

The Weather
 Prediction — Cloudy tonight and Sunday.
 Maximum yesterday 65
 Minimum today 34
 Precipitation .01

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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MEDFORD, OREGON, SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1928.

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Today

By Arthur Brisbane

Boom and Baseball.
 Hoover and Smith.
 Well, King George Won.
 No Jugo-Slav Ostrich.

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Wall Street was booming again Wednesday, dividing public interest, in New York, with the opening of the baseball season.

New York, "where the money is, once supplied nearly half the business of Wall Street. Now New Yorkers do only 10 per cent of speculating, 90 per cent is scattered throughout the country.

This means a stock speculative craze is nation wide.

Those that buy what they can pay for and keep it, may sleep soundly.

But those gambling will worry, when the time comes "and how," as the current saying goes.

At present business is "stepping up." There is an improvement all along the line, and no storms are in sight.

Among Republican candidates for the presidency, Herbert Hoover leads by a good margin over his nearest competitor, Governor Lowden.

As for the Democrats, Governor Smith, of New York, is so far in the lead that there is no second worth mentioning. The governor has now safely secured 354 votes, within 14 of the highest number voting for him in 1924.

It seems a pity to make delegates go all the way to Houston to find out what they know already.

It is pretty hard to beat King George of England. The election in Chicago proves it. However, one primary will not discourage "Big Bill" Thompson. He is mayor, and will continue to act as such, primary or no primary.

Jugo Slavs have added two new submarines to their naval equipment at Cattaro. It may interest you to remember that the undersea boats are named "Netojscha" and "Hrabri."

Many fighting Jugo Slav hydroplanes accompany the submarines to their base. Jugo Slavia expects trouble from Mussolini.

Uncle Sam, like the ostrich, has a better plan. He puts his head in the sand, counts his money and hopes for the best.

Were Mark Hanna alive he would be interested in the Illinois election and surprised to hear that his daughter, Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick, is probably chosen congressman-at-large.

Lindbergh took 36 young Pacific coast girls up in the air, in installments, Thursday, giving those charming creatures something to talk about forever.

Women may thank the good Lord for granting the flying machine. They can fly on the average as well as any man, and the airplane is another step toward real equality.

The effort to abolish the unwise tax on automobiles develops the fact that the government collected a thousand million dollars from automobile owners and spent only six hundred millions on better roads—not fair to the men that pay for the cars, "war tax included."

The war ended some time since and the foolish tax ought to end.

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OCEAN FLYERS SAFE BUT STRANDED

ASTRAY IN INKY FOG FOR HOURS

Bremen Damaged in Landing and Resumption of Flight Unknown—Plans to Send Rescue Planes Too Hazardous—Few Details of Ocean Crossing Available.

(By the Associated Press)
 The eyes of the world turned today toward a tiny icebound island between Newfoundland and Labrador where the crew of the trans-Atlantic monoplane Bremen was preparing to take the air once more to complete the interrupted journey from Ireland to New York.

How soon that take-off could be made, the plane having been damaged in landing with empty fuel tanks after losing its way in the fog, remained a matter of speculation.

One message received at Ottawa during the morning reported that an attempt would be made to get the crippled plane into the air at noon but shortly afterward Quebec received a message over the government telegraph wires saying that the Bremen had been found to be more seriously damaged than at first believed and that continuation of the flight would be held up several days.

The crew of the Bremen, two Germans and an Irishman, according to fragmentary messages relayed from the isolated island in the ice pack by dog sled, wireless and telegraph made a forced landing yesterday afternoon on a small lake.

Prior to that, one message said, they had wandered through the northern skies in a dense fog so they could penetrate for four hours. They landed only when their fuel was exhausted. The aviators believed that they were comparatively fortunate to escape injury. The three fliers, Baron von Huenefeld and Captain Hermann Koehl and Colonel James Fitzmaurice, co-pilots, were reported to be comfortable and to be in no immediate need, being cared for by the fourteen persons who inhabit the island in the winter. Two miles away across the ice on the mainland was a village of 200 people and another larger village was fifteen miles away, where the nearest radio station was located.

Plans were at first made to send rescue planes both from the United States and Canada but these were modified during the day. It was decided that planes from the states would be unnecessary, as Canada was better situated to give what assistance might be needed, and Canadian officials decided that dispatching a plane to the little island where there was no good place for a landing was too hazardous a venture to be undertaken unless its need was imperative.

