

**The Weather**  
Forecast—Cloudy, probable rain or snow; temperature below normal.  
Highest yesterday 48  
Lowest this morning 27

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

**Weather Year Ago**  
Highest year ago today 43  
Lowest year ago today 19

MEDFORD, OREGON, THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 1929.

No. 297.

## Today

By Arthur Brisbane  
The S. O. Quadruplets.  
30 Loads of Air Mail.  
Helen Wills' Husband.  
Four Great Old Men.

(Copyright, By King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

Standard Oil of Indiana went skyrocketing Tuesday, as everybody might have known it would do.

Mr. Rockefeller asked for proxies to put Colonel Stewart out. Colonel Stewart asked for proxies to stay in. The quickest way to get proxies is to BUY them. The stock calmed down after somebody bought 95,800 shares of it.

It's a hard fight and when it is over this question will arise:

Assuming that Colonel Stewart, now head of Standard Oil of Indiana, defeats John D. Rockefeller, Jr., as Wall Street believes that he will do, how will that affect Standard Oil of Indiana?

The doctors said one Siamese twin couldn't live if the other were cut away. The little Standard Oil octopuses of New York, New Jersey, Indiana, California are Siamese quadruplets. What will happen to one if it is cut away? What will happen to the other three with little sister from Indiana gone?

Wise business men use the air mail. They are interested in building up a most important government institution, and they know that letters marked air mail command attention.

Yesterday John N. Willys sent from Toledo more than 30 airships carrying 30,000 pounds of air mail addressed to 6000 towns in every state in the Union.

This "batch of letters" will include 700,000 pieces of mail concerning Mr. Willys' Whip-pet car.

Twenty army pursuit planes from Selfridge field will accompany the mail planes, making a first class spectacle in proof of commercial aviation development in the United States.

Everybody's peaceful, nobody wants war, but if we DID have war it is comforting to remember that those 30 mail planes, with army pursuit planes to accompany and protect them, could carry 30,000 pounds of food and medical supplies or 30,000 pounds of poison gas, or explosives, to discourage invading forces on sea or land.

Helen Wills, wonderful California girl, will marry Frederick Shander Moody, Jr., of San Francisco, a union of northern and southern California that interests the whole nation.

Those who believe that the human race could be quickly and greatly improved if the right young men married the right young women, will be interested in this wedding, and hope that Mr. Moody may be worthy of his wonderful good fortune.

Clemenceau and Foch, to whom France owes most in this generation, were both ill, and both are better; good news for everybody. Clemenceau, the "Old Tiger" enjoys life in spite of his 87 years. The world hopes that he will go on long enjoying it, also the gratitude of his friends, and the animosity of his enemies.

He enjoys one as much as the other. In a war that enlisted the youth, energy and intelligence of many great nations, the four men standing out above all others were all old men, Lloyd George, Foch, Clemenceau, Von Hindenburg.

## PRESIDENT SIGNS PACT FOR PEACE

### Coolidge Considers Kellogg Treaty Ratification One of Principal Achievements—Cabinet and Senators Witness Ceremony—14 Powers to Be Notified.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—With ceremony appropriate to what he considers one of the principal achievements of his administration, President Coolidge today affixed his signature to the instrument of ratification of the Kellogg anti-war treaty, proclaiming to the world that the United States has approved it in full.

The entire cabinet and a large representation from the senate were present as Mr. Coolidge signed the document. He used the gold pen which was presented to Secretary Kellogg by the city of Havre, France, when he secretary went abroad last summer to sign the treaty at Paris. Two copies of the instrument received the president's signature and then each was signed by Secretary Kellogg, who sat beside the president at the historic old desk which served as a cabinet table from the time of President John Adams to the administration of Theodore Roosevelt.

Vice-President Dawes sat at the president's right and Secretary Kellogg at his left, while grouped behind them were members of the senate. They included Moses of New Hampshire and Binham of Connecticut, two leaders of a group which demanded that some sort of interpretation of the treaty accompany its ratification.

