

The Weather Forecast—Rain and colder tonight: rain or snow in mountains. Maximum yesterday 48. Minimum this morning 40. Precipitation .01

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago Maximum 48. Minimum 26

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Today By Arthur Brisbane The Happiest Day. King George is Better. Coolidge, Hoover Cheerful. When Mr. Cardone Shoots

It was a happy day for all, including those that do not accept Christianity, for it softened and partly civilized many savage races, including white races now ruling in Europe and in America. The British royal family is united and the king is better. His doctors say he shows less resistance in taking food. Any doctor trying to force food upon him, as doctors sometimes do, endangers his chance of recovery. A body eliminating poison should not be compelled at the same time to absorb nourishment beyond the absolute minimum. Herbert Hoover is on his way home and had his Christmas tree on a battleship. That will interest the clerical. President Coolidge goes away to Sapelo Island, off the coast of Georgia, where he will be the guest of Howard Coffin for a Christmas rest. Messrs. Schenck, Zukor, L. B. Mayer, Fox, Laemmle and others interested in movies, should study Peter Cardone, who was disturbed by four armed gunmen while playing poker in Brooklyn. Peter Cardone wears American clothes, but carries an ancient Roman heart. As his contribution to the poker party he killed two of the four gunmen and none of them killed him. His face would screen well. He'd make Hollywood gun toters look like Sunday school teachers. Hereafter, gunmen interrupting poker parties will ask first, "Are there any Italians present?" If Henry Ford sees the stock market report (he probably never sees them) he will know that it is not easy to start a Ford company in Great Britain and "let the British have the stock." Ford turned over to honest Britons 40 per cent of his company, at \$5 a share. Monday, Americans bought 350,000 shares of it, and the price closed at \$19.25. That is quite a compliment for Ford and his British-European company, although it upsets his plan for "British ownership of Ford's British company." "Character loan" banks that lend money to workers without collateral, strictly on CHARACTER, report losses amounting to about one-tenth of one per cent, a better showing than big banks with stock exchange collateral can make. Of all borrowers, wage earners, men that work every day for money to support themselves and their families, are the "best risks." These are the men that had, hitherto, been left to the tender mercies of pawnbrokers and loan sharks. Mr. Whalen, new, energetic, young and determined police commissioner of New York, promises to clean up crime and the "racket cases in America's biggest city." Looking down from above, or up from below, Hercules, who cleaned the Augean stables, will sympathize with Mr. Whalen. "Closing up" speakers, everyone of which can move next door and open up again, is a job that will also interest old Sisyphus. The law says corporations have no soul, therefore they can't die, and can't complain when charged.

ANTI-RUM IDEAS WIN LAD PRIZE

Fifteen-Year-Old School Boy and Major Mills Given Durant Contest Awards—Closer Restriction, Education, Respect for Law Are Stressed in Plans. NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—(AP)—A former New York prohibition administrator and a 15-year-old high school boy from Herbert Hoover's home town are victors in William C. Durant's \$25,000 prize contest for the best prohibition enforcement plan. Major Chester P. Mills, who resigned as prohibition administrator for the New York city district a year ago last June, won the main prize of \$25,000. Malcolm D. Ahneck, a junior in Palo Alto Calif. high school, won the \$5000 school prize. The boy receives \$1999 and his school \$4555. More drastic restrictions and closer supervision of the traffic in industrial alcohol to curb its conversion into illicit champagne were suggested by Major Mills. Education of the people concerning the prohibition law, teaching more respect for the law and a more scientific selection of enforcement officers were the high points in Ahneck's plan. Checks for the prizes were received yesterday by Major Mills at his home in Green Farms, Conn., and by Ahneck at the principal of his school in Palo Alto. Approximately half of the 25,230 plans submitted in the contest were sent in by women. The total number of suggestions offered by the contestants was 64,000. Only 744 suggested modification of the eighteenth amendment, while 5510 urged modification of the Volstead act. Of these 1556 favored manufacture and sale of intoxicants, and 400 wanted light wines and beer. Better use of federal organizations was offered as a solution by 325, while better state and local co-operation was suggested by 259. Recommendations for education and propaganda were made by 19,168. Church training formed the theme of 1992 suggestions. General education was urged by 2629. The plan offered by Major Mills, he says follows closely the policy he pursued during his administration of the prohibition law in New York, a policy not consummated when he resigned. In the handling of denatured alcohol, Major Mills urged closer scrutiny of persons and concerns to whom permits are issued and declared for the elimination of the independent denaturing plants, which he says have no economic place in the business and are forced to divert most of their output into bootleg channels to make a profit. Stricter supervision of perfume plants and similar concerns which hold permits for special denatured

