

The Weather	
Prediction—probable rain.	
Maximum yesterday	57
Minimum today	37
Precipitation	.68

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago	
Maximum	54
Minimum	40

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## Today

The Rights of Property  
A Dangerous Fever  
Mellon's Birthday  
The Big World on Cash

By Arthur Brisbane

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By order of Federal Judge Hough, 258 Ohio families of striking coal miners will be evicted from their miserable shacks on May first. The weather should be fairly warm by then.

The judge in the case did his duty, probably could not have ruled otherwise. The houses belong to the mine owners, and it they want to fight women and children, as well as the working men, that is their right.

Some of them, probably, will go to hell later, in case the fundamentalists are right about future plans, but that will not help the miners' families.

A hundred times, within three years, this column has warned the public against selling stocks short, and against stock gambling. It has been shown that real values are not understood by many, nor do they understand the change in American conditions since the war.

Billions in cash were poured into circulation. Wages were doubled. Men buy stocks, luxuries and speculate, with surplus cash.

The great buying power is now the millions of little people, owners of what economists call the "social surplus." That surplus, amounting to at least ten billions a year, ten times one thousand million dollars, the people of all classes TAKE IN over and above what they need to live. They are investing each year ten new billions that they did not have before. Every year it equals the amount we lent to Europe.

Some of the billions go into motors, new, better houses, radio, talking machines, electric washers and sweepers, better living conditions of a hundred kinds.

And some of it, very wisely, is invested in good American securities, on a sound INVESTMENT BASIS, not on a speculative basis.

BUT, HERE IS THE DANGER constantly growing more acute. Millions have got the stock gambling fever. And many that are counting "paper profits" will be bankrupt, when the dust settles.

Secretary Mellon, in honor of his birthday, took two working hours off, stopping work at 4, instead of 6, p. m., according to the New York "Times."

Of Mr. Mellon, past seventy, some admirers say, "What a pity he is too old for the presidency."

Why too old? If he is young enough to run the financial affairs of this nation, he is not too old to be president. Are sound judgment and long experience of no consequence? Is there no difference in men's staying and thinking powers?

The writer has seen Gladstone, nearly 80, making his fight for home rule in the house of commons at 3 o'clock in the morning, full of fire and energy. Nobody suggested that he was too old to lead his party.

Are we inferior in stamina to the British? Must we admit that American men fade away in their prime, like savage women, prematurely married, old at 30?

A young gentleman bought for \$500 a stock exchange seat that his father once bought for \$500.

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## TORRENTS FOR SOUTH RECEDING NYE MUM ON REPLY TO SMITH

**Flood In Central California Ruins Many Homes—Train Schedules Hampered—Patrol Levees at Sacramento—Slides Block Redwood Highway.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 27.—(AP) The flood menace in central California and western Nevada became somewhat less potent today as receding waters in many rivers left vistas of wreckage and partly inundated homes.

A report that several persons in the north Sacramento district had not been accounted for started an investigation there. Reno, which had been threatened during the early morning hours by a new rise in the Truckee river, apparently escaped further inundation as the stream receded at that point and indications from up-stream indicated the crest of the high water had passed.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Mar. 27.—(AP) Slowly receding water in north Sacramento today disclosed a vista of ruined homes. The American river flood that swept the coasts of many of the houses today lapped at the doorsteps.

Communication with the isolated community is still by boat altho the Southern Pacific company maintains a half hourly service into the city. City and state authorities fed the hundreds of refugees this morning as men, women and children awoke in their temporary homes in theaters, lodge rooms and churches.

Sacramento police are helping to keep order and members of the National Guard are doing police duty. Everyone in the flooded area is being taken care of.

The city of Sacramento has offered to provide for relief needs not otherwise met.

Train schedules were hampered by the flood. Western Pacific trains were derailed over Southern Pacific tracks because of washouts. The Southern Pacific company is running all trains on slow time.

A constant patrol of levees surrounding Sacramento is being maintained.

