

The Weather	
Prediction—Fair; frost tonight.	
Maximum yesterday	52
Minimum today	34
Precipitation	.01

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago	
Maximum	62
Minimum	49

Daily—Twenty-third Year
Weekly—Fifty-sixth Year

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Today

More Fireworks
And Some Idle Men
Real Life Is No Gamble
Roses for Diamond Joe

By Arthur Brisbane
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More fireworks in Wall Street. General Motors climbed to 199. Nothing gayer than fireworks. But be sure the rocket stick doesn't hit you on the way down.

A stock exchange seat sold for \$375,000—\$25,000 more than Saturday's price. Exchange seats will go to half a million, and then the 1100 seats on the stock exchange will be worth \$500,000,000. When Russell Sage and Jay Gould were active you could have bought them all for \$55,000. Everything goes up.

That's one side of the picture. The other side is supplied by Mr. Davis, secretary of labor, who tells the senate that "unemployment is serious."

Stocks increasing in value more than a thousand million in a day and 7,847,050 men out of work does not make a pretty combination.

When Burke wept over "Poor Marie Antoinette," Fox told him he saw the fine feathers but forgot the dying bird. He could see the fancifully dressed royal Austrian woman, not the French peasants starving to death.

Chicago's chief of police, smashing the gambling house doors, says, "There will always be gambling. Everything in life is a gamble." That is inaccurate. Building of public schools, radio sets, automobiles or telephones, is not a gamble. Real work and honesty are not gambling. Gambling is a vicious substitute for such things.

They buried "Diamond Joe" Esposito, his own followers having shot 58 slugs into his back. Two airplanes flying low dropped 10,000 roses along the funeral road from the Holy Family church to Mount Carmel cemetery.

Very pretty. But if what the Bible says and what Joe Esposito's says is true, Joe, as he looked up at the falling roses, must have laughed.

Without lifeboats, emergency rations or radio, three Germans, Captain Herman Koehl, Baron Von Huemfeld and Arthur Spindler started a flight westward over the Atlantic to America. Stopping in Dublin for fuel, they expect to get here some time. Everybody's good wishes go with these courageous men, gladly risking their lives in the cause of progress.

The Italian steamship line is first to install and use the "auxiliary air taxi." The Conte Grande, on her way to Europe, will shoot an airplane from her decks at Gibraltar and send you wherever you want to go in Europe.

"Do it now," is Mussolini's motto. Yale seniors place Lindbergh far above Mussolini, because the young gentlemen understand what Lindbergh has done. Few of them know what Mussolini has done. You can't compare a magnificent flying eagle with a man fighting the menace of anarchy, which is Mussolini's job, or with such a man as old Baron von Stein refusing to be discouraged by the power of Napoleon.

The infant death rate is down in Pennsylvania and New York.

4 TOWNS MENACED BY FLOOD

All Able-Bodied Feather River Residents Battle to Prevent Levee From Breaking—Homes Deserted—Phone Operator Stays at Post 48 Hours.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Mar. 28.—(AP)—At 10 o'clock this morning the threatened Feather river levee at Nicholas, Sutter county, Engineers had predicted two hours earlier that it would be washed out by that time. All able-bodied men and some women were at work strengthening the levee. Residents of Nicholas, Verona, East Nicholas and Pleasant Grove were leaving their homes and camping on the high levees.

Mrs. L. M. Webb, telephone operator at Nicholas, has been at her post for nearly 48 hours without relief.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Mar. 28.—(AP)—The east levee of the Feather river at Nicholas, Sutter county, early this morning is endangered as the swollen streams continue to eat into the embankment. At one point about one mile south of the town only 15 feet of the 70-foot levee remains. Hundreds of men are working frantically to prevent the wall from giving in and at 1:30 o'clock this morning the Sacramento Union was advised by residents of the town that the situation appeared favorable.

A span of the north approach to the bridge at Nicholas was swept away by the torrents, halting all traffic between Sacramento and Yuba City over the Garden highway. Nicholas is a small farming community of not more than 200 population, but is surrounded by rich farming lands. If the main levee breaks, persons acquainted with the Nicholas district, which is located about 25 miles from Sacramento, says that the water would cover a large area, possibly reaching to the Natomas district north-west of Sacramento. The water would not threaten Sacramento.

CHEERY LADY OF MYSTERY KILLS NEAR TO DEATH

Sufferer From Strange Malady, Under Surgeons 56 Times In Four Years Prays For Life—Optimism Never Wavered.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Mar. 28.—(AP) After more than four years of hospital treatment during which she has undergone 56 surgical operations, Alameda Cahill, Baptist Memorial hospital's "most cheerful patient," lay on her deathbed today, still hoping and praying to live.

