

## LITTLE NEW IN LINDBERGH CASE TODAY

Rear Admiral Burrage, of Norfolk, Refuses to Reveal Much More.

## BOTTLE MESSAGE FOUND IN OCEAN

Norfolk and Hopewell Angles of Kidnaping Case Still Fail to Fit Together.

NORFOLK, Va., March 30 (AP)—Three Norfolk men seeking to negotiate the return of the kidnaped Lindbergh baby held a conference today but immediately afterwards announced there were no new developments.

John Hughes Curtis, boat builder, and Very Rev. Dean H. Dobson-Peacock, met at the home of Rear Admiral Guy H. Burrage, retired. After the conference, Admiral Burrage announced for the three that "nothing has happened." No details of the conference were disclosed.

"I will give you this statement," he said. "If there is failure in the Norfolk negotiations the kidnapers and they alone will know why."

Admiral Burrage, who said he also was speaking for his fellow intermediaries, Dean H. Dobson-Peacock and John Hughes Curtis, refused to explain the meaning of the statement.

"What does that mean?" he was asked.

"What does it mean," he countered. His interviewers then pointed out

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## GUILD QUILT CONTEST WILL END TONIGHT

The Blue Mountain Wranglers will appear at the quilt and rug contest to be held tonight at 8:30, under the auspices of St. Peter's Episcopal guild at Honan hall. Doors opened at 2 o'clock this afternoon with many quilts and rugs on display. The public is invited to the display.

After the Wranglers play, the prizes will be awarded to the winners in both divisions. Three judges have been procured to judge the quilts, two of whom are from out of town, and the quilts will be judged on the basis of color and general effect, 50 per cent; pattern, 35 per cent; and 15 per cent for quilting. Three prizes will be presented in the quilt division for quality and another will be presented for the oldest quilt on exhibit. Three prizes will be given for the rugs also.

Other musical features are planned in addition to music by the Wranglers.

## Rotarians Enjoy Varied Program

The Rotarians enjoyed a full and varied program at their noon meeting at the La Grande hotel today. A most interesting feature was the singing of Winifred Scott and Eugene Shultz, students in the Ackerman Training school. Their two vocal duets were very well rendered and were greeted with enthusiastic applause. They were accompanied by Miss Iola Gooding, a student at the Normal school.

J. L. Ingle gave the biography of Elliott Pinlay, one of the two new members who were received last week. Ralph Clark gave a five-minute talk explaining the organization and operation of the Florists Telegraph Delivery association.

Harley Richardson was the principal speaker, though he cut his message to a little more than ten minutes in length. Speaking on the subject of modern art, he explained that the present popularity of bold color contrasts, straight lines, and definite curves is due to a reaction from the drabness of war days. He called attention to the fact that this new tendency in art has affected almost every phase of life—advertising, literature, home furnishings, industry, and architecture especially.

Home Smith, of Salem, was a visiting Rotarian. Kenneth Siegert was a guest.

Mr. Evans told the committee chairman that large crowds have greeted the Allied Campaigners in each of the cities visited and that an unusual attendance may be expected here, owing to the wide interest in prohibition and the prominence of the speakers. Six speakers, including Dr. Harold Singer, of New York, Colonel Raymond Robins, of New York, and other known nationally, will appear here.

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## Unification Of Schools Subject Of Club Address

Mrs. Cornelia Marvin Pierce Speaks at Neighborhood Club Meeting on Tuesday.

One president, one budget and no duplication of courses in the upper division departments of state owned educational institutions is the aim of the state board of higher education, Mrs. Cornelia Marvin Pierce stated yesterday in an address before the Neighborhood club at the La Grande hotel. One board of higher education was established in 1929 and it was made mandatory that the board unify the system, she explained.

The law required that a survey be made, Mrs. Pierce pointed out. The survey, after its completion, showed that the educational system was being operated too expensively and was distorted by unnecessary duplications in the University of Oregon and Oregon State college. No conclusion was arrived at by the board without thorough and extensive investigation.

