

The Weather
Forecast: Cloudy and mild to-night and Wednesday.
Maximum yesterday 63
Minimum today 50

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 74
Minimum 54

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Today

By Arthur Brisbane

Exciting zeppelin voyage. There are exceptions. Ford and Voltaire. Insurance-Safety.

Yesterday there was some anxiety about the big airship. Because the voyage had lasted so much longer than was expected, food supplies were running low.

It was suggested that passengers would have to subsist the rest of the voyage on bread, caviar and champagne. Many, living under prohibition, could imagine a worse fate than being condemned to live on caviar and champagne.

Mr. Eekener and his fellow officers on the Zeppelin hope that American capital will interest itself in the building of five airships for trans-Atlantic flight.

A big New York bank is said to be interested. All are interested in the development of aviation. Every useful new thing helps general prosperity. If we can't build the airships ourselves, the next best thing is to finance them.

Mr. Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., of General Motors, and his associates, will sooner or later get into the airplane field.

McClintick, Marshall, a firm of Pittsburgh now constructing ready-made steel frames for houses, might well turn from steel to duralumin to build all-metal dirigibles and frames.

Wall Street begins a new week happily. United States Steel, on Saturday, went to a new high price, and other stocks up with it.

All the news from everywhere seems to be good. High interest rates, which can't last, since this nation is not committed to usury, offer fine opportunities for conservative investment in bonds.

Great demand for automobiles, keeping all plants at capacity production, is one proof of prosperity. The Northwest and Middle West reports good business.

Truly, "It hath not been shown what we shall be." If we were much more prosperous, we could hardly stand it. But it is not so with all, unfortunately.

In New York a man 50 years old, having vainly sought a job open to gray hairs, tried to hang himself from a third-story window. He did not succeed in hanging himself, but fell and was killed.

Mr. Roy Howard looks before he leaps and decides not to leap, after having alcoholic drinks analyzed in many of New York's "best" speakeries.

In eight "high grade" establishments his agents purchased liquors actually deadly. Only two or three places out of 28 sold whiskies non-poisonous. And they also were poisonous, since alcohol, as fools use it, is always poison.

Henry Ford has bought and will take to his museum in Dearborn, Mass., a little one-room building in which Luther Burbank worked at his problems. Henry Ford, unconsciously, imitates the Empress Catherine of Russia, who wrote philosophical letters to old Voltaire, and many letters of a different kind to young gentlemen nearer home.

When Voltaire had Catherine

HICKMAN'S LAST WORD GIVEN A. P.

Los Angeles Slayer Sorry Did Not Plead Guilty—Leniency Plea Made For Mother—Says Crime A Sign Of Ignorance—They Walk In Darkness.

SAN QUENTIN PRISON, Cal., Oct. 16.—(AP)—In what probably was the last interview William Hickman, Los Angeles slayer, will ever grant the press, he told the Associated Press this afternoon that he was sorry he did not plead guilty and "make his peace with God."

"I am really sorry that I pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity," he declared. "I see now where it would have been best if I had stood up like a man, pleaded guilty and made my peace with God the way I should have done and paid the penalty."

Hickman issued a written statement. Among the features of his final message was a plea for leniency for his mother, whom he loved.



William Edward Hickman, Los Angeles slayer, asserted he was not insane at his trial and seemed to indicate. The youthful slayer declared that the reason such damning testimony entered the proceedings against his mother lay in the strained relations between his father and mother at the time.

Hickman lay his troubles to his previous belief that he was too highly educated to conform to the established school code. "In high school I studied sociology and kindred subjects," he said. "I began to get the idea that the smarter a man was the less he had to depend upon God. I began to think that men like H. G. Wells and Robert Ingersoll were self-sufficient and did not need God."

"I became an agnostic, fatal and contrary around the house. "Good grades and honor in school are worthless unless you have good morals," Hickman quoted President Coolidge.

"The country cannot stress too much the spiritual development of the young people during high school." Hickman's statement, written by himself in his cell, and issued to four news services, follows: "Crime and other evils are signs of ignorance and death. All criminals and unrighteous men are struggling in the clutch of satanic error. By wilful disobedience to God's law they become ignorant of the laws of truth and life. All creation is based upon positive force, such is the will of God. However, the devil is exerting his influence upon the minds of men in order to tear down the world of God. By the work of satan crime and violence have come into the world."

