

**The Weather**  
 Forecast: Partly cloudy.  
 Maximum yesterday 76  
 Minimum today 58

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

**Weather Year Ago**  
 Maximum 79  
 Minimum 54  
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## Today

By Arthur Brisbane

**Eckener And The Moth. Lincoln's Short Letter. Said John D., Sr. Thorough Banditry.**

Dr. Eckener will fly back with his great Zeppelin the latter part of next week. He has confidence in his ship, and says it needs the round trip.

Meanwhile, Commander H. C. MacDonald, an English flier, started for England, from this side, taking in a tiny Moth plane of 100 horsepower and fuel for 35 hours' flight. Commander MacDonald, only 28, might save his courage for something more useful. But the world will wish him well in his gamble with death.

On June 12, 1848, Abraham Lincoln wrote to William H. Herndon a short letter, telling what he thought of Zachary Taylor's prospects of election. The letter was sold Wednesday for \$3000.

Lincoln, 27 years old when he wrote that letter, would have been amazed had he known what would happen to it.

At that time he would have been glad to get the job in the Interior Department for which he applied unsuccessfully. Fortunately he didn't get it, for it might have taken him out of politics.

In so-called "investment trusts," formed here and there, you are invited to buy stocks and told "we buy assorted stocks, using our magnificent judgment, buying the best. Your big or little investment will increase in value as the stocks we buy increase in value."

So they will if the stocks increase in value.

You know the story about John D. Rockefeller, Sr., urged to buy stock in a small railroad, because a big railroad was going to lease it for ninety-nine years, and guarantee dividends. Mr. Rockefeller inquired, "Did he happen to mention who was going to guarantee the guarantor?"

Some investment trusts undoubtedly will produce excellent returns, some WON'T. Be as careful in selecting an investment company to invest money as you would in selecting a trust company to handle your real estate.

The mere word "trust" does not mean anything.

Thoroughness is the cornerstone of modern banditry. A young woman, wife of an alleged bank burglar, who could tell a story dangerous to criminals, will never tell it on this earth. She was found Wednesday morning with her throat cut and her head battered in.

Chicago contributes four bombings in different parts of the city. The bombing represents a new item of industry: the "racketeers" exploding bombs in three tire and battery shops and one shoe shop in the effort to frighten such concerns into paying tribute.

This campaign has not been apparently to change President Coolidge very deeply, or at least, not deeply enough to make him enter the campaign actively.

But on Tuesday night Governor Smith told a big crowd in Sedalia, Mo., and millions of people via the radio, that President Coolidge's economy is nothing but MYTH. He quoted figures, using all his intensely convincing methods in pre-

# HICKMAN PAYS PENALTY IN PRISON

## 'FOX' COOL WHEN TRAP IS SPRUNG

**Hickman Hanged This Morning—White But Cool On Death March—Burial In East—Reads Last Letter From Mother—Spectators Faint.**

SAN QUENTIN PRISON, Cal., Oct. 19.—(AP)—William Edward Hickman was hanged here today for the murder of 12-year-old Marian Parker, Los Angeles school girl, whom he kidnaped December 15 last.

The trap was sprung at 10:15 a. m. and he was pronounced dead at 10:25 a. m. The youth who boastfully called himself "The Fox" walked to the trap white but with little other outward appearance of emotion, consistent to the last breath with the attitude displayed since he was arrested in Oregon.

Up a flight of 14 steps he went, preceded by Rev. William Fleming, priest under whose spiritual guidance he turned from fatalism to Christianity in the shadow of the noose.

His arms were strapped to his sides. On either side and behind him marched a guard. In a semi-circle were some 200 persons who saw him die.

The priest chanted the litany of the dead from the Roman Catholic ritual as the dead march progressed and Hickman made the responses.

The doomed man's lips scarcely moved but he followed without a noticeable break.

Hickman walked to his death steadily as a ramrod but his knees shook as he stood on the trap an instant before it was sprung.