Reviews History Oregon's institutions of higher learning all grew out of little academies which were started by people eager to give the benefits of education to the youth. The little denominational schools were adopted by the state and supported inexpensively, the speaker said. Rivalry set in, rapidly growing bitter, intense and very expensive. Both the university and the state college were wasteful, expensive and destructive, destroying through contention and bitterness through contention and bitterness, she said. The state was deprived of educational leadership through the spirit of rivalry, each school striving to outstrip the other until the operation became extremely costly and wasteful. The board has not tried to eliminate a spirit of friendly rivalry but has tried to do away with the spirit of contention, Mrs. Pierce asserted.

The allocation of funds between the University of Oregon and Oregon State college has always been a quarrelsome matter, with the college out for the larger portion, she said. The question of how the money shall be divided has always been a burning one.

However, the speaker added, the financial side has not been the main reason for the change, although it was a large factor since, at the present time, the state is in a financial straits.

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## Elgin Democrat Candidate For Assessor Office

The Democratic party, which announced some weeks ago that it would attempt to have at least one candidate in every contest in November, entered the race for the county assessor's office today when Paul R. Sadler, Democrat of Elgin, filed his declaration of candidacy. Mr. Sadler now is circulating petitions to complete his filing. He did not make a statement or announce a slogan at the preliminary filing.

Two Republicans are contesting for their party nomination, D. H. Proctor, incumbent, and H. H. Hug, of Elgin.

Democrats already filed for office include: For district attorney: J. D. Slater, La Grande; for county judge, L. E. Evans, La Grande; for sheriff, A. C. "Clay" Hayes, La Grande; for county clerk, S. L. Thompson, La Grande; and for county school superintendent, E. A. Sayre, incumbent, La Grande.

200 CANDIDATES FILE SALEM, Mar. 30 (AP)—Filing of political candidates during the final week in which the law permits applicants to seek political office continued steadily and today neared the 200 mark. Six more gave formal notice to the secretary of state today. Filings close at 5 o'clock the afternoon of Apr. 5.

## Allied Forces Speakers To Be Here April 8, 9

Plans for the meetings that are to be held here by the Allied Forces for Prohibition Apr. 8 and 9, were mapped out at a meeting last evening attended by chairmen of the local committees appointed to arrange for the meetings and Charles F. Evans, advance representative of the Allied Forces.

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## Grand Patriarch To Visit Lodge

J. M. Wilson, of Portland, grand patriarch of Oregon, will make his official visit to the Star camp, No. 31, on Monday evening, Apr. 4. All members of the encampments and members of all Odd Fellows lodges in the county are invited to attend.

## CHINESE AND JAPANESE IN NEW SKIRMISH

Forces Clash at Chiawangmiao Today—Chinese Driven Back.

## PEACE PARLEYS EXPECTED TO FAIL

International Settlement at Shanghai is Safe, However, With Battle Line Distant.

By Morris J. Harris (Associated Press Staff Correspondent)

SHANGHAI, March 30 (AP)—A sharp skirmish between Japanese and Chinese forces at Chiawangmiao took place today, according to Japanese military authorities, punctuating a lull in the peace parleys which are slated to be resumed again tomorrow.

The Japanese said the Chinese were driven to the south side of Soochow creek, on the north side of which they were reported last week to have been digging trenches and erecting defenses. The Japanese notified British authorities that drastic measures might have to be taken to force the Chinese to observe the limits fixed in General Ugeda's ultimatum of last February.

The Japanese peace negotiators, meanwhile, charged the parleys were being delayed because the Chinese delegates lacked responsibility and

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## FORMER CASHIER GIVES TESTIMONY

Cecil Childers Says Edgar Marvin Was Active Manager of Joseph Bank.

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Mar. 30 (Special)—With the prosecution drawing near the close of its testimony, the case of the state vs. Edgar Marvin, Wallowa county judge was in its third day this morning.

