

### The Weather

Increasing cloudiness tonight and Wednesday; occasional rains. Not much change in temperature.

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## Today

By Arthur Brisbane

What Her Money Did, Mussolini And Solon. What Is Life? No Answer. Why Submarines?

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A woman, 80 years old, is found dead, in an apartment for which she paid \$12 a month, very little in a big city. Miss Brandt, who brought her a bowl of hot soup every day, found the body, called the police.

Detectives found hidden in the apartment \$400,000 in bills, gold, silver, bonds and bank accounts.

Every one asks "What good did all her money do her?"

Thousands of old people will answer: "Great good. It kept her from worry in her old age, and allowed her to die in peace."

Few realize the bitterness of poverty, as years creep on, and strength and friends fade away.

That old woman's money brought her just one thing, INDEPENDENCE, and nothing could be more precious.

Mussolini says he relinquishes seven portfolios, important places in the Italian government, to create a machine that will keep Italy going "and I no longer guide it."

This indicates that the dictator does not take the royal family seriously, as a governing machine. But he has treated that family royally, preserving its constitutional rights, and showing all respect to the king, whom he doubtless regards as a necessary part of government paraphernalia.

To understand Mussolini, consider Draco, Solon, and others of the law-making type, more recent. Mussolini is their racial descendant. He asks himself what laws the people need, invents and promulgates them. Draco punished great and little crimes with death "because the lesser crimes deserved death, and he had no greater penalty for the great crimes."

Solon, asked if he had given Athens the best laws that could be given, said he had given the Athenians "the best laws they could receive." He knew and allowed for the weaknesses of human beings, as does Mussolini. He would not hesitate to repeal existing laws, as Solon did, cancel debts, make special rules for the relations of a husband with a wife, or grade the

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## Abe Martin



There's a popular impression that doctors and dentists are easy marks, but just the same they don't seem to have joined any "book o' the month" clubs. Last night's drivin' wuz jugged last night for nephrin' a car after takin' patent medicine.

## JOSEPHINE POSSE OUT FOR YEGGS

Two Suspects In Grants Pass Safe Blowing Attempt Are Nabbed In Roseburg—One Seriously Injured—Officers Believe Robber Rendezvous Is Located In Wilds.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Oct. 15.—(AP)—A posse of deputy sheriffs from Josephine and Douglas counties, headed by Sheriff E. H. Lister, were penetrating the wild and mountainous section of Josephine county today in search of an alleged robbers' rendezvous.

Sheriff Lister organized the posse after he and Douglas county authorities had questioned Raymond Carr, 29, who with his brother Harry, 26, are held in the Roseburg jail, suspected of attempting to blow the Golden Rule department store safe Sunday night.

A finger and an ear were found in the wreckage, after authorities said they corresponded with the missing portions of Harry Carr's body. He is in a hospital at Roseburg, near death.

Raymond Carr brought his brother to the hospital Monday and explained that Harry had been injured in a hunting accident, but hospital officials became suspicious and notified authorities. The Carr brothers were placed under arrest.

Sheriff Lister indicated he believed the rendezvous in the mountainous section of Josephine county is the base for operations of a gang of robbers who have worked in southern Oregon cities the past six months.

Raymond Carr denied all knowledge of the robbery. He denied he and his brother had entered the physician's office at Grants Pass where plates and surgical tools were stolen. Authorities said the brothers stole the medical appliances and then endeavored to administer aid to Harry, who they said was injured by the blast of explosive in the safe.

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No attempt has been made to secure a confession from either of the brothers. Aside from a short questioning last night, Sheriff Lister said he desired to check up on their past movements so that he would be able to refute their stories that they were hunting in Coos county when Harry Carr is said to have suffered an injury that caused him to lose about half of his hand.

