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# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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MEDFORD, OREGON, SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 1929

## Today

By Arthur Brisbane  
 What? No Ether?  
 The King Business.  
 A Sort of Promise.  
 Going to Harvard.

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Professor Michelson, of Chicago, 76 years old, and a great scientist, has three tasks on hand.

He wants to improve his calculations on the speed of light. His figures, 186,284 miles per second, are known to be correct, within less than one mile. That does not satisfy Michelson.

He plans more accurate measurement of the diameters of stars. And he means to test Einstein's theory, which involves denying the existence of the ether.

Michelson is not convinced and wants to know. But he probably will not know.

We can no more understand, prove or disprove the existence of the ether than a chip floating on water could prove the water's existence. It would call water "a hypothesis." Many call the ether a mere hypothesis. But chips of wood must float on something. Stars and planets must float in something.

Gravity's power works through space, on objects separated by billions of miles. It could exercise its force across a void.

There must be some connecting medium, and whatever that is, is ETHER. Man cannot know about it, for the present. The remarkable fact is that he can even think, and TRY to know about it.

Being a king is no longer "a business." Afghanistan has had three kings within a week. Amanullah resigned when his subjects rebelled against Paris fashions and uncovered faces for women, and handed the throne to his younger brother, Inayatullah.

Now a rebel, "Baeha Sakao," outlaw of the hills, seizes power from Inayatullah and is crowned Habibullah Khan. Habibullah means "Darling of God." Eastern rulers like such titles. Tamerlane or Timur the Lame, called himself "The Earth Shaker," and that was no exaggeration.

Attila was called the Curse of God, and he boasted that where his horse trod the grass never grew again.

Luckily for us prosaic white people, these "darlings," "earth shakers," etc., know nothing of machinery, and waste little time in thought. So white men sell them goods and control their destinies in the long run. It is even suggested that Britain is back of Allah's darling, and helped him to his new job.

The Rev. M. Allen Keith, of the Methodist Episcopal church of Lincoln, Neb., asks: "Why do you, in the G'nah News-Dee, call the peace pact 'a sort of solemn promise'?"

It is a sort of promise, because Britain reserves the right to do as Britain chooses, in British zones of influence, spread over half the globe.

"No war" is a nice theory. But you must not expect Britain to apply the pact to 200,000,000 in India, other millions in Africa, etc. You must distinguish between war and "polishing inferior races."

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## PRE-SPRING STORMS HIT MID-WEST

Ten Perish in Tornado Disturbances, Which Swirl Through Five States—Cloudbursts, High Winds, Low Temperatures Experienced—School Razed.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—(AP) Spring storms, two months ahead of time, killed 19 persons in five states yesterday. Injured many more, caused heavy property damage and finally swept away up the St. Lawrence River valley.

In several places the storm that moved northeastward from southern Missouri, across Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, was of tornado violence, especially at Cape Girardeau, Mo., where two small children were killed; at Macon, Ill., where three were killed; at Fort Branch, Ind., where one woman was killed.

Enormous rains and high winds were reported over a wide area contiguous to the path of the principal storm, going as far south as Mississippi where one man was killed. Two men drowned in the Ohio river when the storm blown their skiff, and another was blown from a bridge at Louisville, Ky.

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## COL. THOMSON TO YOSEMITE PARK DUTIES

Surprising news to the people of southern Oregon and in fact all of the state, became known here today when the announcement was made that Colonel C. G. Thomson, superintendent of Crater National park, has been named superintendent of Yosemite national park in California, a great promotion for him. The announcement comes from the secretary of the interior.

This news will also be received with much regret by the people of Medford not only because of himself and wife having many friends here during his six years as superintendent of Crater national park, but because of his having been active in the civic affairs of the community all this time.

While Colonel Thomson will soon depart for his new duties at Yosemite park, Mrs. Thomson and their two young sons, who will especially be missed in high school circles, will remain here until some time in March.

Along with his promotion, which results from the fine record he has made as superintendent of Crater national park and the great amount of development work which he carried on there during his six years incumbency, Colonel Thomson has been designated as acting superintendent of Crater park until his successor arrives. He will make frequent trips from Yosemite park to Crater park for the national park service during the next year or longer, so he will not entirely lose contact with this community.

