

The Weather
Forecast — Cloudy tonight and Tuesday, with rain.
Highest yesterday 53
Lowest this morning 31
24 hrs. precipitation to 5 a. m. .7.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Highest year ago today 47
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Daily—Twenty-fourth Year.
Weekly—Fifty-fourth Year.

MEDFORD, OREGON, MONDAY, MARCH 25, 1929.

No. 3.

Today

By Arthur Brisbane
Hoover's Home Economy
89 Years, 89 Millions.
Kahn Loses Titta.
Jews As Immigrants.

President Hoover, believing that economy should begin at home, will put the presidential yacht Mayflower out of commission. The President will do his yachting in a rowboat, when fishing. The country will save \$300,000 a year, and 148 sailors that have wasted their time on the Mayflower will be assigned to new naval vessels.

The Mayflower has been added to the cost of maintaining a President ever since the days of Theodore Roosevelt, and President Hoover's determination to discontinue a thoroughly undemocratic arrangement will be generally appreciated.

The people would not grudge a good President any comfort, or luxury. But a \$300,000 yacht, tacked on to a \$75,000 salary, seems fantastic.

Next Wednesday, George F. Baker, dean of American bankers, ruler of the gigantic First National of New York, which is one of his minor possessions, will celebrate his 89th birthday.

For every year that he has lived, Mr. Baker has given at least a million dollars to education and other good purposes.

Everybody wishes his many more years to get and give.

Since the people do not yet know enough to develop their own resources and supply what they need, it is fortunate that they have such men as Baker, Rockefeller, and others, to show them how.

Otto H. Kahn, protector of grand opera, learns that his enemy is the talking moving picture. That must surprise him, as much as it surprised the 70-foot dinosaurs when the rats ate them.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer have taken Titta Ruffo from Mr. Kahn's Metropolitan opera to sing for the movies, and it was as simple "as taking candy from a child."

Mr. Titta sings ten times before a recording machine and is paid \$350,000, or \$35,000 for each short singing period.

Even the Metropolitan's diamond horse shoe cannot compete with that.

Young ladies and gentlemen, cultivate your voices and learn to speak intelligently and not through your noses.

Discouraged teachers of eloquence, take courage. Your time has come around again.

STORM AND CONSIDER FLOOD TAKE LONG LIST TOLL OF 49 IN TAX JOB

Kentucky and Tennessee Hit By Freshets Over Week-End—37 Lives Lost—Tornadoes Spread Death Over Four Other States—Rapid Rise of Streams Traps Victims.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Mar. 25.—(AP)—Floods rushing down from the Cumberland mountain watersheds took a toll of 37 lives in southern Kentucky and northeast Tennessee over the week-end, while tornadoes and storms spread death over four other southern states, bringing the south's death toll to 49 and possibly more.

Tennessee was the hardest hit with 31 known deaths. Kentucky had six. Alabama had five negro children killed in a tornado. Two negroes were killed in Georgia by a tornado and a white man by lightning. Three negroes were killed in Mississippi in a storm. A boy was killed in North Carolina by a storm.

Mountain streams in eastern Kentucky and Tennessee receded as rapidly as they rose and trapped their victims. Twenty persons, mostly women and children, were lost when the Emory river at Harpman, Tenn., left its banks at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. Seven Boy Scouts and their scoutmaster were swept into White creek and drowned as they slept. They occupied a cottage on the creek bank during a week-end hike. Three members of one family were drowned at Webster, Tenn. Bodies of six Boy Scouts, their scoutmaster and two others have been recovered.

Kentucky's death toll was heaviest in Knott and Bell counties, where five lives were taken by the sudden freshet. Three were drowned near Barbourville, and two near Pineville. One was drowned in Perry county.

CHICAGO, Mar. 25.—(AP)—The Mississippi and Missouri rivers still threaten to batter down levees and overrun their banks today as patrolmen and apprehensive residents watched eagerly for signs of relief.

Reports from Keokuk, Iowa, that the river had fallen six inches were gratefully received by levee patrolmen, especially in the Gregory, Mo., district, where the fight had been almost given up as hopeless yesterday.

Canton, Mo., was also threatened by the exceedingly high stage of the river.

Members of the national guard and naval militia patrolled the flooded Indian Grave district near Quincy to prevent looting when the water recedes, and to assist the families driven from their homes.

The first fatality from that section occurred at Bearstown when a youth fell from a dike and was drowned.

