

The Weather
Forecast—Cloudy and foggy to-
night and Tuesday; continued
cold.
Highest yesterday 32
Lowest today 27

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Highest year ago today 48
Lowest year ago today 35

MEDFORD, OREGON, MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 1929.

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Today

By Arthur Brisbane

The Automobile of 1929.
Cows and Men. Cows Win
Marie As Fairy Queen.
Treasury Tax Refunds.

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America produced 4,630,000 cars in 1928, including 586,000 trucks. That happened with 24,000,000 automobiles in use, when 1928 began.

The imaginary "saturation point" seems to recede.

New York started the annual automobile show series with the new cars, better in quality, lower in prices.

Henry Ford, who has his show, all by himself, announces that hiring 30,000 more men, raising his force to 150,000, means raising production of his new car to 8000 a day.

General Motors, including Chevrolet, broke records in every department. The manufacturers' problem is this. They make their lower priced cars look so much "like a million dollars" that designers of the highest priced cars find it hard to keep up.

Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, gave a dinner to Ben H. Thomson, in honor of his Holstein-Friesland cow Canary Cordyke. The Saskatchewan government bought the cow for \$10,000.

Canary is world's champion butterfat and gives enough milk in a day to last the average family a month. In 305 days, this wonder cow produced 1,080 pounds of butter, and 26,395 pounds of milk.

Too bad there is no way of improving men's brains, as we prove cows' udders. Only time can do that, and time is slow. The average intelligence in the British House of Commons today, according to Lecky, is lower than the average of all the free men in Athens, 3000 years ago. Science goes ahead, man stays about where he was, a little less brutal, a little less selfish.

Queen Marie, of Roumania, is expected to play, in Hollywood, the leading role in a fairy tale written by herself, with genuine crown and all. Many movie ladies have played the queen. A queen playing movie lady would be a fair turn about.

There is, however, no great demand for moving fairy stories, fairies having so little "sex appeal."

Some congressman is agitated because the treasury refunds income tax funds illegally collected.

What would the congressman suggest? Should the government on keeping money collected illegally? Is there any reason why an income taxpayer should be deprived of his "day in court"? Should government take money illegally, even from the "big" steel company?

Some Americans, anonymous, sent \$100,000 to the Prince of Wales fund for poor British coal miners. A generous act, and, let us hope, free from toudyism.

If the same gentlemen can spare \$100,000 more, they might find opportunities to use the money in American coal regions, where work is lacking, the weather is cold, and families are as big as in England.

For us to build swift cruisers, Senator Hale tells the Senate, is "not in conflict with the Kellogg treaty." If there were any conflict the wise thing would be to let the Kellogg treaty go.

We could struggle along without a treaty. But cruisers mean something. Ask the British what they think about that.

Lewis Harkness, whose father

ENDURANCE PLANE BACK TO EARTH

ARMY SHIP ENDS TEST 2:07 TODAY

Trouble in Left Motor Forces Descent of Question Mark After Nearly 151-Hour Flight—Gas Load Dumped to Lighten Plane—Perfect Landing

METROPOLITAN AIRPORT, LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7.—(AP)—H. J. Adamson, special representative of the war department, officially announced the landing of the Question Mark here at 2:07:01 o'clock this afternoon.

METROPOLITAN AIRPORT, LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7.—(AP)—The army's endurance flight plane, the Question Mark, was forced down on the airport field here at 12 minutes after 2 o'clock this afternoon. The plane had been in the air 151 hours and 36 minutes. The plane circled the field and glided to a perfect landing about 300 yards away from the main hangar. A crowd of army officers rushed out to meet the great black-bodied ship as she taxied to a standstill and waited for her crew of five to pile from the cabin where they have lived for seven days.

It was approximately an hour after the left motor of the plane developed trouble that the Question Mark sailed onto the field where seven days ago she took off on her epochal flight. Five minutes before she landed, the left motor went "dead" and Major Spats dropped his load of gasoline to lighten the ship. Thereafter it was but minutes before her voyage came to an end.

METROPOLITAN AIRPORT, LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Man and machine still were pitted against time and gravity as the army monoplane Question Mark entered its seventh day of flight here this morning. There were no more records left to break and it flew to the watchword, "Shall on and on!" Apparently in perfect condition, the plane ended its 144th hour of flight at 7:25 a. m. Observers reported that it had consumed a minimum of gasoline during the night, indicating that the motors were performing at their best. This was said to mean that the time when the mechanical bird gives way under the strain is "remote." Reports on the condition of the five men that they were as fit as the plane. They previously had declared that the longer they remained on the better they liked it. All memories of the trying week end, during which they had to contend against missing spark plugs, cold, difficult refueling situations and lack of sleep, seemed to have vanished.