"Men who wilfully reject Jesus Christ and deny the grace of God invite ultimate damnation and torment. Thus it is said they walk in darkness rather than the light. "God is the author of light. Satan is the author of darkness. "Let men realize that there are invisible forces for good and evil ever present and ever working upon the minds and hearts of mortals."

"The angels of God and demons of hell are absolutely controlling the lives of all people. The important fact is for a man to open his heart to Christian faith and so live in the spirit of Jesus Christ that he overcomes the law of sin and death."

"The reason that I became such a heinous criminal was because I followed a demon of hell to lead me on."

Art of Mayhem Is Demonstrated in Chinese Sport

SHANGHAI, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Preparations for possible casualties were made today when the first national Chinese boxing tournament sponsored by the government to encourage these sports opened with 240 entrants. In view of the fact that in Chinese boxing contestants are permitted to kick or hit their opponents in any part of the body and that genuinely sharp swords and spears are used in fencing, preparations are made to compensate relatives of contestants who may be killed or seriously injured.

MORE ECONOMY IS REQUESTED BY GOVERNOR

State's Department Heads Told Need of Saving—Patterson Reiterates Campaign Pledge To Reduce Taxes—No Salary Increases.

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 16.—(AP)—To several hundred state department heads and executive officers, gathered here yesterday to hear specially prepared messages from Governor Patterson and Budget Director Kozier concerning the state's financial condition, the governor recalled his campaign statement of 1926 that "if elected to the office of governor, I said, it is my intention to bring about a reduction in taxes." The governor said he believed many persons voted for him because of this statement, and he expressed the conviction that he will be able to accomplish his purpose if "selective and appointive officials will exert their utmost efforts in carrying out of a unified policy, having for its objective efficiency in all public matters accomplished through the expenditure of the smallest amount of the public moneys."

Both the governor and Mr. Kozier mentioned that the revenues of the general fund will be insufficient by about \$2,000,000 to meet authorized state obligations for the present biennium ending December 31 next. Both urged curtailment of departmental expenses.

The governor urged the department heads to "curtail public expenditures to the minimum—no more and no less." To that end he urged them to review carefully with the budget director their budget estimates for the biennium of 1929 and the governor asked in particular that no salary increases be asked in the budgets.

Kozier mentioned legislative appropriations made by the 1927 legislature in excess of revenues including existing laws and the intention to meet them by revenue measures submitted at a special election. This program was not approved by the people.

"Inasmuch as appropriations had been authorized by the legislature were covered by the added revenues," Kozier said, "we are now confronted with a glaring deficit in our general fund of between a million and a half and two million dollars by the end of the present year."

Kozier dropped a hint to the officials with the remark that "Undoubtedly some reductions may be accomplished through less travel on the part of public officials, both within and without the state."

0688 on Payroll
Taking the month of May as an illustration Kozier said that on the state payroll from the governor down there were 6088 persons. In salaries and wages the cost to the state per month is about \$560,000. To show the citizens expenses are mainly for local taxes, and not state taxes, Kozier said that for the year 1928 the total property tax in all counties is \$9,942,568.96, of which only \$5,481,271.29 is state. This fact, however, he declared, should not lessen the care used in state expenditures.

LADY ASTOR ARRIVES FOR VISIT



Lady Nancy Astor, formerly Nancy Langhorne of Virginia, and now a member of parliament in England, as she arrived in New York with her daughter, Phyllis.

VAST HOOKUP FOR ELECTION RADIO REPORT

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—(AP)—The American people can sit at home on the evenings of November 6 and have the election returns brought to them by radio. Results of the balloting, national and local, are to be reported by the country-wide network of the national broadcasting company, if it is announced today. The news will be furnished to the company said, through the courtesy of the United Press and the International News Service and the Associated Press.

The progress of the vote tabulation in the presidential and congressional contests will be broadcast from the central studios in New York. This program will be interrupted occasionally for announcement of state, county and municipal election news by local stations in the network.

Graham McNamee is to be master of ceremonies. Music and other entertainment by popular artists will intersperse the election broadcasts, which will continue until final results of all important contests have been determined. "The old methods of shouting news bulletins through the megaphone, or shouting them on lantern slides," said M. H. Alexander, president of the company, "were not only limited as to audience but virtually meaningless as to fact. We propose to confine our election returns to such news as is indicative and to present it in such form as to be readily understandable."

Persons experienced in handling election news and familiar with the technique of broadcasting will prepare the news for broadcasting.

School Boy Finds Dirigible Mail Bag in School Ground

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Thirteen-year-old Bernard Tucker, of this city, doesn't think much of the dirigible Graf Zeppelin as a mail ship. He recovered a large sack of mail dropped from the ship as it passed over Washington yesterday.