**Make Pictures**  
Under the blinding glare of camera lights and accompanied by the arduous of motion picture machines the president entered the east room of the white house a few minutes after 10 o'clock. He was accompanied by his military and naval aides and Vice-President Dawes. Behind them the cabinet filed in two by two. Taking his place at the desk the president was handed the pen by Sidney Y. Smith of the treaty division of the state department. In whose custody were also the instruments of ratification. The president signed the copy first and then handed it and the pen to Secretary Kellogg for his signature. The same procedure was followed with the second copy.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Coolidge stood smiling in the doorway and her favorite dog, Tiny Tim, a reddish-brown Chow, scampered across the floor to a point underneath the table, from which he was coaxed by a secret service agent.

The next formal step will be the notification to the 14 other original signatory powers that the United States has ratified the treaty. All of the other signatories have ratified the official treaty will be signed and deposited in the state department here, and in addition exchange copies of the pact bearing the seals and signatures of each of the 15 countries will be prepared, one for the archives of each nation.

Since it has been definitely determined that Medford people are to vote on the proposition of a new airport, and with the belief that it will carry S. S. Boggs, representing the government, who is locating the beacon along the Pacific coast skyway between Redding, Calif., and Portland, has definitely selected the site for the new big two and a half million candiepower revolving beacons on the northeast corner of the John Carlin place, opposite the proposed new airport and along the Middle road. The lights have all been located from Los Angeles via San Francisco to Redding and will soon be located along the entire route to Seattle, placing Medford in line for night as well as day flying.

The beacons are all to be installed by June 1st of next year, when air mail will be carried by night here.

## FORMER LOS ANGELES OFFICIAL TO TRIAL



Courtroom scene in Los Angeles when former District Attorney Keyes and co-defendants went to trial on charges of accepting bribes. Seated at counsel table, left to right: Al McDonald, defense attorney; Keyes; William B. Berne, Le Compe Davis, Jud Rush and Paul Schenck, defense attorneys; William Campion, deputy district attorney; Buron Fitts, district attorney; William J. Clark, special prosecutor; and Robert P. Stewart, deputy district attorney.

## MOVIE STARS WATCH TALKIE STAGE FLAME

**New Lasky Sound Proof Equipment Lost in Spectacular Blaze—Clara Bow Witnesses Destruction of Work Place—Five Injured**

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Jan. 17.—(AP)—A mass of smoldering ruins was all that remained today of the new soundproof "talkie" stage of the Fox Movietone-Famous Players-Lasky studios, which was completely destroyed last night in a spectacular blaze, in which five men were injured and a storm-trooper went overboard by smoke. The stage was to have been used today for the first time.

Severely injured picture folk, including Clara Bow, who was to have started production on the soundproof stage today as star of a new talking picture, watched the burning of the \$20,000, 130-foot building, which provided a thrilling sight for thousands of home-bound Hollywood residents as the flames shot high in the air and flaming embers flew from the roof and walls.

Of the five men injured, two studio electricians and three Los Angeles firemen, only one was seriously hurt, a fireman who was thrown 35 feet from a ladder, when a huge sliding door, expanded by the heat, blew out. He was in a hospital this morning, reported to be in a critical condition. The firemen overcame by the smoke were revived on the spot.

**Origin a Mystery.**  
The origin of the fire remained a mystery. Joseph L. Lasky and R. P. Shulberg, Paramount officials, walked about the lot while the new stage was being consumed by the flames, directing the work of studio employees and screen actors who worked with the firemen. The flames illuminated a nearby cemetery, throwing into relief the mausoleum of Rudolph Valentino, near which the late Theodor Roberts and Barbara Lammert, former screen stars, and June Mathis, the once noted scenario writer, are buried.

New equipment for the building was being uncrated by workmen when the fire broke out, but was not in the "talkie" studio. Had this equipment, the price of which was included in the original cost of the building, been installed, as it would have been some time during the night, studio officials said the loss would have been almost \$1,000,000.

**Big Cop Claims His Puny Spouse Too Pugnacious**

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Police man John Heisey weighs in his stocking 255 pounds and his avoirdupois. Mrs. Heisey's best weight is 95 pounds.

Heisey, suing for divorce, charges cruelty. He says his wife took his revolver away from him, slapped his face, sat on him, punched his jaw, and cuffed the pugnacious climax by throwing him out of the house.

The court will see about it. **Radio Toast.**  
GREENFIELD, Mass., Jan. 17.—(AP)—Now comes the electric toaster radio. Just after Alexander Johnson put two slices of bread in position and turned on the current, he says, some jazz emanated from the apparatus.