ACTION TOMORROW ON TREATY HOPED THRU COMPROMISE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Hopes for final action on the Kellogg anti-war treaty by tomorrow were expressed today after a series of senate conferences, among those seeking a compromise on the demand for an interpretative statement of America's position under the pact.

Senator Moses, Republican of New Hampshire, author of the resolution declaring America's rights under the treaty, declared in the senate after the conference that negotiations were under way which forecast solution of the treaty row by tomorrow.

NAVAL FORCES WILL EVACUATE NICARAGUA

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Secretary Wilbur announced today that orders have been issued for the removal of about 1500 bluejackets from Nicaragua as soon as transportation facilities can be arranged.

WINS WOMEN'S ENDURANCE RECORD



Bobby Trout, 19, Los Angeles aviatrix, hands over the harograph of her 12 hour 11 minute flight to Joseph Nikrent, N. A. A. official observer. The young flier established a world's mark for her sex. Mrs. Lela D. Trout, her mother, is in the foreground.

ENTIRE STATE ATLANTIC AND ASKED ATTEND MID-WEST IN TAX HEARING SUB-ZERO ZONE

Excise and Income Tax Bills to Be Explained by Commission Members—Carlin Asks Corporation Heads Be Present.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 7.—(AP)—The entire state or Oregon was invited to attend the public hearings next Thursday and Friday on the excise tax and income tax bills to be recommended to the legislature by the property tax relief commission. These hearings will be held in room 209 Imperial Hotel beginning at 9:20 a. m. Members of the commission will be present to explain each feature, and the workings of the proposed measure will be decided. The excise bill will be discussed Thursday. It is the California measure arranged to suit Oregon conditions. Chairman John H. Carlin requests that representatives of all corporations, large and small, in state be present. All folks who will have to pay income tax are requested to attend the Friday session. Wage earners, labor organizations, representatives, shop owners, coupon clippers, everyone who will come under the provisions of the proposed law are asked to be present when the final wording of the measure is decided upon. The proposed tax provides for a 75 per cent property tax offset. Exemptions were fixed at \$1500 for single and \$2500 for married persons, with deductions of \$400 each for each dependent under 18 years of age. Tax will be collected under a graduated rate. Public hearings on various other bills to be advocated by the commission are being held in the committee's headquarters at the Imperial, C. C. Chapman, of Portland, a member of the commission, being in charge.

DEMPSEY ASPIRES TO BE PROMOTER LIKE FRIEND TEX

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 7.—(AP)—James M. Lynch, local hotel man and friend of Jack Dempsey, who arrived today from Miami with the Rickard funeral train, said that Dempsey told him he will not enter the ring again but will "pick up" where Rickard left off and devote his time entirely to promotion. "Dempsey told me that if Tex Rickard had lived he would have fought the winner of the Stribling-Sharkey bout," said Lynch, "but added he would pick up where Rickard left off."

"I can't say officially that Dempsey will never fight again. He told me so yesterday while we waited to start north."

Government Figures WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—The government of the 48 states collected \$1,758,381,990 in 1927 and spent \$1,726,989,916.

Vesuvius Speaks NAPLES, Italy, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Snow-capped Vesuvius is emitting showers of sparks.

DEFENDANTS IN WITCHCRAFT CASE INDICTED

True Bills Returned Against Pow-Wow Doctors—Plead Not Guilty—Crime Committed for Lock of Man's Hair.

YORK, Pa., Jan. 7.—(AP)—Three bills against all three of the principals in York county's witchcraft case were returned by the grand jury today.

The jury heard only two witnesses, Coroner L. U. Zoch and Dr. R. L. Ellis, coroner's physician. Two counts were included in each indictment, murder and manslaughter.

All three defendants, John M. Blymeyer, Wilbert G. Hess and John Curry were arraigned to hear the bills read. The bills charged them with killing Nelson D. Rehmyer, 60-year-old recluse farmer, with "malice aforethought."

Blymeyer then pleaded not guilty. The other two defendants entered the same plea. They are charged with killing Rehmyer on November 27. They went to Rehmyer's home, in a sparsely settled section of the country, with the ostensible purpose of obtaining a lock of his hair to break a "spell" he was believed to have cast over the Hess family. They choked him to death, it is charged, when he resisted their efforts to get the hair.

