

The Weather
Generally cloudy tonight and Saturday. Probably light rains. Mild temperature.

Friday—Twenty-fourth Year.
Weekly—Fifty-eighth Year.

Today

By Arthur Brisbane

Our Disgraces.
Birkenhead Is Here.
Unconquered Lindbergh.
A Fight for John D.

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We have an assortment of "national disgraces." One, our high percentage of illiteracy, another the high efficiency of bootleggers, hijackers, organized disgraces.

Another is the official usury established by the Federal Reserve as a basis for dealing in American securities.

Our worst disgrace is the fact established by the American Association of Obstetricians, Gynecologists and Abdominal Surgeons that this nation has the highest maternity death rate in the civilized world.

Of the thousands of mothers dying every year in childbirth, 65 per cent are killed by septicemia and toxemia, both preventable.

Many such deaths could be avoided, if some department of the government was as interested in the safe birth of a child as is the agricultural department in the birth of a new calf or a litter of small pigs.

Lord Birkenhead, secretary of state for India, who gave up his job in the British government to go into business, is now in the United States.

Lord Birkenhead says the British labor government is "for state ownership in the abstract and hopelessly unable to take any steps in that direction."

Our government is against state ownership in the abstract, the concrete and the indefinite, and it wouldn't take any steps in that direction if it could.

If you meet Lord Birkenhead you will see an able Britisher.

Colonel Lindbergh, with his wife, started Wednesday on a flight to cover a great part of Central and South America. A dangerous flight, it has stretches of 700 miles with no possible landing. Fortunately, the world's best flier is in charge.

One of the nation's highest officials begged Colonel Lindbergh to run no more risks, saying that an accident to him would mean "a great blow to the affections of the nation."

He said afterward: "It probably will."

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MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

FOURTEEN PAGES

MEDFORD, OREGON, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1929.

Temperatures
Highest yesterday 84
Lowest this morning 49

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17 PERISH IN NIGHT CLUB HOLOCAUST

REVELERS TRAPPED AS FLAMES ENVELOP ONLY MEANS OF EXIT

Detroit Establishment Is Horror Scene at Peak of After-Theater Patronage—Fifty in Hospitals—Guests Seeking Safety in Small Dressing Room, Found in Heap, Unconscious—Windows Boarded Up—Proprietors Attribute Tragedy to Business Rivals—Identification of Dead Difficult Account Disfiguring Suffocation.

List of Dead
DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 20.—(AP)—The list of dead in the fire which destroyed the Study club, a night club, here early today:
Mrs. Parker.
Mrs. Alfred Snyder, Mon.
John J. Kaufman, 30, De.
Laurence Luther, 40, High.
Land Park, Mich.
Derrick S. Brown, 35, De.
Walter Krueger, 39, 722.
Inez avenue, Grand Rapids.
Morris Manning, 33, be.
Healed to have lived in Grand.
H. B. Smith, 45, address un.
Waverly Green, 38, Detroit.
One unidentified man.
Six unidentified women.

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 20.—(AP)—Seventeen unidentified persons lost their lives and more than 50 others were injured in a fire which destroyed the Study club, a night club on the edge of the downtown theatre district, early this morning. One hundred and thirty patrons and 40 employees, including entertainers, were in the night club when flames broke through the wall at the first floor and swept up the main staircase, cutting off the only means of escape.
Patrolman James McGuire, who discovered the blaze, ran to a nearby fire box, and returned to find the flames and smoke roaring up the staircase. Before patrons and employees were aware of their danger the fire was upon them. A cigarette fire was suffocated by the hot fumes as she stood in the center of the dance floor and dropped down over her tray. Her body was found by firemen.
Many patrons rushed for safety into a small dressing room, seven by fifteen feet, in the rear of the building. Thirty of them were found piled unconscious in the tiny space when firemen broke into the room. Several of them were dead. Others were badly injured.

Fire Escape Useless
The interior of the building was ruined, but the exterior presented an almost unblemished appearance save for broken windows and fire escape which hangs useless, a mockery to those who venture to trust it as an exit.

