

## KIDNAPERS SAY NOT YET SAFE TO NEGOTIATE

### Police not Interfering due To Precarious Health Of Anne Lindbergh

### Real Clues Lacking Though Rumors Continue to be Bandied About

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HOPEWELL, N. J., March 9.—Although Col. Charles A. Lindbergh has taken every possible step to negotiate directly and confidentially with the kidnapers of his son, it is learned tonight in an apparently reliable report that the abductors have informed him they did not feel it yet safe to deal with him further.

The two notes he received Sunday are reported to have contained the information that when the child-stealers considered the time "proper and safe," they would let the famous flyer know how he could communicate with them.

Neither these two notes nor the ransom demand left pinned to the window of the Lindberghs a week ago last night contained specific information about where and how the parents could reach the kidnapers to bargain with them.

On Mother's Health  
Meanwhile, there were indications of the long wait and the uncertainty were beginning to tell on Mrs. Lindbergh.

"You must realize the strain is terrific, and has been throughout the investigation," said Col. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, head of the New Jersey police, in answer to a question about Mrs. Lindbergh's health at tonight's press conference.

Earlier he had said the secret negotiations being pressed under the direction of her husband were "strictly private" and that "the condition of the health of Mrs. Anne Lindbergh is such that we cannot interfere in these matters."

Johnson Grilling Not Yet Finished  
It was made clear by Col. Schwarzkopf that the authorities had not concluded their investigation of Henry (Red) Johnson, seaman-savior of the Lindbergh baby's nursemaid, Johnson is being held in Newark.

The New York Evening Post said it had been informed by a person in touch with the Lindberghs the aviator-father had known for several days where the baby was hidden, that he opened negotiations with the kidnapers Sunday night, and that the child is being kept on a boat.

Col. Schwarzkopf said there was nothing to indicate the truth of the boat theory. He added in answer to another question that Johnson already had been questioned as to his association with sailors or officers of small craft which might have been used in the kidnaping.

## RAIN ENDS THREAT OF DUST INVASION

Repetition of the dust storm of last spring probably averted by the gentle patter of Willamette valley rain Wednesday night. The dust was on its way having progressed as far as Portland when it was routed by the south wind and rain.

Although a gale was blowing from the eastern section of Oregon, Salem maintained a warm atmosphere until late Wednesday night when at 8 o'clock the airport thermometer registered 39 degrees and the rain had become rather chill.

Despite any cold flurry that may come and go there is one whiff of real spring in the yard of Dr. W. G. Morehouse where a cherry tree is in blossom.

## Tension Pervades W. U.; Faculty Shakeup Rumor

A feeling of tension and repression pervades the students at Willamette university and much talk is current concerning the proposed discontinuance of the law school and further changes in the personnel of the faculty.

While some of the current rumors concerning the outward swing of the gate for several of the professors may be overdrawn, certain information from confidential sources would indicate that there is a grain of truth to the statement that seven or eight of the faculty members are not to be rehired.

There has been no official confirmation that Registrar Tennant will be released, but on the strength of some of the reports, a number of the students are expressing themselves as being highly in favor of his retention as his work has been that of cooperation with all of the students.

There is also a manifest feeling among many students that

## Negotiates For Baby's Return



Col. Henry Breckinridge, attorney for Col. Lindbergh, who has been taking a leading part in efforts to negotiate for the Lindbergh baby's return.

## SPRING OPENING TO BE GREATEST EVER

### Unveiling of Windows and Much Entertainment is Ad Club Plan

The most gala spring opening ever staged in Salem is planned for tomorrow night when the Salem Ad club offers the public a varied program of music, dancing, and a lucky drawing in which Mayor P. M. Gregory and Police Chief Frank Minto will participate.

With the window opening set at 7:30 o'clock, the program will be under way officially. For the hour following that unveiling of windows, a music program will be given from the platform erected at Court and Liberty streets. Taking part in this program of music will be Core Edgell, Joan Frigard.

## WASHINGTON MAY TRY OREGON PLAN

SEATTLE, Mar. 9.—(AP)—President M. Lyle Spencer of the University of Washington said here today the only way out of the retrenchment that faces Washington educators during the next two years was through unification of schools under a single board of regents and the elimination of duplication in the state's higher educational institutions.

Dr. Spencer praised the reorganization of Oregon educational facilities under a central control body, and said "the Oregon plan, in principle, may well be adopted to the profit of the taxpayers of the state of Washington."