NICHOLAS, RUSSIAN THRONE CLAIMANT PNEUMONIA VICTIM

ANTHES, France, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Grand Duke Nicholas, who commanded the Russian armies in the World War and was a claimant to the Russian throne, is dead at the age of 72. His last words were in a speech to his servants exhorting them to remain faithful to their true Russian. He died Sunday morning. The grand duke came here from Paris last November to seek a more temperate climate. Pneumonia developed from what was apparently a trivial cold. The grand duchess, who was Princess Anastasia of Montenegro, Princess Andrew of Russia, Princess Battenberg, Grand Duke Peter of Russia and his wife,



GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS

and the Duke of Leuchtenberg were present when the end came. After the rise of the bolsheviks, the grand duke was elected successor to the throne of the late Czar Nicholas by the supreme council of Russian monarchists, representing several million Russians living in exile. The grand duke escaped numerous attempts made on his life. Soon after his appointment as commander of the imperial guards an attempt was made to shoot him during a military review. At another time, a bomb was found on a railroad track, over which his train was to pass. In 1907, a train in which he was riding was shot at. The next year a number of bombs were found in the vicinity of his palace. In the same year, seven terrorists were hanged for an attempt on his life. Two years later, a revolutionary plot against his life barely failed.

BEER BLOT OF CHICAGO IS SPONGED

Law Moves in On Chicago Heights—25 Arrested—Liquor Seized—Slot Machines Smashed—Federal Operatives Take Possession City Hall.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—(AP)—The law has begun to blot the blood and beer from a crime-chased Chicago Heights.

The stormy suburb, where 30 slayings have taken place in the last three years, was overspread by federal, state and Chicago police officers just before dawn yesterday.

Twenty-five men were arrested; liquor was seized; slot machines smashed by the hundreds, and even the municipal government itself was superseded as the government men, aided by Chicago detectives, took possession of the city hall and police station.

Records of liquor and slot machine profits were taken, showing what police called a giant ring that made hundreds of thousands of dollars. Three officials were revealed as linked with the underworld, in the records seized.

Saved-off shotguns, revolvers and other weapons were found. In a garage, officers discovered what they believed to be the headquarters for the alcohol ring. The arrests yesterday are said to mean virtual solution of three of the most recent killings in the suburban area.

None of the 25 prisoners, however, did much talking. "Their silence smacks of the Mafia," said Alexander G. Jamie, head of the special prohibition unit. "Correspondence found in some of the homes raided indicates that Chicago Heights may have been the nest of a blackhand ring operating in Chicago, New York, St. Louis and Cincinnati."

APE BOY SAYS SANFORD CLARK OWN BROTHER

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Jan. 7.—(AP)—The Northcott "murder farm" case, described by police as "the weirdest mystery" in California criminal history, today had taken another strange turn, with the declaration of Gordon Stewart Northcott on trial for the murder of three missing boys, that his accuser and nephew, 15-year-old Sanford Clark, was not his nephew, but his brother.

At the county hospital detention ward where young Clark and Cyrus Northcott are held as material witnesses, both laughed at Northcott's assertion. Mrs. Sarah Louisa Northcott, now serving a life sentence at San Quentin for the murder of little Walter Collins on the sinister chicken ranch, recently stated that "an English lord" and not Cyrus Northcott was the father of Gordon.

Northcott today had made another bitter denunciation of alleged "third degree" methods used against him. "They used the same methods on my brother, Sanford Clark when they got him to accuse me of murder," Northcott said, "and the same methods that caused my mother to make a confession and take a life sentence. She thought I was guilty when so much pressure was put on her."

Northcott's statement was declared by officers to be a last minute attempt to repudiate previous confessions with an "insanity" background.

As the trial resumed today Deputy District Attorney Redwine had announced that evidence against the accused 22 year old Canadian of the three murders would be presented in chronological order.

COURTROOM, RIVERSIDE, Cal., Jan. 7.—(AP) Norbert Sway, counsel for Gordon Stewart Northcott, today challenged a venire of thirty, including ten women, called for jury duty in Northcott's trial for murder of three boys.

New Sheriff Names Mother-In-Law As His Deputy Officer

TAMPA, Fla., Jan. 7.—(AP)—Sheriff-elect M. Hutton, Jr., of Tampa is quite well pleased with himself, thank you. He is proud because he has appointed his mother-in-law, Mrs. Eleanor R. Robinson, as a deputy sheriff. So far as Mr. Hutton knows, she will be the first mother-in-law to act in that capacity.

