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**The Weather**  
Tonight and Friday fair; no wind in temperature.  
Yesterday 83  
This morning 53

Sixth Year  
TODAY'S NEWS TODAY  
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**Today**  
Arthur Brisbane  
Robot Battleship.  
Advise Him.  
Happy Mother.  
Small Baby.  
King Feature Synd., Inc.  
battleship Utah is to  
a "robot" battleship,  
a man aboard, direct-  
radio control far away.  
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direction, lay down  
grenades.  
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take his father's place in  
and another son elected  
of the state of Wisconsin.  
her husband died friends  
to run for the senate,  
to live through her  
her sons. Every mother  
that their success meant  
to the wife and  
all personal success  
meant.  
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**ie Martin**

## LINDY REPAIRING ENGINE TROUBLE AT KETOI ISLAND

### Couple May Spend Second Night At Sea—Japanese Ships Tows Plane To Quiet Water—Fog Holds.

NEMURO, Hokkaido Island, Japan, Aug. 21.—(Friday)—(AP)—Repairs to eliminate engine trouble from Charles and Anne Lindbergh's monoplane had not been completed at 4:30 a. m. Friday (2:30 p. m., Thursday E.S.T.) said a radio message from the steamer Shimushu Maru to the Ochiishi radio station here.

NEMURO, Japan, Aug. 20.—(AP)—Motor trouble and "white darkness" held Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh at Ketoi Island, one of the world's worst fog zones, again tonight.

The flying couple, forced down there late yesterday while on their way from Petropavlovsk to Nemuro, were described in radio reports as rather weary, having spent last night in the cramped quarters of their plane and getting little if any sleep.

In spite of their weariness and accumulation of trouble during today, the flyers were said to be in good spirits. They started to taxi their plane to Muroto Bay, 15 miles to the southwest, but the engine trouble developed. To ward off evening frosts, the Japanese government steamer Shimushu Maru, which had arrived early in the day.

Uncomfortable Night  
Messages said the couple had spent an uncomfortable night in the plane and remained there until after 8 o'clock in the morning, when the Shimushu Maru arrived.

They went aboard the ship, stretching their limbs and having breakfast while being interviewed by the skipper on their landing at Ketoi. Later they returned to the plane, hoping for weather favorable to resumption of their flight to Nemuro, or falling that, enough visibility to taxi their ship to Muroto Bay. But the motor trouble forestalled even that.

On top of that, the weather began to thicken. Mrs. Lindbergh stuck by her radio set until nightfall, receiving weather messages that for her spelled another night off the wild little island which even mariners approach with caution.

Many Board Ships Tonight  
Whether the Lindberghs would remain aboard their floating plane tonight or abandon it temporarily for more comfortable quarters aboard the nearby ship was not stated. Aviation authorities here said Lindbergh probably would sleep aboard ship but that Lindbergh likely would stick with his plane despite the prospect of another sleepless night.

Wireless reports late tonight said Lindbergh was working on the ailing motor but the repairs had not yet been completed. The colored wax represented as being hoped that the trouble would soon be remedied, and that they would be able to take off that they would tomorrow morning (3 p. m. E. S. T. today) for Muroto Bay or Nemuro if the weather cleared.

Towing Difficult  
The Shimushu Maru transmitted tonight's messages from its position on the north side of Ketoi Island. It had towed the plane there from the south side of the island.

Some difficulty was experienced in the towing because of a rough sea and the breaking of low lines. The ships captain expressed some anxiety because of the threatening weather and said he hoped it would be possible for the Lindberghs to reach Muroto Bay tomorrow.

At Muroto Bay the cache of supplies for Saito Yoshikazu, Japanese aviator who recently called in two attempts to fly to America via the Kurile and the Aleutian Islands, was placed at the disposal of the Lindberghs. Yoshikazu smashed his plane in landing on the rough waters near Muroto Bay.

Questioned By Japs  
Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh were questioned by the captain of the ship about the forced landing at Ketoi. Although Japan has rigid laws prohibiting flights over its territory without permission, the significance of the questioning was not explained.

Before leaving Petropavlovsk Lindbergh anticipated possible trouble in the Kuriles and asked the Japanese government, through the American embassy in Tokyo, for an emergency permit to land in the Kuriles. This permit was granted yesterday. Hence it was believed the interview aboard the ship did not concern any possible violation of Japanese law.

**Body Recovered From K. F. Canal**  
KILAMATH FALLS, Ore., Aug. 20.—(AP)—The body of George Combs, who drowned in the government canal here Wednesday, was found today after the water had been shut off from the canal.

The body was found about 400 feet downstream from the point the boy went under.

Steamer Aground  
BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Aug. 20.—(AP)—The tramp steamer Peter Kerr from Seattle, Washington, inbound with 2,000,000 feet of lumber today grounded on a sand bar outside the harbor.

