

The Weather
Forecast—Partly cloudy and fog tonight and Sunday; continued cold.
Highest yesterday 35
Lowest this morning 32

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Highest year ago today 41
Lowest year ago today 38

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

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Today

By Arthur Brisbane

Cutting Shoestrings, Hydra-Headed Speak-easies. Advertising Opportunity. Remember the Sacred Bull.

Mr. Gilbert, interesting himself, for the United States, in Germany's payments to the allies, says Germany can pay everything and go on paying \$600,000,000 a year in gold indefinitely. France is delighted, England amazed.

Mr. Gilbert's rosy report reminds you of the old Jewish saying, "It is easy to cut shoestrings out of another man's leather."

It will stimulate the sale of German bonds that international finance intends to unload—at a good profit—on American investors. Perhaps that is part of the program.

Mr. Whalen, New York's new police commissioner, with vim and vigor, joins raids on 75 New York speakeries. According to New York police authorities, that leaves about 21,945 speakeries still to be raided.

Raid 55 speakeries, and 65 new ones open in basements, over delicatessen stores, back of drug stores.

The serpent that grew a new head every time one was chopped off had the speakery idea.

It pays to advertise and this is the land of opportunity for those that recognize opportunity when they see it.

Joseph P. Day sold a block Thursday.

To advertise the sale Mr. Day sent to many millionaires this speech: "All try to help the poor, but nobody thinks of the poor millionaire," and invited them to come to the court house steps and bid.

The property sold for \$5,375,000, all cash, and it was bought by Max Verscheiser, who came here from Austria as a boy, with nothing but courage.

Learn from Joseph P. Day that it pays to advertise and from Verscheiser that opportunities are still here.

That block, sold for \$3,375,000, cost New York, in 1890, \$265,000. Keep a good piece of land and it will keep you.

Scientists, desiring to make science popular, should not drag the name of God, or any theology, into their discussion.

They should learn wisdom from the great Alexander, who wished his name and commands to be respected. When he conquered Egypt he inquired immediately for Apis, sacred Egyptian bull of Memphis. While the bull munched his hay, Alexander knelt and worshipped him, telling the Egyptians it was one of the finest gods he had ever seen.

They thought well of him and obeyed him. They had rebelled against a former conqueror, who, to show his power, slew the sacred bull and ate a piece of him.

An intoxicated lady told the judge her trouble was due to an alcohol rub. She had swallowed nothing. Doctors said it was just possible. The judge excused her.

A gentleman, very drunk, led by the policeman, told the judge, "My mistake was eating raisins while drinking ice cream soda." They let him go.

Prohibition develops new excuses. New York authorities, seizing 31 samples of bootleg whiskey, find 28 of them dangerously poisonous. Food alcohol, hair tonic, carbolic acid in some. The bootlegger with

PLANE HAS CHANCE AT AIR RECORD

Hundredth Hour of Flight Passed—Performing Normally—Keeping Close to Airport—Commander Spatz Tells of Bath Desires—Had Good Dinner.

METROPOLITAN AIR PORT, Los Angeles, Jan. 5.—(AP) The one hundredth hour of consecutive flight was reached safely by the Question Mark when she sailed out of the south and "ported" in the air 2000 feet above ground here at 11:24 o'clock this morning. She had been aloft since 7:26 o'clock the morning of New Year's day. The plane appeared to be performing normally.

Completing its hundredth hour in the air, the Question Mark began to get a little striking distance of the endurance record of 113 hours established by the French dirigible Dixmude. The feat of keeping an airplane up long enough to break the endurance record of a lighter than air machine—an idea which nevertheless has been considered fantastic—thus compares within the realm of possibility.

The endurance plane has kept close to Metropolitan airport since yesterday afternoon, when it returned to the east line from Imperial Valley. In order to officially establish the world's records it has made it stay aloft here, the place of its take-off.

METROPOLITAN AIR PORT, Los Angeles, Jan. 5.—(AP) For a life on the bounding main—this time it's the clouds three thousand feet up, however, and not the ocean and the crew of the Question Mark after five days of it finds itself in need of baths, respiciendy of fan letters and what-not.

"That was the gist of the first news message received, 5:10 morning from Major Carl Spatz, commander of the army's endurance flight plane, as it soared above the 49-acre landing field. His message read: "Last night's dinner was marvelous and if breakfast is half as good, it will be a sucker."

"We are pleased at all the mail we are getting. It's quads in kept busy answering fan letters. We sometimes wonder how the ground organization and refueling crew gets this stuff to us with such dispatch. To-morrow, I call it. We are proud to be associated with the state doing it all. "Send up a wash basin if one is convenient. We've gone four days without washing and we're dirty as hell, but like it."