Twenty-two seconds after he entered the sawlows from the trap was released.

**Burial in East**  
 The doomed man's father, William Thomas Hickman, gave Warden James H. Hollahan a signed order to deliver the body to a San Francisco undertaker, but the prison officials declined to state where it would be sent.

## Man Wounded; Talkies Drown Sound of Shot

MINOT, N. D., Oct. 19.—(AP)—One thing about talking picture shows is that they may get shot and no one may know of it.

Robert Lewis was shot in the leg last night when a pistol dropped from the pocket of C. T. Vaughn. The talking picture was full of gunfire, one extra shot more or less passed unnoticed.

Lewis, with a bullet in his leg, hobbled from the theatre without the audience knowing he had been hurt.

## PLANE CRASH IS CAUSED BY SCARED MAN

**'Freezing' To Controls Wrecks Sightseeing Ship—One Man Killed And Others Injured—Prominent Bankers Passengers.**

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Oct. 19.—(AP)—A frightened passenger who gripped the controls of an airplane in which prominent bankers were making a sightseeing trip over Atlantic City was responsible today for the crash of the plane and the death of one of the occupants and the serious injury of the others. Eight men were in the plane.

W. Octave Chanute, Denver investment banker, died in the Atlantic City hospital two hours after the accident. Mr. Chanute and four of the other passengers were delegates to the annual convention of the Investment Bankers' association here.

The injured are: Pliny Jewell, Boston; fractured skull; condition critical. Thomas Dysart, St. Louis; broken ribs, internal injuries and broken left wrist; condition critical. Henry L. Duer, Boston; shock and minor injuries. Alden H. Little, Chicago; cuts and bruises.

Ralph Somers, Aberdeen, N. J.; internal injuries and shock. George King, Garden City, L. I.; pilot; possible fracture of the right leg and neck. Ferdinand Ebel, Pleasantville, N. J.; reller pilot; possible fracture of right leg and shock.

The plane, a sister ship of the trans-Atlantic Junkers plane Bremen was returning to the field after a flight over the city. Witnesses on the ground saw it go into a tail spin when approximately 2000 feet in the air, right itself, go into another spin and crash to the ground.

## FIRST U. S.-MEXICO CITY AIR MAIL



Ambassador Morrow, on right holding cane, witnessed the arrival at Balbuena airfield of the mail plane inaugurating the new air mail service between the United States and Mexico City. He is shown watching delivery of the mail bags by the pilots to Vicente Villacane chief of Mexican civil aviation, at left with outstretched hand.

HOPE PASSES FOR AVIATOR IN OCEAN HOP

Commander MacDonald Is Long Overdue—Only Chance Is Isolated Landing—Wife Strives For Courage—Ships Report Fair Weather.

LONDON, Oct. 19.—(AP) With every hour that passed today without news of Commander H. C. MacDonald, hope for the British aviator's safety grew fainter until by mid-afternoon it had almost reached the vanishing point.

The chief ground for what hope remained was that he might have compassed the Atlantic with his flying boat, the *De Havilland*, and landed at some isolated spot on the Irish or Scotch coast.

Apparently the only other chance was that he might have been picked up by some small ocean craft unable to report the fact by wireless. In this connection the case of Harry Hawker was cited, it being recalled that it was seven days after the beginning of his flight before it was learned that he had been rescued by a Danish steamer.

No one cherished these hopes more strongly than Mrs. MacDonald, the flier's wife, who was still doing her best to keep up courage altho worn by the long vigil of nearly 48 hours which she has maintained, broken only by a few brief intervals of fitful sleep.

The fliers Paris and Muenchen, arriving today, reported good weather at sea and excellent visibility, but no sighting of the plane was reported by any vessel since the message sent to the Associated Press by the Dutch steamer *Hardenberg*, which caught a glimpse of MacDonald's plane at 7:20 p. m. eastern standard time, 500 miles east of Newfoundland about 2 1/2 hours after the takeoff.