Instead a message was sent to the fliers asking them exactly what they needed and how soon, and government action was held up pending the replies.

In the meantime, however, an air mail plane had taken off from Quebec for Greenly island.

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Any link there may have been in the quest of fame at the risk of death on Friday the thirteenth was offset by a four-leaf clover, a shamrock, carried in the plane.

After fighting storm, head winds and fog in its flight from Dublin, the plane came down some 107 miles short of its destination, Mitchell field, and far off its course. It had covered some 2,325 miles in 34 hours and 32 minutes, air line, and presumably much more when restrictions from course are considered.

On the right Baron von Huenefeld carried a four-leaf clover as an omen of good luck, and Fitzmaurice a little silver doll.

The shamroo was carried by Fitzmaurice last September when he tried to fly the Atlantic with Captain R. H. Mcintosh, and brought him safely back to the sands of Ballybeg beach when the plane was unable to fight its way through storms off the Irish coast.

When the Bremen arrived at

G. O. P. CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS



Headquarters of the Republican national committee for the Kansas City, Mo., convention in June have been selected and will open May 1. The entire second floor of the Security building in Kansas City, indicated by arrow, has been set aside for the committee's use. The building is five blocks from the convention hall.

FREEZING WIND BULL MONTANA AND SNOW HIT SAYS HIS WIFE MID-WEST AREA TRIES MURDER

Power and Traffic Facilities Suffer in Four States—No Lights in Council Bluffs and Omaha Isolated Again—Record Storm in Minnesota.

CHICAGO, April 14.—(AP) Snow, kicked by strong winds swept through Nebraska, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota, last night and early today, a foot deep in places and an inch in others but everywhere accompanied by freezing temperatures.

Damage reported was not comparable to that of a week ago when a snowstorm isolated Omaha and other Nebraska communities, but power, transportation and communication facilities were hampered and in some places temporarily broken down.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, had a lightless night in the residential sections when the wind and freezing sleet broke down electric light wires.

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The storm that struck St. Paul and Minneapolis was described as one of the worst in the April records of the weather bureau.

Up to one foot of snow covered that section. The storm, which continued most of yesterday, covered a stretch of about 150 miles wide in Minnesota and extended into parts of Wisconsin and Iowa.

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OZARK REVELRY ENDS IN DEATH TO 35 DANCERS

Youths of West Plains, Mo., Perish When Gasoline Explosion Razes Hall—Fire and Darkness Adds to Terror of Holocaust.

WEST PLAINS, Mo., April 14.—(AP)—Thirty-seven persons are known to have been killed and 28 injured in an explosion and fire which destroyed a dance hall here last night.

Of the 27 charred bodies that had been recovered at noon today, only 13 had been positively identified. Twenty-four persons were reported missing, but most of these were believed to be among the unidentified dead.

Many bodies were burned almost beyond recognition. Digging in the ruins continued and searchers believed a few more bodies would be found.

A coroner's jury was impaneled and heard several witnesses, but was not able to determine the cause of the explosion. The prevailing theory is that J. W. Weiser, owner of a garage under the dance hall, struck a match, igniting gasoline fumes. Weiser was killed.

WEST PLAINS, Mo., April 13.—(AP) Death stalked into this little Ozark city and turned a dance hall with its merry-making throngs into a holocaust.

With 35 known dead, rescue workers today were tearing away the debris where laughter changed to shrieks of terror as an explosion wrecked the building late last night, seeking eighteen persons missing and thought to have perished beneath falling walls. Fifteen injured are in hospitals, many in a serious condition.

The cause of the explosion has not been determined. Fire followed almost immediately and destroyed three buildings before it was brought under control by volunteer bucket brigades assisting the fire department. Property loss was estimated between \$100,000 and \$150,000.

Many of the injured were picked up on the streets far from the scene of the blast. St. A. Alforn, merchant, was blown 35 feet and burned with both legs broken and an arm torn off.

The intense heat of the fire and the total darkness caused when the power plant was damaged, hindered rescuers. Soon after the explosion the walls of the building collapsed.