## NEIGHBOR KNIFED TO SHREDS WHEN QUARREL FLARES

### Repeated Stabs Lay Farmer's Heart Bare—Assailant Gives Self Up With Boast Of Doing Good Job.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Aug. 20.—(AP)—Stabbed 23 times—and so badly that his heart was exposed—Robert Carlson, 33, member of a pioneer Willapa Harbor family, is dead here and his self-confessed assailant, Leo Bezezer, 51, is in the Pacific county jail.

Carlson resided about a mile east of Raymond, and Bezezer, a bachelor, was his neighbor. They had been a quarrel for some time over range pasturage. Last week Carlson's dog died of poison. Yesterday afternoon Carlson met Bezezer in the road near the Carlson place and, during their argument, accused Bezezer of killing the animal.

A fight ensued in which Bezezer drew a long knife and cut Carlson to shreds, stabbing him many times in the back when he was down from earlier thrusts in his breast and abdomen.

Sheriff On Scene  
Carlson crawled some distance back to his barn. A telephone call was sent to Raymond for an ambulance. Sheriff R. W. Trezise was on the streets of Raymond, heard the siren and followed. He was able to get the story from the injured man and then started on a hunt for Bezezer.

The knife could not be located. But when the sheriff returned to his office, he found that Bezezer had gone there of his own accord, reporting to a deputy:

"I've just been in a cutting scrape with a fellow—and I did a d—good job of it, too."

Carlson died about 3 o'clock this morning. He is survived by his wife and several brothers.

Bezezer has been in trouble here before. Records show that when he was drafted during the late war he went to Mexico and stayed there seven years, escaping service.

## Today's BASEBALL

American	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	6	9	4
Chicago	11	15	3
Hoyt, Rommel and Cochrane, Hering; Thomas, Frazier and Tate.			
Washington	R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	8	9	1
Marberry, Fischer and Spencer; Harder, Connally and Sewell.			
Boston	R.	H.	E.
Detroit	2	9	2
Lisenbee, Morris, McLaughlin and Berry; Herring and Hayworth.			
National	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburgh	1	4	2
Boston	2	5	0
(10 innings)			
Kremer, Osborn, Swetonic and Phillips; Brandt and Spohrer, Boel.			
Second game:	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburgh	5	11	2
Detroit	4	12	2
Meine and Phillips; Sherdell, Cunningham and Boel.			
Cincinnati	R.	H.	E.
New York	1	9	1
Benton and Sukeforth; Hubbell and Hogan.			
Chicago	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	1	4	1
Root and Hartnett; Clark and Lopez.			

## 300 FIRES RAGE IN THREE STATES RUIN RUNS HIGH

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 20.—(AP)—Foresters said today that an area almost as large as Delaware and Rhode Island was already burned over, and nearly 300 fires still flamed in forests of Idaho, Montana, and Washington.

Blackened areas were estimated at 1,500,000 acres or about 2350 square miles. Up to August 10, the United States forest service fought 944 fires, and several hundred more burned over state and private timber.

Of these 566 were caused by lightning, 44 by railroad trains, 141 by smokers, 51 by campfires, at least 75 by incendiaries.

LA GRANDE, Ore., Aug. 20.—(AP)—The forest fire raging along Cathlamet creek east of Union today had spread to 3000 acres.

Three hundred men were on the fire fronts and authorities in charge said cloudy weather today might help them control the fire.

The fire, temporarily under control Wednesday, broke through the guards late in the day. In one place the wind whipped the flames into fresh timber while at another point a burning log rolled down a hill and started a new fire.

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 20.—(AP)—A band of 300 fire fighters was desperately battling a circle of forest fires around Centerville and near Quartzburg today with hopes of saving both towns as well as the Mayflower and Belshazzar gold mines.

The telephone operator at Placerville, within a mile of the fire, said the town of Centerville was completely encircled by flames but has not yet burned.

**PIONEER OREGONIAN SUCCUMBS IN SALEM**  
SALEM, Ore., Aug. 20.—(AP)—Henry Eberhard, 86, who came to Oregon in 1853, died at his home here late yesterday. He was the son of Barney and Elizabeth Eberhard, early pioneers from Colon, Mich. His widow, four daughters and a son, residing at Alameda, California and Salem, survive.

Wanted in California.  
SALEM, Ore., Aug. 20.—(AP)—The governor's office here today received a requisition from Governor James Rolph of California for the return of Felix McNeese, wanted in Orange county for grand theft. McNeese is under arrest at Pendleton.

**CON MEN USE FAMILIAR TRICK TO GAIN \$12,000**  
LOS ANGELES, Aug. 20.—(AP)—Three confidence men, one a cripple, were sought by authorities today after A. H. Smith, Portland, Ore., school teacher, told a deputy district attorney an amazing story of high finance and listed his losses at \$12,000.

