

The Weather
 Prediction—Partly cloudy.
 Maximum yesterday 54
 Minimum today 43
 Precipitation 0.5

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
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MEDFORD, OREGON, SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 1928. No. 30

Today

By Arthur Brisbane
 Von Huenefeld's Poetry.
 Mr. Araki From Tokio.
 Mr. Ochs Celebrates.
 A Changing World.

The three fliers, two German, one Irish, will stick together and fly on to New York together. Fitzmaurice had no idea of accepting a welcome ahead of the others.

Baron von Huenefeld, who financed the Bremen trip, says that part of the time, flying through fog, he wrote poetry, and part of the time wondered what was going to happen.

Von Huenefeld has been nominated for the German parliament, and national pride will probably elect him in spite of his friendly attitude toward the ex-kaiser.

Worthy of your polite attention is Mr. Toichiro Araki from Tokio. He jumped out of an airplane on Long Island at 12 minutes to 5 yesterday morning, on his way in a race around the world for the Japanese newspaper, Jiji Shimpo.

Mr. Araki, by airplane, automobile, fast trains and boats, expects to go around the world in 34 days. When Jules Verne suggested a trip in 80 days, that was thought preposterous.

Adolph Ochs, owner of the New York Times, celebrates his fiftieth year as a newspaper publisher. That publishing career, begun in Chattanooga 50 years ago, has agreed with Mr. Ochs. Friends that recently saw him climbing hills on the Pacific coast observed no change in him in the last 20 years. May he continue publishing 50 years more and then go to live in Pasadena permanently.

The Lutheran church received 5000 suggestions in a national contest for an advertising slogan suited to the teachings of that church. The judges adopted this:

"A changeless Christ for a changing world."

Fortunately, the changing world changes its ideas of Christ and his teachings. It no longer burns witches in his name, or tortures those that choose to think as they please religiously.

When Protestants in Switzerland burned Dr. Servetus alive, on a slow fire, mocking his appeals for a speedier death, they thought they were pleasing Christ. They were mistaken.

Senator Simms, of North Carolina, opposes the nomination of Governor Smith, and the first Democratic fight of the 1928 campaign is under way, with the odds in Governor Smith's favor. He is playing golf, not noticing the fight.

King George won his first race of the season yesterday, the Brandon handicap. The king's horse, Scuttle, by Captain Cuttle out of Stained Glass, carried a good deal of loyal British money bet upon him.

If Heeney beats Tunney in the coming fight, Dempsey will return and fight Heeney. If Dempsey wins, perhaps Jeffries and Willard will return to fight him.

SINCLAIR SPOTLESS SAYS JURY

Oil Baron Paid Fall for Ranch, Not Bribe, They Believe — Mrs. Sinclair Hysterical After Verdict — Deliberate for Two Hours.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—(AP)—Harry F. Sinclair today was acquitted of the charge that he conspired to defraud the government in the leasing of Teapot Dome.

A jury in the District of Columbia supreme court accepted his contention that while he paid Albert B. Fall \$233,000 in Liberty bonds and \$35,000 in cash, it was for a part in the ranch owned by the former secretary of the interior and was not a part of a deal through which the Wyoming naval oil reserve was turned over to him.

The jury took the case from Justice Bailey at 10:25 o'clock this morning and returned its verdict at 12:24 p. m. being out exactly one hour and 59 minutes.

Immediately after the verdict was rendered Sinclair authorized this statement: "I have felt since the inception of the oil cases that I would be acquitted of any charge of conspiracy to defraud the government when the evidence went before a jury."

"Today in the court room he was surrounded by his friends who poured their congratulations upon him. Mrs. Sinclair was so deeply moved that she became hysterical. When the jury had entered the court room and seated itself the usual routine was performed by the court before the justice addressed it.

"Gentlemen of the jury, have you reached a verdict?" he asked finally. "We have," replied the foreman. "What is your verdict, Mr. Foreman?" asked the clerk of the court. "Not guilty," came the reply as the court room strained forward.

"Oh, good," exclaimed Mrs. Sinclair as she began to cry. Friends led her into the corridor and as soon as Sinclair could force his way through the crowd he walked out, but his arm around her shoulders, then slipping her arm through his, walked out of the corridor door.