## Popcorn Machine Goes on Rampage As Butter Burns

Do popcorn machines get impatient sometimes at not being real busy?

One such machine apparently did yesterday afternoon, and set to popping corn wholesale and indiscriminate of consumer demand.

The butter in the machine, located in the Ace confectionery, 127 North High street, caught fire at 3:20 o'clock. Firemen put out the blaze with a dosing of water.

The burning butter made lots of smoke, otherwise the damage was slight, and the machine was in use again last night.

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The bonds carry six per cent interest and are for a six-month period. No bids, except one for a block of \$50,000, were received when the bonds were offered by the commission last week.

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## MOTT'S URGED TO ENTER RACE FOR CONGRESS

### Large Delegation Comes to Solicit his Candidacy Against Hawley

### Other Aspirants for Office Appear in Bunches as Campaign Livens

Political candidacies bloomed here yesterday like buttercups touched by a spring sun.

State Corporation Commissioner Mott was guest to 100 prominent men from the valley who urged him to contest for the republican nomination for congressman; Ben West tossed his hat into the assessor's race; John A. Gearin of Champoug announced he would seek the republican nomination as sheriff and William McGilchrist, Jr., admitted he was seriously considering running for state treasurer.

Mott's formal announcement that he would again seek the post held for 25 years by Congressman Hawley is expected within ten days. The crowd of visitors who came here urging him to run, went first to his offices in the fifth floor of the state office building but because the number of visitors was so large, the group adjourned to the lower floor of the building.

Mott's record in office  
Here James Burdette, McMinville lawyer, landed Mott as one of the most efficient public officers in recent years. He briefly reviewed his accomplishments as corporation commissioner and then called upon a dozen other speakers including farmers, dairymen and merchants.

Mott said the visitation was a surprise but declared he would consider the matter seriously and make a decision soon.

Later in the afternoon the visitors gathered in the hall of representatives, where they asked Governor Meier if he would grant Mott a 60 days leave of absence in case he entered the campaign. Governor Meier said he would comply with the request.

"I feel greatly honored in having you make this request," Governor Meier said, "and it is certainly a compliment to Mr. Mott. We need more business men in public office."

Explains Action Not Endorsement  
Governor Meier made it plain that he would not allow his office to be used as a political vehicle, and that in granting the request to give Mr. Mott a leave of absence, his action should not be construed to mean that he was a supporter of Mott.

WEST TELLS PLANS TO REDUCE COSTS  
Precinct deputy assessors to reduce the costs of the assessor's office will be used by Ben F. West if he is elected to the assessor's post, he declares in a statement filed yesterday with the county clerk in announcing his intention to seek the republican nomination as assessor.

West, who was county assessor prior to 1921, declares that his expenses in the county assessor's office have gone up \$23,825 in the last eight-year period compared to the eight-year period prior to 1921.

Reductions in the valuations on farm lands and homes and increased assessments on "dividend paying concerns" is one of West's planks.

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Twelve men were at work today as construction advances the force will be increased to about 100.

## Roosevelt Picks Up 24 More Delegates But Protests Made

### "Rump" Gathering of Smith Adherents Also Picks Slate; New York Governor now Has 48 if Minnesota Result Holds

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9.—(AP)—Heartened by a sweeping victory over Alfred E. Smith forces in the New Hampshire primary, advocates of Governor Roosevelt for the democratic presidential nomination picked up 24 more delegates for him in Minnesota today but encountered a contest against seating them at the national convention.

The 24 were selected at the regular state convention, but a dissatisfied Smith element selected a delegation of its own favorable to the 1928 standard bearer.

The contest will be settled at the Chicago convention June 27. Roosevelt's backers here expressed confidence his slate would be seated.

With these 24, Governor Roosevelt is leading the field of six or more democratic candidate possibilities with 48 pledged and claimed delegate votes. New Hampshire gave him eight yesterday and Washington state 16 several weeks ago.

Governor Murray of Oklahoma is next in the running with 22 delegates from his own state. The victory over the Smith clan in New Hampshire spurred Roosevelt's adherents to predictions that the movement to stop him had been defeated.

Having been tested in the east, the Roosevelt candidacy will be put to its first trial in the north-west next week in the primary in North Dakota where Governor Murray of Oklahoma will be his opponent. Murray has made a whirlwind campaign in the state and is confident of winning its 10 votes. Encouraging reports for Roosevelt, however, were conveyed today to James A. Farley, New York state chairman and Roosevelt supporter.

