

**The Weather**  
Forecast: Cloudy Sunday and Monday and becoming unsettled Monday; moderate temperatures. Highest yesterday 49. Lowest yesterday 33.

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**News Behind The News**  
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WASHINGTON, March 9.—There are other things behind this strange dispute between the new dealers and Comptroller McCarl.  
Grow-up officials do not lose their temper ordinarily over such a question as whether the navy should pay the return fare of the families of its officers stationed abroad.  
At least they do not continue to throw caution balls at each other day after day on such a trivial pretext.  
The resistance of McCarl against the speed of all new deal expenditures is one explanation, but a deeper contributing reason is that McCarl may be a candidate for the republican presidential nomination next year. His name has never been publicly mentioned, but the new dealers keep as close an eye on the opposition camp as they do on their own. They have heard that McCarl is a potential candidate and have been eager to verify it.  
It is not as astounding as it may sound. McCarl's term expires next year. He comes from the right section (Nebraska), has been out of the republican political messes of the past fifteen years, is a stickler for the law and for economy, holds old progressive ties through Senator Norris, whose secretary he once was. A rally for him could certainly be attempted, although it might lead him to a senate seat more easily than to the White House.  
This matter was actually discussed at a secret meeting of new dealers who have had spreading trouble with McCarl. The agencies which have had greatest difficulty getting him to okay their expenditures are FMA, PWA, HOLC, AAA, NRA, and FERA. The treasury has had some trouble also, and probably others. The only new dealer who has outwitted the comptroller is Reliefers Harry Hopkins. When McCarl insisted on auditing all the CWA vouchers, Hopkins made no protest, but suggested a half dozen private auditors and a half dozen private auditors full of government checks. He then called McCarl on the telephone and said: "Let me know if you find anything wrong." McCarl should be through looking within fifteen or twenty years, if he applies himself to the barrels diligently.  
Few know it, but the estate of the late William E. Humphreys is carrying on his court fight against his removal from the federal trade commission. The suit he started against President Roosevelt before he died has been carried to the supreme court. It was quietly sent there January 25 by the court of claims, which ducked the issue as to whether Mr. Roosevelt had the power to fire Humphreys. If Mr. Roosevelt wins this suit, McCarl may have an opportunity to start a presidential campaign before the expiration of his term.  
The whooping new deal publicity about the Belgian trade agreement did not say so, but there was a trick in that treaty.  
The lower import duties which we promised to Belgium are applicable not only to Belgium, but to every other country. In other words, the reduced tariffs we granted here are really general tariff reductions.  
That was not entirely evident until the customs bureau issued its routine circular No. 1348 the other day, ordering the general reduction on the articles mentioned in the Belgian treaty. Such action is required because we have treaties with most nations promising we will not discriminate against them.  
The Yankee traders are now in their storm cellars here awaiting the reaction.  
Jokes about congressional abuse of the franking privilege are obsolete under the new deal. It is not congress, but the executive branch of the government which is responsible for increased costs of carrying free mail.  
The records show that this expense increased about 75 per cent last year, from \$14,000,000 to \$23,000,000. But the cost of carrying free congressional mail fell off, from \$1,000,000 to \$775,000.  
Inner difficulties are developing in the communications commission which will make front page news sooner or later. The old radio commission moved is not getting along at all with the new members. It is impossible to tell just what forest the boys will fall.  
Tennessee clubs are not confined to those ever state. From California come reports of Townsend clubs made up of majority of young people.  
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## SECOND TOWNSEND MEMORIAL KILLED BY STATE SENATE

Recognition for \$200 Month Plan Fails—Another Week for Payless Solons Predicted—State NRA Code Approved.