After she was stricken with appendicitis and underwent her first operation she fell victim to a strange malady and operation after operation failed to give more than temporary relief. The disease never was diagnosed fully.

Through it all Miss Cahill retained her cheerfulness which has become a tradition about the hospital.

Unable to sit up, she has spent her time largely in reading.

REED CANDIDACY FILED IN STATE

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 28.—(AP) The first presidential candidate to file with the secretary of state as an aspirant for the choice of Oregon voters in the May primary election is Senator James A. Reed of Missouri, whose application has been received by Secretary Koser. His request that his name be placed on the democratic primary ballot was in correct form, Koser said.

HOLLYWOOD IN FEAR THAT DAM ABOVE IT WEAK

Movie Capital Fears Repetition of St. Francis Disaster and Asks Inspection—Witness at Inquest Blames Drowned Caretaker.

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 28.—(AP)—Clare Woolwine, assemblyman of the 63rd district here, has requested Governor C. C. Young to order an immediate investigation of the Mulholland dam above Hollywood. He asks, on behalf of his constituency, to have the state engineering commission, recently appointed by the governor for the investigation of the Hollywood dam, report their findings as to the construction. In line with assemblyman Woolwine's request, it became known today that the district attorney's office, the city and the bureau of water and power commissioners investigations are under way following wholesale requests by citizens living below the arch for the inspection of the dam whose plans and specifications were used in the San Francisco canyon structure which failed.

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 28.—(AP)—A series of charges of blasting powder, 625 pounds in all, were set off in road construction below the west wing of the St. Francis arch dam four days before the great structure collapsed the night of March 12-13.

This testimony was given today at the coroner's inquest over dam victims by J. H. Bouey, engineer in charge of maintenance of the dam. Bouey said that Tony Harnschfeger, caretaker of the dam, who was drowned when it gave way, had set off the charges during the building of a new road leading down behind the western dyke wall. The blasts were set about 300 feet from the lower side of the dam.

Bouey declared the charges had not sprung any new leaks in the dam, although numerous small leaks had been noticed in the west bank of the structure. All, however, seeping only clear water.

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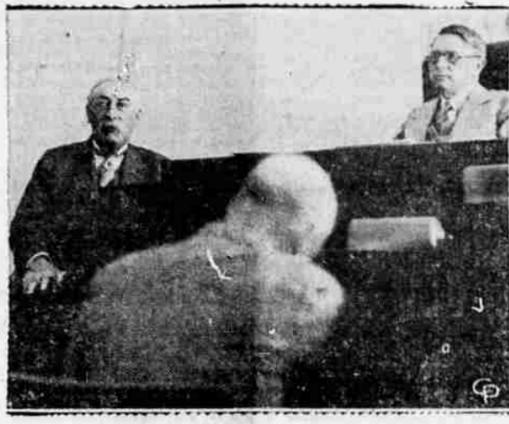
LOS ANGELES, N. M., Mar. 28.—(AP) Having successfully fought a desert sand storm, runners in the cross-country marathon moved across the Rio Grande today toward their twenty-fifth control at Seven Springs, a distance of 27 miles. Peter Gavuzzi, Southampton, England, who led the van thru the 49-mile battle with the sand storm yesterday from Old Laguna Pueblo, was expected to set a grilling pace today in which Albuquerque was to be skirting. Gavuzzi's elapsed time for the 855 miles covered from Los Angeles to Los Lunas was 147:02:46.

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FIXING BLAME FOR DAM DISASTER



Snapshot at coroner's inquest in Los Angeles to determine responsibility for St. Francis dam disaster. Of William Mulholland, 72, builder of the dam, telling Coroner Frank Nance (on the bench) and jury of construction details and of precautionary measures taken. Mulholland, broken from the shock of the tragedy, is chief of the Los Angeles bureau of water and power.

GLOBE CIRCLING WEST COAST TO TRIP BY LINDY, LATEST RUMOR

Would Be a Good Will Jaunt—Also Reported Lone Eagle Maps Latin America Air Service—Flies With Lawyer to Gotham.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Mar. 28.—(AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh landed here at 2:30 p. m. Lindbergh, who was accompanied by Henry Breckinridge, his attorney, went to the home of the latter's brother, Dr. Scott Breckinridge, where it was said they would spend the night. He refused to talk to reporters.