Before the jury filed into the jury room Justice Bailey warned the spectators that any sort of demonstration regardless of the verdict, would be promptly punished. Sinclair although freed of the conspiracy charges today still is faced with two contempt proceedings. One of these is for his refusal to answer questions of the senate oil committee and he was sentenced to serve three months in jail for that. The other is for his hiring detectives to shadow the Fall-Sinclair trial jury last August. He was sentenced to six months for that. Both are pending in the circuit court of appeals.

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GERMAN GIRL OFF TO AID FLYERS



Miss Herta Junkers, daughter of Dr. Hugo Junkers, designer of the plane Bremen, in which Captain Herman Koehl, Baron von Huenefeld and Commandant Fitzmaurice landed at Greenly Island, off Labrador, on their attempted Dublin-New York non-stop hop, is shown here before departing from Mitchell Field, Long Island, with Pilot Melchior, on the first leg of their attempted flight to Greenly Island to pick up the transatlantic fliers and bring them to New York. Photo below is of the Theodorite, sister plane to the Bremen, in which Miss Junkers and Melchior set out, with Orchard Beach, Me., as their first destination.

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Smith's big victory came in Iowa, where a dry faction headed by Edwin T. Meredith, former secretary of agriculture, had put up a stiff fight to keep that state's 26 delegates in the Meredith "favorite son" column, or at least away from the New York candidate. The state convention instructed the entire 26 for Smith by acclamation.

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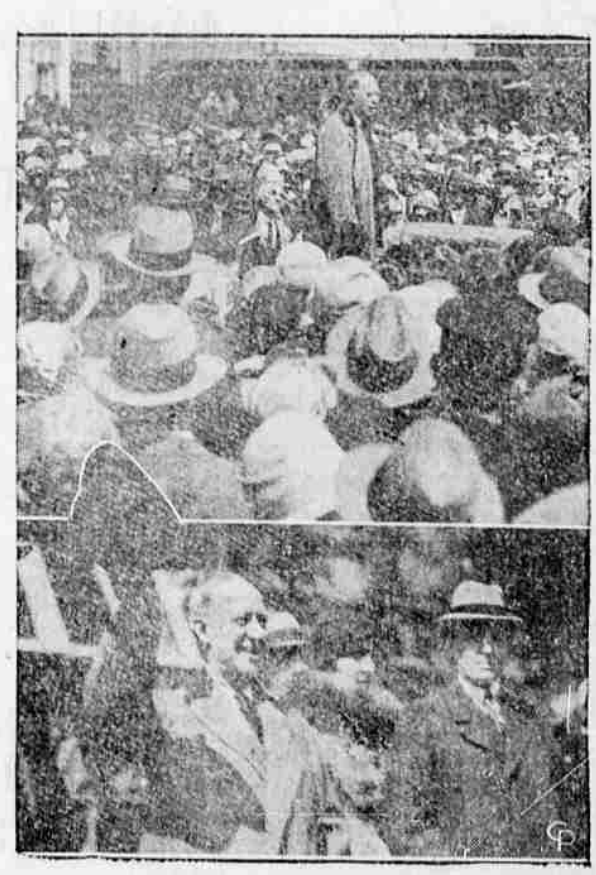
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Southern Greeting for Al



LOS ANGELES, April 21.—(AP)—Governor Al Smith of New York is the only democrat who has a chance to beat out a republican candidate for the presidential chair during the forthcoming November elections, in the opinion of Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross, former governor of Wyoming.

The first woman governor of the country, chided "Bryan democrats" for not concentrating their political fire upon the republican party, instead of Smith and for "splitting" the party by demanding a dry nominee. Prohibition, Mrs. Ross asserted, was no longer a live issue.

Senators James Reed of Missouri, and Thomas J. Walsh of Montana, were dismissed as presidential timber by Mrs. Ross as being too obscure, and little thought of by voters.

BULGARS BLAME 2 DIXIE STATES QUAKE HORRORS UPON POLITICS

Session of Parliament on Good Friday Called Impious—People Aroused—125,000 Homeless and Philippopolis in Ruins.

VIENNA, April 21.—(AP)—A Vienna dispatch to the Daily Express today said that a political upheaval might result from the earthquake which devastated southern Bulgaria.