The indictment against Marvin is the same as in the previous trial, and on which the jury failed to agree. He is charged with willfully and feloniously with intent then and there to injure and defraud said bank by misapplying the sum of \$109,770 District Attorney R. V. Chrisman, in the opening statement said the Joseph State bank was operating under its legal cash reserve. The loan limit being exhausted, it was necessary for the directors to sign personal notes for the amount of \$10,000.00. It is the contention of the state that this money was the property of the bank and it is on this question that the entire case hinges. The defense contends that this money was not borrowed by the Joseph State bank, but by the four directors.

The states witnesses called Tuesday were Thaddeus Gilbert, of Salem, deputy superintendent of banks; J. L. Sery, in charge of the liquidations of the Joseph State bank, and Cecil Childers, former cashier of the Joseph State bank, who pleaded guilty to

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## EAST NORMAL DEBATE TEAM WINS CONTEST

Two debaters from the Eastern Oregon Normal school defeated a team from Pacific university last night at the Normal school, debating on the question, "Resolved: That congress should enact legislation providing for a centralized control of industry, constitutionality waived." J. H. Blunt, of the La Grande High school, was the critic judge.

Elwood Hiatt and Dwight Mahoney upheld the affirmative for the Normal school, while the negative was taken by Donald Gabbard and Errett Hummel, of Pacific university.

E. G. Daniel, debate coach, stated this morning that last night's meeting probably will be the final debate closing a very successful season for the Normal school.

## County Finals in Declamatory Contest To Be Held on Saturday

The county superintendent of schools, E. A. Sayre, is announcing today the plans for the finals in the Union county declamatory contest to be held Saturday evening, Apr. 2. The program, which is to begin promptly at eight o'clock, will be held in the auditorium of the Eastern Oregon Normal school and the public is cordially invited to attend. There is no admission fee. Members of the faculty of the Normal school will serve as judges, Mr. Sayre stated.

Schools all over the county, outside of La Grande, have been working toward this approaching event for several weeks, and school and zone contests were completed last Friday. There were three divisions in the preliminaries, the high school, the division for sixth, seventh and eighth grades, and that one for the third, fourth and fifth grades. The high

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## DR. SPEARS WILL GO TO WISCONSIN U.

Oregon Football Mentor Accepts Offer of Midwest School Tuesday

## TO LEAVE EUGENE SOON AS POSSIBLE

Unification of U. of O. and O. S. C. Influences His Decision to Make a Change.

MADISON, Wis., Mar. 30 (AP)—Dr. Clarence Spears, football mentor at the University of Oregon, has accepted the position of head football coach at the University of Wisconsin.

Dr. Spears will arrive in Madison Apr. 13 and will direct the Badgers in spring drills two days later. The board of regents did not announce the new coach's salary, but it was reported on good authority that it was \$10,000 for a year's contract. Thistlethwaite received \$8000.

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## CURTAILMENT OF ANTI-TRUST LAWS URGED

WASHINGTON, March 30 (AP)—Partial suspension of the federal anti-trust laws during present conditions as a means of aiding the lumber and other resource industries was advocated today by the United States timber conservation board.

Ripley A. Bowman, secretary of the board, said in a statement it had adopted a resolution urging this action "insofar only as the laws relate to co-operation between competitors in the natural resource industries, for the purpose of controlling production, maintaining employment opportunities and conserving natural resources."

JONES HAS LUMBER-AID PLAN WASHINGTON, March 30 (AP)—Senator Jones (R., Wash.), notified the senate today he would seek to add import levies on wood pulp and lumber when the house revenue bill reaches the senate.

## Shows Confidence In American Dollar

LONDON, March 30 (AP)—Complete confidence in the financial situation in the United States was expressed today from one of the highest financial quarters in Great Britain, but without authority to disclose the source.

Commenting on press reports of the last two days discussing "a flight from the dollar," this source said: "There are all sorts of risks in America, but there are no currency risks. I can conceive of bank robberies, kidnappings and gang murders, but not of a collapse of the dollar. It is inconceivable that the dollar should go off gold."