"It felt like getting back home when we sailed over the vicinity of the Metropolitan airport last night. The lights of Los Angeles were an easy horizon to fix on."

"Last night was dark and rough but better days are coming. "We may need a storage battery tomorrow."

"We are like contented cows, no milk however," after eating that dinner. (Signed) "Major Carl Spatz."

REPRIEVE FOR WEEK GRANTED TO LOUISIANANS

Governor Long Stays Sentence—Executioner On Hand With Black Mask—Couple Frantic Over Shifting Prospects.

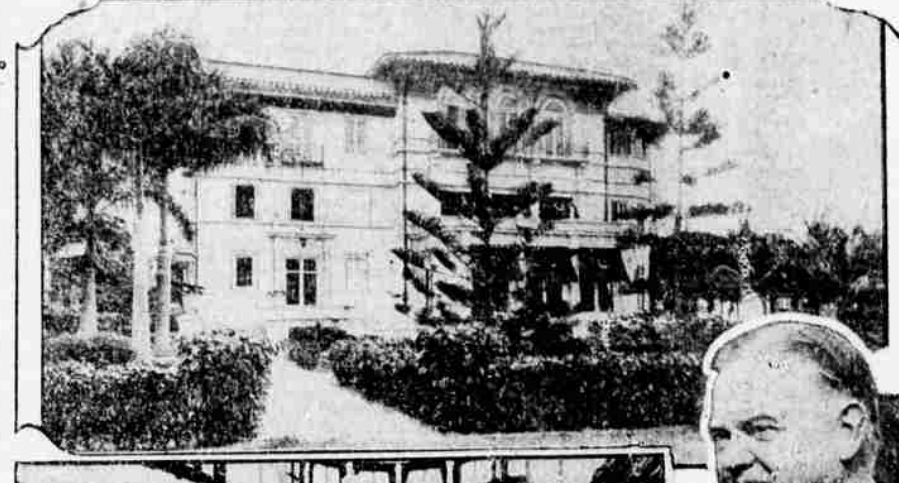
FRANKLIN, La., Jan. 5.—(AP) Sheriff Post announced today that Governor Huey P. Long had again reprieved Ad Bonner Lebeouf and Dr. Thomas Dreher until next Saturday.

The executioner, with his black mask, had arrived from New Orleans and was prepared to officiate when the last reprieve came.

At the jail it was said that the shifting orders had just about driven Mrs. Lebeouf and Dr. Dreher frantic. They caught a few catnaps during the night broken by flashes of lightning, loud thunder claps, and drenching rain and around 3 o'clock when awakened by the jailer on orders of the sheriff and told of the governor's reprieve, they were so relieved and happy that they could not sleep.

The sheriff explained that the governor told him that since the state supreme court had agreed to reconsider the case, he had decided to grant a final reprieve until next Saturday.

Florida Mansion Offered to Hoover Party



The winter home of J. C. Penney, White Plains, N. Y., million-dollar, at Belle Isle, Fla. (above) has been placed at the disposal of President-elect Hoover for his Florida stay. Below is an interior view of one of the rooms.

BLIZZARD-LIKE WINTER STORM COULD ERUPT IN MID-WEST PACKING PLANT OUT OF WINDOW

Announcement was made today by the Kimball Fruit company, through C. C. Darby, local manager, that work would start at once on the construction of a packing plant on North Fir street, between Fifth and Sixth streets, and opposite the Southern Pacific depot. The structure will be fireproof and modern in every detail, and constructed of cement, and will cost approximately \$25,000. Its dimensions will be 120 by 150 feet and one story high, with the main entrance on North Fir street. The plant will be equipped with bean washers and other equipment for the speedy and efficient handling of fruit. It will have a capacity of eight cars daily, with trackside facilities for four cars.

The plant will be completed and ready for operation before the opening of the 1929 fruit shipping season. The construction was necessitated by the steadily increasing business of the Kimball company, which has been established in the valley for the past 15 years, and was formerly the Dennis, Kimball & Pope company.

H. S. Kimball of San Jose, Calif., son of Carl W. Kimball, president of the company, will arrive Monday. He is director of the California interests of the Kimball company.

All trains arriving in Kansas City were from 15 minutes to two hours late, trains from the west and north being the more seriously affected. Many locomotives carried snow plows to clear the track of drifts.

City traffic was tied up by drifting snow. Travel on several street car lines in Kansas City was virtually at a standstill this morning, despite efforts of more than 400 laborers to keep tracks clear.

As the storm and frigid temperatures moved eastward, the situation in the Rocky Mountain region was improving. Zero and near zero temperatures, general last night throughout the region, but night, were displaced today by higher marks and bright sunshine.

Telephones and wire communications were affected by the storm and numerous points were unreachable by wire from Kansas City.