Marty Cohen, proprietor of the club, and Robert Jackson, master of ceremonies, were closeted with police this morning. Cohen attributed the fire to rivals in business. The Study club had been operating for about a year and had prospered. Situated on Vernon highway, about six blocks from the heart of the city and just off Woodward avenue, the main north and south artery of Detroit, it had acquired a wide reputation.

Cohen was not at the place at the time of the fire. Another night club, the Lido, had its opening last night and he had gone to participate, he told police.
Firemen who tried to enter the building through windows found that the windows openings had been covered on the inside with wall-board. All windows in the second floor had thus been closed, they asserted.

Taxis Carry Victims
As firemen and volunteer rescuers carried out victims, taxicabs, which had been parked in a lot next to the building, took them to hospitals. Squads of ambulances arrived soon after the fire apparatus.
At receiving hospitals 20 men and 30 women were checked in within an hour after the outbreak of the fire. Other hospitals to the city cared for other injured. Nurses, internes and physicians were sent to the receiving hospital to aid in treating the injured. Many with slight burns and superficial injuries were given first aid and sent home.
Some of the victims were dead on arrival at the hospitals. Most

LINDBERGH OPENS NEW CLOUD PATH

First Lap of 7000-Mile Air-mail, Passenger Service to Dutch Guiana Inaugurated—Will Visit Sixteen Countries—A. P. Man Telephone Progress From Plane.

By T. R. GILL
Associated Press Staff Correspondent.
A BOARD COLONEL LINDBERGH'S PLANE EN ROUTE TO HAVANA FROM MIAMI, Sept. 20.—(AP)—(via radio)—At 9:40 a. m., Colonel Lindbergh was leaving the Florida Straits for Cuba. Mrs. Lindbergh is keeping a diary of the trip. Altitude 1,500 feet, water passage smooth. All passengers enjoying scenery over Florida Keys.

Lindbergh held the controls as the plane roared toward Cuba at an average air speed of 100 miles per hour. The course lay along the overcast railway to the strait but the plane will fly some miles to the east of Key West. The sky is clear as crystal.

At 10:40 o'clock we sighted Cuba and shortly will be landing. The water hop from the mainland was fine and enjoyed by all of us despite the heat, which we can feel at an altitude ranging from 1200 to 3500 feet. A good tail wind is aiding our progress now.

Mrs. Lindbergh has filled several pages of her diary already. I cannot see Lindbergh in the pilot's cabin from where I am seated. Visibility is only fair at present, for we are penetrating numerous scattered clouds, but the motors are singing sweetly and the air is smooth.

At 10:54 o'clock we sailed leisurely through a clear sky, rapidly getting nearer the end of this beautiful hop across the straits and the Florida Keys. From the starboard windows we saw A. P. and O. steamer and Lindbergh pointed the plane toward the ship. Then we passed over her and it looked like a toy boat such as children play with in the bath tub. The crew and passengers were on deck looking us over.

Colonel Lindbergh arrived at Havana at 11:18 this morning, completing the first leg of his 7,000-mile journey.
Inauguration of a 7,000-mile air-mail and passenger service for Pan American Airways over a West Indian route to Dutch Guiana and through the Central American countries lay before Lindbergh as he pointed the nose of a tri-motor monoplane toward Santiago, Cuba, the first overnight stop on the flight.

Sixteen different countries will be visited on the 20-day flight, which will be similar to, but a retracing of the good will trip Col. Lindbergh made a year and a half ago. He is accompanied by his wife, the former Ann Morrow, and officials of the Pan-American company.

Glenn H. Curtiss, pioneer aviation developer, was a passenger to Havana, the first stop on today's flight. Two newspaper correspondents also will accompany the party to San Juan, Porto Rico.

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PERJURY SEEN BY COSTELLO IN PANTAGES CASE

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Timothy taking in the second degree murder trial of Mrs. Pantages, charged with the death of Juro Bokumoto, as the result of her alleged intoxication and an automobile collision, was completed at 10:40 a. m. today. Preparations immediately were started for delivering final arguments to the jury.