None of the mail was addressed to Washington and City Postmaster C. P. Mooney forwarded it. Postoffice authorities believe that the bag was dropped here by mistake. It fell in a school ground.

REGISTER FOR CARAVAN
Anyone interested in joining the caravan excursion to the Owen Oregon lumber camp at Dufur Falls tomorrow should register at the Chamber of Commerce this evening.

Transportation will be provided for all those who are at the Chamber of Commerce at 8 o'clock in the morning and have previously made reservations.

Senator Killed
PARCO, Wash., Oct. 16.—(AP)—State Senator William H. Kirkman of White Sulphur was killed and several members of his family injured at 10:45 o'clock this morning when his automobile was wrecked on the state highway near Parco.

ASK RECEIVER FOR THE KLAN ATLANTA, GA.

Newspaper Says Receiver Asked For K. K. K.—High Officials Spent Too Much—Charged Campaign Law Violated—Evans Declines Comment

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 16.—(AP)—The Constitution today said a receiver had been asked for the Ku Klux Klan in a petition presented in United States district court here alleging that expenditure of money by high officials of the organization had caused it to become insolvent.

The petition, presented yesterday to Judge Samuel H. Sibley of the federal court, who ordered it filed, charged that Hiram W. Evans, imperial wizard of the order,



and other officials had spent Klan funds in opposing the candidacy of Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York. Democratic candidate for president, because of his religion.

Collected Millions
It was alleged that the organization had become insolvent, although it had collected \$100,000,000 from its members which, the petition said, "was greatly in excess of the amount necessary to pay its lawful and necessary expenses."

Violation of a Georgia law, opposing contributions by a corporation or its officers from corporate funds of money to campaign expenses or for political purposes in an election or primary held in this state, was charged.

Evans Declines Comment
Evans, in Washington yesterday, declined to comment on the petition presented by C. T. Rice, who identified himself as a member of the organization. Another man named as defendant in the petition, James A. Comer of Little Rock, grand dragon of the Arkansas realm and a member of the "board of directors" of the Klan, said the organization was solvent, was not in politics, and "though unalterably opposed to Alfred E. Smith," had not spent money for political purposes.

In addition to Evans and Comer, W. F. Zimmerman, the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and the American Building were named as defendants in equity.

Smallpox in Portland
PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 16.—(AP)—City health authorities reported a small epidemic of smallpox in Portland today. Four cases had been sent out in Keaton school and these pupils were under observation. There are 29 cases in the entire city.

Admiral Moffett Gets the Pak and the Deluge

LAKEHURST, N. J., Oct. 16.—(AP)—A rear admiral in the United States navy ranks all the "theatrical" there are of course, when a visiting zeppelin is grounded at the navy air station.

Rear Admiral W. A. Moffett, chief of the navy bureau of aeronautics, was getting then while the Graf Zeppelin was being moored last night. Being a rear admiral, he could walk right under her, while the ordinary folks had to stand about a city block away.

It was taking advantage of this particular prerogative when the Zeppelin's crew dumped the water ballast out of her tail. It was a lot of water. Admiral Moffett got most of it.

SMITH TO HIT G. O. P. CLAIM OF ECONOMY

Republican Economy Claim To Be Target In Smith Speech Tonight—Missourian Crowd Expected In Sedalia—Welcome Pleases.

SEDALIA, Mo., Oct. 16.—(AP)—Republican claims of economy in the administration of governmental affairs will be the target here tonight of Governor Smith in launching his single speech campaign in this border state.

In addressing an audience in the huge livestock pavilion at the State Fair grounds, a few miles from Sedalia, the Democratic presidential nominee will take as his text a single sentence of his acceptance speech, in which he asserted that the "claim of governmental economy is as baseless as the claims that general business prosperity exists and that it can exist only under Republican administration."

Thousands of Missourians are expected to come here to hear the speech, which will be broadcast over a nation-wide radio chain beginning at 8 o'clock, central time. The governor worked late on the speech last night at the Terry hotel, his headquarters here, but he will not be expected to be able to complete it before noon today at the earliest. A parade set for the forenoon was the only formality in his day's program before the speech.

Acclaimed in Missouri as no other occasion since his campaign got under way in late August, Governor Smith arrived here at 7:30 o'clock last night after a strenuous odyssey in St. Louis and its neighboring Missouri and Southern Illinois cities. The reception seemed to him to have been one continuous cheering multitude from the time he reached Belleville, Ill., early in the morning until he arrived at the hotel here last night after a short run from Kirkwood, 15 miles outside of St. Louis.

