

# LIVESTOCK MEN ASSEMBLE FOR 'ROYAL' SHOW

### Optimism Rings Loud for Industry as They Meet in Kansas City.

BY CLYDE DUNCAN, United Press Staff Correspondent  
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 17.—From the watering holes of the mesquite-covered Texas plains, from the feed lots of the corn belt; from the rugged slopes of the sheep country in the far west, livestock men gathered here today filling every hotel, laughing, jostling, all in readiness for the opening of the American Royal Livestock Show.

Gay-bedecked ranchers from the longhorn country, with high-heeled boots, broad hats, and equally broad smiles, are chatting with their more conservatively dressed friends from Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, and the Dakotas. Prices of all kinds of livestock have been on the upgrade for several months and with indications of "good times" ahead, optimism prevails everywhere.

Gathered in scattered groups these stockmen recalled the days of depression back in 1920, following the war, when the country was "beating its swords into plow shares," when the "bottom fell out of prices for corn and cattle" and following close behind came hogs and sheep. It was a hard blow, they recall, following so closely behind a great tide of high prices.

**Purebreds Come Back**  
"The purebred industry is coming back," Frank W. Farley, field representative of the American Hereford Journal, said. "True, many of our best breeders went out of the business, dispersed their herds due to the past hard years, or sold many of their best individuals at pitifully low prices, but the business is coming back and it looks like many good months ahead. Already this year the price of beef has hit the high top of \$18.75 per hundred-weight."

"The sheep man also had some bright good months, during which he has been able to market fine bred lambs for around \$16, which indicates a healthy condition for him. Prices have been equally high for the hog producer and the price cycle seems to be going upward."

"The same optimism for the livestock producers was expressed by John Burns, field representative of the Shorthorn Breeders Association, who declares the man who produces animals of high quality is apt to have a good market for them for some time to come."

**Prize Animals Shown**  
The "home-coming" for livestock producers from some twenty-five states who will show 2,500 of the best show animals gathered from the feed lots and the ranches of America, will have an optimistic trend, in view of market prospects.

For a whole week horns and hoofs will be polished with linseed oil, hair will be curled with the curlycomb, animals will be groomed constantly and fed regularly to see that none get "off feed," duties to which oldtimers at the same, competing for championship and grand championship honors, will attend.

The American Royal is regarded as one of America's greatest livestock shows. It is the rendezvous of the truest and noblest in the livestock world from the nurse cow to the blue ribbon winners, and from the head herdsman to the stable boy.

## Proxy Suicide

### Boy Writes Woman's Will and Death Note; Doesn't Know It.

By United Press  
NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 17.—The story of how a woman who could neither read nor write managed to leave a note just before she committed suicide was told to police today by a 12-year-old boy. Peter Ablesmo cleared up a case that has been puzzling police for days, a case in which twenty-five persons had been questioned.

Peter is tutor for Mrs. Ernestine Maser's son, Charles, 7. One day when he went to the Maser home to give Charles his lesson, Mrs. Maser called him into another room, he said.

"Write down what I tell you, just as I tell it to you," Mrs. Maser said. Peter said he had trouble spelling Mrs. Maser's first name and wrote several notes before he got one that satisfied her. It read: "Give my property to my two younger children. Do not leave my husband or my oldest daughter see my body."

"ERNESTINE MASER." Mrs. Maser then went into the bedroom, stuffed paper into the cracks in the windows and door, and turned on the gas. "I thought she was making a will," Peter explained to police.

## Society at Horse Show



Blue-blooded horses and social registers always predominate at the famed national horse shows at New York City, and this year's show, the forty-third, was no exception. A couple of prominent spectators here are pictured at the opening in Madison Square garden: E. Victor Loew, lower left, and Miss Beatrice Blackwell. Upper left is a view of the judging in the single novice class.

## STEWART TRIAL IS IN RECESS

### Judge Ponders Defense Plea for Directed Verdict.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The Robert W. Stewart trial stood today in recess until Monday while Justice Jennings Bailey considered a defense petition for a directed verdict of acquittal.

The jury meanwhile spent its first week-end locked up. Justice Bailey expects to announce a decision Monday.

## SHOT 'JUST IN FUN'

### Fires at Tires; Wounds Youth in Shoulder.

A far-fetched practical joke was carried to an extreme Wednesday night when a 19-year-old youth was shot in the shoulder by another youth who apparently was seeking to puncture the tires of the car in which the victim was riding.

The wounded youth is Lloyd Hines, 19, of 1950 East Forty-sixth street. His condition is not serious. The shooting occurred at a filling station at Fall Creek and Keystone avenue, when Hines, accompanied by four companions drove from the station.