STATE BUDGET IS DECREASED FOR BIENNium

Recommendation Ready for Legislature—Several Institutions to Turn Back Unexpended Balances—Total \$168,455.66.

SALISBURY, Ore., Jan. 7.—(AP) All activities of the Oregon state government will be "during the biennium of 1929 and 1930, a total of \$23,191,932, according to the state budget as recommended to the legislature by Governor Patterson. A decrease is shown as compared with the two previous bienniums. For 1927 and 1928 the total was \$27,369,457 and for 1925 and 1926 \$24,466,346. The above totals embrace direct legislative, continuing and special millage tax appropriations.

Of the entire total the legislature will be concerned only with \$6,854,690 coming within the 6 per cent tax limitation. The remainder of the total is taken care of by fixed statutory provisions over which the legislature has no control. These are: millage levied outside the 6 per cent limitation, \$6,195,273; aid from license and other fees, \$7,494,144; millage tax levies within the 6 per cent limitation, \$1,952,856; continuing appropriations, \$29,150. An additional \$173,952 is recommended to cover interest on irrigation district interest bonds.

Director's First Budget The budget in the first one prepared under the direction of the state budget director, an office created by an act of the 1927 legislature.

The state board of control reports that \$168,455.66 will be turned back to the general fund of the state by several state institutions on account of unexpended balances from appropriations made by the legislature two years ago. These amounts will be as follows: State Training School for boys, \$47,849.74; Eastern Oregon Hospital for the Insane at Pendleton, \$47,978.77; State Insane Hospital at Salem, \$14,743.58; state prison, \$28,929.87; Institution for Public-Minded, \$28,241.19; Tuberculosis hospital, \$19,995.81; School for Blind, \$11,763.31; School for Deaf, \$4,085.91; School for Girls, \$3,159.29; Employment School for Adult Blind in Portland \$11,882.31.

NATIONAL PROBE OF PHONE RATES WILL BE SOUGHT

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 7.—(AP) Portland today was the center of a concerted effort on the part of six western states to force a national investigation by a Telephone & Telegraph company and subsidiary groups. Representatives from Washington, California, Idaho, Utah, Nevada and Oregon gathered at the city council chambers.

It is planned to draft a plea to be sent to congress, asking a nationwide investigation by a special probe committee, backed by the power of the interstate commerce commission.

The Portland meeting was arranged after other cities became interested in the council's refusal to grant a new franchise to the telephone company. The company is at present operating without a franchise, having selected Portland at the November election.

RING CZAR IS CALLED BY DEATH

Operation Fails to Save Life of Tex Rickard—Suffered for Years From Appendicitis—Most Daring Promoter in Sport History—Made Boxing Popular.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 7.—(AP)—Bearing back to New York the body of George L. (Tex) Rickard, boxing promoter, who died at Miami Beach yesterday, the Havana special of the Atlantic coast line moved northward from this city at 9 o'clock this morning.

Mrs. Rickard, who had kept a faithful vigil beside her stricken husband; Jack Dempsey, who loved the promoter as his "best pal"; and Steve Hannegan, representing the city of Miami Beach accompanied the body.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—(AP)—If Tex Rickard had not feared a surgeon's knife more than he did appendicitis, he might be alive today.

He had suffered attacks of appendicitis from time to time for the last 12 years, dread of an operation. He avoided it by re-



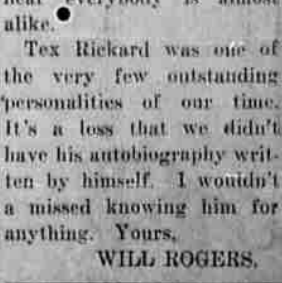
Tex Rickard

peated applications of ice packs during each attack. Finally surgery was necessary. Just before the Dempsey-Carpenter fight at Jersey City in 1921 the promoter was stricken with a particularly violent attack. Physicians eased the pain with ice packs, but advised him to undergo an operation. He refused. "They'll never get me with their Bowties," he used to say. "They can shoot me, but not cut me."

By Alan J. Gould. Associated Press Sports Writer NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—(AP)—A dreamer whose dreams came true, yet a man of action with the born spirit of a gambler, passes

Will Rogers Says: NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—The world is full of men who do big things, but when you meet 'em they are not outstanding personalities. Pretty near everybody is almost alike.

Tex Rickard was one of the very few outstanding personalities of our time. It's a loss that we didn't have his autobiography written by himself. I wouldn't a missed knowing him for anything. Yours, WILL ROGERS.



WILL ROGERS