Lindbergh Presented Harmon Trophy



The latest honor for Col. Charles A. Lindbergh is the Harmon trophy, awarded annually by the International League of Aviators. Presentation was at the international civil aeronautics conference in Washington. Left to right: Assistant Secretary McCracken, Pierre Etienne Flandin, vice president of French chamber of deputies, Lindbergh and Orville Wright.

HOOVER PLANS HOME LANDING JANUARY SIXTH

Unique Christmas Enjoyed Aboard Battleship Utah—Hampton Roads Disembarkation Point—Personal Matters Call. U. S. S. UTAH, Dec. 26.—(AP)—After the most unique Christmas in history known, thanks to the ingenuity and hospitality of Captain Train and officers of the Utah, President-elect Hoover today began consideration of correspondence received from the United States at Rio de Janeiro. He also commenced formulating plans for his ten days' visit to Washington, where he expects to arrive on the morning of January 7. Mr. Hoover announced yesterday that instead of the Utah taking him to Florida it will land him at Hampton Roads January 6 as the president-elect is desirous of attending to various personal matters in the national capital before going to Miami where he will remain until almost time for the inauguration unless he should decide to make another separate goodwill trip to Mexico and Cuba. Circumstances made it necessary for him to abandon his plans to visit these two countries on the present tour and he has indicated that he may make a special trip before he enters the White House to show friendliness to them. The Hoover's Christmas aboard the Utah ended with a dinner given in the open air on the upper deck by Captain Train and the officers in honor of the president-elect and Mrs. Hoover. Under a full moon shining through a tropical night, the Utah's deck was converted into a combination summer garden and Christmas setting.

Acrobatic Stunt Brings Dismissal of Drunk Charge

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 26.—(AP)—The man who offers to walk a chalk line to prove he's sober has nothing on "Old Mose." "Mose" as he is known to police, was arrested for drunkenness. When he appeared in police court today, "Mose" denied that he had absorbed too much Christmas spirit. "Too soled. Lousy head," and "Mose" put his hands to the floor, hoisted himself into the air and stood on his tattered head until Judge Walter B. Branan said: "Case dismissed."

CONFIDENCE IS GROWING THAT RECOVERY SURE

Slight Improvement in Condition Today—One Bulletin Per Day Now—Christmas Restful Day—Royal Family Pay Visit. LONDON, Dec. 26.—(AP)—It was stated in authoritative circles this morning that there was a slight improvement in King George's condition. He was continuing to make the very slow progress which had been reported by his doctors during the past days. Confidence grew today that King George's recovery was assured although the path to health might be long and strewn with difficulties. The latest information on the king's condition was reassuring. The fact that only one bulletin was now being issued daily was held to be a good sign in that it implied that his illness was taking a normal course. The king was announced to have spent a restful Christmas day. All the members of the royal family, except two sisters of the king, Queen Maud of Norway and Princess Louise, celebrated Christmas at Buckingham palace. Queen Mary and her children paid brief visits to the sickroom and saw the king during the day. The satisfaction felt by the royal family on this official quarter over the king's condition was shared by many thousands of British homes when the Christmas bulletin was broadcast. The king was announced to have spent a restful Christmas day. All the members of the royal family, except two sisters of the king, Queen Maud of Norway and Princess Louise, celebrated Christmas at Buckingham palace. Queen Mary and her children paid brief visits to the sickroom and saw the king during the day. The satisfaction felt by the royal family on this official quarter over the king's condition was shared by many thousands of British homes when the Christmas bulletin was broadcast.