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OCEAN HOP OF BREMEN HELD BACK

German Efficiency Marks Preparations, While Irish Reporters Are Nettled by Secrecy—Unfavorable Weather May Delay Hop-off, Now Set for Dawn Tomorrow.

BALDONNEL, IRELAND, Mar. 28.—(AP)—Refusing to risk a start until weather conditions are favorable, the crew of the German monoplane Bremen today scanned the weather charts carefully in preparation for their projected flight across the Atlantic. "The Bremen will not fly before dawn tomorrow at the earliest," Baron Von Huemfeld, intrepid leader of the hazardous expedition, informed the Associated Press.

Baldonnel airdrome was bathed in sunshine with only a few white clouds in the sky this afternoon, but weather reports from London and the United States, upon which the departure will be based, were unfavorable.

Final word on the hop-off rests with Captain Herman Koehl, who has a reputation as being a most careful pilot in Germany. Mechanic Spindler and two Junkers men spent the morning overhauling the Bremen. A high barbed wire fence surrounded the ship to insure privacy.

Baron Von Huemfeld declares that he is superstitious about talking of the flight before he makes it, and says that he believes it may have been the cause of failure of his previous attempt last year when the Bremen had to turn back when it encountered gales off the Irish coast. A new Irish war may break out, however, unless the baron yields to the persistent demands of Irish journalists to tell them of his plans, and protests have been made to the Free State government officials, to President Cosgrave and to the minister of defense regarding the attitude of secrecy maintained by the German fliers.

DUBLIN, Irish Free State, Mar. 28.—(AP)—"Slight flying to me is like an ordinary walk," a pilot-in-command, Captain Herman Koehl, pilot of the plane Bremen, said in an interview with the Associated Press correspondent here today. "And while the possibility of accident cannot be ignored," he said, "the same is true of an Atlantic liner."

"The experience of former Atlantic fliers has taught us that one of the most serious obstacles is the weighting down of the motor chine by ice gathering on the wings. I am trying to guard against that by oiling the wings of the Bremen with paraffin.

"Moreover, if the thermometer show that we are flying into freezing weather, we will change our course and go farther south. As I have plenty of petrol, I don't anticipate an hour or so one way or the other will make much difference.

"I am anxious to arrive in New York in daylight as I don't want to spoil the flight by a forced landing in the United States."

Captain Koehl said he would pilot and navigate the machine most of the journey, but that he would have Arthur Spindler in the cockpit with him. Spindler, who flew under Captain Koehl in the war, is also a crack pilot.

Contracts awarded were: Coos county—Riverston-Cocquille-Hoffman bridge section of Roosevelt highway, maintenance materials, Homer G. Johnson, \$92,927. Douglas county—Bridge at Schofield river, R. M. Olds, \$18,229. Lane county—Springfield bridge, Lindstrom & Fiegensand, \$127,266. Mrs. Luella B. Gray awarded concession on Emigrant park.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28.—(AP)—After an hour of consideration the senate today passed the \$325,000, 400 measure for control of the Mississippi river floods.

Grants Pass Noted As Being Hurt in Auto Crash

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Mar. 28.—(AP) Thelma Parr, motion picture bathing beauty and declared by Pittu Haakon Frolich, noted sculptor, as a perfect type of American beauty, was cut about the face, neck and arms last night when the car in which she was riding collided with another.

Mrs. Parr, who has been featured in bathing beauty roles for the past three years, is a native of Grants Pass, Ore.

PORTLAND CLUB WOMAN VICTIM DRUG ATTACKER

Screams Over Upset Phone—Bring Police to Exclusive Home—Names Assailant As "Ray"—Friends Retard Investigation—Haltless Man Flees.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 28.—(AP)—Cries of a woman, overheard by a telephone operator through a line from an upset phone, caused police last night to hasten to the home of Robert J. Kirkwood, in an exclusive residence district.

Two patrolmen said they saw a halous man, with coat on his arm, rush from the house as they approached. He disappeared in the darkness and no trace was found of him.

Mrs. Opal E. Kirkwood, wife of Kirkwood, was found on the front room floor in a delirious condition and was taken to a hospital. Officers quoted her as exclaiming: "Get away from me, Ray. If I saw here you wouldn't do that. Oh, why did you give me that stuff? I hate you."

Later she told detectives that she had retired about 8 p. m., and was awakened by noise of someone entering the house and she found herself clasped in a pair of powerful arms. She said she struggled but failed to recognize her assailant.