Another message reporting the possible sighting of MacDonald was received from the steamship *March*, but this was a full hour before the sighting of the *Hardenberg*. The message from the *March* said that lights had been seen at a great distance "most probably resembling an explosion." The position was far to the west of that given by the *Hardenberg* and the suggestion of a disaster seemed improbable in view of the fact that the plane was definitely reported going well an hour later.

## MEDFORD MEN TESTIFY TODAY RATE HEARING

**Pear Growers Just Getting By—Returns From The Orchards Uncertain—Savings Deposits On Increase—So is acreage.**

PORTLAND, Oct. 19.—(AP)—Testifying today at a fruit rate hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission here, William H. Gibson, president of the Idaho Public Utilities commission, said that Idaho fruit growers were not making as much money as growers of white beans are getting.

Ben E. Harder, president of the First National bank, Medford, said pear growers in Jackson county were just getting by.

Northwestern fruit growers are asking lower rates, and Interstate Commerce Commissioner Clyde H. Nicholson is conducting the hearing in Portland.

Harder said that Medford banks did not lend money to pear and other fruit growers of Southern Oregon on crop returns, because these returns are too uncertain. He said much depended upon weather conditions and on the skill of the grower.

The witness testified that savings deposits in Medford banks were growing.

C. T. Baker of Medford testified that acreage devoted to pear growing in Jackson county has been increasing.

Mr. Gibson, who was once an orchardist but neglected his trees because they were not profitable, said that if the Idaho apple growers were able to build their own cold storage plants so as to hold their fruit until a good marketing time, the growers would be able to make money.

But the growers cannot do this themselves, and they cannot interest outside capital to do it on account of the uncertainty of the profits in the fruit industry," said Gibson.

## Knight Defender Hit by Pitcher Political Meet

HOOVERVILLE, Pa., Oct. 19.—(AP)—When Leon Whitehurst arose to defend the Knights of Columbus at an anti-Slovak political meeting here last night he was struck with a glass water pitcher, alleged to have been hurled by former Mayor H. S. Simmons.

He was only slightly injured. Whitehurst arose after the Rev. L. N. Aldrich, who conducted the meeting, had invited expressions from the audience. He did not complete his statement.

## SMITH SILENT ON TONIGHT'S ATTACK LINE

**Finishing Touches Being Given Address For Delivery Tonight—Contents Not Intimated—Toured Chicago Today—Supporters Visit.**

By D. Harold Oliver (Associated Press Staff Writer)  
 CHICAGO, Oct. 19.—(AP) Silent on the line of attack he will adopt, Governor Smith today planned to spot the finishing touches on the address he will deliver on the 13th Regiment armory in an effort to swing the normally Republican state into the Democratic column in November.

The Democratic presidential nominee put in nearly all of yesterday working on the speech and late last night completed a tentative draft. The first thing on his schedule today called for a revision of this rough outline and then for his participation in a two and a half hour tour of Chicago by automobile. Arrangements had been made for the procession to start from his hotel and to end there after a visit to Northwestern university at Evanston on the north and Chicago university of the south side of the city.

More than 50 miles of touring were on the program mapped out by a local committee and thousands of Chicagoans, according to the arrangements committee, planned to turn out to witness the procession.

The night speech of Governor Smith will be the seventh he has delivered since his present swing through the south and the border states of Tennessee, Kentucky and Missouri, all of which he feels confident of winning in the rapidly approaching national election. The address also will bring to a close his second extensive tour of the campaign.

Tomorrow will see him speeding eastward to prepare for his third and final campaign dash which will carry him down the Atlantic seaboard from Boston to Baltimore. On the way east to Albany, he will stop late in the afternoon for an hour at Indianapolis, where Democratic chieftains have arranged a parade in his honor. It also is expected that the nominee will find a power in the Hoover Democracy and who is now ill in a hospital. No special stops are expected to be made in Ohio.