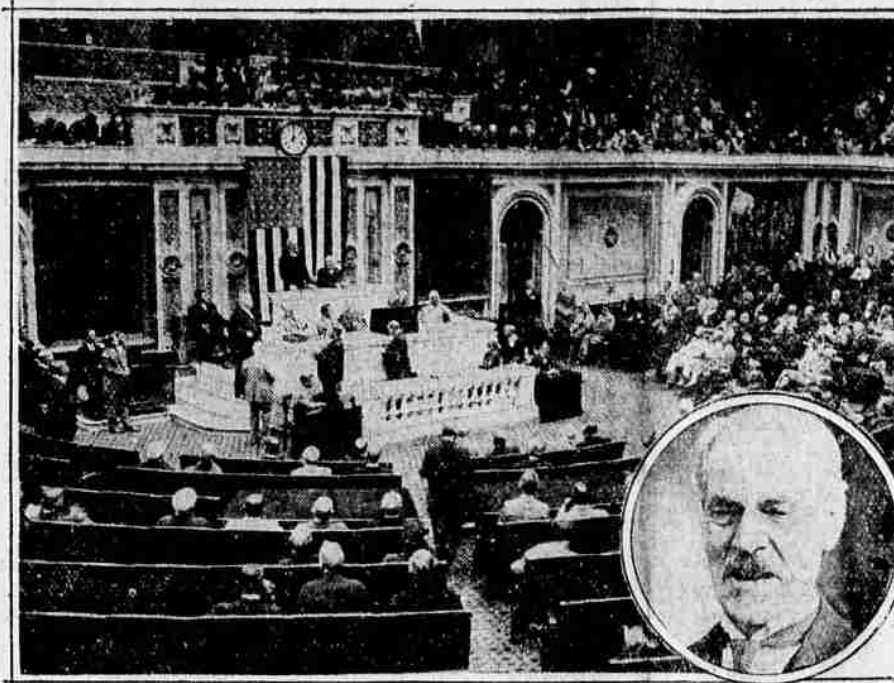
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## MACDONALD DELIVERS PEACE MESSAGE TO SENATE



James Ramsay MacDonald, Great Britain's premier, appeared before members of the United States senate making an impassioned plea for the cause of peace among all nations.

## CIRCLE OF CITY TO BE MADE BY SOVIET BIRDMEN

SEATTLE, Oct. 15.—(AP) Conversion of the Russian plane "Land of the Soviets" from a sea to a land ship was completed today and Chief Pilot S. A. Shestakov was confident he would be ready to leave here Thursday morning for Oakland, Cal., on his Moscow-New York flight.

A thorough survey of the two big motors of the plane was being made and all apparatus was tested.

While the plane's schedule will not permit stops enroute to Oakland, the Russian aviators promised to circle over Tacoma, Portland, and Medford to give residents of those cities an opportunity to see the ship.

The four Soviet fliers were outfitted with new suits of street clothes today and were to be feted at an elaborate dinner given in their honor by the chamber of commerce and the Seattle chapter of the National Aeronautical association.

A telegram was received today by Seeley V. Hall, chairman of the chamber of commerce aviation committee from S. A. Shestakov of the plane, "Land of the Soviets," on a flight from Moscow to New York City, indicating that the plane would circle over the city while en route from Seattle to San Francisco, Thursday forenoon.

The wire, sent in reply to an invitation to land here, is as follows: "In appreciation of your telegram, we shall be pleased to circle over your city while enroute to San Francisco, leaving Seattle Thursday morning."

The plane will probably pass over Medford late in the forenoon, but if the sky is in any way overcast, it is possible the ship may land here for weather information and supplies. Mr. Hall thought this afternoon.

FRANCE AND JAPAN JOIN NAVAL CONFAB

PARIS, Oct. 15.—(AP) The French cabinet today decided formally to accept the British invitation to participate in a five power naval limitation conference at London in January.

TOKYO, Oct. 15.—(AP) The Japanese cabinet today approved the final draft of the Japanese reply to the British invitation to a naval disarmament conference.

LONDON, Oct. 15.—(AP) Italy has accepted the British invitation to a five power naval conference.

Peru, Ill.—Paul Pantalone, Chicago, knocked out Eddie Anderson of Baltimore, (63), Fernandez Gonzalez, Mexico, knocked out Lou Denny, Aurora, Ill. (5).