Patrolman Gavent, one of the officers who went to the house, said he believed the woman had been drugged. No evidence of liquor was found in the house.

Further investigation was retarded today when detectives were refused admission to the hospital room Mrs. Kirkwood occupied. She was said to be hysterical and suffering from bruises and shock. Several friends, including three men and two women, were admitted to the room while detectives were kept out.

Kirkwood is a prominent Portland sportsman and former member of the state legislature. Mrs. Kirkwood is a member of several women's clubs. Kirkwood was absent from the city on business.

Robert Kirkwood, the husband, who was reported as out of town last night when police attempted to locate him, was found at his office.

Kirkwood, after visiting Mrs. Kirkwood at the hospital, held a press conference at the hotel, where he said he and his wife had "talked things over yesterday," and that he had left the home. Kirkwood stayed with friends in Portland.

ROSEBURG VOTING AIRPORT BONDS

FEAR MORE POLITICAL BOMBINGS

Forty Chicago Homes Guarded As Campaign Foes Contribute to Record Reward For Capture—Probes Threatened, but No Clues—Each Side Blames Other.

CHICAGO, Mar. 28.—(AP) Homes of forty Chicagoans were under guard today and a \$65,000 reward was on the heads of the persons who bombed the homes of United States Senator Deneen and Circuit Judge John A. Swanson Monday night. The reward, said to be the largest ever offered in a Chicago criminal case, was offered for arrest and conviction of the bombers.

State's Attorney Robert E. Crowe, who is Judge Swanson's opponent for the republican nomination as state's attorney at the April 10 primaries, started the reward jackpot with the largest single offer—\$10,000. Police Commissioner Hughes posted \$5000 from his contingent fund and Mayor Thompson followed with a personal offer of \$5000.

The nine others who said they would pay \$5000 are either office holders or leaders of the Thompson-Crowe wing of the republican party which has a complete state, county and city ticket in the field against the Deneen group.

City, county, state and possibly national inquiry into the double bombings have been strongly hinted but thus far the police and state's attorney's office have been the only active agents seeking the bombers.

The result of the police investigation was summarized last night by Commissioner Hughes' terse "no developments."

The Deneen-Swanson bombings, like the four previous "political bombings" since January 26, have left the authorities virtually without clues. The motor cars used by the bombers were seen in both instances by persons passing by, but their stories have proven of but little value to investigators.

Since October 11, last, there have been 62 bombings in Chicago. A complete list was made public last night by Assistant State's Attorney Walter Walker, in charge of bomb investigation.

No convictions have resulted, and few arrests. Various causes have been assigned, including politics, labor troubles and personal motives.

The 62nd bomb was exploded last night in front of the beer pump and supply store of Emil Seiler on South Halsted street. He attributed it to his refusal to permit a political faction which he did not name, to place posters in his windows. The damage was slight.

Each side insists the other is responsible for the Monday explosions. Both Mayor Thompson and State's Attorney Crowe in statements said Deneen forces were throwing bombs at themselves in an effort to create sentiment favorable to Deneen candidates.

CHICAGO, Mar. 28.—(AP) Tully Haffa, Chicago alderman, and nine others, including a former member of the Lincoln park board, were indicted by the federal grand jury today on charges of conspiracy to violate the prohibition laws in what the government charges was a \$5,000,000 alcohol ring, which has been flooding Chicago and the middle west with illicit liquor.

Among those indicted with Haffa is Albert P. Bauer, former Lincoln park commissioner, who, federal men indicated, has confessed.

The under-cover men federal operatives said, not only dealt with Haffa and his lieutenants, but tapped telephone wires of members of the ring and obtained evidence against politicians and made even prohibition agents who made calls to inquire about their "cut."

Single orders for alcohol, the under-cover men said, sometimes ran as high as \$10,000 and often it was shipped several hundred miles from Chicago.

The agents also discovered thru the tapped telephone wires, the location of five stills operated by the syndicate.

Others indicted are Henry Finckelstein, part owner of the recently closed Redevaux cabaret; Sam Simon, a former convict, known as Haffa's right hand man; Carl Friedlander, another lieutenant; Joe Wahl, a prohibition agent; Edward Hugg, Joe Bagheria, Joe Murray and George Letch, all alleged cogs in the alcohol machine.

Haffa provided bond, declaring he was the victim of a political plot intended to whip him into line with the opposing faction.

"I never sold a drop of liquor," he said, "and I cannot understand this charge. My enemies have been threatening to get me."

State Senator Herman J. Hae...

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