HANDS OFF POLICY OF HOOVER WHILE TARIFF TINKERED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Senator Watson of Indiana, the Republican leader, said in the senate today that President Hoover would take no part in tariff making so long as the new bill is in its legislative stage.
He asserted he would use his influence to keep Mr. Hoover out of the tariff controversy, adding the president previously had stated he would not interfere with legislative pending in congress.

Harrison and Folger Board Ship at San Francisco for World Tour



Phil B. Harrison and Walter A. Folger, well known Medford men, who sailed from San Francisco on the Dollar liner President Lincoln.

Costing superstition to the four winds, Phil Harrison and Walter Folger, Medford's latest globe trotters, smiled back at the jinx god, Friday the 13th, as the Dollar Steamship company's good ship President Lincoln carried them through the Golden Gate at San Francisco on the first lap of their journey around the world, a week ago today.

Now on the high seas, the local men, whose route was mapped out here by Jack Carle, local freight and passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, will visit the principal points of interest through Japan, China, the Philippines, Java, India, Egypt and Europe. They expect to be gone from six months to a year.

GOOD PROGRESS ADVENTURES OF IN SURVEY OF CHILD AUTHOR ROAD PROJECTS ENDED BY COPS

Complete Midway By November 1, Says Rynning—Cut-Off Route Outlined to Greyback Creek—Bridge Steel Due Soon.

Preliminary surveys for two major road projects of Jackson county are now under way, and one—the Sams Valley-Medford (Midway) highway, will be completed in its entirety, not later than November 1, according to County Engineer Paul Rynning.

The joint survey of the state highway commission, Jackson county, the city of Medford and Williams Creek property owners, of the proposed Williams Creek cut-off road to the Redwood highway has been completed to the Williams Creek summit, and is proceeding down Greyback creek.

A crew of surveyors from the county engineers are working on the survey from the old city water intake on the lake creek marked road to Fish Lake, and the forest service has conducted a preliminary survey past Lake of the Woods, into Klamath county. This marked road will eventually be a loop route from this city, connecting with the Ashland-Klamath Falls highway, providing a recreation and agricultural outlet for all southern Oregon.

A telegram was received by the county court yesterday from the Pacific Iron Works of Portland, stating that the steel for the construction of the Midway Highway bridge across Bear creek would be on the ground between October 1 and October 5.
Graveling machinery will be erected next Tuesday, for the

Forty Answer Tribune Ad in First 2 Days

Another example of the results of advertising in the Medford Mail Tribune was reported today by W. E. Thomas, who inserted a small classified ad in the Mail Tribune. Before the second day was over, he said, he had received 40 inquiries and that they were still coming, although the property advertised has been sold. In addition to the 40 letters, he also received many telephone calls, a large number coming to him on the same evening as the first publication of the ad.

CENTRAL AVE. ASSESSMENT REPORT MADE

Mann, Walker and Murray, Named By Mayor to Find Value of Street Opening Finish Survey—Net Total of \$7216.

The viewers, named by the mayor to assess the benefits to property on Central avenue, by the opening of that street, through the June Earhart property to the Pacific highway, filed their report today with the City Planning commission. The viewers are John C. Mann, W. W. Walker and Robert S. Murray.

Appointments are as follows: Business property between the south side of Fifth street and the north line of Ninth street on Central avenue, \$2 per front foot. Property south of Ninth street, to the end of the present pavement on Central avenue, 40 cents per front foot.

Property from the end of the present thoroughfare to Boyd street (the section now being paved) 20 cents per front foot. The proposed assessments will net \$7216, slightly in excess of the estimate of \$7000 made by the city engineer, as to cost.

The report of the viewers is tentative only, and subject to further action. The assessment, as it is, is only for property situated directly on Central avenue, and two east and west thoroughfares—Main street and Sixth street.

Property owners and business men are said to be practically unanimous for the proposed improvement. The extension of North Central avenue is proposed, to meet the estimate of that highway with the Sams Valley-Medford highway, by the opening of Court street.