Russell Barrickman, 19, of R. R. 15, and George Schillinger, 17, of 2766 Roosevelt road, were arrested for questioning. Schillinger admitted firing several shots from a .22 calibre rifle at the car, police say.

## NAME FUND AUDITOR

### Orange County School Head Given Post in State Department.

Harry Kirk, Orange county superintendent of schools, has been appointed to the position of relief fund auditor, of the department of public instruction, by Roy P. Wisehart, state superintendent.

He succeeds H. E. Cushman, Cushman is an examiner for the state board of accounts. The post has been vacant several months.

Kirk is an Orange county native. He has been county engineer there as well as superintendent of schools. Last year he received a master's degree from Columbia university.

## WILD BANK TO PAY OFF

### Judge to Receive Petition Requesting 5 Per Cent Dividend.

Petition to allow payment of a 5 per cent dividend to depositors in the defunct J. P. Wild & Co. state bank, will be presented to Probate Judge Mahlon E. Bash, Monday. Payment of 57 1/2 per cent, has been made and it is expected 80 per cent will be returned to depositors.

Another petition will be presented for approval of a 10 per cent payment on mortgages on Florida and Gary, Ind., properties.

## HOOVER PUTS LAST TOUCHES ON TRIP PLANS

### President-Elect Ready to Don Top Hat of Diplomacy in South America.

BY THOMAS L. STOKES, United Press Staff Correspondent  
PALO ALTO, Calif., Nov. 17.—President-Elect Hoover today was ready to don the top hat of diplomacy and smile his timid, boyish smile of friendly greeting to the Latin-American neighbors to the south.

His smile, principally, will express his friendliness—he does not speak the language of those he will visit. Interpreters will convey, in Spanish, the meaning of the few speeches he will make. They will be few, and brief.

The top hat is packed, and so is its accompanying regalia, swallow tailed coat, morning attire—all that formality requires, as well as summer weight suits, overcoats, and dozens of the high starched collars the President-Elect has worn for years.

Hoover's outfit for this South American trip constitutes probably the most clothes he ever possessed. He is a man of simple habits. His elaborate layout is in striking contrast to the few clothes he carried with him when he left here with his bride years ago for a job in China.

**Relaxes for Day**  
A khaki shirt, heavy pants and rugged boots formed the principal costume in those engineering mingling days.

His packing is over; he has the passport which he insisted upon procuring, though no one will question his right to enter any country he visits, and the state department has informed all those countries to admit all members of his party.

Today, he devoted himself to relaxation. He will attend the Stanford-Washington football game in the afternoon and afterward will receive a group of California political leaders.

His special train is due to arrive at San Pedro, the port of Los Angeles and the port of embarkation, at 9:30 Monday morning.

Henry P. Fletcher, ambassador to Italy, who is President Coolidge's personal representative on the good-will mission, will join the party at San Pedro and will announce the itinerary as far as is then possible. The itinerary will be flexible, some stops depending upon weather conditions, and as the President-elect desires.

Insistent invitations continue to come here. The latest is from Bolivia.

## First Stop Nicaragua

A personal friend of Hoover's has been added to the party, John Griffin Mott, Los Angeles attorney, who has spent much time in South America.

Besides Mrs. Soover, Allan Hoover and Ambassador Fletcher, other members of the personal party include George Barr Baker, campaign adviser; George Akerson, Hoover's assistant; Miss Ruth Fessler, Mrs. Hoover's private secretary, and Commander Augustin T. Beauregard.

The first scheduled stop on the tentative itinerary is at Corinto, Nicaragua, with other stops at Balboa, in the Canal Zone, Lima, Peru, and at Valparaiso. Hoover may visit Colombia, Ecuador and Bolivia. From Valparaiso the President-elect will go to the capital of Chile, Santiago, thence across the Andes to Buenos Aires, Argentina, then to Montevideo, Uruguay, and northward to Rio de Janeiro.

The President-elect virtually has decided to spend the winter near Miami, Florida, remaining there until just before inauguration.

## DEATH CLAIM DENIED

### Insurance Company Paid \$1,000 by State Department's Order.

The Independent Order of Foresters will not have to pay the \$1,000 death claim of Robert Longstaff, 23, who was shot by police, according to a ruling of the state insurance department.

The ruling is based on the grounds that Longstaff was killed while engaged in an unlawful act and therefore his insurance is void.

His mother, Mrs. Mary Bell Longstaff, 414 East Tenth street, was the beneficiary under the policy.

Longstaff was in a stolen car with a companion in which there was intoxicating liquor, the opinion accompanying the ruling points out. The pair had held up and robbed Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCoy, Cincinnati, and then staged a gun battle with the police.