Several persons, still unaccounted for yesterday were reported missing because of the general confusion. In the opinion of George Suggitt, city marshal, Zachariah Parke, 78, became exhausted and drowned while he was fleeing from his flooded home. This casualty, Suggitt said today, was the only death of authentic instance of a missing person that came to his attention.

At least 400 persons left their homes, driven by the water. At least 300 dwellings were flooded above the first floors. It was estimated.

EUREKA, Cal., Mar. 27.—(AP) Streams running bank full, railroads blocked by slides and automobile traffic on the highways delayed by mud and water last night, was the toll of the five day storm in this region. Traffic over the Northwestern Pacific railroad was at a standstill, due to slides in the Eel river canyon. The train which left Sausalito Sunday night was held at Island mountain and that which left the bay city this morning was tied up at Willets.

While the Redwood highway was not entirely blocked, slides during the day delayed traffic and night traffic was being discouraged. No serious damage to highway bridges was reported.

REDDING, Cal., Mar. 27.—(AP) The backbone of the big storm was broken today and the Sacramento river here had dropped five feet. Conditions were reported improved. Trains were blocked north of here by an earth slide this morning when debris covered the track a mile north of Lamone. Number 18, northbound Cascade limited of the Northern Pacific, was stalled for five hours. No. 12, Shasta limited northbound, was delayed two hours. No. 11, Shasta limited, southbound, was held up for four hours.

Extra crews labored all morning or at noon so the trains could pass. Six inches of snow fell at Crescent lake and at Paunina on the Cascade route.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Mar. 27.—(AP) Lashed by a 60-mile gale, four fishing boats were wrecked at Port Orford harbor. Two were sunk and two were wrecked on the beach. The storm which swept the coast yesterday was the worst of the winter. Telephone communication to farm communities south of Port Orford was destroyed by falling trees. Roads were blocked in places.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Mar. 27.—(AP) Marshfield gardens and fruit trees suffered considerable damage from a hail storm last night, the heaviest of the year. Stones half an inch in diameter fell here.

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**Second Letter of Al Also Hushes Speech of Indiana Senator—Apology Is Asked—Governor Cites Record On Oil Scandal.**

NEW YORK, March 27.—(AP) Governor Alfred E. Smith has written Chairman Gerald P. Nye of the senate Teapot Dome committee that a "letter of apology and not a tirade of abuse," is due him for the senator's statement concerning campaign contributions to the governor from Harry F. Sinclair.

The governor's letter was in reply to one from Senator Nye in which the latter charged him with seeking to undermine public confidence in the committee's investigation.

Senator Nye originally had charged that Sinclair had contributed liberally to the governor's 1926 campaign and was in turn rewarded with an appointment to the state racing commission. The governor, in a previous letter, had denied these charges as "demagogic slander," and had accused Nye and Senator Arthur D. Robinson, Republican, Indiana, with being parties to a "Republican counsel of desperation," to help their party escape in some manner the onus of the oil scandal.

This letter brought the reply from Nye.

The governor's second letter said Senator Nye had made a "false and unjust statement." It added: "You admitted you made it and publicly stated that I had demonstrated its falsity. The next step for you to have taken was a letter of apology and not a tirade of abuse."

The governor seized upon the occasion to inform the committee chairman that his previous letter was not the first time he had condemned the oil scandals.

"For your information," wrote the governor, "let me say that I spoke frequently throughout New York state and elsewhere in condemnation of the oil scandals in the campaign of 1924."

"Let me remind you that the chairmanship of a senate committee exempts no man from the obligation not to make reckless and irresponsible statements. I yield to no man in my admiration for your committee's work and for its distinguished leading counsel, Senator Walsh, or in desire to expose and punish all connected with the corruption unearthed by your Teapot Dome investigation."

WASHINGTON, March 27.—(AP) Chairman Nye of the senate oil committee withheld comment today on the second letter concerning the Teapot Dome controversy written to him by Governor Smith of New York, pending receipt of the communication.

Senator Robinson of Indiana has deferred completion of his senate speech on the New York governor and the whole oil matter until return of Senator Walsh, who went to Michigan to attend the funeral of Senator Ferris.