It is expected that the making of Central avenue a through street would relieve Riverside avenue of its traffic load, in the height of the fruit and tourist business season.

BAN ON HUNTING TO REMAIN TILL RAINS DESCEND

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 20.—(AP)—Persistent reports circulated about the state and the streets of Salem, Friday that Governor Patterson is to rescind his proclamation closing the hunting season, and declare the season open effective either Saturday or Sunday morning to allow hunters the advantage of the week-end were met with the announcement from the executive office that "the proclamation is still in force."
Governor Patterson was not in his office and could not be located. F. A. Elliott, state forester, announced that the proclamation is still in force "and will remain in force until we have a general soaking rain to remove the fire hazard over the state."
Elliott said the light rains reported from some parts of the state were not sufficient to justify lifting the ban upon hunting.

SHIP FIRMS LIBERAL IN LOBBY FUND

President of New York Corporation Testifies \$143,000 Spent for Passage of Jones-White Act—Paid Shearer \$25,000 for Geneva Navy Parley Representation.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—(AP)—American shipbuilders spent \$143,000 in seeking passage of the Jones White merchant marine act of 1920, Clinton L. Bardo, president of the New York Shipbuilding corporation, testified today before a senate investigating committee. Bardo told of the lobbying expenditures in connection with the committee's investigation into the shipbuilders' employment of William B. Shearer, of New York for \$25,000 to represent them at the unsuccessful Geneva naval parley. He added that the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock corporation, the Bethlehem Shipbuilding corporation, the Sun Shipbuilding company, the Worthington Pump company and the General Electric company had contributed \$41,000 to the Jones bill fund.

A statement was presented to the witness showing how it was spent. Bardo said the following contributions were included in the lobby fund: Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock corporation, \$10,000; Bethlehem Shipbuilding corporation, \$10,000; Sun Shipbuilding company, \$5,000; the Worthington Pump & Machine company, \$2,500; General Electric company, \$5,000; Westinghouse Electric company, \$4,000.

HOXIE REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Sept. 20.—(AP)—Hubert Hoxie, state traffic officer, injured four days ago when his motorcycle overturned and pitched him headlong into a ditch, regained consciousness today. Hoxie had been unconscious since the accident. When he was aroused today he was under the impression he had just entered the receiving ward, unaware that he had lain four days in an unconscious condition.

Will Rogers Says:

OOLAGAH, Okla., Sept. 19.—The football season is on and here is as pathetic a note as I ever read. It's by Gil Dobie and head coach at Cornell: "The future of Cornell as a class A college is entirely in the hands of the faculty. I f they are going to be a bull-headed and insist on the students studying and carrying on a lot of lessons and getting their minds and time of what they are here for, why we will finish where all other narrow minded colleges finish, in the cellar. But if they wake up like Notre Dame, California and Princeton and realize it's tough-downs we want, and not degrees—it's future coaches we want to turn out and not college presidents—then only will Cornell return to its proud place among prosperous universities, but I can do nothing. It's all in the hands of the faculty."
Yours,
WILL ROGERS.

Wild Animals Lose Fear of Man in Dangers of Flaming Forests

NANAIMO, B. C., Sept. 20.—(AP)—Pierre Olsen told today of an experience which indicated that the fire fear instinct quelled the animosity to humans in the savage beasts of these cougars in the Albers district and caused them to put their faith in man to lead them to safety.
Olsen related how the beasts took up his trail about three miles this side of Albers and followed him through raging brush fires for a mile and a half along the highway. He kept a handkerchief over his mouth and nose. Apart from occasional grunts which did nothing towards Olsen's peace of mind, the cougars showed no signs of attacking him.
When the end of the burning stretch was reached the animals still followed the man for six and a half miles until he reached Dog Creek camp, where a gang of road men reside, and the cougars took off.
Olsen said he was terrified every minute of the hike. He carried an umbrella and tried to wave the beasts away. They showed no signs of fright but determinedly pursued his trail, apparently in faith that he would lead them out of danger.