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Bryant Faces Murder Trial



Mae Troxell (left) will be one of the chief witnesses for the state when Lanza Bryant, 20, (right) goes in trial today for mortally stabbing Lewis "Hip" Dickerson (inset). The affair occurred in Corvallis, when Dickerson, Oregon State football coach, was escorting Miss Troxell home.

R. R. JOHNSON FREAK WEATHER DIES OF HEART HITS COLORADO ATTACK SUNDAY AND CALIFORNIA

Local Dentist Stricken After Mountain Area Buried Under Roof of Golf—In Good Health During Morning—Burial in Montana On Friday.

As the result of a sudden heart attack, Dr. Richard Roy Johnson, well known Medford dentist, died yesterday afternoon at his home, 10 Keene way. He had just returned from the Rogue Valley golf course and was preparing for dinner when death overtook him. He was born September 25, 1874, and had followed dentistry in Medford since 1923, with offices in the Medford Center building.

Yesterday morning he remarked to his wife that he was feeling especially well, preparatory to leaving with three friends to play 18 holes of golf. He returned at 1:30, declared he enjoyed a good game, and went to his room to prepare for company expected to arrive at 3 o'clock. Dr. and Mrs. Johnson conversed with each other through different rooms, but after a few minutes he failed to answer. Upon entering his room, Mrs. Johnson found him apparently fallen from a bed.

DENVER, March 25.—(AP)—The mountainous area of southwestern Colorado today was buried under another deep snow following yesterday's storm that dropped temperatures as far west as California, where the southwest enjoyed spring weather.

Silverton, famous mining town atop the continental divide was blocked for the third time this winter by avalanches that buried the only railroad track to the town from Durango. Cumbres, many times storm-ridden in the last few months and Lizard Head Pass, also were isolated.

California had tricky weather, which included hail, snow, high winds and occasional showers. The temperature dropped to 32 degrees in the citrus belt and fruit growers were prepared for smudging should the mercury drop much lower.

A temperature of 92.2 degrees (Continued on Page Eight.)

STIMSON TO MEET CHIEF ON TUESDAY

New Secretary of State Due in Washington Tomorrow—Will Be White House Guest During Week—Kellogg Remains On Duty Until Friday, Then Takes European Trip.

By James L. West, (Associated Press Staff Writer.) WASHINGTON, Mar. 25.—(AP)—President Hoover and his new secretary of state will have their first meeting tomorrow with the arrival of Henry L. Stimson after his long trip from Manila by way of San Francisco and New York. Mr. Stimson found that he would be unable to come to the capital until tomorrow afternoon.

The chief executive and Mr. Stimson have a host of subjects to discuss and in order that they may facilitate the work ahead, the new official will be a White House guest for the remainder of the week.

The Root formula for American adherence to the world court, the Mexican situation, and European



HENRY L. STIMSON

reparations are some of the questions facing Mr. Stimson, but perhaps the foremost is the reorganization of the diplomatic corps and the selection of new high officials of the state department.

Frank B. Kellogg, who has remained in his post at the urgent request of President Hoover, will be officially relieved of duty when Mr. Stimson takes the oath of office, but he will remain here until Friday, on which date he sails for Europe where he will spend several weeks on a vacation tour.

The new and retiring secretaries will meet daily so that Mr. Stimson can be acquainted with intimate details of the problems pending before the department and the actions that have been taken in such current affairs as the Mexican rebellion and the preparations for the preliminary arms conference to be held at Geneva next month.

Hugh S. Gibson, ambassador to Belgium, who is chairman of the American delegation to this conference, also is a White House guest and he and the new secretary thus will have opportunity for extensive conversations concerning the meeting and the attitude of the United States with respect to the several proposals that will come up for consideration at Geneva.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 25.—(AP)—Secretary Kellogg will represent President Hoover at services for Marshal Foch to be conducted here tomorrow at St. Patrick's cathedral, at the same hour that funeral services are held in Paris for the generalissimo of the allied armies.

NEW YORK, March 25.—(AP)—An acute scarcity of call money, sending the rate to 14 per cent, caused a sharp break on the New York Stock Exchange today. This is the highest rate that stock market funds have commanded since July 1, 1929, and prices of scores of stocks dropped \$5 to \$15, to new low prices for 1929. A. M. Byers fell \$13, while such issues as Johns Manville, Green Cananea Copper, Anaconda Copper, and American Railway Express lost from \$7.50 to \$10.50.

The ticker fell about 25 minutes behind the market in the rush to sell during the last hour of trading. United States Steel and General Motors were each depressed more than \$4 a share.

