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ENGLISH KING BETTER; STILL IS IN DANGER

Temperature Drops and Pleurisy Improves, Physicians Report.
NATION IS CHEERED
Warn Against Too Great Optimism; Relapse Is Possible.

By United Press
LONDON, Nov. 30.—A third doctor was called into consultation today by the two physicians who have been treating King George and after a lengthy study of the case, a bulletin was issued which implied that the king was not yet out of danger.

Sir Humphrey Rolleston was called to Buckingham palace to review the king's condition with Sir Stanley Hewitt and Lord Dawson of Penn, who have been attending his majesty.
After a two-hour conference with Rolleston, Sir Stanley and Lord Dawson issued the following bulletin:
"The inflammation of the lung and pleura show some improvement and the temperature is on a slightly lower level.
"It must be noted that the time of possible exacerbation of the infection is not yet passed and in any case progress must be slow."
Possibility of Relapse

A high authority at Buckingham palace told the press:
"While there is a slight but distinct improvement in the condition of the king, today's bulletin makes it clear that the possibility of setback must not yet be ignored."
It was said at the palace that Rolleston was not summoned because the king was worse, but because Hewitt and Dawson considered that the time had arrived when a review of the whole case was desirable and that they wanted a third opinion.

It was understood that the three doctors went over all the records of the king's case, carefully examining the temperature charts and other data, including X-rays and the results of the bacteriological examination made last week.
Every detail of the case was considered carefully, not only regarding the king's present condition, but his future prospects and the manner of treatment.

Crowd Alarmed
The crowd at the palace gates became alarmed at the long delay in issuing the bulletin beyond the usual hour at which it has been customary to post the morning announcement.

The crowd, which had numbered only a few hundreds at mid-morning, grew to a thousand at the 11 a. m. hour, and was increased at the lunch hours by laborers, office workers and school children.

The queen, with Princess Mary and the Duchess of York went to motor this afternoon. It was significant that the crowds, which hitherto have expressed silent sympathy on the appearance of the queen, relaxed its tension and cheered her majesty.

Wales/Sails Soon
The admiralty announced today that it was "practically decided" that the Prince of Wales would disembark from the cruiser Enterprise at Suez and proceed to Alexandria, Egypt, by train.

The admiralty announcement said that the prince would board another warship at Alexandria, probably the Frobenius, and proceed either to Brindisi or Naples.
The train trip from Suez to Alexandria would eliminate a slow trip through the Suez canal and save many hours on the prince's journey to London.

The prince left Dar-Es-Salaam today for Zanzibar aboard the government yacht Asania. He will return Saturday.
He will embark on the fast naval on its arrival at Dar-Es-Salaam Saturday night or Sunday morning.
Duke Not to Return

The Duke is making all speed to reach this port Saturday night, but it may not arrive until Sunday morning.
The prince has been cheered considerably by favorable reports of King George's condition, it was said. It was announced that the Duke of Gloucester, third son of King George, would continue his hunting tour. The Duke of Gloucester is on a canoe trip up the Chambes river and earlier reports said he would return to England.

HEADS TRADE BOARD
Commissioner Elected as Chairman of U. S. Body.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Abram F. Meyers, commissioner, was elected chairman of the federal trade commission today to succeed William E. Humphrey, whose term as chairman expires tomorrow.
To CINCINNATI and return by telephone; basic rate only 70 cents.—Advertisement.

Ryan's Will Leaves His Son Pair of Pearl Studs

By United Press
NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—The will of Thomas Fortune Ryan, filed for probate in surrogate's court today, cut off his oldest son, Allan Ryan, with only a pair of white pearl studs.
Allan Ryan and his father had been estranged since the financier's second wedding in 1917. The son had resented the marriage inasmuch as it came twelve days after his mother's death.
The will, however, did make provisions for Allan's children.
Practically the entire estate, upon which no definite estimate ever has been made, but which is assumed to be upward of \$250,000,000, was left to relatives.
When Ryan died last week two other sons and numerous grand and great-grandchildren were at his bedside, but Allan was in Europe. He has not returned.
Allan Ryan lost most of his fortune several years ago when he secured a corner on Stutz motor cars. The deal was too much for him and he was broken and expelled from the stock exchange.
The father made no effort to help his son then, although he is said to have expressed admiration of Allan's fighting spirit.