## WEeping WALT IS FOR WALSH TO BITTER END

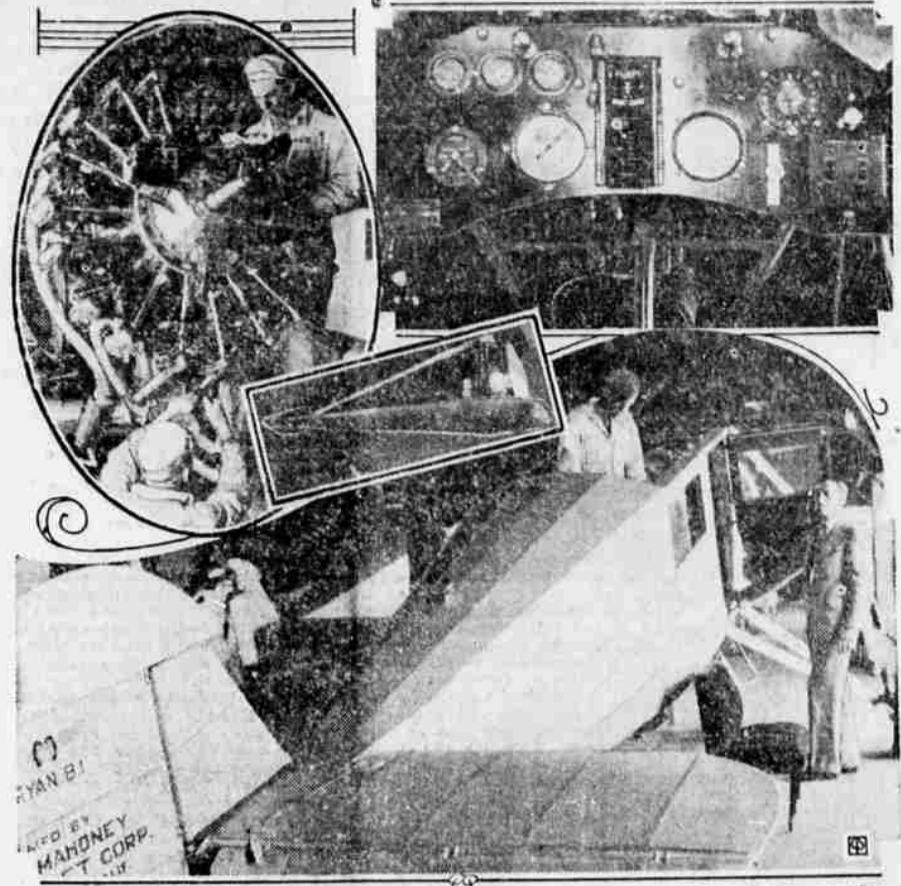
**Ex-Governor In Speech Before Union County Grange Answers Os West—Hopes He Can Vote for Dry Democrat In Primary.**

LA GRANDE, Ore., Mar. 27.—(AP) Former Governor Walter M. Pierce, speaking before the Union County Pomona Grange, declared emphatically that he is "first, last and all the time for Senator Walsh's candidacy for president, and I shall certainly cast my vote for him if I have an opportunity to do so in the primaries."

This was in the nature of a reply to a letter written by Oswald West, democratic national committeeman after Oregon which questioned Pierce as to the truth of rumors that Al Smith's candidacy was finding favor in the eyes of the former governor.

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## LINDY'S NEW PLANE, OWN DESIGN, NEARS COMPLETION



Colonel Charles Lindbergh is not only an expert pilot, but he's somewhat of a designer of planes as well. He has designed one to take the place of his Spirit of St. Louis, rapidly nearing the end of its days of service, which is being built for the air hero at San Diego, Cal. The new plane has many exclusive Lindbergh features. It's a five-passenger monoplane, carries magnesium flares for landing, and is equipped with brakes, an electric starter, a tail skid, blinds for the windows, deep-cushioned chairs, and wool protection against noise and cold. Lindbergh also has had installed a "flight indicator," an instrument that tells him whether the plane is flying horizontally, nose up, nose down—and how many degrees. In the photo, left above, the new motor for the plane is shown being installed. On the right is the instrument board. The center picture shows one of his new landing lights open for use, and below is the fuselage under construction. The new plane can go 120 miles an hour.