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PHILADELPHIA, March 25.—(AP)—Samuel Rea, who rose from chairman in a Pennsylvania railroad engineer corps to the presidency of the great railway system is dead.

With his wife and daughter at his bedside, he died yesterday at his home near Ardmore, a suburb of heart disease. He was 73 years old. Funeral services will be held tomorrow.

Mr. Rea retired from the presidency of the Pennsylvania in 1925, after 54 years of almost continuous service and nine days after he had celebrated his 70th birthday anniversary.

One of his outstanding achievements was the construction of the Pennsylvania tunnels under the Hudson and East rivers at New York. For this work the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton and Lafayette college gave him honorary degrees.

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CORVALLIS, Ore., Mar. 25.—(AP) Lanza Bryant, 20, went on trial for his life here today, charged with first degree murder in connection with the fatal stabbing of Lewis (Hip) Dickerson, senior student and former football star at Oregon State college.

Sheriff E. J. Newton of Benton county yesterday brought Bryant from Dallas to the new Benton county jail here. He had been held in Polk county while the new jail was under construction.

The prosecution expects the trial to last most of the week. Dickerson was stabbed early in the morning of December 17 as he was escorting Miss Mae Troxell, Corvallis waitress, to her home. He died five days later.

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Medford Airport Outstanding One, Says Oil Official

W. H. Cotrel, of the Richmond Oil Co., writing the airport publicity committee, under date of March 5, 1929, says:

"We appreciate the fact that the new Medford airport is authorized by the people, will be an outstanding one in the state of Oregon, because of the plans and developments as outlined by your community.

"You and the city of Medford are to be congratulated on making the rapid strides you are for aiding aviation so thoroughly."

BIG ZEPPELIN ON CENTRAL EUROPE AIR EXPEDITION

ROME, March 25.—(AP) The dirigible Graf Zeppelin, on a 5000 mile flight over the Mediterranean and central Europe, arrived over Rome at 3 o'clock this afternoon. It circled the city three times and twenty minutes later left in a southerly direction.

NEW YORK, March 25.—(AP) Worn out by the exertion of shattering three umbrellas over the masters' heads, Reena Blettel, Lebanon, took the miles to Lebanon, which further investigation was to be made in an effort to ascertain their identity.

Medford Can Become a Main Link Coast Airways

C. Eugene Johnson, operations manager for the Pacific Air Transport, compliments Medford on its endeavor to keep pace with aerial progress, as follows:

Oakland, Cal., March 11, 1929.

We wish to compliment Medford on their foresight in the proposed establishment of a first class airport. Many cities have shelved airport negotiations for the present, feeling the time was not yet ripe for such action on the part of municipalities. Those cities now on regularly established mail and passenger routes have been favored with a closeup view of what is to come in the matter of air transportation, and for the most part are rapidly rounding into shape splendid airport programs.

There can be no question in the minds of those close to aviation as to its ultimate development. The rapid strides of the industry in the past couple of years should convince the skeptical that the possibilities are limitless. Coast travel and cargo movement via air has a definite future. Medford is fortunately situated in this picture in having so strategic a location. It is virtually a "key city" and we can see no reason for anything otherwise, even from a most pessimistic viewpoint.

To go ahead as Medford has outlined on their airport program will play a big part in hastening airways development on the coast, because, strange as it may seem, airplanes cannot be efficiently operated without adequate airways. For instance, at the present time, our plans call for certain developments on our coast line, but same cannot and will not be fulfilled until airway facilities are complete.

Medford should be proud to be considered one of the main links in the coast airway chain, and the future unquestionably will prove the wisdom of the decision of the city to provide an adequate airport.

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The accident occurred a half mile from Colebrook, on land adjoining the national guard reservation.

The pilot apparently had lost his way in the mist and fog and was flying low in an effort to regain his bearings.

Flying over a field covered by woods, part of a wing of the plane was torn off by a tree. The pilot tried to gain altitude, started upward and then turned over, crashing to earth against a tree stump. The machine was wrecked.

Will Rogers Says: NEW YORK, March 25.—Mr. Hoover is not going to use the Mayflower. After being all fall on these big battleships, getting onto the Mayflower would be like slumming. Besides, Mr. Hoover in all his travels has had to ride on too many boats to get to some place without wanting to go nowhere purposely. Mr. Coolidge used to get a kick out of taking those senators on it, and watch 'em get sick. I guess they will be selling it now, and somebody will buy it for a rum-runner. They ought to keep it and send our delegations to disarmament conferences on, for in two more conferences we will have to borrow a boat to get there.

Yours,
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