BOYS KILL MAN FOR 'WITCHCRAFT'

Confess Beating Neighbor to Death and Setting Fire to Body.
By United Press
YORK, Pa., Nov. 30.—Superstition over "pow wows" and "black magic" led to the slaying of Raymond Rehmeyer, 59, Wednesday night, it was revealed today with the arrest and alleged confession of Wilbert Hess, 18, of near here.
John Curry, 14, of New York, and John Blymire, had been arrested Thursday night, and early today Curry confessed to his part in the killing of the man.
Blymire, also telling of the killing, said that a third party was implicated, and Hess was arrested.
Believed In Witchcraft
The Hess youth and his father, Milton, both are firm believers in witchcraft, the youth told authorities.
Blymire knew of their superstition, and when the Elder Hess complained that some of his chickens had been stolen, told him that Rehmeyer, a neighbor, had "hexed" or bewitched them.
The only way to avoid Rehmeyer's spell, Blymire told the Hesses, was to obtain a lock of Rehmeyer's hair and bury it eight feet under ground back of the chicken house.
Wednesday night the younger Hess, Blymire and Curry went to Rehmeyer's house to get a lock of his hair, the confessions say.
Set Fire to Body
They were admitted. Rehmeyer went out for some wood for a fire, and when he returned, Blymire jumped on his back. Hess told the county officials. Then they beat him with sticks of firewood.
They struggled for about an hour before Rehmeyer was knocked unconscious. When it appeared that he was dead, Blymire poured water over his body and over various articles in the room that the man's assailants had touched, to remove fingerprints, it was said.
Then pouring kerosene over Rehmeyer's clothing and a blanket which he placed near the body, Blymire set fire to the blanket, and the trio fled, according to the story told police.

ARTISTS PLAN RITES FOR REMSEN, SUICIDE
Guest Discovers Dead Body of Successful Failure.
By United Press
CARMEL BY THE SEA, Cal., Nov. 30.—Last rites for Ira Remsen, painter and writer who termed himself a "successful failure" were planned today by members of the artists colony here.
A guest, invited to join Remsen at a Thanksgiving dinner in his cabin, at Monterey bay, found his body with a bullet wound in the head, Remsen had committed suicide.
He is survived by a brother, Dr. Charles H. Remsen, of New York. The artist was the son of the late Ira D. Remsen, chemist and president of Johns Hopkins university.

JACKIE COOGAN WINS
Boy Star Victor in Damage Suit Against Newspaper.
By United Press
LONDON, Nov. 30.—Jackie Coogan appeared in court today and won his case against a newspaper which he sued for publishing articles signed with his name.
The course was packed when the boy film star arrived with his parents. The case was settled when the newspaper, the weekly "The People," agreed not to represent that the articles in question were contributed since Coogan arrived in England. The newspaper agreed to pay the costs of the case.

WIDOW ADMINISTRATOR
Letters Issued in \$200,000 Estate of Augustus Jennings.
Letters of administration were issued today upon the \$200,000 estate of the late Augustus Jennings, president of the Colonial Savings and Loan Association. The letters were made over to his widow, Mrs. Mary C. Jennings, 2335 North Pennsylvania street.

REACH DISABLED SHIP
Steamer Reports 17 Feet of Water in Hold.
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30.—The steamer Montreal Maru is standing by the disabled steamer Chief Maquilla, 2,000 miles off the Pacific coast, radio advices here said today.

ASKS MEDAL FOR HER
Congressional Bill Planned to Honor Vestris' Quartermaster.
By United Press
WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Representative Royal H. Welles, Democrat, New York, announced today he would introduce a bill in congress next Monday for a congressional medal of honor for Lionel Licorish, quartermaster of the Vestris which sunk recently with a loss of more than 100 lives.