## Driving Elevator While Intoxicated Brings Fine, Cell

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 12.—(AP)—And now we have the driving a man while intoxicated charge.

Joe Hoos, who has his ups and downs in a downtown office building, was sentenced to pay a \$25 fine and spend 10 days in jail today when a policeman testified Joe's erratic elevator acted that way because the driver was intoxicated.

Police said Hoos was intoxicated when brought before the police judge.

## DEER HUNTERS STAY AT HOME STATE IS LOSER

Portland, Ore., Oct. 15.—(AP)—Harold Clifford, state game warden, told the state game commission yesterday that postponement of the deer hunting season for 12 days this fall not only cut into the time limit for the hunt but also altered the income of the state from licenses nearly \$30,000.

Clifford said that as a result of this unusual delay in state income, every department of the state game commission, would be operated on a saving basis and promises to be one of the leanest years experienced in Oregon.

Every item of development today to present to the next session of the legislature an amendment providing for the lengthening of the deer hunting season in direct proportion to the time cut from the start this year. Commissioners said this would insure the stability of income.

Eugene Oster Leaving

EUGENE, Ore.—(AP) Dr. Charles Lewis Travin, for four years pastor of the First Baptist church here, has received a call to the First Baptist church of Fresno, Calif.

## Slide for Life Has Fatal Ending; Several Chicago Spectators Hurt

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 15.—(AP)—Reddy Cimino, 23, New York daredevil, fell to his death while sliding down a rope from the 44th floor of the new Civic Opera building today and in his fall injured several spectators, one of whom was thought to have suffered a broken neck. Cimino was performing for moving picture cameras.

Cimino landed half way between Washington and Madison on South Wacker drive. He struck the base of the elevated structure as he landed.

## FIRST 9 MONTHS 1929 BUSINESS AT HIGH LEVEL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—Secretary Lamont said today that business is in a very healthy condition and that it had maintained a high level for the first nine months of 1929.

The output of pig iron and steel ingots, he said, was "usually regarded as an accurate reflector of industrial conditions," and he cited that the output of these products was more than 17 per cent greater than for the corresponding period of last year.

Silk consumption, he reported showed more than nine per cent gain and wool, cotton and rayon consumption increased. Automobile production "often used as a measure of consumer purchasing power," also increased, his statement said, and industrial employment was larger, payrolls showing expense. Retail trade, including mail order houses, department stores, and ten cent chain stores, showed a business well above last year's record, according to the commerce secretary.

The secretary reported dividend and interest payments twelve per cent above the corresponding period of last year, while defaulted liabilities of failing business firms declined 11 per cent. He said wholesale prices were stable, and foreign trade showed heightened activity.

Mr. Lamont asserted he was making "no prognostications" but was merely "recording what has happened."

## P. T. A. CONVENTION TO OPEN TONIGHT AT G. P.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Oct. 15.—(AP)—Arrival of a large delegation of Parent-Teacher Association representatives from Portland and northern Oregon today gave convention headquarters its first official atmosphere.

Scores of other delegates are coming by automobile. Plans have been made for the entertainment of more than 500 delegates. The convention will open officially tonight with Mrs. W. W. Gabriel, president of the association, presiding.

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The third letter was abrupt: "All right. You are just as good as putting Frank on the spot. Well, how'll you like getting the finger on yourself? Frank's going to tell. He remembers 15 shootings he did because you ordered him to do them. He's going to tell just who killed McSwigen for a starter. And he's going to tell about why you had him lumpy off Ben Newmark—because you heard Ben wanted to steal your racket and had put up a cash offer to the man that got you. (Newmark was an investigator for former State's Attorney Robert E. Crowe.)

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## PANTAGES TO TESTIFY IN DEFENSE

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 15.—(AP)—With the announcement by District Attorney Byron Fitts that Police Chemist Rex Welch, whose cross examination was to be completed today was to be the last witness called by the prosecution, attorneys for Alexander Pantages, wealthy theatre man on trial in superior court on a statutory charge brought by Eunice Pringle 17-year old dancer, expected to produce the first of some twenty defense witnesses.