## DAM DISASTER LINDBERGH NOW SALEM BAPTIST BLAME PLACED PLAIN CITIZEN, ELECTION WILL UPON BUILDER WEARY OF MOB BE HOT AFFAIR

**Tragedy Due to Defective Foundation, Report of Governor's Probe—Favor State Control of All Construction Impounding Waters.**

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Mar. 27.—(AP) Responsibility for the collapse of the St. Francis dam near Los Angeles on March 12 today was placed squarely with the builders of the structure by the governor's commission appointed to investigate the disaster.

The findings of the commission were embodied in the following three conclusions:

1—The failure of the dam was due to defective foundations.

2—There is nothing in the failure of the dam to indicate that the accepted theory of the gravity type of dam is in error.

3—The failure of the structure indicated the desirability of having all such structures erected and maintained under the supervision and control of state authority.

Elaborating the statement embodied in the second conclusion of the report, the commission asserted that there is no question about the safety of concrete dams designed in accordance with the gravity theory when built upon even ordinary sound bedrock.

Adding that the failure of the dam suggested the desirability of having such structures under state control the commission declared that police power of the state should be extended to all structures impounding any considerable quantity of water.

## HAWLEY TO RUN ON OLD SLOGAN

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 27.—(AP) Representative W. C. Hawley, for twenty years Oregon's first district congressman, today filed with the secretary of state his candidacy for the republican nomination for election. He uses his usual slogan "No interests to serve but the public interest."

**Idol of World Withdraws From Public Eye, After Year of Acclaim—To Follow Own Hobby—Goes to Boxing Bouts.**

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27.—(AP) Acclaimed as no other individual in the history of the nation, Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh officially withdrew himself from the public focus today to follow his long-cherished pursuit of a normal American citizen.

Weary of the jostling and admiring masses, decoration ceremonies and the constant formal affairs in his honor, the youth who has done more for aviation than any other man since the Wrights and Langley, contemplated the future and how best he might acquit himself in the interest of his lone hobby.

Ever since he made his memorable trans-Atlantic non-stop flight ten months ago from New York to Paris, Lindbergh had been feted and honored continuously in world capitals, in the smaller cities of his native country and in the halls of great executive bodies until it seemed his tall but trail physique must soon crack under the strain.

But he stood it all, and today, after one of the busiest aerial acts of his sensational career, he appears in perfect health and only wants to be left alone to work out his own plans.

I can stand the crowds a little so long as they don't "push me around."

The flying colonel wound up his six-day schedule in aviation at the local army station yesterday by taking aloft more than 200 members of the Washington diplomatic corps and their friends, the majority of whom represented the Pan-American countries which Lindbergh recently toured as a good will ambassador.

Taken up in twenty-two groups, they brought the flier's total passengers in six days to approximately 1100 in all. 110 flights were made, averaging fifteen minutes each at a speed of ninety miles an hour and covering 2400 miles, over Washington and nearby Virginia.

In contrast to the high hats and spats with whom he mingled all day, the "Lone Eagle" spent his last evening in the public eye at the ending of a smoker given by the enlisted men at Bolling field. There he ate ham sandwiches, cheered boxing bouts and chatted with mechanics who more than once had groomed his planes for flight.

The handshaking over for the evening, Lindbergh breathed a sigh of relief and was whisked away to his headquarters here, a "private citizen" once more.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27.—(AP) Without a record vote the house today passed the \$153,100,000 naval supply bill.

**Meeting Tonight Promises To Eclipse All Others for Fireworks—Report on Pastor Threatened by Losing Faction.**

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 27.—(AP) Reports were current in church circles here today that when the Baptist congregation meets tonight for its annual election of officers supporters of Rev. Robert L. Payne, supply pastor, will shake things up by defeating for election all those who are opposed to Payne.