LEADERS HOUSE AND FARM PLAN

House Republicans to Attempt Win Farm Group for Presentation Congress—Longworth Believes Bill Can Be Passed—Hawley Against General Tariff Revision. WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Efforts being made in the senate for enactment of farm relief legislation at this session received impetus today on the house side when Republican leaders said they would attempt to win over to this plan the farm group members who are urging postponement until the Hoover administration takes hold. Speaker Longworth expressed the belief that a bill acceptable to the farm leaders could be passed at this session and that all that is needed is an agreement among the farm group. He held that house farm leaders were mistaken in contending that relief legislation should await the incoming administration and be worked out in connection with tariff revision. "It would take at least six months for the administrative board to organize and get working," he said, adding that delay beyond this session would make the legislation inapplicable to the 1929 crop. Representative Tilson of Connecticut, the majority floor leader, also favors passage of a farm measure at this session. He wants an extra session, if one is to be called, beginning in April, while the speaker believes the fall would be preferable, for any tariff readjustment. It was understood today that President-elect Hoover, who has promised an extra session to consider farm relief if this question is not disposed of at the short session, would be accompanied by house leaders with the opposing ideas in congress as well as plans underway for tariff readjustment hearings, either before or just after he reaches this country from his Latin American tour next month. No Tariff Revision. As for tariff, Speaker Longworth believes there should be no general revision of schedules. "There seems to be no reason why all the schedules should be revised," he said. "Some are high enough, and generally there is no demand for a complete revision." The speaker added he had been informed that the present steel and chemical schedules were acceptable to the trades, and that roughly speaking, about all that need any revision are the farm, textile and possibly the cement schedules. In this view, the speaker was joined by Representative Hawley of Oregon, chairman of the ways and means committee, which will open tariff hearings January 7. Mr. Hawley reiterated today that his committee would suggest changes only where it was deemed absolutely justified after a thorough study of the items. "When we reverts the law in 1922," Hawley said, "we changed it from one end to the other. That we do not intend to do this time." Hawley contended that any farm relief bill passed would be only supplementary to what could be obtained for agriculture in readjusting the farm tariff schedules. "The tariff," he said, "is the greatest measure of farm relief obtainable. We do ninety billion dollars worth of business among ourselves. It's a cash market, and for the farmer to have an opportunity in this market on at least equal if not a little more favorable terms than his competitors is the most important thing for the farmer."

Will Rogers Says:

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Well, the Christmas spirit is over now, everybody can get back to their natural dispositions. If there had been as many good wishes in the heart as there was on paper, the devil would have to dig up some new clients. Christmas will never be a real charity benefit till we learn to eat those Christmas cards. If we spent as much with the Salvation Army as we do with the telegraph companies the poor would be fat all winter. But we can all go back to work with a clear conscience, we fed 'em Christmas and New Year's. Now all the poor have to do is just to fill in the few meals till next Christmas. Yours, WILL ROGERS.