CLANK! GOES CELL DOOR—NO WEDDING BELLS
PRISON bars instead of wedding bells greeted Horace Pemberton, 18, here today.
And it was Pemberton's own father, said to be a well-to-do truck farmer and nursery proprietor of near Lexington, Ky., who decided that the youth, charged with being an automobile thief, should peer out from behind prison bars at his 16-year-old intended bride instead of marching to the altar.
"But I'm going to marry her, anyway. I love her," said Pemberton.
"I love him, and just because his father is trying to stop us because he thinks we're too young isn't going to make any difference," said the girl, Miss Evelyn Dozier, 16, daughter of Mrs. Gertrude McConnell, 314 North Bradley street.
The boy denied that he stole from his father the Whipper car in which he and the girl drove here Thursday, with the girl's aunt, Miss Marie Dozier, along as chaperone.
He bought the car from his father and has paid nearly half of the purchase price, the boy said.

HOOVER GOES TO COURT OF KING NEPTUNE

1,000 Novices Are Hazed as President-Elect Watches.
HE'S AN OLD SEA DOG
Duckings, Haircuts, Ball and Chain Sentences Are Handed Out.
BY THOMAS E. STOKES
ABOARD THE U. S. S. MARYLAND, EN ROUTE TO GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR, Nov. 30.—King Neptune, ruler of the sea, assumed command of the Maryland today as the gray flagship of the Pacific fleet moved into the equatorial zone carrying President-Elect Herbert Hoover on his good-will tour to the Latin-American nations.
Mr. Hoover, a "shell back" who has his engraved certificate from King Neptune's court, heartily joined in with the sway of the mythical sea emperor's power over those on board who were crossing the equator for the first time.
Those who go down to sea in ships—as passengers or crew—and pass over the equator for the first time must submit to the dictum of Neptune's royal court, from Davey Jones' locker. It is decreed that neophytes before the tribunal must face the sentence of a ducking in a canvas tank rigged on deck. Before the ducking, the initiates must submit to hazing.

Hoover Is Old-Timer
Hoover has seen fourteen of King Neptune's courts—more than anyone on board with the exception of Commander A. T. Beauregard, his naval aide, who has seen sixteen of them.
Up over the clipper bow of the battleship, Neptune and his staff clamored—disturbing the peace of morning rest period.
Neptune and his court paraded the deck, with the battleship's band in the lead—playing doleful dirges.
The "pollywogs"—those who have never crossed the equator—were warned to join the parade. There were about 1,000 of them.
Neptune Holds Court

After the solemn parade about the decks Neptune called his court to order on the fore deck under the muzzles of the sixteen-inch guns.
Neptune frowned upon all "pollywogs" and sentenced them to various penalties, which included chains, haircuts and the lock-up.
The victims were seized and oil, soft soap and other ingredients were used in a lather for a shave. Then the "pollywogs" all were ducked in a tank rigged on deck for the purpose—going in clothes and all.
Some of the "pollywogs," including officers, were chained all night and pirate members of "Long" John's band chased others up the rigging and cove masts of the Maryland to the crow's nests, where an acrobatic display was demanded and performed for the throng on deck below.

REQUEST BUS PERMITS
Three Lines Ask Permission to Operate in State.
Clarence E. Cummings, Indianapolis, today petitioned the public service commission for permission to extend his bus lines, which now operate between Bedford and Seymour, to Greensburg.
Pete Argenta, owner of the Blue Bird Junior Bus Company, asked permission to operate his line from Vincennes to Bicknell over state Road 67, now nearing completion.
Grayhound Lines Inc., Indianapolis, petitioned for a permit between Warsaw and Plymouth, stopping at Bourdon and intermediate points.

SET VOTING DATE
Commissions Name Dec. 15 for Lynnhurst Decision.
Vote on whether Lynnhurst in Perry township will become a separate town, will be held Dec. 15. This was decided today after county commissioners had approved a taxpayers' petition for an election.

CALLS SENATE CAUCUS
Senator Curtis Issues Notice to Solve Program Problem.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Calls for a caucus Monday of the Republican representation in the Senate were issued today by Senator Curtis, Republican floor leader. The caucus will take up differences which have developed over the program of legislation to be followed in the short session.

STATE'S CIRCUS DAY
Famous Show Names Are Incorporated.
Today was circus day in the incorporation department of the office of the secretary of state. Famous show names known to young and old for more than a generation appeared on the nicely lettered incorporation blanks and received the official state seal.