**Important Post**  
 The importance of the promotion of Superintendent Thomson is better realized when the fact is considered that Yosemite is one of the two great national parks, ranking equally important to the Yellowstone. Yosemite contains 112,000 acres, and is four times the size of Crater National park. It has by far the greatest travel, for two years having fallen just short of a half million visitors. Its appropriations average \$3,500,000 per annum, and its revenues are almost that figure.

Yosemite park's appropriations are so big that it has a large administrative and technical staff. Its public utility business, such as telephone, school, hospital, etc., being immense.

It is the year-around park of the national park system, being very popular in the winter time, and has a large group of hotels and camps. The Ahwansee Hotel being a million dollar hotel of exquisite beauty.

Colonel Thomson does not yet know who will be his successor in the Crater National park superintendency.

The promotion and other coming changes in the national park system are directly due to the resignation of Stephen T. Mather a short time ago, because of ill health, as director of the national park system, and the appointment of Harold G. Albright, superintendent of Yellowstone park, and also acting superintendent of Yosemite for some time past, to succeed Mr. Mather.

## GET BULK OF RICKARD ESTATE



The will of Tex Rickard leaves a major share of the promoter's estate to his widow and his daughter, Maxine. His widow gets \$50,000 in cash and his real estate holdings in Florida. His daughter gets residue of estate after various bequests are made.

## HOOVER URGED OHIO RESIDENTS TO ARBITRATE FLEE HOMES IN IN MILK WAR PATH OF FLOOD

**Dairymen Strike for \$2.85 Hundredweight — Pickets Rivers On Rampage—Ten Dump Milk — Farmers Persons Rescued From Kidnap Truck Driver— Waters — Rainfall Two Stations Closed.**

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—(AP) The heft of striking dairymen today pressed more firmly on the source of Chicago's milk supply.

Strikers of three states, seeking \$2.85 a hundredweight, instead of the \$2.50 Chicago distributors are paying, have asked President-elect Hoover to take a hand in the situation.

"In line with your policy of immediate relief for farmers," said a wire to Mr. Hoover by W. C. McQueen, president of the Pure Milk association, "our organization, composed of dairymen supplying Chicago with pure milk, request you in this fight for a complete settlement of the striking situation through arbitration."

The association also has brought the matter to the notice of federal authorities at Washington.

Chicago milk distribution continues at near normal, though distributors have been obliged to go a considerable distance into Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana for some of their supply.

**Milk Destroyed.**  
 Destruction of milk continued yesterday as pickets of strikers guarded receiving stations of the Borden and Bowman Dairy companies, while police patrolled the highways to prevent a recurrence of violence which resulted in one kidnapping and the dumping of thousands of pounds of milk.

The Northern Indiana Dairy association last night voted to join the striking Illinois and Wisconsin producers. The Indiana association controls about 135,000 pounds of milk daily, four-fifths of which comes to Chicago.

A band of 100 farmers, carrying weapons, kidnaped Frank Janicki, a Borden Dairy company truck driver near Lake Umbagog, last night, dumped 25,000 pounds of milk, and then released him after the company agreed to pay the increased price. Loads of other dairy companies' trucks were stopped by strikers, who now are directing their efforts against company vehicles instead of non-striker conveyors their milk to receiving stations.

Six receiving stations in Illinois and Wisconsin have been closed.

## Truck and Train Dispute Crises, Driver Is Bruised

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 19.—(AP)—Harry Jacobs, the truck he was driving and a last train reached a grade crossing last night at exactly the same time.  
 The truck, which carried 100 feet down the tracks and wrecked, Jacobs finally crawled out of the wreckage with only a few bruises.  
 A traffic cop ran up and gave him a court summons for failing to observe the "stop" signal.

## TRIBUTE TO BELGIANS BY HOOVER

President-Elect Talks Across Sea to Brussels Audience—Election Celebrated By War-Time Relief Beneficiaries—King Says Belgium Will Never Forget.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—(AP) Tribute to the sacrifice and courage of the Belgian people in the world war was paid today by President-elect Hoover in an address which was carried across the ocean by long distance telephone.