## FOURTEEN KILLED IN GAS EXPLOSION

### Four Others may die; all Employed on Cleaning Of Purifying box

CAMDEN, N. J., March 9.—(AP)—Fourteen workmen met death today in an explosion inside a purifying box at the plant of the Public Service Electric & Gas company and four were injured, two so seriously they may die.

The explosion occurred less than half an hour after 19 men entered the 20-foot square tank-like box to give it a periodic cleaning. The force of the detonation shook the business district a mile away.

All the victims were residents of Camden and only six were regular employees. The others were taken on for the cleaning process. The dead were: John L. Alberta, Dominick Puzzeletta, Pasquale Curiale, Frank Dellinger, Nicholas Trullini, Nuzzio Ferraro, L. Carcione, F. Krulich, T. Balanco, and Edward Anderson, Farrell Axelman, John Polard, George Williams, George Watson, negroes.

The purifying box is used to remove sulphur from the gas before it leaves the plant.

## Small 3/8 Given 8 Months Term As Still Owner

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 9.—(AP)—Clarence R. Small pleaded guilty in federal court here today to charges of possession of a loaded revolver. He is still the owner of the weapon, which he had in his possession on Jan. 14, 1932. Judge James Alger Fee sentenced him to eight months at the Fort Lewis road camp. Small previously had pleaded not guilty.

Herbert Mannon, accused of transporting a stolen automobile from Woodburn to Seattle last Christmas day after he had escaped from the state training school at Woodburn, pleaded guilty but sentence was deferred.

## Callister Named On Higher Board

F. E. Callister of Albany yesterday was reappointed by Governor Meier a member of the state board of higher education. He already has served one term in this capacity. Callister is a member of the curriculum committee of the board.

## Late Sports

OREGON CITY, Ore., Mar. 9.—(AP)—Residuals of basketball games played here today for the district 16 championship were: West Linn, 15; Columbia Preps, 5. Oregon City, 20; Gresham, 9. District 16 is composed of Multnomah and Clackamas counties.

Gearin Running For Bower Job  
The contest for the republican nomination for sheriff became a three-cornered one here Wednesday with the filing of John A. Gearin of Champoug for the post. Oscar Bower, incumbent, and C. A. Ratcliff of Morningside are prior aspirants for the office.

## U. S. FORCE TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM SHANGHAI

### Decision not Yet Made but Considered Likely as Situation Better

### Japanese Make new Offer Of Peace, but Also Prepare to Fight

WASHINGTON, March 9.—(AP)—The thirty-first infantry will probably be withdrawn from Shanghai and sent back to Manila soon.

Nelson T. Johnson, the American minister to China, cabled the state department today that Colonel Lorenzo Gasser, commanding the thirty-first infantry, discussed with him and United States Consul General Cunningham the advisability of keeping the regiment there longer.

The state department will reserve decision two or three days pending further information from Shanghai but it seems likely withdrawal will be ordered, thus setting a precedent for the other foreign troops sent to Shanghai when fighting broke out January 29 between the Chinese and Japanese.

SHANGHAI, Mar. 10.—(Thursday)—(AP)—The Japanese authorities worked for peace with one hand today and prepared for war with the other.

A new Japanese proposal to end the hostilities in the Shanghai area was submitted to the Chinese authorities. Meanwhile reinforcements and great quantities of supplies were moved westward toward the Japanese front lines.

The new proposal, submitted through Sir Miles Lampson, British minister here, asserted that Japan was eager to negotiate a truce because of the "critical condition existing at the front and the imminent possibility that hostilities will break out afresh."

## NATIONAL GUARD'S FOUNDER IS DEAD

BERKELEY, Cal., March 9.—(AP)—Elijah Hedding Merrill, 76, former officer and founder of the Oregon National Guard, died today at his home here.

Merrill was an attorney, a graduate of West Point military academy and a veteran of the Indian wars. He also was widely known here for his research in petroleum lubrication.

For many years he practiced law in Portland and while there founded the National Guard. He also was instrumental in the formation of the Washington National Guard. He came to the Bay region in 1919 and served as general sales manager of the Standard Oil Company of California.

His widow and a daughter survive.

## Group is Coming To Confer Upon Harlan Charges

Between 15 and 20 persons, representing as many civic and community organizations in Portland, will confer here today with Charles M. Thomas, public utility commissioner, with relation to pressing the investigation of charges involving Carey and Harlan, rate experts, and the Portland Street Railway company.