PRESIDENT IN GEORGIA FOR REST

Coolidges to Spend Mid-Winter Vacation Sapelo Island—Citizens' Committee Extends Welcome to Party at Brunswick—Quiet Christmas Day. BRUNSWICK, Ga., Dec. 26.—(AP)—President and Mrs. Coolidge arrived in Brunswick at 9 o'clock this morning and left immediately for Sapelo Island for their mid-winter vacation as guests of Howard E. Coffin. Accompanying the presidential party was Frank O. Sallabury, an English portrait painter, Mr. Coolidge's military and naval aides, Colonel Osamu Latrobe and Captain Wilson Brown; his personal physician, James F. Coupal, and a corps of newspaper correspondents and photographers. A citizens' committee extended a welcome to the president as he stepped from the train. Mrs. Coolidge, leading her little red show on a touch, was presented with a bouquet. Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge will reside at Mr. Coffin's home on Sapelo Island during their Christmas stay here. Christmas night passed quietly on the Coolidge train. The president and Mrs. Coolidge spent the time in reading and conversation and in showing attentions upon "Tiny Tim," the fluffy, reddish brown chow dog, a favorite among the White House pets. "Tiny Tim" accompanied his master and mistress into the dining car last night and was much in evidence throughout the meal. Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge delighted in giving him tid-bits from the presidential table and once Mr. Coolidge made the puppy sit up in the aisle and "beg" for his food. A few sharp barks and the president related while the dog happily snatched at the morsel tossed at him. The dinner menu gave Mr. Coolidge his choice between a famous product of his native state—Vermont turkey—and steak and his selection was the latter. But his choice was influenced perhaps by the fact that he had eaten turkey earlier in the day, before leaving the White House. FIREMEN KILLED WHEN APPARATUS FALLS IN GULLY. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 26.—(AP)—Two volunteer firemen were killed and eight others injured, five seriously, when their apparatus plunged down an embankment today while proceeding to the fire in the plant of the Carnegie Refining company at Heidelberg. The blaze, which started early yesterday, was still raging this morning. The loss was placed at \$500,000. The dead firemen were Adolph Sonnett, 36, and Joseph De Petro, aged 45. The apparatus, a combination pumper and hose cart, leaped from the roadway on a curve and somersaulted down into the gully below. The fire truck was wrecked. A heavy fog obscured the driver's vision. CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Arthur Stansbury, fireman, was killed today when a hook and ladder truck skidded onto a trolley pole, spinning him against the pole. The fire truck was on its way to an east side home, where Joseph Robinson, 11, was probably fatally burned when a five-gallon can of naphtha gasoline exploded. PNEUMONIA GRIPS TOY SWALLOWER. CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Frank Brooks, an 18-month-old child, of Aseo, W. Va., who accidentally swallowed a toy motorcycle 11 days ago while eating a package of popcorn, also has been suffering from pneumonia, hospital authorities announced today. Surgeons have been unable to operate on the boy due to his critical condition caused by pneumonia. The toy lodged in the boy's throat and hospital attaches today said that pneumonia was not an unusual development when a foreign substance became fastened in the throat.

THRILL SEEKER LOSES LIFE IN PISTOL BATTLE

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 26.—(AP)—Shot by a policeman while fleeing from a building where he had just robbed a safe, Thomas Donald Hall, 21, sophomore at University of Redlands, Cal., is dead, and two juniors at the same school today faced arraignment here on burglary charges after confessing complicity in the robbery, staged early yesterday. Hall's father, a rancher near San Bernardino, said his son had all the money he needed, and blamed the robbery on the boys' desire for "a thrill." The students arrested were Cornell W. Cooney, 21, of Compton and George I. Keller, 23, of San Bernardino. Patrolman Thaddeus Ornes reported that he shot Hall after the latter had drawn a revolver and ordered him to throw up his hands. "Don't shoot, you fool!" the policeman shouted, and himself fired twice when Hall attempted to bluff him. Both shots struck Hall in the body, and he fell dead. Cooney surrendered after the policeman had fired two shots at Keller, who escaped, but was caught later at his hotel. Police said the prisoners confessed they had robbed the safe, seeking money to return home after a holiday here.

Auto Accidents in Chicago Cause Thirteen Deaths

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—(AP)—There were 13 deaths from automobile accidents in Chicago over Christmas—one of the largest death lists from such a cause ever recorded during a holiday period here. The fatalities brought the number of motor car deaths for the year to 1051, which is a record. Seven of those killed were struck by motor cars while crossing the street. One was a boy four years old in his mother's arms, killed as he was being carried from a street car to a curb. Frosty pavements were blamed for the other accidents. The accidents occurred on Christmas eve and Christmas day.

FILM STUNTS FAILED TO RALLY AFTER OPERATION

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Fred C. Thomson, noted motion picture athlete and stunt man, died here shortly before midnight last night. He failed to rally from an operation for gallstones, performed three weeks ago. Thomson, perhaps best known in recent years for his western roles, took a turn for the worse on Christmas morning, after several blood transfusions had been resorted to in an effort to build up his strength. In his motion picture stunt career he had braved death injuries of many kinds, and often had been seriously injured, illness which had extended over the greater part of the past year, and kept him from active work in the pictures, however, had sapped his resistance. Physicians said his death apparently was in no way caused by old injuries. An ordained pastor in Nevada and chaplain of the 145th field artillery, 49th division, in the World War, Thomson of had explained that he had entered the pictures because he felt that he could deliver as great a message through clean, wholesome films as through the pulpit. He met Francis Marion, scenario writer, in Paris and married her on November 2, 1919, soon after his marriage he started motion picture work as an athletic "double." His first western release was filmed in 1923. Steamer is Floated. ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 26.—(AP)—The steamer Florence Luckenbach, which went aground this morning near the mouth of the Columbia river, was floated later and proceeded back to Astoria. Only minor damage was reported.