The dance was being held on the second floor of a two-story building. The ground floor was a garage and motor car sales room. Officers today are investigating a report that a large gasoline storage tank, thought to have been under the building, was the cause of the blast.

Thirty to forty couples were dancing when the blast came. It was the regular Friday night dance of West Plains' younger set. Among the merry-makers were many of the prominent young men and women of the town.

At 11:30 o'clock when the dance was at its height, J. N. Webster, owner of the building, opened the door of the garage on the floor below. A motorist had called him from his home to supply some gasoline. As the garage door swung open, there was the thunder of an explosion. The floor of the dance hall above was lifted almost to the ceiling. A moment of terrible silence followed, then the floor crashed in fragments into a raging gasoline-fed furnace below.

Into it went the forms of a score of persons who a moment before had been merry dancers. Some were blown through the windows and survived. Three or four were able to crawl away from the flames to safety. Others were blown free of the ruins to the street, badly and not mangled, burned and bleeding.

The plant was believed to have been killed instantly. Hilt Allen, the trombone player, who was sitting next to her, was blown thru a window and lives. The third member of the orchestra is believed also to have perished, as did Webster.

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Lewis Divorce Rumor



Reports from Rome and Paris hint that Mrs. Sinclair Lewis, wife of the American novelist, will seek to obtain an "amicable divorce" from her husband at Reno, Nev. The couple are above.

LINDY LANDING UPON ARIZONA HILL, PUZZLING

Denies He Was Forced Down, But Looking for Quiet Place to Work—Refuses to Discuss Flying Plans.

WILLIAMS, Ariz., Apr. 14.—(AP) A report that Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh landed in a wooded area five miles north of here, sent several carloads of Williams citizens hurrying to the spot. Lindbergh apparently had difficulty in getting out of the woods, which is 6,700 feet above sea level.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Apr. 14.—(AP)—L. S. Williams, town clerk of Williams, Ariz., in a long distance telephone conversation with the Associated Press here, stated that Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh went down six miles northwest of Williams near Corcoran's mountain in a very rough and rocky country. It has been impossible to reach the flier, Williams said, although his plane can be seen across a hill, apparently in an upright position.

Before getting off for a real start the colonel piloted the field for a few minutes and then returned to earth for some reason speculators were unable to determine. Almost at once after landing, however, he took to the air and soared away, headed north, apparently intending to fly over the grand canyon again, this time by daylight, having crossed it in the dark last night.

When he came to breakfast this morning at 10:20 o'clock, he looked refreshed from his night's rest, having gone to bed soon after landing here last night.

He smiled and shook hands with a small group of Arizona citizens who had fared the aviator would "make a snack" in the early hours and they might miss seeing him start.

The colonel, as usual, would not disclose his plans, but talked on other subjects.

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BOURBONS OF STATE FACE FUSS

Walsh and Smith Forces Line Up—Hoover Only G. O. P. Candidate—State Interest Centers in G. O. P. Race for Secretary of State—No Dearth of Candidates.

SALEM, Ore., April 14.—(AP)—Rivalry between the Smith and the Walsh camps of Oregon democracy was the most interesting feature in this state's participation in national politics as manifested in the filing of political candidates, beginning the first of the year and closing last night.

Not a candidate for delegate to the national democratic convention has declared himself in favor of Senator James T. Reed of Missouri for president, although Reed is the choice of Great West, national democratic committeeman from Oregon.

Of 26 candidates for the democratic convention five delegates for the state at large, two for the first district, one for the second and two for the third, a total of 10, declare for Smith. Three for the state at large, two for the first district, and three for the second, a total of eight, declare for Walsh. Two for the state at large and one for the third district express themselves as "opposed to Tammany."

Three for the state at large, one for the second district, and one for the third are non-committal. The democratic delegation will be four from the state at large and two from each congressional district, total 10.

Republican convention candidates are seventeen for the state at large and three for each district, 26 in all, a practical unit for Hoover. The republican delegation will be seven from the state at large and two from each district, a total of 13.

With five for each party to elect the republicans have in the field six candidates for presidential electors and the democrats eight. The petitions of Herbert Hoover and Alfred E. Smith, republican and democratic candidates for president respectively, were filed last evening with 18,500 and 2000 names respectively. Hoover stands alone in the presidential niche on the republican ballot. Smith has two opponents, Walsh and Reed, or three, if Rev. Alonzo Workman of Joplin, Mo., is counted.