Although long in the business these shows, all of which have winter quarters at Peru, Ind., the famous Hoosier circus city, were not incorporated until today.
Each was listed as having 1,000 share of no par value stock. They are Hagenbeck-Wallace Shows Company, Sells-Floto Circus Company and John Robinson Shows Company, all of Peru.
Hagenbeck-Wallace incorporates and W. M. Tompson, J. H. Adkins and J. B. Austin; John Robinson shows, Louis Chase, Arthur Hopper and Robert Brown, and Sells-Floto, Zack Terrill, Robert DeLochte and J. D. Newman.

HOUSES LOSS OF PLATE
Housewife Not Worried About Stolen Goose; Takes Dinner.
"That goose is a goner, but I would like to have my platter back," Mrs. Hattie Granger, proprietor of a restaurant at 2435 Rader street, told police today.
The \$5 roasted goose referred to, reposited on a \$3 platter in the restaurant icebox, until someone slipped in Thursday with a skeleton key and stole them. They took a raisin cake along for dessert, said Mrs. Granger.

Girls Start Christmas Seal Sale



Thanksgiving is over; now comes Christmas. The sale of Christmas seals, to aid in the fight against tuberculosis, already has started by the Marion County Tuberculosis Association. These girls are among an army of boys and girls who today began distribution of Christmas seal posters and stickers over the city. They are (left to right) Jane La Bant, 3805 North Delaware street, a Campfire girl; Alice Auerbach, 5373 Central avenue, Girl Scout; Adrina Deranian, 3175 Washington boulevard, Y. W. C. A. Girl Reserve.

Hooking Glass

By United Press
NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Theodore Phillips is one of the best dressed men in Harlem. A mirror is simply an irresistible temptation to him.
Theodore stopped to look into the mirror in the apartment of Morris Newman, Brooklyn. He left his fingerprints on the dresser. He is charged with stealing \$800 and jewelry.

ENTERS LAW FIRM

Schortemeier Announces He Will Practice in City.
Frederick E. Schortemeier, who retires Saturday as secretary of state, announced today that he will enter the general practice of law.
Schortemeier will become the senior member of the law firm of Schortemeier, Eby and Wood, with offices on the eighth floor of the Guaranty building.
Other firm members are Robert K. Eby, a deputy prosecutor under William H. Reiny, and Joseph G. Wood, long identified with the legal phases of insurance.
Besides his general practice, Schortemeier will be Indianapolis counsel for the Indiana Limestone Company, one of the large producers in the Bedford district.

U. S. AIDS SHOPPER

Mail Clerk Tries to Buy Tea on Queer Request.
Queer requests frequently are made of postmasters.
Postmaster Robert H. Bryson received a most unusual one today.
In a letter from a Kokomo man, Bryson found a sheet torn, apparently from a business ledger, asking him to purchase \$2 worth of a particular brand of tea, and forward it in care of the Kokomo postmaster. A \$2.10 money order was included, the letter explaining the 10 cents was to recompense Bryson for wrapping the tea.
Explicit directions for mailing were included. Bryson was to place four packages of tea in each of two envelopes.
One of Bryson's aids spent the morning attempting to learn where he could purchase the kind of tea requested without success.

ASK STATE LICENSE

Fox Hunters Seek Charter From Indiana Office.
Bigger and better fox hounds will be the object of the Southern Indiana and State Fox Hunters' Association. Incorporation papers of the association were filed today at the office of the secretary of state. Incorporators are Fred D. Osborn, Charles Bay, Marshal Hinchman, Ezra Brown and Claude Bowman. They will "improve fox hounds and hold field trials," the incorporation papers state.

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'DEATH RANCH' OWNER DENIES 'CONFESSION'

Officials Claim Admission of Beheading Boys Is Made.
RETURNED FOR TRIAL
Weary and Nervous From Constant Grilling on Way to Los Angeles.

By HOMER ROBERTS
United Press Staff Correspondent
LOS ANGELES, Nov. 30.—Gordon Stewart Northcott returned under guard today to Los Angeles to face charges of murdering four boys on his Riverside (Cal.) chicken ranch.
Northcott's first statement upon his arrival here from Canada was a denial of a murder confession he was reported to have made aboard the train that brought him here, to Los Angeles authorities investigating the murder of a Mexican youth whose torso was found at Puente last February.
Northcott, weary and nervous from constant grilling, not only repudiated the confession of the murder of the Mexican youth, but denied any connection with the death of three other purported victims of the Riverside "murder farm."