The people of Philippopolis, in the center of the stricken district, held the government responsible for the disaster, because for the first time in Bulgarian history, a session of parliament was held on Good Friday, a holy day.

The people are convinced that the catastrophe was punishment for this impious.

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POLAR HOP OF WILKINS COMPLETED

Arctic Flier Lands Near Svalbard, After Flight Across Top of World, Seeking Lost Continent—Details of Epoch Trip Meagre.

LONDON, April 21.—(AP)—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen says that the newspaper Politiken has received a message from Svalbard stating that Captain George H. Wilkins, Arctic flier, landed near the Svalbard radio station at 11 o'clock this morning.

Svalbard is the name applied to the entire archipelago of Spitzbergen, Bear Island and adjacent islands in the Greenland sea. The distance from Norway to Bear Island is 1250 miles north and to Spitzbergen 375 miles. Spitzbergen was the point for which Captain Wilkins set out from Point Barrow in a direct line across the North Pole.

A previous message to Politiken, also from the Svalbard radio station, stated that Captain Wilkins flew from Point Barrow and landed near Doedmannsøra, where he had weathered his first day. Doedmannsøra is an uninhabited island on the north side of Isfjord, about 25 miles from Svalbard.

The crew of the plane was reported in excellent condition. The arrival of Captain Wilkins near Svalbard, Norway, from Point Barrow, Alaska, represents the successful completion of Captain Wilkins' plan to fly across the Polar regions and presumably across the North Pole itself.

The Wilkins plane carried a radio, but despite a constant watch by radio stations, complete silence enveloped the activities of the expedition from the time that the aviator was expected to take off from Point Barrow.

Captain Wilkins, a noted Australian explorer, was accompanied by Carl B. Eielson, an Alaskan pilot.

DETROIT, April 21.—(AP)—Captain George H. Wilkins announced his arrival at Spitzbergen from Point Barrow, Alaska, in a radio message today to the Detroit News.

"Reached Spitzbergen after 30 1/2 hours' flying," one stop five days account had weather. Greetings to Aviation society and Flying club," the message received this forenoon said. It was dated Svalbard 12:31 p. m., April 21, and was signed "Wilkins, Eielson."

Eielson is the Alaskan flier who has accompanied Wilkins on his previous Arctic expeditions and went with him to Point Barrow, Alaska, early this year on his latest effort to find a lost continent and attempt a flight across the "top of the world" to Spitzbergen.

Success came to Wilkins on his third attempt. Two previous trials at exploration of the "blind spot" lying north of Point Barrow were unsuccessful. In the first of these, a Detroit newspaper man accompanying the expedition, was killed at Fairbanks when struck by the propeller of one of Captain Wilkins' planes.

In the second attempt, made the following year, Captain Wilkins flew out into the Arctic spaces and flew back. Several days later he returned to Point Barrow, retreating his conviction that a plane could be flown across the "top of the world" to Spitzbergen and his determination to try again.

OSLO, Norway, April 21.—(AP)—The newspaper Dagbladet reports that Captain George H. Wilkins and Pilot Carl B. Eielson have arrived in Spitzbergen from Point Barrow, Alaska, after a flight lasting 21 hours. The government wireless operator at Spitzbergen died several days ago. The new operator to replace him left Tromsø on April 20 and was due at King's Bay on April 24. It had been assumed meanwhile that the island was as good as isolated wirelessly, although someone there apparently was able to work the key sufficiently to get out news of the regular operator's death.

BREMEN RELIEF THIS MACHINE PLANE DUE TO START SUNDAY

Illness of Pilot Bennett Causes Delay — Schiller Will Take Place — Ford Machine Carrying Gas and Propeller to Stranded Aviators.

QUEBEC, April 21.—(Canadian Press)—It was learned here this afternoon that Duke Schiller will pilot the relief plane to Greenly Island tomorrow. The take-off is scheduled for some time between 6 and 8 a. m. Bert Balchen may accompany Schiller, but Bennett is said to be seriously ill.

The propeller and as much of other repair equipment for the Bremen as can be taken on board will be shipped. Two trips may be necessary.

LAKE STE. AGNES, Que., April 21.—(By The Canadian Press.)—Illness of Floyd Bennett, who is confined to his bed, has caused the Fall-Sinclair trial jury last August. He was sentenced to six months for that. Both are pending in the circuit court of appeals.