## Farm Prices Go Higher in Month

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30 (AP)—Farm prices advanced last month for the first time since October. The index for grains was 51 per cent, the same as a month ago. Slight advances in wheat, barley and rye were offset by a collapse in corn prices. Meat animals advanced four points to 69 per cent of pre-war.

Advances also were made by fruits and vegetables which were up five points, and for cotton and cottonseed, up three points. Butter, turfat and eggs declined five points.

## Knout Funeral To Be Held Thursday

The funeral of Clyde E. Knout, who passed away Monday morning, will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the chapel of Walkers Funeral Home with Rev. J. George Walz in charge of the services. The body will be taken to Spokane, Wash., where services and burial will be held Saturday afternoon.

## Buffalo Stampede In North Oklahoma

PONCA CITY, Okla., Mar. 30 (AP)—Stampeding buffaloes roamed the highways of Northern Oklahoma today. Hard-riding cowboys were in pursuit. It was not an old-fashioned buffalo hunt, however. The horsemen were attempting to roundup 24 shaggy veterans of the plains, which stampeded from the cattle yard of the 101 ranch last night and took to the highways.

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## Roosevelt Has 111 Delegates On His Voting List

PORTLAND, Me., Mar. 30 (AP)—The Maine delegation to the Democratic national convention today was instructed for Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, of New York, subject to the unit vote of the 12 delegates. The state convention adopted a resolution binding the delegation to Roosevelt by a vote of 286 and 245.

WASHINGTON, March 30 (AP)—Making great strides toward the Democratic presidential nomination, Franklin D. Roosevelt today had a total of 111 delegate votes and immediate prospects of more, while his supporters moved to grasp the important post of keynoter at the national convention.

Iowa's 26 votes were filed in the Roosevelt column last night, along with those of Georgia, Minnesota, New Hampshire, North Dakota and Washington state. Maine Democrats today chose twelve delegates, in an atmosphere so friendly to the New York governor that the delegation is expected to be his even though uncommitted.

The post of keynoter, or temporary chairman of the convention is to be

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## Mrs. Lane, Widow Of Local Pastor, Called Beyond

Mrs. Margaret Nelson Lane, widow of Rev. A. G. Lane, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in La Grande 1912-1914, passed peacefully to the beyond in the early hours of this morning after a lingering illness from which she suffered for many years, having reached the age of 71 years, seven months and seven days.

Mrs. Lane was born near Bellair, Ohio, August 23, 1860, was the mother of two sons. Latimer who preceded her in death, and Herick, of New Orleans, La., who has been with his mother about a week before her departure.

Mrs. Lane was united in marriage to Mr. Lane in 1880, and together they gave loving and devoted service to the life of the ministry, serving Presbyterian churches in the following cities: Riverdale, Cal., Crestline, Ohio, Mason City, Ill., Cheyenne, Wyo., Fremont, Ohio, Alton, Ill., and La Grande, Ore.

Mrs. Lane was well known not only in La Grande, but wherever they had

## State Board Asks Byers To Resign

SALEM, Mar. 30 (AP)—David Lee Byers, principal of the Sutherlin schools in Douglas county, was asked to resign his position yesterday by the state board of education. The board's action followed a recommendation last fall recommending Byers resign, but which he has failed to do. The resignation is demanded at once.

Byers was recently charged with improper conduct and hearings were held by Charles A. Howard, superintendent of schools, and the state board of education. Howard cancelled Byers certificate to teach following the hearing, but Byers appealed to the board. Governor Julius L. Meier and Hal E. Ross, the other two members of the board, demurred to cancelling the certificate but recommended he resign.

## SELENIUM IS USED TO FIGHT CANCER

Rare Element Regarded as Important in Checking Terrible Disease.

## CHAMPAGNE, Ill., March 30 (AP)—Successful revival of the use of selenium, a rare element once rejected by eminent scientists as a treatment for cancer, is claimed by three research workers after six years of experiments.

The three are Dr. R. M. Parr, woman professor of chemistry at the University of Illinois; Dr. C. S. Bucher, physician and surgeon, and Dr. R. S. Funk, woman bacteriologist associated with the latter.