PORTLAND PREPARES FOR PHONE CONFAB

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26.—(AP)—A general Pacific coast conference on telephone rates was called for Jan. 7 at Portland by the city council today. Representatives from all leading cities on the coast are expected to attend. Several cities, including San Francisco, Seattle, and Fresno, Cal., have notified the council that they wish to be represented. A proposal to petition the interstate commerce commission for a coast-wide telephone rate investigation will be one of the principal matters considered. Held Lottery. PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26.—(AP)—Deputy sheriffs today raided a Chinese lottery establishment, arresting the operator and seizing considerable equipment. This was the twelfth raid in two weeks made by sheriff's officers on lotteries in Portland.

DEATH OF BERLIN BABY MAY BRIDGE SPLIT OF FAMILY

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The death of Irving Berlin, Jr., 24-day-old son of the song writer, was thought today to have cemented a reconciliation between the child's parents and grandfather, Clarence MacKay, president of the Postal Telegraph company. Mr. MacKay, who was estranged from his daughter by her marriage to Berlin in January, 1926, was among the first to call at the bereaved home yesterday to offer condolences after the death of the infant as the result of a heart attack. The death at 5 p. m. was sudden. Earlier in the day Irving, Jr. had shown no signs of illness. He and his little sister had a Christmas tree. Shortly after the birth of the son, December 1, there were indications that Mr. MacKay had repented in his attitude toward Mrs. Berlin, an attitude, which the birth of the first child, Mary Ellen, two years ago failed to shake. This is the second time that Mr. MacKay and his daughter have been brought together by death. On September 13, Mrs. Berlin attended, with her father, the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Louise Hungerford MacKay. Lewis Chairman. WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(AP)—E. I. Lewis has been elected chairman of the interstate commerce commission to serve the year 1929. He succeeds Commissioner J. B. Campbell in the post under the regular arrangement for rotation among the nine members.

AIR MAIL PILOTS SET NEW RECORD CHICAGO-DALLAS

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Two national air transport pilots roared through the darkness in their new Curtiss Falcon planes last night to a new speed record for the northbound trip over the Chicago-Dallas air mail route, attaining part of the way a speed of three and a half miles a minute. The 597 miles of Chicago was flown in 86 hours and 42 minutes, an average speed of almost 150 miles an hour, the company announced today. Aided by a tail wind and increasing his speed as he came northward, George H. Cronan flew the 547 miles from Dallas in four hours and 55 minutes. The 123 miles from Wichita to Kansas City was made in one hour flat. Cronan and Matusch continued the trip to Chicago and set up a new record for that leg when he flew the 150 miles in two hours and 37 minutes, at times attaining a speed of 210 miles an hour.

Bishop Dies.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Bishop Michael J. Crane, 65, auxiliary head of the Catholic diocese of Philadelphia is dead here.

Gland Graft Hit.

NEWMARKET, Eng.—(AP)—The thoroughbred breeders' association has passed a resolution urging that the offspring of any stallion or mare submitted to the operation of gland grafting should be ineligible for the stud book.

LOTTIE'S PARTY CHRISTMAS DAY ENDS IN FIGHT

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Investigators from the office of District Attorney Byron Pitts today were scrutinizing details of a Christmas eve party at the Hollywood home of Miss Lottie Pickford, which ended in a fight in the early morning hours of Christmas day. A man who identified himself as "Daniel E. Jager," retired business man, was taken to a hospital with a lacerated hand and weak from loss of blood. Jager blamed Jack Daugherty, one-time husband of the late Barbara La Marr, for his injury, but declined to file a complaint. Daugherty was not on the premises when police broke up the party, although police said he had been there earlier when a warning was delivered that the affair was becoming "too noisy." District Attorney Pitts' interest in the affair was declared to be in the development of facts in relation to the Jager laws. Miss Pickford left her home after Jager was taken to the hospital. Police said she appeared to have been struck in the battle, but she declared she was not hurt, and expressed regret over the incident, stating that both men were her friends.

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