SALEM, Ore., March 9.—(AP)—The second attempt for official recognition of the Townsend old age pension plan by the state of Oregon failed late today when the senate of the Oregon legislature killed the house memorial requesting congress to bring the plan out onto the floor for consideration.  
The house had previously passed a memorial requesting passage of the Townsend plan or similar legislation, without specifically designating the \$200 a month feature. This was killed by indefinite postponement without debate in the senate.  
Today, however, a roll call on an adverse committee report was called and the second attempt again indefinitely postponed action. The vote was 13 to 16 as follows:  
Against the memorial: Allen, Bynon, Dickson, Duncan, Dunn, Hazlette, Lee, McCormack, McKay, Pearson, Staples, Stetler, Stringer, Walker, Wallace and President Corbett.  
Those for the memorial: Aitken, Best, Burke, Carney, Chincock, Fisher, Goss, Hess, Lessor, Spaulding, Steyer, Wheeler and Zimmerman.  
Absent—Francisovich.  
As the 55th day of the prescribed 40-day period of the Oregon assembly ended the date of sine die adjournment was even more uncertain than believed a few days ago. All of next week was now the prediction by those who were declared the most pessimistic.  
In the meantime the legislators, unless since the 40th day, tired and weary, faced some heavy controversial issues on the calendars Monday. The senate today did not reach its scheduled program, spending all day on divided committee reports and on special order.  
Extra time for the session necessitated the appropriation of \$10,000 more by the ways and means committee, bringing the appropriation for the session to date up to \$140,000.  
Oregon today approved the NRA code for the state when the bill passed the senate after a hard fight by a vote of 17 to 11. It had already been approved by the house. The measure, which has been lying on the senate table for some time, would make the national code operative and enforceable in the state.  
Machinery to permit the state highway commission to operate ferries across the Columbia river, between Astoria and Mesler, Wash., was set up when the house approved the bill already passed by the senate.  
Enactment of the bill to permit open competition in automobile financing between private finance companies and those operated by motor manufacturers was completed by the legislature. The house passed the bill introduced in the senate.  
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## TELL OF MRS. GOULD'S PAST



New sensations in Mrs. Wilma E. Gould's suit involving "Prince Mike" Gerguson were provided by Mrs. Marion Peterson (left) and Miss Gale Wendell, shown leaving the courtroom in New York. Mrs. Peterson described her "call house" in Chicago, where she says Mrs. Gould was employed, as patronized by "lawyers, politicians, governors, senators and a couple of White House men." Miss Wendell testified that Mrs. Gould told her of an "affair" with Europe's man of mystery, Sir Basil Zaharoff. (Associated Press Photo)

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## LAW WOULD CURB INTIMIDATION OF SOLONS BY MAIL

Letter Writing, With Fake Signers, Becomes Racket Check Reveals—County Jail and Fine Proposed

SALEM, March 9.—(AP)—Hitting at a menace to legislation that has reached the proportions of a racket to intimidate members to support or oppose certain measures, a bill was introduced in the house Saturday making it a criminal offense to send telegrams or letters which are not signed by the person or authority of the organization whose name is subscribed to members of the legislature.  
Upon conviction of such offense a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500, imprisonment in the county jail for no more than six months or both fine and imprisonment was prescribed. The bill bears the names of Representatives Hyde, Erwin, Osborne, Eckersley, Kirkpatrick and Senators Wheeler, Fisher and Allen.  
Decree Uncovered  
It was declared doubtful if any assembly has been so deluged with "fake" letters, cards or telegrams as the present one. The house was literally bombarded with postal cards purporting to come from consumers in opposition to passage of the "fair-trade" bill. Of more than 300 which were traced, a large proportion was found to come from persons whose names or addresses could not be verified nor traced in the Portland city directories. Many of the addresses were fictitious. Representative William Dickson, Multnomah, made a special effort to have the addresses verified with little result.  
Representative Homer Agler, Multnomah, received a telegram threatening recall of all the delegation which favored the "fair-trade." It was signed by a name indicating that the sender had offices in a certain building. The original address could not be located neither did the janitor or building manager have any record of such a tenant.  
Representative C. F. Hyde, Lane county, received telegrams on other bills allegedly from firms which investigation revealed had not signed and were holding opposite views to those set forth.  
Representative William Graham, Multnomah, had a telegram signed by a group of automobile dealers in opposition to a bill. Investigation by him revealed that five of the signers had not authorized use of their name, were not in accord to the sentiments expressed and had not signed the telegram. Letters to this effect were received from the five individuals.  
How many others and the number of "phony" telegrams and letters that have been received by members was a matter of conjecture but the matter has become so serious as to receive official recognition.

## LOVE MAKING OF CLARK GABLE HIT BY YOUNG PASTOR

CADIZ, O., March 9.—(AP)—Clark Gable's position as "first citizen" of nearby Hopdale is shaken, but safe. Rev. Samuel C. Williams, a young evangelist, started many of the citizens when he criticized the motion picture actor and said that children who go to see Gable and the children "are mingling in the society of Hollywood stars who glorify perverted love." Hopdale is Gable's home town.  
The Rev. Mr. Williams made his statement at a meeting of the parents-teachers' association. He got an immediate response. Men in the audience rose to defend Gable's acting and praise his talents.  
"How many of you parents would like for your children to duplicate Gable's love scenes?" the evangelist asked. "Clark Gable has brought no real credit to Hopdale."  
In this town where a new Gable picture is an event, these words spread quickly.  
Mayor H. M. Bell hastened to state that he did not approve of the quoting remarks and that "the people of Hopdale look up to Clark Gable as its first citizen."  
Rev. T. W. Pearson of the Hopdale Presbyterian church said he believed any man had a right to make his living in any honest way. Mrs. Mildred Carrier, member of the parent-teacher association, said she enjoyed Gable's pictures.  
The Rev. Mr. Williams recently was appointed acting pastor at the Hopdale Methodist church. He is 23 and a recent graduate of Ashbury college in Kentucky.  
As a boy, Gable went to Sunday school in the church where the evangelist is now acting pastor.