An announcement they made yesterday said their combined treatment of a selenium solution, x-rays or radium and a diet rich in vitamins not only served to check cancer in patients but when the disease was attacked in early stages, completely eradicated it.

While expressing belief, however, that the treatment might be of great benefit in combating the malady, the scientists warned against undue enthusiasm as its development was still in its experimental stages and much work remained to be done.

A similar observation came at Chicago from Dr. Morris Fishbein, editor of the Journal of the American Medical association. He said if

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## OREGON PINE, FIR WILL GET PREFERENCE

PORTLAND, Mar. 30 (AP)—Oregon materials will be used wherever possible in construction of the \$2,000,000 national soldiers' home to be built at Roseburg.

L. H. Tripp, director of construction for the veterans' administration, has assured Representative Hawley that every consideration will be given Oregon materials and extensive use is expected, according to word received here from the congressman.

"Specifications for interior woodwork for Roseburg admit the use of Douglas fir or yellow pine in several of the buildings," Tripp said.

"It is the general policy of the service to give preference to local materials whenever such materials meet the requirements of the project and you are assured in this connection that it has been the intention to do so in preparing the plans and specifications for the above work."

## Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Mar. 30 (AP)—Rapidly increasing complaints of crop damage in parts of Kansas and Nebraska lent firmness to the wheat market during the late transactions today.

Grain traders showed more willingness to pay attention to crop reports than for some time past. Monthly, unofficial crop summaries to be issued Friday were expected to prove bullish.

Wheat closed stronger,  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 cent above yesterday's finish. Corn  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent above, oats  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent advanced, and provisions unchanged to 7 cents down.

PORTLAND, Mar. 30 (AP)—Both cash and futures wheat advanced 10 to 15 cents on the Portland market today. Sales of futures were but 1000 bu. September. Cash corn advanced 50c ton while millrun was off 50c ton.

## High Grade Gas Now Made From Cottonseed Oil

Cost of 35 to 40 Cents a Gallon, However, is Too High to Make Product Competitive.

By Howard W. Hlaskalec (Associated Press Science Editor)

NEW ORLEANS, Mar. 30 (AP)—Making high grade gasoline instead of salad oil out of cottonseed is chemist's latest addition to the list of potential motor fuel sources.

The process for converting cottonseed oil into anti-knock gasoline was described to the American chemical society today by Dr. Gustav Egloff, of Chicago.

The present cost of 35 to 40 cents a gallon is too high to make cottonseed gasoline a competitor with established commercial products in this country.

A Pandora's box is run through a metal coil at a temperature of 900 degrees Fahrenheit and a pressure of 150 pounds per square inch. This breaks down and rearranges the atoms forming the oil, so that the oil yields a Pandora's box of unexpected products.

First comes a little more than fifty per cent of gasoline. Next emerges a heavy fuel for Diesel engines. After that is coke for the furnace. Then there are 13 different gases, some of them commercially valuable. Last of all comes water—which is all that is left of the original cottonseed oil. This water is the only waste product.

Furthermore, Dr. Egloff said, good alcohol can be obtained from certain of the cottonseed vapors. Likewise a widely sold variety of anti-freeze mixture for automobile radiators. Adding a little sodium produces a rubber-like substance.

There are potential uses for this kind of apparatus, Dr. Egloff said, in countries where gasoline is not cheap. For the apparatus can use other products than cottonseed oil equally well. It will "crack" with such ease vegetable oils, fish oils which are abundant in Japan, shale oils and coal tar oils.

New improvement for the petroleum industry's problems of separating the various grades of gasolines, oils and gases was reported by Dr. M. R. Fenske, of Pennsylvania State college. This process is called "fractionating." He credited the work to development of ideas originally ad-

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## Moscow Papers Hear of "White Guard" Plotting

MOSCOW, Mar. 30 (AP)—Moscow newspapers gave prominent place today to a dispatch from Paris to the Tass news agency quoting the communist newspaper L'Humanite as saying that far-future activities by Russian "white guards" were under way throughout Europe, including plots against the life of Joseph Stalin and other anti-soviet conspiracies outside the Russian border.

