

The Weather  
Forecast—Fair, and slightly cool tonight.  
Highest yesterday 55  
Lowest this morning 42  
Precipitation 24 hrs. to 5 a. m. .13

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago  
Highest year ago today 57  
Lowest year ago today 33

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## Today

By Arthur Brisbane

Not a Word of Sense.  
Corn Sugar Whisky.  
Marvels of the Radio.  
More Senate Sunshine.

A dear old lady from Sligo, wishing to pay the highest possible compliment to the wife of an editor, said: "It's the wonderful articles your husband writes, and nobody can make a word of sense out of it but himself."

Professor Einstein's own explanation of his new scientific discovery takes twice as many words as the discovery itself, whatever it may be, and surely no one can make a word of sense out of it but himself.

Creating your own system of geometry is the latest scientific fad. Professor Einstein has his own geometry and works with it.

One of the new systems tells you that the angles of a triangle are not necessarily equal to two right angles.

It reminds you of the "gentleman's game" of poker. Players were not asked to show their hands. Mr. Kabbible, asked how he came out, replied, "How could I lose?"

Professor Einstein's new theory calls for the interesting statement that "the energy relation between an electron and its nucleus generates an helical carrier of energy. These carriers travel without axial motion. The transverse vibration inherent in these forces gives rise to the phenomena of light."

Perfectly simple. That's all that happens when you light a match.

Prohibition helps the makers of corn sugar which is used in distilling a most horrible alcoholic poison called "white nule," or "third rail." The names, full of meaning, indicate that a nule's kick, a third rail's shock or a drink of that liquid are about the same. Twenty years ago 159,000,000 pounds of corn sugar were made. In 1927, 904,830,000 pounds were made.

The difference in weight represents the amount used for distilling home made whiskey. Unfortunately, \$24,000,000.00 asked for, or \$2,400,000.00 could not stop private distilling.

The radio possesses an importance and value not fully realized. You hear sailors telling of rescues at sea, or the President urging economy on the nation, or reminding you that prosperity is good, only if spirituality is mixed with it.

Musie played in England is heard in Alaska, children wait for the hour devoted to them, and special programs are prepared for children in public schools.

To exaggerate what the radio will do for education and general enlightenment is impossible. A house without a radio set might as well be a house without a window.

Thomas Hastings, who built the public library in New York, said that a gold medal from King George for being the best architect, has made plans to remodel the capitol. They will "dispel gloom, let in outside light and air."

Old gentlemen for whom the building was built did not appreciate as moderns do the importance of oxygen, and never heard of "aerobic rays."

# TREE SAVES 12 REDDING BUS CRASH

## DRIVER DIES AS FLAMES ENGULF CAR

Pickwick Stage Skids From Highway in Rain Storm—Stout Oak Holds Machine From 50-Foot Drop—Fred Hoffman, Chauffeur, Burned Alive By Gasoline Burst.

REDDING, Cal., Feb. 4.—(AP)—A stout oak tree, lone sentinel at the summit of a precipice, was credited today with having saved the lives of 12 passengers in the crash of a Pickwick stage yesterday, four miles north of here, although it exacted the life of the driver.

The stage left San Francisco for the north Saturday afternoon, but skidded off the highway during a rain and struck the oak. The explosion of the gasoline stove engulfed the bus in flames, even as the passengers were smashing their way out of the upturned carriage. The driver, Fred Hoffman of Redding, pinned to his seat by a heavy branch of the tree, was burned to death. Four passengers were injured.

The injured were Mr. and Mrs. George Chow of Victoria, B. C., who both suffered serious cuts about the legs; Timothy Wright, war veteran, Dumair, burns about the body; Theodore Olavsky of 144 Venice boulevard, Los Angeles, head and hands lacerated, and F. A. Wolfe, The Dalles, Ore., who suffered injuries to the legs and arms.

According to passengers, the bus in crashing into the oak tree, was thus prevented from hurtling over an embankment, the 50-foot drop of which might have been fatal to all of them.