Sitting at his desk at his temporary headquarters here, Mr. Hoover spoke to an audience gathered in the grand square at Brussels at a celebration in honor of the election of the former chairman of the commission for the relief of Belgium to the presidency of the United States.

The address was in response to those delivered by King Albert, Premier Jaspar, and Emile Francqui, who was associated with Mr. Hoover in Belgian relief work during the European occupation.

"I appreciate this opportunity to extend my greetings to your majesty and to my many old friends of the relief organization in Belgium," Mr. Hoover said, "I could not join in this occasion without a flood of memories of the years of our association during the great war. Time quickly dims that heroic period in the minds of men, and the problems and difficulties of reconstruction from the war envelope our attention. But nothing dims the balance of Belgian sacrifice and courage. There are none who do not pay homage to its imperishable chapter of patriotism and sacrifice."

"Thank your majesty, the prime minister and other friends for their renewed expressions of good-will to myself and my associates and to my country. It marks an enduring friendship, for it springs from the hearts of men, it finds deep response in my countrymen."

**Hoover Replies.**  
 Mr. Hoover spoke first and King Albert followed, speaking in English. When his majesty had concluded, Mr. Hoover replied.

"Your majesty, may I express again my hopes for the continued health and happiness of your majesty. And may I add again my hope for the prosperity of Belgium."

The text of King Albert's address was made public here follows:

"I congratulate most sincerely the president-elect of the U. S. to whom a great nation has, thru an imposing vote, entrusted the leadership of its destinies. The United States of America, which extend from one ocean to another, combine the splendid development of industrial technique and production with the noblest solicitude for universal peace.

"The Kellogg pact has brought forward an ideal of high international morality. It is the duty of all interested nations to maintain this ideal undiminished.

"Belgium will never forget the help given by Mr. Hoover to her people suffering in the throes of the great war. He was the soul of their relief amidst the greatest political, maritime and economic difficulties. In the name of the Belgian people I express my sympathy and gratefulness to the great American who has well deserved the title which none other has yet obtained of 'Friend of Belgium.'"

## CANADA PUTS BAN ON LIVESTOCK OF CALIFORNIA STATE

OTTAWA, Jan. 19.—(AP) An embargo covering the territory surrounding California in addition to that state itself, has been declared by the federal department of agriculture since it learned that an outbreak of foot and mouth disease had occurred in a herd of swine at Whittier, near Los Angeles.

The order prohibits the importation of the Canada of horses, cattle, sheep, goats, other ruminants, swine, dogs, poultry, or of the flesh, hides, horns, hoofs, and other parts of such animals. The embargo extends also to hay, straw, forage, fodder, manure, mill feed, or other materials for the use in the feeding of livestock, or of merchandise packing in hay, straw, or other fodders, from the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Arizona, in the United States, and from the states of Lower California and Sonora, Mexico.

## BIG SAVING FOR STATE BY BOARD

Control Purchasing Paying Venture, Report Shows—Recommend Purchase of Building for State Departments, Sell Salem Airport Land.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 19.—(AP) The act of the 1927 legislature making the state board of control the state's central purchasing agency, was a paying venture, according to the biennial report of the board made public today.

The act became effective October 1, 1927. For the fiscal year ending September 30, 1928, the board made purchases aggregating \$3,112,815, and estimates that it saved the state \$243,729.20 as a result of the department's operations. "Chain is made that all activities of the board are administered at an expense of only about 1.5 per cent of the legislative appropriation, and that the purchasing department is administered at a cost of only about three-fourths of one per cent. Hence the board feels justified in asking the legislature this biennium for an appropriation of \$24,271, which is a 100 per cent increase over the 1927-1928 appropriation. New activities urged upon the board by each legislature are the purchase of the state printing and motor vehicle departments. The state has an obligation to buy the building anytime in 19 years for \$38,000. State funds for the purpose can be secured at 6 per cent. This interest saving and the saving in taxes, is estimated, will pay for the building in about 16 years.

Among other recommendations are: That the legislature authorize acceptance of a bequest by the late Frank M. Mulkey of property in Portland for the erection of a state office building. The property is subject to a life estate to Chester V. Dolph and Marshall R. Armstrong.