A warrant for the arrest of a "Mr. Grant," the cripple, and two pseudo brokers was issued by A. S. Colgrove, deputy district attorney on Smith's story. Smith said he learned of the deception just as he was about to turn over another \$10,000 borrowed from Portland friends.

Smith told authorities he became acquainted with "Mr. Grant" aboard a coastwise steamer en route here from Portland. From Los Angeles Smith said he and his companion went to Redondo Beach where Grant found a wallet containing \$50 and a bond apparently worth \$100,000.

The wallet, Smith said, contained newspaper clippings relating how a

## AMERICAN WHEAT OFFERED CHINESE ON CREDIT TERMS

### Farm Board Glad To Negotiate For 15 Million Bushel Sale Is Reply To Nationalist Officials.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(AP)—The farm board has replied to the Chinese government that the grain stabilization corporation would be glad to enter negotiations for the sale of 15,000,000 bushels of wheat for relief of food sufferers.

Chairman Stone said today the board's answer had been transmitted to the Nanking government through the state department in response to an informal inquiry about the purchase of wheat on long term credit.

The question of payment has not yet been considered, Stone said, but he said he assumed it would be on the basis of a straight obligation on the part of that government if negotiations were satisfactory. He added that a governmental obligation was the best credit China had to offer.

Want Market Price  
The sale price would be the market price on the day of shipment. Stone said a stipulation probably would be made that the wheat would be used for food relief purposes only.

The Chinese inquiry was referred to the White House as well as the board. President Hoover has expressed himself as concerned over the serious situation in the Yangtze valley and yesterday so assured the Chinese president. The board has more than 200,000,000 bushels of wheat bought in price stabilization operations.

May Aid Jobless  
The chairman revealed today that board members have been discussing the possibility of making some of its store available free for domestic food relief. Congressional action would be necessary for this.

Stone said he thought only three or four days would be required for consummation of the Chinese negotiations.

He added a quantity of wheat now is stored on the Pacific coast whence it could be shipped without delay.

**Here and There In the Air**  
COCHRANE, Ont., Aug. 20.—(AP)—Edwin L. Preston and Robert H. Collington, Detroit fliers, attempting a flight from Detroit, Mich., to Copenhagen, Denmark, via Greenland, hopped off for Rupert's House on James Bay at 4:10 p. m. (E. S. T.) after a three-hour stop here.

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Aug. 20.—(AP)—Flying over Belgium for the first time, the Graf Zeppelin came home from England in a pouring rain today to complete a cruise which marked the initial landing of a German airship on British soil since the war.

A flight over Switzerland, scheduled for today, was abandoned because of unfavorable weather.

KAZAN, U. S. S. R., Aug. 20.—(AP)—Friedrichshafen, via Etzdorf, German flier, left here this morning for Sverdlovsk on the third lap of her journey from Berlin to Tokyo.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Aug. 20.—(AP)—The German seaplane DO-X landed here at 4:25 p. m. today on its way from South America to the United States.

HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 20.—(AP)—Igor Sikorsky, airplane magnate, predicted in an interview today that Halifax will be the base for a regular trans-Atlantic air service between Europe and North America within five years.

Mrs. Gadsby Dies.  
PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 20.—(AP)—Mrs. Nellie Gadsby, 63, mother of Ben and Walter Gadsby, prominent Portland business men, died at her home in Seaside Tuesday night. She had been an invalid for several years.

## In "Love Nest" Shoot



Ruth Jayne, 27, was confronted with a charge of felonious assault after she had related, under questioning, a story of a drinking party in her New York apartment during which State Senator Roy Yates (inset, right) of Passaic, N. J., was shot and seriously wounded. Miss Jayne hid her face as cameraman tried to take her picture in the district attorney's office. Her picture is shown in inset below.

## 10,000 DROWNED IN FLOOD WATER OF LU HO RIVER

SHANGHAI, Aug. 20.—(AP)—A death toll estimated at 10,000 persons in the important Lo Ho river towns of Tzechow, Neikiang and Fuchun was reported today by Kuo Min, official Nationalist government news agency, as floods similar to those which have devastated Hupeh and Anhwei provinces swept through Szechwan province, the most densely populated province in China.

Only the northern part of Szechwan province was reported to have escaped the inundations of the Yangtze river and its tributaries, while in the central and southern areas thousands are reported to have perished.

Streets Are Rivers  
In Chengtu, the provincial capital, the streets were reported turned into rivers and several hundred were believed to have perished in Chungking. Many villages were reported obliterated overnight.

The national flood relief commission announced the American federal farm board in Washington was giving careful consideration to a proposal to sell the board's wheat surplus on credit to the Nationalist government for the relief of flood victims.