Washington and Jefferson City got a brief glimpse of the nominee on the way here, and Sedalia claimed the "Show Me" state's welcome during the short motor trip from the special train to the hotel. The governor will leave here tomorrow for Chicago, where he delivers on Friday night the seventh speech of a campaign swing that started out to be only a three-speech affair.

Encouraging reports on the presidential outlook in this state were made to the New Yorker by Democratic leaders during his flying visit across Missouri.

Welcome Pleases
The demonstration in St. Louis seemed particularly to please the nominee, who recalled during a press conference on board his train that he had not been there since 1915, when Wilson was renominated in a "hall with a glass roof."

He thought the reception was "very enthusiastic," and said it made him feel "like I was at home." He also expressed himself as "entirely satisfied" with the results of his tour through the South and border states of Tennessee and Kentucky.

SKY LINER LEASED TO SPANIARDS

Graf Zeppelin Safely Berthed—Passengers Signed A Non-Talk Agreement—Ship To Be Used Between Spain And The Argentine—New York Welcome Planned.

By W. W. CHAPLIN, Associated Press Staff Writer, LAKEHURST, N. J., Oct. 16.—(AP)—The largest airship ever built, its silver envelope containing inflammable hydrogen, was berthed today at the United States naval air station after completing the longest commercial flight from Europe. Three other dirigibles, inflated with non-inflammable helium, huddled in the hangar close beside the Graf Zeppelin.

Smoking was sternly prohibited, and in certain places no one was allowed except with rubber-soled shoes lest so small a thing as a spark from a nailed heel cause disaster.

The mighty Graf Zeppelin, which floated up from the Zeppelin works at Friedrichshafen last Thursday morning with a crew of 49 men and a passenger list of 29, landed here at 5:28 p. m. yesterday after playing tag with the elements over a zigzag course estimated at 6,500 miles requiring 111 hours, 35 minutes. It was berthed at 3 a. m. this morning, after spending most of the night attached to a mooring mast.

The other dirigibles in the hangar were the Los Angeles and two comparatively tiny non-rigid blimps. When the ship touched earth passengers and crew grimaced excitedly from the windows as they thought of restaurant dinners and the pleasant footing of solid ground. But they were due for disappointment. Customs inspection and difficulty in handling the crowds resulted in the passengers being practically incumbered for hours in the cabins and later in that part of the hangar turned over to their customs service. Not until late at night was the last piece of baggage passed and the health of the last passenger certified. Then they straggled away, some to homes and others to New York nearby points.

Non-Talk Agreement
They were eagerly questioned by reporters but their replies were necessarily limited by an agreement that they had been forced to sign that they would not talk about the flight for publication for eight days after landing. This agreement was called for in a contract between the Zeppelin company and an American news syndicate which purchased the story rights of the flight.

Ship Is Leased
Because of the news monopoly contract and the forced agreement of the passengers, the conversation of the air voyagers was limited, but one important piece of information was forthcoming. It was definitely established that the Graf Zeppelin, which was built as a commercial ship largely by popular subscription had been leased for two years to a Spanish company planning trans-Atlantic passenger and mail service between Spain and the Argentine. The lease carries with it an option to buy but it is understood that the Spanish company only wants the ship for use until it can build air liners of its own.

Damaged Fin Seen
As the Graf Zeppelin lay in the hangar, its silver fabric rising almost to the vaulted roof, persons on the ground could plainly see the damaged portion, from which the fabric was torn by the storm while over mid-ocean. Preparations were made to effect immediate repairs.

The Graf Zeppelin arrived as day was dropping into the dusk just four years to a day after the arrival of the navy Los Angeles from the same starting point. Crowds had gathered for three days in hopes of witnessing the arrival.

Yesterday, however, there were not many more than 500 on hand when a gray smudge appeared on the darkening north horizon and expanded to the proportions of a gigantic fish that swam the skies with a stupendous majesty. It had already thrilled millions in Washington, Philadelphia, New York and other seaboard cities.

As the great dirigible, now the greatest in the world and set soon to be replaced by three other greater ships, crossed the boundary of the air station and dipped toward the flying field the crowd broke into a spontaneous cheer.

With no lights showing except from the yellow pane of one cabin window, from which the auto woman passenger waved a greeting, the Graf Zeppelin, below, the sky ship moved slowly and silently with muted motors to a

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