Other passengers in the bus were Matt Surick, San Francisco; Annie and Esther Arlow, Victoria, B. C., daughters of the couple among the injured; H. F. Ebert, San Francisco; and William B. Higgins, 2041 West Sixth street, Los Angeles, and two men whose names were not obtained, and who left immediately after the wreck to continue their journey.

**Driver Trapped.**  
The bus rolled over on one side and struck the tree. As the gasoline tank exploded, Hoffman, trapped in the front seat, cried: "Get me out! Hurry!"

Timothy Wright, who succeeded in extricating himself, went to Hoffman's assistance, but without lifting the stage, the driver could not be moved. In the downpour of rain the other passengers tried to lift the wreck, but failed to budge it, and finally were driven off by the flames. They stood in the rain and watched the flames engulf the screaming driver.

"It's all off," Hoffman cried, as the flames swept over. "Tell my wife in Redding my last thoughts were of her." Then he died.

Officials of the Pickwick Stages attributed the wreck to the sudden extinction of the stage lights in the storm.

REDDING, Cal., Feb. 4.—(AP)—Railroad traffic north of Red Bluff was blocked early this morning when flood waters of the Red Bank creek carried away a railroad bridge south of here. Passengers and mail were transferred by way of the highway bridge.

Railroad officials from Sacramento, Greiner and Dumair were at the scene of the washout, while crews were at work clearing away debris and preparing to rebuild the ford.

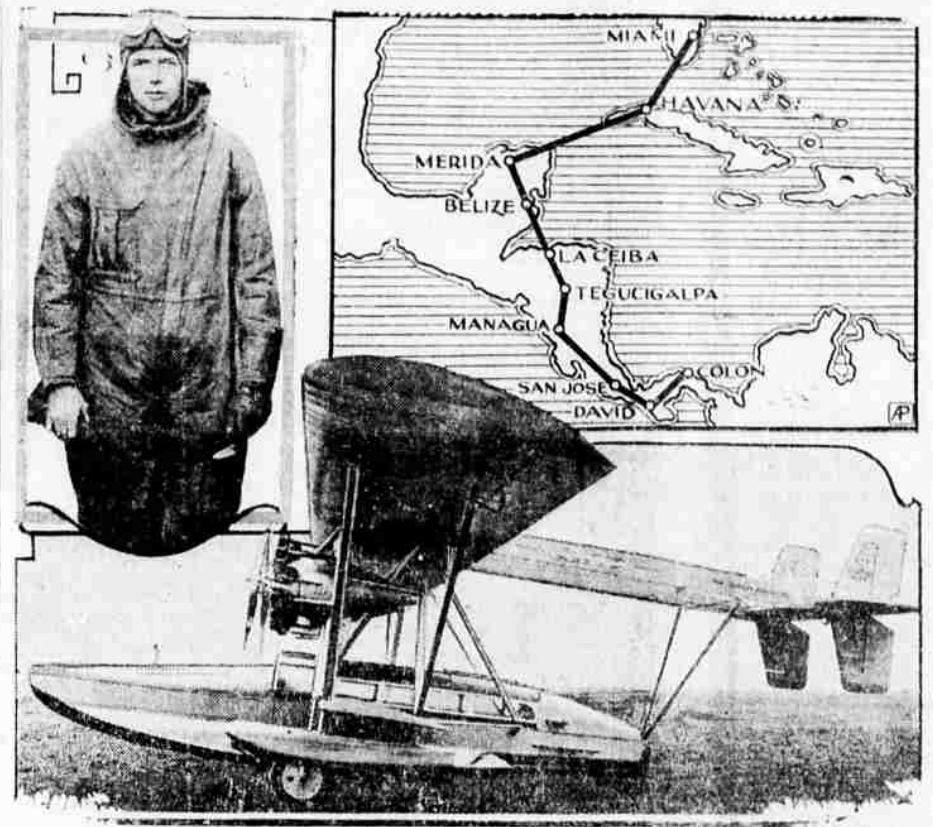
Highway traffic north was halted at Cottonwood, where there was three feet of water in the subways. An inch and a half of rainfall occurred here last night.

Ball and highway travel were reported blocked by storm conditions at Dumair, where a heavy snowfall was in progress. The Mount Shasta area also was reported under a heavy snowfall.