Among the latter, the dispatch said, was a proposal to assassinate Maxim Gorki, noted Russian author, in Italy and Maxim Litvinoff, soviet foreign commissar, in Germany.

L'Humanite was quoted as saying Russian emigres were now developing intensive anti-soviet activity "under the protection of France and 'vassal states.'" It sought to show that the recent attempt on the life of an official of the Germany embassy here was in furtherance of "white guard" maneuvers.

The Russian whites, the dispatch said, were directed from Paris and their terroristic organization was centered at Prague, Warsaw, Bucharest and Belgrade. The Prague organization, it said, recently sent two former czarist officers to Moscow under forged passports to kill Stalin. Neither of them has yet returned, it said.

## Aged Golfer And Caddie Are Killed

MAIDENHEAD, Eng., Mar. 30 (AP)—Felix Kelly, 70, and his caddie, 19, were killed by lightning today on the Maidenhead golf course. Another player was taken to a hospital partially paralyzed.

## American Finished Wood Is Barred

PARIS, Mar. 30 (AP)—The official journal printed two decrees today barring American finished wood, such as oak flooring and similar products, from France until Jan. 1, 1933, and common woods until July 1, 1932, because of exhausted import quotas.

Two new classes of electrical goods, meters and transformers, were added to the electrical goods quota established in a decree issued Jan. 9.

## Young Man Slays Parents, 5 Others

OSLO, Norway, Mar. 30 (AP)—A family tragedy, in which a young man of 21 killed his father, mother and five brothers and sisters with an ax and then set fire to their home was discovered at Verdal near Trondheim today when the sheriff answered a mysterious telephone call.

A youthful fellow had called the telephone exchange, saying: "Hello, operator, get me the sheriff and the fire brigade. The sheriff was notified and rushed to the house immediately.

## INCREASE IN STAMP RATE IS APPROVED

Measure Would Increase Letter Rate From Two to Three Cents.

## TAX ON MESSAGES IS ADOPTED ALSO

Ways and Means Committee Given Assurance it Can Count on Cutting of Expenditures.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30 (AP)—A one cent increase in first class postage was approved today by the house.

The item, the biggest single revenue raiser in the ways and means committee's substitute for the sales tax, was calculated to produce \$135,000,000 of revenue.

Its adoption, over the opposition of a group led by Rankin of Mississippi, one of the opponents of sales tax, came in a steady march of the program of the committee through the house. The vote was 147 to 68.

Throughout the day the house accepted a steady stream of committee proposals with opposition melting before the appeals by committee members.

At one time Speaker Garner took the floor to urge the adoption of a committee measure to tax corporate incomes.

That was accepted and during the remainder of the day there was little objection raised to the program of the committee until the postal raise came. The raise will become effective 30 days after the bill is signed by the president.

The house also approved taxes on telegraph, telephone and radio messages estimated to yield \$33,000,000, as part of the new revenue bill.

## JOBLESS MEN MARCH; FOOD IS PROMISED

SPOKANE, Wash., Mar. 30 (AP)—Unemployed marchers who threatened violence unless given food were told to report to the county courthouse this morning and they would be fed.

A committee representing one thousand unemployed demanded general relief, including \$15 a week to all men without jobs, said if the county did not act at once, stores and restaurants would be plundered.

The emergency relief depot will be maintained as long as county funds can support it, Alvin Collin, chairman of the board of commissioners, told the marchers. Relief expenditures this winter already amount to 5 mills of taxation, he said.

## New Effort Made To Aid Snowbound

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30 (AP)—Ways of getting relief into snowbound Silverton, Colorado, are being investigated by the interstate commerce commission at the request of Senator Costigan (D., Colo.).

A service agent is at Durango to see what can be done by the Rio Grande and Western and if the railways serving the town have taken all steps necessary to open up the line.

Silverton, with a population of about 1500, has been snowbound since February 5 or 6, with food now being brought in by pack train.

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