Another important candidate to be listed yesterday was Congressman Hamilton Fish of New York, who filed as the republican candidate for vice-president. William Webster of Buckyrus, Ohio, and John J. Hall of Portland also seek the office.

Willis Hawley of the first district is the only Oregon congressman who is opposed for re-election. James W. Mott of Astoria is his opponent on the republican ballot. Representative Koroll of the third district will be opposed in the general election in W. C. Culbertson of Portland, who filed yesterday for the democratic nomination.

In state politics interest centers in the contest for the republican nomination for secretary of state. T. R. Handley of Portland, former state senator and former corporation commissioner, and Joseph L. H. Baker, member of the public service commission, and Hal E. Hoas of Oregon City, former secretary to Governor Patterson, are in the field.

For two seats on the supreme court bench three republican candidates aspire. They are Chas. R. John L. Hand and Justice Rossman, incumbents, and Justice L. H. McManahan of the circuit court for Marion and Linn counties.

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CORVALLIS, Ore., Apr. 14.—(AP) More than 150 visiting high school bandmen were here today to participate in the fifth annual high school band contest.

Medford, LaGrande, Corvallis, Albany, Seaside and three Portland high schools, Gram, Jefferson and Franklin, had entered.

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AVIATORS LAUD FEAT OF BREMEN

New York Plans Mighty Welcome—Called Greatest Achievement of Flying By Com. Byrd—Thousands Wait Anxiously for News of Safety

NEW YORK, April 14.—(AP)—Stirred as they had not been since Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh flew to Paris nearly a year ago, New York's millions today were planning such a welcome as only he received when the crew of the Bremen finally reaches the city.

Since Thursday morning when the news came that Captain Hermann Koehl, Colonel James Fitzmaurice and Baron von Huenefeld had hopped off in Dublin for New York enthusiasm had been steadily mounting.

When word came that the three fliers had landed safely at Greenly island the whole city joined in the tumult of thanksgiving.

"I knew they'd make it," was optimism that had prevailed throughout the long anxious hours. Men prominent in aviation hailed the feat as a distinct triumph.

"A splendid adventure and considering the tremendous odds, the greatest achievement in the annals of flying," Commander Richard E. Byrd said.

"My hat is off to them," said Floyd Bennett, Commander Byrd's pilot on his flight to the North Pole. "I'm sorry they didn't make New York, but in reaching the coast of Labrador they did what no man had done before them."

Bernt Balchen, who was with Byrd on his flight to France from New York last summer, called it a "great job."

"They had everything against them," he said. "It is one thing to fly from west to east with good summer weather, but another thing entirely to have a big head wind all the way."

"I think the flight of the Bremen is the most remarkable ever made," Charles A. Levine said.

Miss Herta Junkers, official representative in this country for the company which built the Bremen, never lost her faith that the big plane would win through.

"I know they will make it," she repeated over and over to questioners, as she waited all day at Mitchell field with a sister ship of the Bremen, ready to take the air to welcome the fliers and guide them safely to their destination.

Late in the afternoon when others had begun to express their doubts as to the safety of the plane and its occupants, Miss Junkers curled up in the cabin of her plane and took a nap.

A tall, pale, energetic woman of 28, she has worked beside her father in his laboratories for 18 years. She had been up since four o'clock in the morning and when the news of the fliers' safety was received, she slipped away.

Joseph Koehl, an uncle of the German captain, and Eugene Zimmerman, a cousin, both waited at the field until the news came from Greenly island. Professor Koehl expressed the hope that the flight would tend to cement the cordial relations between Germany and the United States.

RICHARD DIX HAS CHANCE FOR LIFE

ROLLINGWOOD, Cal., April 14.—(AP)—Richard Dix, film star, who has been critically ill of pneumonia following an emergency operation for appendicitis last Tuesday, rallied today and hopes for his recovery were held out by his physicians, who said, " barring unforeseen complications, he will recover."

LIMA, Peru, April 14.—(AP)—Advices received from the department of Arequipa in southern Peru say that Quilpa Indians lost their lives in a series of earthquakes which have been shaking the region for days. The tremors began April 9 and continued spasmodically until Friday.