HANKOW, China, Aug. 20.—(AP)—With 300,000 persons in the Wuhan area, composing the cities of Hankow, Wuchang and Yangang, estimated to be homeless and destitute, the Yangtze river here today was five inches below the record high of yesterday, when it reached 53 feet, six inches.

Dykes continued to collapse, however, especially at Wuchang, and was still pouring through the faltering defenses of the walled city. There has been a considerable exodus of flood victims from the Wuhan area, but those remaining are in pitiful circumstances.

## FATHER AWARDED CUSTODY OF SON IN NORTHEY CASE

### Medford Woman Must Relinquish Boy To Former Husband Is Court Ruling—No Prosecution Asked.

In an opinion filed today with opposing counsel, but not formally filed with the county clerk, Circuit Judge H. D. Norton awards the custody of Bradford K. (Buddy) Sears, nine, to his father, Bernard G. Sears of Santa Rosa, Cal., former deputy sheriff, now engaged in a legal battle waged here last spring.

The opinion in its closing paragraph seeks assurances that the mother will not be prosecuted for abduction, as alleged in a California indictment. Otherwise, the opinion reads, "the court will further consider."

It was alleged that Mrs. Northey, remarried, "clandestinely removed" the boy from California to this city. Attorney E. E. Kelly, representing Mrs. Northey, wife of a clerk formerly employed in the Economy Groceries shoe department here, said this afternoon that "an appeal would be taken."

Order Is Cited.  
The court in its findings holds that the custody of the boy was awarded to the father by the California court, when a divorce was secured, and that no grounds have been established for the changing of this order. It is further held that the boy is approaching the age when he will more naturally seek the father than the mother, and holds that it is best that during the adolescent period he be close to the father. The court also finds that the grandmother, in whose care the child has been considerably, is qualified and able to perform the task.

A letter, introduced at the local hearing and written by Mrs. Northey while on a trip to Montana, is stressed by the court in its findings. In it Mrs. Northey says she regrets the divorce action, and declares she was influenced by word carried to her by another woman. "The court holds that in this letter Mrs. Northey expressed her true feelings. Extracts from other letters Mrs. Northey wrote are quoted.

Best for Boy.  
The court also holds that the chief purpose is to decide what is best for the boy, and after careful consideration has shaped his opinion to that end.

The opinion cites that Mrs. Northey is now happily married and that her husband is a worthy man, with real affection for the boy, but the court must consider the contingency that he may have children of his own by the present marriage, which would throw the lad in the position of a step-child.

The case attracted wide interest here when tried last spring. Bernard, a bright little chap, was a student at the Washington school.

The court had the case under advisement for three months.

**Discover Torso On Sacramento Dump**  
SACRAMENTO, Cal., Aug. 20.—(AP)—Authorities today were hopeful that fingerprints would reveal the identity of a man whose headless body was found in a dump outside the city limits yesterday.

A close examination of the fingerprints led authorities to believe the victim was not a laborer. His fingerprints were well kept, and his soft palms showed no signs of manual labor.

**WILL ROGERS says:**  
BEVERLY HILLS, Aug. 20.—Every day brings new schemes in the papers for relief. The Russians got a five year plan. Maybe it's terrible but they got one. We been two years just trying to get a plan. The latest two came from Mr. McKelvie of the North and Governor Long of the South. Neither one helps the corn raiser or the city fellow. One wants to give all the surplus wheat to the unemployed (that has been suggested more times than there are bushels). Long wants to plant no cotton next year. Both are good schemes, but neither don't put anybody to work, so we are still in the market for a plan. We will just about have to save ourselves accidentally. That's the way we stumbled on prosperity.

**PEAR MARKETS**  
NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—(U. S. D. A.)—(AP)—Pear auction market prices slightly stronger.  
Thirteen cars arrived; 1 Alabama, 33 California, 3 Oregon; unloaded: 17 cars on track.  
Oregon Bartlett's 1595 boxes, extra fancy \$2.15-2.25; average \$2.43; fancy \$2.05-2.45; few \$1.70-1.90; average \$2.29.  
California Bartlett's 29,833 boxes; best \$2.55-3.25; few \$3.85; ordinary \$2.30-2.75; common \$2.10-2.50; average \$2.59.  
Clairgeaus, 520 boxes, \$2.25-2.55; average \$1.74.  
CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—(U. S. D. A.)—(AP)—Pear auction market prices slightly stronger.  
Seventeen California and 2 others arrived; 13 California and 5 others on track; 13 cars sold.  
Oregon Bartlett's 420 boxes, \$2-2.45; average \$2.25.  
California Bartlett's 6352 boxes, \$2-3.25; mostly \$2.50.  
Boc 324 boxes, \$2.01.