Cattle losses were expected by livestock men in parts of Kansas where the snow ranged from a thin blanket in the southeastern part of the state to 10 inches at Salina. Temperatures in Kansas were the lowest of the season, and a drop of 3 degrees below zero in Kansas and Western Missouri was predicted for tonight.

Highways in many places were blocked by snow drifts.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—(AP) The weather outlook for the week beginning January 6 was announced here today by the United States weather bureau, as follows: For western states: The outlook is for temperatures about normal and generally fair weather in California and the plateau region, and for unsettled, wet weather in Oregon, Washington and northern Idaho.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jan. 5.—(AP) A 17-year-old high school boy, without apparent motive, shot and killed a man who he called to the door of his home early today, and then committed suicide.

The boy, Orrin H. Hoover, son of Clayton Hoover, a farmer near here, went to the home of Joe Skablonkas, 28, just outside the city limits. To a query of "who's there?" the boy thrust his fist through the glass of the door. Mrs. Skablonkas opened the door and the boy stepped into the room.

"Why don't that man say something?" Hoover asked and pointed at Skablonkas, standing behind his wife.

Without further warning he pulled a revolver from his pocket and fired, killing Skablonkas almost instantly. Then without a word he placed the weapon against his own head and again fired.

HOOPER IS PROMOTED ANXIOUS TO TACKLE JOB TOO ILL TO SEE JACK

Last Day at Sea—Plans to Start Series of Party Leader Conferences—To Visit Florida in Week—Utah Encounters Heavy Weather.

U. S. S. UTAH, EN ROUTE TO HAMPTON ROADS, Jan. 5.—(AP) Herbert Hoover faced this, his last, day at sea anxious to get to Washington to tackle the next big job ahead—that of selecting his official family. He plans to start right in with a series of conferences with party leaders over the country and especially those who were foremost in his councils during the campaign. He is hopeful that he can get through in a week in order to be able to go to Florida for recreation and fishing with perhaps later a whirlwind tour of the West Indies, including Cuba, Haiti, Santo Domingo and Porto Rico.

The last few days at sea have not been altogether to Mr. Hoover's liking as the Utah encountered a couple of squalls with stiff winds and choppy seas, with more rough water in prospect for today as the ship nears Cape Hatteras.

Despite somewhat unfavorable weather, the Utah is still making good time and will probably arrive at Hampton Roads Sunday in hour or two ahead of the scheduled time, 8 a. m., unless for is encountered off the Virginia coast.

It was announced today that the Utah's high frequency radio set, which operated so successfully and efficiently in transmitting to Arlington thousands of words in hours' dispatches, will be shipped to the U. S. S. Pittsburgh in Atlantic waters. With its installation, the Pittsburgh will be able to communicate direct with Arlington in handling both official and commercial messages.

Receive Present. As a memento of the homeward trip, Mr. and Mrs. Hoover today received a pair of brass candlesticks and brass bon-bon trays designed and made in the ship's shop. The presentation was without ceremony, Captain Train handing the gifts to Mr. and Mrs. Hoover in their suite.

Mr. Hoover today gave the Utah wardrobe officers an autographed photograph of himself. The photograph was framed and placed in the wardrobe along with those of former Presidents Taft and Wilson. President Harding, who once was a guest on this vessel. The photograph bears this inscription: "To wardrobe officers U. S. S. Utah, with kind regards of Herbert Hoover."

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—(AP) Shortly after returning to his West 54th street apartment from an evening at the theater and at a night club, Horace L. Williamson, 65, an official of the United States Rubber company, fell from a window on the tenth floor and was killed.

Miss Pru Munnally, his guest of the evening, was waiting for the elevator after leaving the Williamson apartment when the house superintendent told her of Williamson's body having been found in the rear yard.

She told the police she had been Williamson's guest at dinner and that later they had attended a theater and a night club, returning to the apartment shortly after 11 o'clock. Williamson fell to his death shortly after midnight.

Police expressed the opinion that after the departure of Miss Munnally, Williamson had attempted to open the window and fell when he lost his balance. He was dressed in evening clothes.

Long Acquaintance. Identification of the body was made by H. W. Waite, also an official of the rubber company, who was called by the police at the suggestion of Miss Munnally. He said the nearest relative he knew was a Charles Wilson, a nephew, living in Lancaster, Pa. Williamson and Miss Munnally, he said, had been acquainted for two and one-half years.

Mr. Williamson was a member of many New York clubs and at one time was an aide-de-camp to the governor of Kentucky.

A table in the dining room of the Williamson apartment was found partly set, as if he had entertained guests during the evening. The window in a rear room out of which he fell was open.