It is believed because of their majority, that they will do this as easily as some weeks ago they declared vacant the chairmanship of the board of trustees, ousting H. S. Gile from office.

E. A. Miller, W. E. Slade and J. B. Cooley are deacons whose terms expire tonight and Theodore Falk, Fred Erickson and Emil Roth are trustees who complete their terms. It is predicted that Miller, Falk and Roth will not be re-elected.

The meeting tonight promises to eclipse in fireworks the former meeting. The Baptist council will attempt to get before the congregation a report which was blocked at the previous meeting. It again blocked the council threatened to resign to the new members a mass of evidence against Payne and to recommend that the Oregon Baptist Ministers' association withhold endorsement of Payne as a minister in good standing.

## Fruit Prices Today

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—(AP) (Federal State Market News Service).

APPLES—California boxes, Delicious, \$2.50; winter bananas, fancy, \$2.90@3.25.

Newtown Pippins, 4 tier, \$2.00 @ 2.25; 4 1/2 tier, \$2.20 @ 2.50; poorer, low as \$1.00.

Oregon and Washington Rome Beauties, extra fancy, \$2.75 @ 3.25; fancy, \$2.00 @ 3.00. Newtown Pippins, extra fancy, \$2.25 @ 2.50; G grade, \$2.00 @ 2.25. Winesaps, extra fancy, \$3.25 @ 3.50; Arkansas Blacks, extra fancy, \$3.15 @ 3.50; fancy, \$2.45 @ 2.75.

PEACHES—Oregon D'Anjou, \$2.50 @ 3.50; winter Nells, \$2.50 @ 3.00.

## EXPECT BREMEN TO START DASH BY NIGHTFALL

**German Plane and Flyers Ready for Atlantic Hop—Secrecy Shrouds Plans—Weather Unfavorable Over Course—Reporters Win Point.**

BALDORN, ALDROM, DUBLIN, Mar. 27.—(AP) indications around the Baldorn airfield early this afternoon were that the German trans-Atlantic plane Bremen, which arrived here yesterday from Tempelhof field, might start before nightfall for New York on an attempted east to west passage.

The Bremen was still in her hangar, however, and the three German airmen, Baron von Huenfeld, Captain Hermann Koehl and Mechanic Arthur Spindler, remained in their room out of sight of newspapermen.

The weather report this afternoon indicated that flying conditions for the moment were unfavorable over part of the course, and it was said that if a start was made today it would not be until 4:30 p. m. (11:30 a. m. eastern standard time) or later.

The air of complete secrecy which has surrounded the flight ever since the German fliers took off from Tempelhof field yesterday morning was relaxed at the Baldorn airfield at noon today. Newspapermen protested vigorously against the policy of excluding them at the flying field and the Free State army general headquarters intervened. Reporters were then allowed in the enclosure from which they previously had been excluded.

## PHONE NUMBERS SOUGHT TO AID WAR ON FROST

Complete arrangements for combating frosts in the orchards are being rushed, not only by Floyd Young, the government expert in charge of issuing frost warnings in the Rogue River valley, but by the orchardists themselves in seeing that their smudge pots and fuel for them are properly placed and that their smudging crews can be hastily summoned when emergency warnings are given.

To perfect the warning service, Mr. Young today urged that every orchardist who will smudge this season, both old and new smudgers, at once send his name, address and phone number to the weather bureau headquarters in the Liberty building, so that he will have a complete list to notify in case of a frost emergency.

Mr. Young will give a daily frost warning at 7 p. m. to the Medford and Central Point phone exchanges, from whom the orchardists can get the frost outlook at that hour, and he will also give out by radio from KMED, the Mail Tribune-Virgin Broadcasting station, his daily frost bulletin at 7:15 p. m.

Then, if later on during the night the situation changes and emergency smudging is foreseen by him, he and his assistants will call up the various smudging orchards by phone.

Hence it is seen that his orchard phone list must be absolutely correct in order that every orchard can be warned in such emergency.

## \$600,000 in Jewels Stolen From Hotel Room of Countess

MONTREAL, Mar. 27.—(AP) Countess de Battencourt, a Brazilian, was robbed of jewels valued at 2,000,000 francs, or roughly \$600,000 in a hotel here.