Hoffman was well known in Medford, was regarded as one of the best stage drivers on the Pacific coast and was a frequent visitor in this city, stopping here on scheduled trips from Redding, where he made his home.

An eye witness, M. F. Rohn of Klamath Falls, who also was a passenger on the bus, in telling of the accident to Charles Howard of this city, told of futile attempts to save the doomed man, who could not extricate himself from the wrecked machine. The flames burned so furiously that all aid was balked. He was conscious to the end and.

## LINDBERGH FLIES MAIL TO PANAMA OVER TRAIL HE BLAZED YEAR AGO



Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, who blazed a trail of glory on his goodwill flight to Central and South America just a year ago, will fly the first plane to Panama on the new tri-weekly schedule which goes into operation today. He will fly Sikorsky amphibian (below) with a full load of mail. Lindbergh's route is traced on the map.

## HAUNTED MIND WOULD REMOVE GANGMEN FIGHT FORCES SLAYER BILL DEADLINE LOSING BATTLE TO CONFESSION FOR THE HOUSE AGAINST POLICE

Harvey Selhaver Tells Seattle Police of Shooting 16-Year-Old Sweetheart in 1924—Failed Complete Suicide Pact.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 4.—(AP)—Harvey Lee Selhaver, 36, walked into the Seattle police station late last night and confessed that he had killed his sweetheart, Sarah Elizabeth Johnson, in Kingston, N. J., August 14, 1924.

The murder, he told officers, was part of a suicide pact, but that he ran away horrified after shooting the girl, "forgetting to kill myself." Since that time he has wandered aimlessly about the country haunted by the memory of his 16-year-old sweetheart.

Selhaver, police related, said that while working for the RPI's father he became intimate with her. The suicide pact was made, he said, when the girl told him that she was soon to become a mother.

Shortly before the contemplated double death, the girl suggested that they both drown themselves. He replied that a gun was more certain. When he shot the girl he became horrified at what he had done, and after a moment's irresolution fled.

Selhaver was held for Kingston authorities.

**Known No Peace**  
"Never since I killed her," he said, "have I known a moment's peace. I'll now, I wandered from Kingston to Rochester, N. Y., and from there to Spokane, Wash., then back to Pittsburgh, intending to return to Kingston and give myself up. But when I got to Pittsburgh my nerve failed me and I started west again."

He said he had been in Seattle several months and from day to day realized that he would do mad if he did not surrender.

"I am glad it is over," the confession said. "Now I can sleep for the first time in peace."

Sarah Elizabeth was the eldest of four children of Joseph A. Johnson, a farmer. Selhaver had been wanted to end his attentions to the girl and a few days before the killing was discharged by Johnson.

The girl's body was found with a bullet hole through the head, lying on a college campus on the shore of Carnegie lake near Kingston.

A note in the girl's handwriting was found under a cellar window of the Johnson home, disclosing the suicide pact. Though his body was never found, it was thought after a month's fruitless search for Selhaver, that he might have carried out his part of the pact.

Kubli to Move for Longer Time in Which to Introduce New Bills—34 Measures Drop in Hopper Early Today.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 4.—(AP)—If members of the house agree with Kubli of Multnomah, Monday will not be the last day in which bills can be introduced by regular procedure. During the Monday morning session of the house, when 34 new bills were introduced, Kubli warned members that Tuesday morning he will make a motion to rescind house rule 44. Under this rule Monday at 4 o'clock was the deadline on the introduction of new bills, and after that time a new bill could come to the house only by unanimous consent, or by the approval of the legislation and rules committee. No rule of this kind is in effect in the senate, says Kubli, therefore the house should not be so handicapped.

With the threat of the 4 o'clock deadline the house hopper was chockful of new bills Monday morning. Among the 34 new bills were house bill 256, by call of Klamath, authorizing courts to levy assessments not exceeding one-fourth of one mill to cover the cost of maintaining the county fair grounds and buildings. These funds, says the bill, shall be placed in a special fund to be known as the fair fund and warrants may be drawn thereon by the county fair board.

The old age pension act made its appearance Monday morning under the sponsorship of Lee, Anderson and Bronaugh, all of Multnomah, and under title of house bill No. 257.