**Rich Heir.**  
NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Uncle Sam has a well-to-do young doughboy. Walter G. Schmeizer of Cleveland, recruit, who is aboard the transport Chateau Thierry, bound for duty in the far east, has inherited an estate which the newspapers place at \$20,000.

## NORTHCOTT READS LAW IN DEFENSE

### Bereft of Counsel, Young Canadian Prepares to Continue Lone Battle—Nephew Unshaken By Cross-Examination—Accused to Call 30 to Stand

REVERSHIDE, CALIF., Jan. 17.—(AP) Having deserted his favorite pastime of solitude to pore over law books, Gordon Stewart Northcott, youthful accused murderer of three boys, today was prepared to push forward his single-headed battle to escape the hangman.

Bereft of counsel by his own choice and insistence, the 22-year-old Canadian last night mullied thru numerous times, supplied him by court order, from the Riverside superior court library, in preparation for continued cross-examination today of Stanford Clark, his young nephew.

The 16-year-old boy, whose at first unbelieved story of grave digging and cold blooded slaying at Northcott's Wineville chicken ranch eventually caused his uncle's arrest and extradition from Canada, spent yesterday afternoon on the stand under scrutiny of Northcott. The lad, at first terrorized by the necessity of submitting to personal questioning of his uncle whom he accuses of beating, slaying and sending him over a period of two years, gained confidence in yesterday's duel of words.

**Break Feared**  
Officials at first feared that the youngster's terror of Northcott would cause him to break down on the stand, but Stanford proved himself fashioned of sterner stuff. He stared Northcott in the eye throughout the questioning and was moved on several occasions to inject sarcasm into both the tone and wording of his answers. Although questioning yesterday had failed to change Stanford's story in any detail, Northcott last night expressed himself well pleased with the day's events which included his own dismissal of counsel against the advice of the court.

"Win or lose, I'm going to put up a whole of a battle," he said. "I've got about thirty witnesses I'm going to subpoena in my defense."

## CARKIN APPOINTED TAX CHAIRMANSHIP LEGISLATIVE BODY

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP) John H. Carkin, of Medford, representative for Jackson county, for his fifth session, has been appointed chairman of the committee on taxation and revenue, vice-chairman of the committee on legislation and rules, and to the committee on resolutions. While in Salem, Mr. Carkin left the Marion Hotel where Mrs. Carkin plans to join him from home to time. Miss Gladys Richmond, also of Medford, and a clerk for the committee on taxation and revenue, will act as Mr. Carkin's secretary.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP) Senator George W. Dunn, of Jackson county, is vice-chairman of the committee on roads and highways for this legislative session, having been appointed by President Nease last Monday, the opening day of the session. Senator Dunn is also a member of the committees on alcoholic traffic, education, fishing industries, game, and mining, making a total of six committees on which he is serving.

Senator Dunn is living at the Hotel Argo, 345 Commercial street. He has as his secretary Mrs. Mary B. Hayes, of Portland.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP) William M. Briggs, of Ashland, in Salem a second time as representative for Jackson county, has been appointed chairman of the committee on repeal of laws, vice-chairman of the committee on irrigation and drainage, and to the committees on mining and military affairs. Mr. Briggs is living at the Y. M. C. A. in Salem. Miss Lucille Huntington, also of Ashland, is again acting as Mr. Briggs' secretary.

**Royal Shearer.**  
VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 17.—(AP)—George Percival, younger brother of the new Earl of Egmont, Alberta farmer who inherited a title and wealth, shears sheep from 7 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. daily in a stockyard. He superiors say he is a good man, the only one who has held such a job as long as 15 months.

## Professo Marria Enters College

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Jan. 17.—(Special).—"That all college students should be married before they enter college," was the surprising opinion expressed by Herbert C. Howe, prominent professor of English at the University of Oregon, when interviewed recently.

Professor Howe stated that if all college students were married, they would waste less time of evenings, to the detriment of scholastic standing. Professor Howe bases his belief upon his own personal observation and also upon the records of students made before and after marriage, as well as a comparison of the averages made by the married students and those of the students who are single.

## WILL SEEK REDUCTION AUTO FEES

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—The special senate committee on motor vehicle license reductions completed its recommendations today. They will be reported to the senate Monday.