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THIS MACHINE TALKS LIKE AN ENGLISHMAN

Mechanical Voices Use the Broad 'A' — Develop Sounds Made By Lips and Tongue—Also Has Different Tones.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—(AP)—A mechanical voice spoke to the members of the American Physical society at their annual dinner last night after a day devoted to the difficult business of canvassing recent achievements in their active field of research.

"Rather," it said with the excessively broad "a" attributed by American comedians to countrymen of its creator, Sir Richard Paget, noted British inventor and physicist, who was a guest of the society and manipulated the device.

"Hello, London, are you there?" it asked, a little later, and then exclaimed: "O, Lilla, I love you!"

Sir Richard explained that his invention conformed to the laws of physics as applied naturally in human speech through control, by movement of the tongue and lips, of the resonance developed in the mouth of the action of the vocal cords.

A bellows, operated by the foot, takes the place of the lungs, and an organ reed serves as the vocal cords. The function of the mouth and tongue is duplicated in several ways, a cardboard tube may be used, with the tongue action simulated by manipulation of a disc fitted on the end of a rod. Different tones are obtained by a pinched rubber tube moistened on the inside, but skillful hands and fingers applied to the end of the reed makes the most effective substitute for the natural organs.

Baseball Scores

National	R.	H.	E.
New York	3	10	2
Boston	3	11	1
Batteries: Earnes and Hogan; Robertson, Hearn, Mills and Taylor.			
American	R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	0	4	2
Chicago	5	10	0
Batteries: Lucas and Hargrave; Sukeforth; Bush and Hartnett.			

MALE FILM IDOL WEDS HURRIEDLY

RENO, Nev., April 21.—(AP)—Richard Barthelmess, motion picture actor, and Mrs. Jessica Haynes Sargeant, of Reno, formerly of New York, were married here last night by Judge George A. Bartlett of the district court.

Barthelmess arrived in Reno at 9:15 o'clock last night, hastily secured a marriage license and departed with his bride for San Francisco at 11 o'clock. They were to sail from San Francisco for Honolulu at noon today.

Witnesses to the wedding were Florence Vidor, motion picture actress, and Dallas F. Squires, a college chum of Barthelmess. Mrs. Sargeant was divorced in Reno last January from Harry Brooks Sargeant, New York broker.

TORNADO STRIKES ARKANSAS VILLAGES—WOMAN FATALLY INJURED WHEN TREE HURLED AGAINST HOUSE—PHONES PARALYZED AND DAMAGE HEAVY.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 21.—(AP)—More than 50 houses were damaged, hundreds of trees were leveled and many telephones were reported out of commission as the result of a severe wind and rain storm that swept Memphis early today.

The wind centered its violence in the eastern part of the city, traveling from southwest to northeast. Two 85-foot smokestacks of the Hudson Hardwood Flooring company were blown down.

Reports from the northeastern part of Shelby county said some farm houses had been wrecked and dispatches to the Illinois Central railroad told of a very severe storm along the main line to north Mississippi.

One death and three injuries were reported in a heavy wind storm that struck at Atoka, Tenn., today.

Ambulance drivers who brought C. B. Forbes, 56, a millwright, and his two sons to a Memphis hospital, said a third son was killed when the Forbes home was demolished.

TEXARKANA, Ark., April 21.—(AP)—An undetermined number of persons were injured, one probably fatally, and dozens of buildings were destroyed when a tornado swept through Index, Ark., and Ogden, Ark., today.

Mrs. W. L. Johnson, about 45, suffered injuries which probably will result in death when the twister hurled a tree against her home at Ogden.

Many houses, barns and trees were blown down or carried away, and a plantation owner at Index reported that ten of his tenants were homeless and he feared lives had been lost.

Later reports were that the storm across Leary, Texas, and Hooks, Texas, west of Texarkana, before striking the Arkansas communities, a church, business buildings and houses were unroofed at Hooks, but no loss of life was reported.

SCRANTON, Pa., Apr. 21.—(AP)—Three persons were injured and about 20 persons narrowly escaped when their lives early this morning when a time charge of dynamite, believed by the police to have been planted in an attempt to wreck the "LaVoce Italiana," an Italian newspaper, was set off near the press in a four-story brick building in Center street.

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