Thomas said he had intended to go to Portland tomorrow to launch the investigation, but had postponed his departure until Friday morning. Names of the persons scheduled to confer with Thomas or the organizations they represent, were not divulged at the public utilities commission.

## Hotel de Minto is Good Investment, No Profits

Dividends of "Hotel de Minto," transients' sleeping quarters in the city hall, are proving to be a string of negatives. Not of negative value are they. Rather, they are good conditions resulting in the city from the "service" in definite contrast with those of previous years, in the opinion of Police Chief Frank Minto, whose idea the "hotel" was.

"Why, I don't know that we've had a single call this year from a transient asking an officer to investigate a strange, dirty-looking fellow hanging around near her home," he said yesterday by way of explanation. "You know how it was. When it gets dusk before the men get home, and some fellow goes up to the back door to ask for something to eat, any woman naturally is afraid of him."

Last winter a housebreaking or petty thievery case was reported to the police nearly every night, the chief declared. Since the "jungle" have been cleaned out and transients ordered to stay over-

## EVERLY PLUNGES IN GOLDEN GATE BAY, IS RESCUED

### Salem ace and Three Companions Including F. Hrubetz And E. F. Zimmerman of This City get Cold Plunge But are not Injured; Afloat in Water, are Taken Aboard Ferryboat by Crew

### Fog Prevented Finding Oakland Airport Says Lee, gas Supply Gives out and Plane Brought Down in Water; Suffer Somewhat From Exposure but Aren't Injured In San Francisco Mishap

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 9.—(AP)—Three residents of Salem, Ore., and one Oakland, Cal., man ended an adventure in a fog-lost airplane tonight with nothing more serious than a cold plunge into San Francisco bay.

The four men were "fished" out of the bay by a crew from the Southern Pacific-Golden Gate ferryboat Mendocino while coast guard cutters were trying to locate the wreckage of the plane.

The rescued men are Lee Eyerly, pilot of the plane and head of the Eyerly Aircraft corporation of Salem; Frank Hrubetz, Salem; E. F. Zimmerman, Salem, and J. W. Reed, Oakland.

Suffering from submerison and exposure they were taken to Reed's home in Oakland after the Mendocino landed at the Berkeley pier at 9:15 p. m.

They were returning from Los Angeles, they said, and took off from Modesto shortly after dark. They ran into fog-obscured territory near the Bay region.

Eyerly said he flew around for more than an hour trying to locate the Oakland airport. Suddenly the engine died and the plane dived downward. The pilot said he saw the lights of the ferryboat and realized they were over the bay. He brought the plane down in the water near the vessel.

Three of the men were swimming and one was still clinging to the plane when rescued.

Lee U. Eyerly, manager of the Eyerly Aircraft corporation here, had left Los Angeles early Wednesday morning for Oakland, according to telegrams received at the company's headquarters here. He had flown south several days ago on a business trip, accompanied by Frank Hrubetz.

Reed and Zimmerman are salesmen for the company, Reed being located at Los Angeles and Zimmerman in the Bakersfield territory.

Associates of Eyerly at the airport here received a telegram from him following the accident that "everything is O.K."

In August, 1929, Eyerly was critically injured when his plane crashed while engaged in a balloon-pricking contest at the Eugene fairgrounds, but he recovered and re-engaged in flying a few months later.

## McNary Offers Great Musician Senate Tribute

WASHINGTON, March 9.—(AP)—Mourners, some known to many and some known to few, defied unusual cold weather today to gather at the flag draped casket of John Phillip Sousa, the bandmaster.

They went early to the chapel on Pennsylvania avenue, later to the marine barracks after the body was removed there at 3 p. m. Congress laid aside legislation to honor the bandmaster. The senate adopted a resolution of tribute. In submitting it, Senator McNary (Republican, Oregon), called Sousa "the world's greatest composer of march music."

## Revised Plan of Entry in World Court Hits Snag

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9.—(AP)—The revised plan for American adherence to the World court encountered new difficulties today with its friends clashing in the senate foreign relations committee over the effect of a proposed modification.

Sharp debate in executive session so prolonged committee discussion that a vote on reporting the court issue to the senate went over for another week.

## Mrs. McCormick Weds Ex-Solon

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Mar. 9.—(AP)—Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick, former congresswoman from Illinois, and Albert G. Stimus of Albuquerque, N. M., former congressman from that state, were married today at the spacious home of the bride at Broadmoor, a suburb.