The jewels were in a satchel which was locked in a trunk. They were missed Saturday night. On Sunday the empty satchel was found in a room next to that occupied by the countess.

Police are searching for a servant who disappeared mysteriously after the theft.

EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 27.—(AP) The state tested this morning in the case of Charles Murray, charged with involuntary manslaughter, as a result of the death of William Martin in an automobile accident.

## HECTIC DAY ON WALL ST. SETS MARK

**Sensational Reversal and Rally in Stock Prices—Heavy Buying of Sinclair Oil Features—Radio and General Motors Furnish Thrill.**

NEW YORK, Mar. 27.—(AP) All trading records on the New York exchange were broken today in one of the most sensational reversals of price movement in Wall Street history. Prices crashed \$5 to near \$20 a share in the first half hour of trading, then rallied in spectacular fashion, most of the early losses being subsequently reduced or wiped out and in many cases converted into material gains. Total sales were 4,762,400 shares, as compared with the previous record of 4,176,200 shares established yesterday.

The recovery of prices broadened considerably as the market entered the last hour. Radio was bid up to 164, a new record, and nearly \$18 a share above the low price of the day. Enormous buying of Sinclair Oil was associated with reports of an early change of control, and Corn Products, Public Service of New Jersey, St. Paul common and preferred and Commercial Solvents rose to new peak prices.

When the final gong sounded, the recovery was still in process. Radio increased its record price to 167.50, while General Motors and United States Steel were among the issues participating in the spirited rally. The ticker was well behind at the close of the market.

Radio corporation provided the greatest thrill of the day. Slumping from \$157.50 to \$146.25 in the opening outburst of selling, the stock subsequently rallied to a new high level for all time at \$169.50, closing at \$168.75 for a net gain of \$12.50.

General Motors, which had plunged from \$198 to \$180, snapped back to \$199.50, or \$7.25 below yesterday's final price.

New York Central climbed more than \$5 a share to a new high record at \$179, as rumors of higher dividends were circulated around the street. General Electric, which had opened with a block of 10,000 shares at \$140.25 and then dipped below that level, pushed forward to another new high record at \$149.25.

A stupendous demand for Sinclair Oil, which advanced nearly \$3 a share to a new high record of \$28.50, was accompanied by unconfirmed reports of buying for control by Standard Oil interests, with the Atlantic Refining company prominently mentioned as the ultimate owner of the Sinclair properties.

NEW YORK, Mar. 27.—(AP) A wide-open break in stock prices followed by partial recovery, today brought to a dramatic climax a spectacular bull movement of nearly four weeks' duration. Extreme declines ran five to nearly twenty points, but half of these losses were made up in early afternoon recovery. So great was the volume of trading that the ticker fell 35 minutes behind the actual market before mid-session with indications by the end of the third hour that the day's sales would exceed the record of 4,176,200 shares established yesterday.

There was nothing in the day's news to explain the sudden decline which was generally characterized as a natural sequel to the unbridled speculation of the last few weeks. Strengthening money rates, threatened the continuance of an abundant supply of funds for securities may have been a contributing factor. Bankers had frowned on the recent antics of the market and the waiting also may have had wide influence.

The closing was steady. A late bulge in Radio which carried it up to 164, a record price and nearly 18 points above the day's low, encouraged a resumption of buying for other stocks. Several well known issues reached new highs, including Sinclair Oil, Corn Products, Public Service of New Jersey, St. Paul common and preferred and Commercial Solvents.

Montgomery Ward, Case Thrubbing Machine and Gabriel Snubbers were three to five points above yesterday's close. Total sales exceeded 4,500,000 shares.

## Very Unusual

LOS ANGELES.—C. C. Julian believes that 1000 barrels of whiskey have been consumed in his home in the last four years. He so testified when prosecuting an inebriety charge against his wife.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—(AP) A freak hall storm struck San Francisco at 7:30 a. m. today and lasted about three minutes. Hail stones are rare here.