Reductions averaging 25 per cent in the fees of passenger vehicles up to 8000 pounds weight, increases beyond that weight, and the placing of trucks and trailers on a weight basis instead of a tire width relative to fees. On the lightest cars the reduction is about 33 per cent.

Motor vehicles weighing 1700 pounds or less would pay a flat fee. This would take in all old makes of the smaller cars such as Fords and Chevrolets.

Vehicles weighing over 1700 and not over 3000 pounds would pay 90 cents per hundredweight or part thereof.

Vehicles weighing 3000 pounds and over 4000 pounds would pay \$1 per hundredweight or part thereof.

Vehicles weighing over 4500 pounds would pay \$1.10 per hundredweight or part thereof. All vehicles equipped with solid tires would pay 50 per cent in addition to the above fees.

It is provided that for registrations made on or after April 1 and before July 1, three-fourths of the regular fee shall be paid; for registrations from July 1 to October 1 one-half fee, and after October 1 one-fourth of the regular fee.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—First battle lines in the present campaign to secure a reorganization in the state government were thrown out this morning when Hector McPherson of Lin county, the chairman of the house committee on administration and reorganization, met with members of his committee and with Senator Bell of Lane and Lin counties, who is expected to be chairman of the senate committee on reorganization, not yet appointed. Definite plans of procedure in the plan for consolidation of branches of government or a complete reorganization, will not be made by the committee until the sentiment of the governor is ascertained, and until committee members agree on the most feasible plan.

## HOOVER TO BELLE ISLE ON MONDAY

### To Be Guest of J. C. Penney Over Month—Will Participate in All-State Demonstration at Miami Tuesday—Fishing and Inaugural Address Hold Stage

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—President-elect Hoover will leave here Monday at 10:30 a. m. for Miami Beach, Fla., where he will be the guest of J. C. Penney on Belle Island for a little more than a month.

Mr. Hoover expects to arrive in Miami at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday, to participate in a monster all-state demonstration which is being arranged in honor of his visit to the state which with three others in the once solidly Democratic south gave him a majority last November.

The governor and other high officials will be on hand to officially welcome the president-elect and it is planned also to have all of the counties in the state represented. After the welcoming in Miami the president-elect and his party will proceed in escort motor cars to Miami Beach and thence across a causeway to the Penney estate.

The trip to Miami is to be made on a special train on the Atlantic Coast line and the Florida East Coast railway. It was stated today at Hoover headquarters that there would be no stops en route except those necessary for operating purposes.

**Photographers Go.**  
Besides his personal and office staff of a half dozen or more, Mr. Hoover will be accompanied to Florida by nearly two score photographers who will make their headquarters either at Miami Beach or Miami.

The present plans of the president-elect are to return here about two weeks before the date of his inauguration in order to continue the conference with Republican leaders which he has been holding for the past ten days and which will be continued through tomorrow and Saturday. At the outset he plans to take a rest and engage in his favorite sport of fishing. He looks forward to some real sport in landing the tarpon and other large game fish which abound in Florida waters near him.

After that Mr. Hoover will get to work on his inaugural address for the past ten days and which he expects to have in final form before he sets out on the return trip to the national capital. This would make it possible for copies of the speech to be mailed to all newspapers in ample time for delivery before March 4.

**FEAR BOOTLEGGING OF CALIFORNIA LICENSES**  
PORTLAND, Jan. 17.—(AP) Fear that automobile license bootleggers, whose activities have been felt in Seattle, may have moved into Oregon, was expressed by city officials here today.

Bona fide California license plates sell at \$2. With Oregon plates selling at \$15 to \$20 a set, police see a possibility that the situation might appeal to the license bootleggers.

Police have been ordered to check on all 1929 California licenses.

**Will Rogers Says:**  
NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—The favorite sport now of all newspapers and politicians is picking out Mr. Hoover's cabinet for him. Anybody that has ever endorsed a cigarette has been named to be on it. I don't care how many of these "write-up" cabinets you have picked out the only one that is going to draw any salary is the one Mr. Hoover picks himself. He is going to fool you when he picks his "all American." He is going to have so many business men on there that he will make politicians wish they had taken up some other life. Yours, WILL ROGERS.



(Continued on Page Four).