## HERB HOPES TRANS-SEA AIR SERVICE

**Hoover Tells Eckener That Shortening of Communication Aids Solidarity—Eckener Plans Many Flights—Lehman Calls Candidate 'Savior of Germany,' Post War Period.**

By James L. West (Associated Press Staff Writer)  
 WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—(AP)—Herbert Hoover, in receiving Dr. Hugo Eckener, and others who crossed the Atlantic on the Graf Zeppelin, expressed the hope today that a regular trans-Atlantic air service could be built up, adding that in every shortening of communication there was added solidarity among people.

Dr. Eckener told the Republican presidential candidate that this trip was the first of several that he hopes to make, first to establish confidence in lighter-than-air transportation, and second, to investigate and determine the routes necessary for the most expeditious transit.

Mr. Hoover recalled that it required many years for sailing ships of the old days to determine which were the most favorable routes at different seasons and different times and that he presumed that this was one of the necessary determinations to be made for trans-Atlantic development of lighter-than-air transportation. The nominee complimented Dr. Eckener and his crew upon "the fine courage of yourself and your men," and on the fact that Germany should be the first to make this flight since that country had been the pioneer in lighter-than-air transportation. He added that the American people welcomed the first flight of what he hoped would be a great commercial development.

Dr. Eckener was further told that in the American people he would find not only an enormous satisfaction at the success of the flight but he expressed the hope that a regular service could be built up.

**Called Savior**  
 Captain Ernest A. Lehmann, chief officer of the Graf Zeppelin, while at the Hoover headquarters, expressed pleasure at meeting the man whom he described as "the savior of Germany" during the post-war period.

"It is a great pleasure to be here," Captain Lehmann said. "Had it not been for Herbert Hoover and his efforts for the 2 1/2 years of the last war, thousands of our people would have starved after the war."

Hoover received a number of other callers during the forenoon, among them Dwight Davis, secretary of war, William H. Crooker, national committee chairman for California, and Jerome D. Landfield, formerly in charge of Russian affairs in the state department.

## ROWDIES GREET MRS. M'PHERSON GLASGOW TODAY

GLASGOW, Scotland, Oct. 19.—(AP) Mrs. Alice McPherson, Los Angeles evangelist, got a rowdy reception when she addressed a meeting at the Glasgow Students Union today.

A noisy crowd of students thronged the hall an hour before her appearance and when the evangelist arrived they had decorated the platform with empty bottles and glasses of beer and had adorned the walls with posters proclaiming the surge of "good old whiskey."

## NO LICENSE TAGS BEFORE ELECTION

SALEM, Oct. 19.—(AP)—An Oregon motor vehicle owner has written Secretary of State Hoss asking that a certain number be given him in return for payment of his 1929 motor vehicle license fee. He encloses a check for \$22. Hoss said today that checks sent in now will not be accepted, for should the Dunne bill pass on election day this particular man's license would cost him only \$11. Hoss said earlier in the week that application blanks, ordinarily mailed November 1, will be held up until after the election.

## Casualties of the Air Service

POLK, Pa., Oct. 19.—(AP) The burned plane and cremated body of Air Mail Pilot William C. Hopson was found three miles southwest of here early today by searchers who sought out the plane after having received reports of Hares having been dropped early yesterday.

Hopson was flying the mail route between New York and Cleveland. He was due to arrive in the Ohio city at 1 o'clock yesterday morning. Yesterday residents of this town reported that at 2 a. m. they saw the plane traveling westward and that a bright light burst from the ship as it passed beyond a hill. The light was believed to be a flare.

## King's Cousin Sued

CHICAGO, Oct. 19.—(AP) Count Anthony de Roselli, described as a cousin of King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, was sued for divorce today by his bride, the former Miss Josephine Fish, Chicago belle. The suit charged the count with adultery.

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