Snappy roadsters, luxurious limousine, just the car you want, regardless of make or model, is listed for sale at a low bargain price in the Big Fall Clearance Sale offerings in tonight's want ads.

## Tire Company Has New Quarters



Above is pictured the new home of the Keen-A Supply and Tire Company, Capitol avenue and Maryland street, in the rooms formerly occupied by the Factory Supply and Tire Company. The new company is under supervision of Lawrence Henry, well-known Indianapolis tire man, who has had more than fourteen years of tire experience. He chose the well-known United States tire to be featured in the new store. In addition to the United States tire, Indianapolis made, the store will handle Keen-A and Cooper Dri-power batteries. The battery department is in charge of Fred Mikels, another well-known Indianapolis man, with years of experience in the army aviation corps and also in local battery and ignition shops.

The Keen-A company has a modern repair shop, featured by an all-electric vulcanizing plant, and is prepared to give quick road service to all parts of the city.

## KILLING RENEWS CHICAGO DYING 'RACKET' WAR

### Al Capone's Regime of Calm Is Broken by Slayer.

By United Press  
CHICAGO, Nov. 17.—Calm that had settled over the cleaning and dyeing racket with the entrance of Al Capone, gang chief, was broken Friday night by the slaying of John G. Clay, 59, head of the laundry and dyehouse chauffeurs' union.

Clay was shot to death as he sat in front of a window of his office in union headquarters by two men who fled in an automobile. They used machine guns and sawed off shotguns. Clay was hit in the chest by eight bullets and shotgun slugs.

In the union headquarters at the time of the shooting were Joseph Iwaniec, president; George Bendel, vice-president; Joseph Bus, and Gene Frank, and Al Carlson, Al Wagner and William G. Stripp, stewards of the union.

Al Borris, head of the Retail Dyeers and Cleaners' union, was in a nearby barber shop and ran to headquarters when he heard the shots.

He was unable to give the police any clue to the identity of the slayers. Police records show Clay had been indicted on charges of conspiracy but never served any time. He was secretary and treasurer of the union and directed its activities.

The cleaning and dyeing racket, a lucrative source of income for gangsters, has been quiet since the entrance of Capone.

Before that several groups had been fighting for control. One of them headed by "Big Tim" Murphy, former convict and a powerful figure in the Chicago underworld.

## DIES CHOKING SON

### Scolds Youth for Drinking, Grips His Throat, Then Succumbs.

By United Press  
MONTREAL, Nov. 17.—Octave Giroux, 68, fell dead of heart disease when he attempted to choke his son, Alphonse, whom he had been scolding for drinking.

A neighbor, who arrived at the moment, told police there had been a murder, but after an investigation Alphonse was exonerated. He was held for the coroner's jury, however.

## Parrot Kills

By United Press  
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## VIOLENT STORM KILLS 25 AND WRECKS SHIPS

### Europe Swept by Terrific Gale; Damage High in Millions.

By Webb Miller, United Press Staff Correspondent  
LONDON, Nov. 17.—The most violent storm in many years spread havoc in Europe and on the Atlantic ocean today.

At least twenty-five were killed, and hundreds injured. Property damage was estimated at millions of dollars. Shipping was almost paralyzed. Several ships were wrecked, others were in distress and trans-Atlantic liners were delayed from ten to fifteen hours.

A dozen are known dead in Great Britain. Thirteen were killed in Coblenz, Germany, when several houses were blown down.

It was the worst storm London had seen in twelve years. Pedestrians were blown down on the street. Motor vehicles were tossed about. Windows were caved in and trees snapped.

**All Ferries Stopped**  
For the first time in history the ferries on Bristol harbor were stopped, while traffic on the English channel was at a standstill, save for the life-saving boats put out to assist the big liners.

From all points today came reports of damage. The winds were subsiding somewhat, but danger still was present.

The great docks at Southampton, where many of the trans-Atlantic liners put in, were damaged to an extent that may reach \$300,000.

In London it was a strange scene. Those who ventured forth on bicycles were whipped down. Small motor cars were blown about like leaves.

Many yachts and small boats were sunk, while others were dashed against the piers and sea walls. Eleven fishing boats were sunk in Berridge harbor off the Isle of Wight.

**Vessels in Danger**  
Numerous vessels reported they were in danger, but the most serious calls were from the Greek steamer Amazon and the steamer Marlwood. Both asked assistance. One reported that the second mate had been washed overboard.

Related reports today greatly increased the extent of the storm damage and the number of injured. Telephone and telegraph companies reported much disruption. It was impossible today to telephone from London to Paris, Calais, Lille, Basle, Zurich, Geneva or Madrid. All the lines to these points were down.

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