Under this act county courts of each county would be designated as old age pension commissioners and to them would be given the power of providing old age pension relief not to exceed \$20 per month to one person. Applicants for the pension must have attained the age of 65, have been an inhabitant of the United States for 15 years and a resident of Oregon for at least 10 years and be without income or property.

**Casualties of the Air Service**

PENSACOLA, Fla., Feb. 4.—(AP)—Barrett P. Howell and Andrew Brink, attached to the naval flying squadron here, were killed here today when their airplane crashed in midair, during a formation flight.

Coquille—Local feed and seed store changes location.

## LINDBERGH TAKES OFF WITH MAIL

One Eagle Inaugurates New Pan-American Air Mail Service On 27th Birthday—Takes Controls of Giant Sikorsky From Miami—Crowd Breaks Police Line

HAVANA, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, completing the first lap of the first air mail flight to Panama, landed at Columbia field at 3:21 o'clock this morning, two hours and 12 minutes after taking off from Miami.

The weather was favorable and the colonel hoped to reach Bogota by mid-afternoon.

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 4.—(AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, who gave up piloting a mail plane two years ago to gain world acclaim through his New York to Paris flight, became a mail pilot again today—his 27th birthday—to blaze the trail for the Pan-American air mail service.

Rising early today, "Slim" piloted a giant Sikorsky amphibian plane from Miami with the first load of mail for Cristobal, Canal Zone. Accompanied by Henry Lee Sikorsky, radio operator, Colonel John A. Hamilton, and J. T. Trappe of the Pan-American Aircraft corporation, he hopped off for Havana at 6:08 a. m. and at 7:15 a. m. left the Florida mainland and passed out over the Caribbean.

Mr. Trappe will leave the plane at Havana before Lindbergh hops off for the Cuban capital for Belize, British Honduras, where he and his crew will spend the night. Tomorrow Lindbergh will continue on to Managua, Nicaragua, where, after another night's rest, the flight of Cristobal will be made, completing the 2227-mile flight from Miami.

An overnight accumulation of mail brought the load to more than 500 pounds, although only 200 pounds had been planned for the initial flight.

Lindbergh nosed the Giant craft out over the bay and southward toward Havana, the first step of the long flight to Cristobal.

**Off Again.**  
"Well, we're off again," Lindbergh said to Hamilton, as he climbed into the plane.

The trans-Atlantic flyer arrived at the air field at 5:15 a. m. and (Continued on Page Eight.)

## Teacher and Pupil Who Eloped Return With Forgiveness

ELLAVILLE, Ga., Feb. 4.—(AP)—Mrs. M. M. Wellons, 25-year-old school teacher and Edwin Chapin, her 17-year-old pupil, were forgiven today with their families today, while the kidnapping charge entered against the woman when she disappeared with the boy two weeks ago, has been dropped.

The lady's desire to get back to his mother, brought him home after a trip to Toledo, Ohio, and back to Americus, Ga., with Mrs. Wellons.

Mrs. Wellons was at the home of her mother, her husband is with her. A charge of kidnapping against the woman has been withdrawn.

## SPORTSMEN TO SUBMIT PLEAS FOR FISH LAW

Meet Here Today to Outline Legislative Program—Local Committee Aids Probe of Steelhead Bootlegging From Rogue.

Anticipating that a number of bills affecting future fishing conditions on the Rogue, will be introduced in the legislature this session, the Rogue River Fish committee and the Izak Walton League of Josephine County, met here this afternoon to outline a constructive program which will be submitted to that body for active consideration. Representatives of both organizations will be present at the conference to be held during the week in Salem in connection with the introduction of these bills.

Further investigation of the alleged bootlegging of steelhead trout in the Rogue and other southern Oregon streams, is being carried on by the local committee, and was a subject of consideration at the meeting this afternoon.