**Sell Airport Land.**  
 That the state be authorized to sell land near the penitentiary to the city of Salem for an airport. That heads of institutions be allowed to transfer funds from one legislative appropriation item to another. That the state purchase the old training school. This has been approved by the ways and means committee.

That appropriations be made for only three new institution buildings, an industrial building at the state hospital, garage and dormitory at the penitentiary, and physicians' quarters at the Eastern Oregon hospital at Pendleton, costing a total of \$25,323.

That \$19,600 be appropriated for the purchase of land on which the state has options at Champoug park. The total asked for the park is \$16,234.

**Senator Dunn Visits Mother in Portland.**  
 SALEM, Ore., Jan. 19.—Senator George W. Dunn took advantage of the legislative recess which began Thursday, January 17, and lasted until Monday, January 21, to visit his mother in Portland who has been ill. Senator Dunn spent part of the recess in Salem, studying bills introduced and made a short visit to Portland.

**Newbury Clerk.**  
 SALEM, Ore., Jan. 19.—Donald Newbury, attorney of Medford, is the chief clerk for the repeal of laws committee in the house of representatives, having arrived in Salem on Thursday, January 17. The repeal of laws committee introduced 157 bills the first day of the legislative session.

**Hoof and Mouth Disease.**  
 SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 19.—(AP)—Dr. Charles Keane of the state department of agriculture announced the outbreak of the hoof and mouth disease in a herd of 2500 hogs on a ranch near Whittier. The outbreak is the first since 1924.

**Oregon Weather.**  
 Fair tonight and Monday; colder tonight, with cold wave east portion; moderate to fresh northerly wind on the coast.

## Five of are Feet her Used ry's Shoes

RAVINE, Wis., Jan. 18.—(AP)—A pair of size 25 shoes have just been made for a 10-year-old school boy by a Ravine shoe company.  
 The purchaser is Robert Wadlow, an elementary school student of Alton, Miss. The boy is said to be 6 feet 10 inches tall and weighs 250 pounds.  
 Five square feet of leather were used in manufacture of the shoes.

## LEGION LEADER TO VISIT HERE VETERANS TOLD

All-State Reception Planned for National Commander McNutt in Medford Next April—Grants Pass Conference Success.

Approximately a thousand Legionnaires and Auxiliary members gathered at Grants Pass yesterday for one of the most successful conferences ever held in the fourth district, which includes the southern part of the state. Medford men and women were present to the number of over 100, including the drum corps and many of its members in addition to the officers and other members of the post.

State Commander Ben Fisher, in expressing appreciation for the large turnout to meet the state department officials, declared the occasion the most successful conference.

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He leaves for Florida Monday to draw straws for his cabinet. If California can't land Mr. Coolidge after March 4th, why we will just have to console ourselves with Aimee and Ben Turpin.

Yours,  
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## REFUGEES TELL RUIN BY QUAKE

Ship Arrives at Caracas With Injured—Every Building in Cumana Destroyed—Tidal Wave Follows Tremor—Venezuela Sends Aid Funds for Poor

CARACAS, Venezuela, Jan. 19.—(AP)—The Dutch steamship Comenius, from which first news of the disastrous earthquake which struck the coast of Cumana was received several days ago, has arrived in Caracas with a large number of persons injured in the quake.

Fifty witnesses of the disaster were interviewed here with the arrival of the vessel and the newspaper El Universal today published the following details:

The quake, which lasted 30 seconds, was felt at 10 o'clock in the morning of January 17. Every building in the city was destroyed, persons on the docks were thrown into the sea. A tidal wave which followed wrecked railroads and for a time endangered the Comenius. The steamer escaped only through skillful maneuvering by her captain.

**Tumbles Heard.**  
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## ISLAND VOLCANO OF KRAKATAO IS SPOUTING FLAME

BATAVIA, Java, Jan. 19.—(AP) Four thousand eruptions during the past 24 hours are reported to have taken place on the famous island volcano, Krakatao, which is showing a rapid increase in its renewed activity.  
 Eye witnesses report that burning material has been hurled several thousand feet high, with vapor clouds going still higher, affording an imposing spectacle, especially at night when flames from the crater added to the impressive scene. Increasing tremors are felt on the sea.  
 No loss of life or damage has been reported thus far, but the volcanic activities on isolated Krakatao, which already have lasted many months.