The police said Williamson had occupied the apartment for about five months. He was a member of the New York Athletic club. Discovery of the body was made when tenants on the first floor of the house heard the crash as it fell. The body was removed to the West 47th street police station.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 5.—(AP) A "rackets court" designed particularly to apply justice to the racketeer has been created by Chief Justice Harry Olson of the municipal court and will function for the first time Monday.

Judge Daniel P. Trade will preside. By an arrangement with the United States district attorney the court will handle minor prohibition law violators and 15 other types of "rackets."

Among the cases that will be heard in this court are: Property destruction by explosives; obtaining money to settle employment suits; collecting payment on penalty; conspiracy to do an illegal act (chevost and blackmail); trust or combination to fix the price of, or limit quantity of any article; malicious mischief to houses, intimidation and kidnaping for ransom.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 5.—(AP) The second bombing of the new year shattered the entrance to a newly opened west side restaurant early today. Windows in adjoining buildings were broken by the bomb, made from a tin pail plaster of paris and black powder.

A third bombing wrecked the entrance to the Crawford grill several hours later as a result of what police described as rivalry between beer runners. Damage was estimated at \$500. Frank Kosneska, owner of the building, was hurled from his bed in the rear of the place, but was unharmed.

Kendall Improved. PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP) John C. Kendall, former circuit judge of Coos and Curry counties, who is suffering from blood poisoning and arthritis, was reported slightly improved today. His home is now in Portland.

PEOPLE ARE BLAMED IN TAX DEBATE

Property Relief Commission Discusses Suggestions to Legislature—Sub-Committee Recommendations Favored By Dennis—Declares People Vote Taxes

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP) Members of the state property tax relief commission debated today over various details of suggestions to the legislature for reducing taxes. The commission is working on a set of recommendations which if adopted are expected to cut taxes in Oregon.

Much of this morning's session was devoted to a proposed recommendation to have the legislature review the expenditure of millage taxes raised for state institutions of higher learning. A subcommittee had recommended:

"A specific authorization by the legislature or other taxing body prior to each subsequent levy of a continuous millage tax, the levy to be limited to such amount as is approved in the budget for which the elected taxing body is responsible." After discussion this was adopted with the addition of the words, "not heretofore voted by the people," to follow the words "millage tax."

It was pointed out that under the original text of the subcommittee's recommendation the legislature could pass on expenditure of the funds raised for the University of Oregon and Oregon State Agricultural college through the millage tax voted by the people.

People Blamed. Bruce Dennis of Klamath Falls, a member of the subcommittee, who spoke in favor of the report, said: "We are taking too seriously this stuff passed by the people. A bossy man is running about this state called 'the people voted it.' The people are voting our taxes higher and higher. One of the chief causes of our high taxes is that we have let the legislature duck its responsibilities."

Claude K. Ingalls of Corvallis and L. T. Harris of Eugene spoke against the report. Both said it would bring back the old log rolling method of the legislature.

There was a warty battle over a recommendation that no state funds be given the state fair, but this was passed.

Proposed excise and income taxes were discussed this afternoon. Chairman John Carlin of Medford said the commission would be in session most of next week.

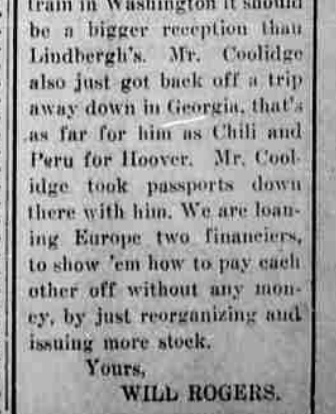
Consolidation of the state government into the cabinet form, and plans for reduction of real property tax, are prominent features of the commission's recommendations.

Repeal of the 2-mill elementary school tax on property, substitution of a 1-cent gasoline tax or other motor fees for a state property tax by 1 mill by abolition of a requirement that this tax be levied in order to obtain county pro rata of the state market road fund, are proposed. Creation of a full-time state tax commission of three or five members to supervise assessments is another recommendation.

General Beeson Dead. DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 5.—(AP) General Byron A. Beeson, 99, Iowa, Civil war veteran and former treasurer of the National Soldiers Home at Hampton, Va., is dead here.

Will Rogers Says:

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Mr. Hoover lands at Old Point Comfort today. That's a l-a-b-o-u-t the last comfort he will get for the next four years. If his proposed cabinet meets him at the train in Washington it should be a bigger reception than Lindbergh's. Mr. Coolidge also just got back off a trip away down in Georgia, that's as far for him as Chili and Peru for Hoover. Mr. Coolidge took passports down there with him. We are launching Europe two financiers, to show 'em how to pay each other off without any money, by just reorganizing and issuing more stock.



Yours,
WILL ROGERS.

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