An article by James H. McCool, which appeared on the sporting section of yesterday's Oregonian outlining the condition, follows:

All of southern Oregon is so stirred up over the bootlegging of steelhead trout in Curry county that a special delegation headed by John Adams, lower Rogue river guide, is to visit the state legislature to demand the enactment of a law making the steelhead a game fish in the waters of the entire state. Mr. Adams and Larry Lucas, a fellow rancher and guide of Curry county, took matters into their own hands when, according to Adams, they could get no action from the state game commission. The two left their homes a few miles below Agness on a missionary trip to chambers of commerce and sportsmen's organizations of Bend, Corvallis, Grants, Pais and Medford. In order to get money to pay their expenses they wrote letters to California sportsmen who sent the \$150, with the promise of more money when they should need it.

The Izak Walton League of Bend sent Mr. Adams to Portland, paying the expenses of the trip here, and Adams yesterday got in touch with W. R. Lewis, president of the Multnomah Anglers' and Hunters' club. Mr. Lewis promised that his club would enlist actively in the fight to clean out the fish pirates of Curry county.

**Twelve Set Nets Seized**  
"Sportsmen of the upper Rogue river have wondered this winter why the fishing for steelheads was so poor," said Adams, "and they were amazed at my revelations. I received a telegram Saturday from Larry Lucas, saying that he and Deputy Game Warden Herwig of Coos county had taken 12 set nets from the Rogue between Agness and Gold Beach yesterday. The river has been blocked by wet nets all winter and though this sort of gear is prohibited at all times in the Rogue, no action has been taken by the state game commission heretofore."

"When Lucas and I started down the river January 13 we counted 19 set nets between 2 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon on the way from our homes to Gold Beach. On January 13 we went back up the river and saw 12 set nets. On January 22 I went down the river once more and counted ten set nets. I returned up the river next day and counted seven (Continued on Page Eight.)

## EUROPEANS SUFFER IN COLD BLAST

Forty-Four Die Over Week—End in Storms—Shipping Hard Hit—Constantinople Has Worst Blizzard in 25 Years—Many Wrecks in Black Sea.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—(AP)—At least 44 persons met death in Europe over a week-end of unprecedented storm and cold conditions, the Balkan states and Turkey being particularly heavy sufferers.

Shipping was everywhere deranged, especially in the Black Sea, where numerous minor wrecks were reported.

The most serious disaster was off the coast of Portugal, where the German freighter Deister foundered yesterday after being driven on the rocks during a violent gale. The crew of 26 assembled on the topmost deck, but a huge wave hurled 20 of them into the sea. The remaining six went down with their vessel.

The second largest disaster was in the Russian Turkestan town of Alma Ata, where a landslide on Saturday swept 11 persons to their death.

Four workmen sent to clear the tracks of the Simpon express in Thracian Turkey were frozen to death and the work of digging out the train which has been blocked by snow for three days, was called off.

Three persons were frozen to death in Budapest and many others were suffering from exposure. It was the coldest day in fifty years, the temperature dropping to 20 below zero centigrade in some places of Hungary.

**London in Fog.**  
While London groined through a choking fog, which was the worst one of the winter, a belt of bitter cold wrapped itself around Europe and Asia. Shipping along the China coast was bucking an ice barrier 30 miles out to sea and clear across Europe and Asia there was a cold wave, which has not been surpassed for a generation.

The third day of the worst blizzard in 25 years out Constantinople completely off from the world by land and sea. The soviet steamer Krasny Flot, aboared which Leon Trotsky, former head of the red army, but now in exile, is believed to be a passenger, had taken refuge near the entrance of the Bosphorus and (Continued on Page Eight.)

## Will Rogers Says: NEW YORK, Feb. 4—

This week end news comes under the fish and game department. Our two leading actors left the human flat last week. Taking them up alphabetically, Mr. Coolidge went clear to Florida to speak to the birds, and casually remind them that their luxury was directly traceable to a Republican administration, that under a Democratic regime they would no doubt revert to slavery.

While Mr. Coolidge was orating to the jaybird, the woodpecker and the robin redbreed on the advantages of prosperity, why Mr. Hoover fought off and defeated single handed a 45-pound snailfish that was trying to get into his cabinet.

Yours,  
WILL ROGERS.

P. S.—The Virginia quail are wondering when Carter Glass will build a sanctuary for them, as they continually rely on poor marksmanship.



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