Defense counsel did not make public the orders in which their witnesses will testify, but said that at least four days will be required to hear them all. Pantages will take the stand in his own defense, and Attorney W. I. Gilbert, Pantages' chief counsel, intimated that several surprise witnesses will be presented.

Welch was the most important of six new witnesses called by the state yesterday. He identified clothing presented as a state exhibit, as the garments worn by Miss Pringle at the time of the alleged attack in Pantages' theatre office in a downtown theatre building and told of making chemical examinations of the various articles of wearing apparel. The chemist testified that his examination convinced him that an attack had been made on the dancer.

Tillie Russo, usherette, whose testimony was interrupted by adjournment for the week-end holiday last Friday, was the first witness called yesterday. She had previously testified that Pantages had "coached" her in the story she was to tell the district attorney.

Girl Was Bruised

Catherine Belles, a police woman who made the first examination of Miss Pringle on the night of August 9 a few hours following the alleged attack, testified that her examination disclosed marks and bruises on the girl's body.

"I first saw Miss Pringle about 7 o'clock in the evening," declared Mrs. Belles. "I was instructed to make a complete examination of her and her clothing. This I did, and then reported to Captain J. J. Bruttig of the police crime prevention bureau. At the time Miss Pringle was very nervous and hysterical. I discovered bruises on her body and noticed that her clothing was torn. After the examination, I turned her over to her mother."

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## Will Rogers Says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 15.—That was a mighty fine thing of President and Mrs. Hoover going to Philadelphia to see that baseball game. Baseball is still and always will be our national game. It requires brains, more brains, more practice and more real skill than all other sports put together. It's the only game when you see it played you know whether the ones playing it are being paid or not. There was 20,000,000 baseball fans that listened to the world's series that knew every play made, and why, and how it was made, but still don't know whether Harvard is a town or a mouth wash, whether Yale is a yell or a lock, and think all Notre Dames are churches. So vivva baseball. It's for us unfortunate ones who won't have no alumni.

Yours,  
WILL ROGERS.

## NATIONAL AIR SYSTEM PLAN OF PRESIDENT

Administration Hopes to Set Up System of Mail and Passenger Airways—War and Navy Departments Making Study.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—The administration is giving close attention to the principal air routes in the hope of setting up a system of national airways as mediums of mail transportation and passenger traffic.

The question of determining what airlines could constitute a national system has been placed by President Hoover before the aviation sections of the postoffice, war and navy departments for study.

Regarding the letting of mail contracts, Mr. Hoover believes that a liberal government subsidy is advisable and necessary to establish this method of transporting mails, and it was said the postoffice department had been proceeding on that basis.

The question, however, is viewed by the administration as one involving complex and difficult problems.

It was said also the administration was considering mail contracts for the merchant marine in much the same light because it was desired to determine what the most important trade routes were and to try to build these up as a really important part of the merchant marine by the granting of suitable contracts.

## MERCHANTS TO MERGE EFFORT WITH C. OF C.

As a result of a unanimous vote at the Merchants' Association meeting in the Hotel Medford last night, that organization became a special division of the Chamber of Commerce, to be known as the Retail Merchants' Bureau.

This special merchants' division will be administered by its own officers and will not lose its identity as a group, developed primarily to trade promotion work. Its policies and activities will be controlled through an elected group of officers who shall act as a retail trade committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

According to the plan of organization submitted by J. D. Russell, chairman, and his committee, merchants must agree not to subscribe to funds which have not the endorsement of the committee, and all solicitors must be referred to that committee for approval.

Duns, which have heretofore been paid to the Merchants' association, will be paid to the Chamber of Commerce and the funds received will be deposited in a separate fund known as the retail trade fund. This will be utilized only for the purposes approved by the retail trade committee, which comprises the officers of the department.

That Armistice day, November 11, will be observed as a holiday by all the stores in the city was another decision reached at last night's meeting. Fire Chief Roy Elliott furnished the principal means of entertainment by demonstrating salvage covers to prevent loss by fire in department stores. He was assisted in the demonstration by Fireman Joe Fredrickson.