Father, Forgive Them
"To newspaper men, who were allowed to talk to him for the first time, Northcott exclaimed:
"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."
He said it was his last interview and that he wished to give vent to his feelings for those who accused him of the four murders.

"You can't plant a couple of bones and accuse a man of murder," he said. "A funny thing about this whole case is that, although I am the person the most interested, I actually know the least about it."
Aboard the train Northcott made a complete confession of the murder and beheading of an unidentified Mexican boy last February, Earl Redwine, Riverside, deputy district attorney said.
It required several hours for young Northcott to describe in detail the slaying of the Mexican youth and the strain of questioning brought him.
The accused youth's forehead was dripping with perspiration as he completed his confession of the gruesome slaying. He relaxed for the moment, wiped his face with a handkerchief, then suddenly exclaimed:
"Thank God, that's over, now I can sleep in peace."

The prisoner made the admission voluntarily, according to Redwine. Northcott had disclosed fragmentary parts of the slaying of the Mexican throughout the day, but denied responsibility for three other murders on his farm.
"His story is enough to send him to the gallows now," Redwine commented. "It means he will very probably plead guilty to three other murders as well."
The confession was made verbally and no signed statement was taken. It was witnessed, however, by Albert L. Kelley, chief investigator of the Riverside county district attorneys office.
Northcott implicated his nephew, Sanford Clark, in the slaying, according to Redwine.
"The murder took place at the chicken ranch," Northcott was said to have related.
"I had hired the Mexican kid to work and we had a quarrel over his wages. During the dispute I fired at him with a pistol, but didn't kill him. I shot several more times."

FIXED FOR HOLDUP
Three Auto Tags and Eight Rifles Stolen.
Police today foresaw an outbreak of holdup and auto theft activity when three automobile owners reported their license plates stolen on Thursday and Thursday night, and a second-hand dealer reported eight rifles stolen.
Plate numbers 38-332 were stolen from a car owned by Perry Childers, 1074 Eugene street, while it was parked at 2800 Northwestern avenue. Numbers 33-141 were removed from a car owned by E. E. Colborn, 2877 Adams street while it was parked downtown, and plates bearing number 38-304 were stolen from a car owned by Frank Onstott of Rochester, Ind., while it was parked near Butcher college, Thursday afternoon.
Theft of eight used rifles from E. H. Cook's second-hand store, 610 East Washington street, some time Wednesday night or Thursday night served to increase the alarm.
Burglars entered the store by breaking into a rear window glass.
CHURCHILL IS 54 TODAY
English Chancellor Is Recipient of Many Congratulations.
By United Press
LONDON, Nov. 30.—Winston Churchill, chancellor of the exchequer, celebrated his 54th birthday today. His thoughts have been mostly on budgets since the recent opening of parliament and the chancellor spent most of the day at his desk at the treasury in Whitehall.
Hundreds of congratulatory messages were delivered to the chancellor on his birthday. His vigorous and varied activities have made him as well known as any Englishman of the present generation.

Hourly Temperatures
6 a. m.... 51 10 a. m.... 47
7 a. m.... 50 11 a. m.... 45
8 a. m.... 48 12 (noon)... 42
9 a. m.... 47 1 p. m.... 40

TOOK BODY TO MEXICO
Sanford helped finish the job. He plugged the Mexican with a .22 bullet. Then we talked about what to do with him. We had put about nine bullets through his head so we decided it would be best to dispose of it before we disposed of the entire body.
"I started to saw the head off the body and got tired so Sanford offered to help. Then we went out into the back yard, built a fire and burned it up."
The two youths then put the remaining part of the corpse into a sack, loaded it into Northcott's automobile and drove to Puente, Mexico. Halting along the road, they threw the sack out of the car.
"So that is that," the youth concluded. "It's about what you wanted, isn't it?"
Northcott reiterated his assertion that he was not acquainted with the Winslow brothers or the Collins boy also alleged to have been slain by him.

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