## ELASTIC BOTTLES FOR MILK NEXT COAST BUSINESS SIGNS CHEERING

CHICAGO, March 9.—(AP)—Don't be surprised if you see milk bottles bouncing.  
The packaging conference of the American management association was told yesterday by Allen Brown, that bottles can be made of elastic, and science soon will make them transparent. The idea is to decrease the broken glassware on the back steps.  
SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.—(AP)—Activity of bank funds increased sharply in the twelfth district, indicating a strong seasonal pickup. Retail trade was reported slowing down, while wholesale business picked up slightly. Rail freight traffic was higher than the previous week and the same week a year ago, but shipping lagged. Steel sales were brisk, but lumber was off slightly, and while building was more active heavy construction was in a lull.

## DAKOTA STRIKERS HALT MEAT TRAIN; MILITIA CALLED

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., March 9.—(AP)—Four units of the South Dakota National Guard were ordered out tonight as striking union workers at the John Morrell packing company plant halted meat shipments and refused to leave company property in an effort to enforce demands against a contemplated layoff of 108 employees.  
Governor Tom Berry instructed Adjutant General Cliff Coffey of Rapid City to order out the guardsmen after receiving reports that thousands of dollars worth of meat had spoiled or was in danger of spoiling unless shipments were permitted.  
Striking workers, about 700 of whom remained in or about the plant tonight behind locked gates, had prevented a train crew from moving 18 cars of meat earlier in the day. There was no violence. A group of the men merely stood on the tracks and refused to move to permit the locomotive to be coupled to the cars.  
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## MALADY MENACES KLAMATH BABIES

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., March 9.—(AP)—A malady marked by convulsions and sudden death which has claimed the lives of five small children in the county the past few weeks will be officially investigated, Dr. George H. Adler, county coroner, announced today.  
Dr. Adler said that in each case there have been convulsions, and death has come before a physician could reach the child.  
One baby died in an automobile before it could be rushed to doctors.  
While the cases were widely scattered throughout Klamath county, the symptoms were the same. Physicians were inclined to believe the deaths were due to a strident type of influenza, Dr. Adler said.

## Anesthetic Coma Fatal For Nurse After Nine Days

PASADENA, Calif., March 9.—(UP)—Verna Nixon, yellow haired nurse, who went to sleep beside a burning gas heater and never woke up, died last night as quietly as she had lived for the past nine days.  
Motionless on a bed for 216 hours, save for a slight twitching of her eyelids at times, she lay under an "anesthetic coma" which defied the efforts of science to rouse her.  
She was completely free of the poison which had invaded her system, according to Dr. John F. Brereton, who attended her. That had been burned out by a glandular extract which he administered. But the effect of the gas had caused her nerves slowly to die.

## BORAH CALLS FOR ANTI-TRUST LAWS TO AID RECOVERY

WASHINGTON, March 9.—(AP)—A demand from Senator Borah (R., Idaho) for the junking of NRA, except for its child labor, minimum wages and maximum hours provisions emphasized today the difficult problem facing the administration in its effort to extend the recovery act.  
Borah, who is leading a drive for full restoration and enforcement of the anti-trust laws, said in an interview that legislation along the lines he outlined would be "the greatest contribution toward recovery we could make at this time."  
His proposal added one more to the heap of suggestions already before the senate finance committee for revising NRA. Chairman Harrison, realizing his task, announced he would seek to expedite hearings to insure that some continuing legislation is passed before the recovery law expires June 16.  
At the same time Harrison made public plans for the future conduct of the NRA investigation by his committee, disclosing the possibility of a debate before that forum between Hugh S. Johnson and the man who lead the attack on his administration of the recovery unit, Clarence Darrow.  
Harrison said Darrow would be invited to testify in the inquiry, and that Johnson undoubtedly would appear. The committee was not certain, however, that Darrow would care to come before the committee because of his health. In Chicago the celebrated criminal lawyer said he would await receipt of a formal invitation before deciding.  
Johnson, in New York, said if he was called before the committee, he would go, but he had not been asked to testify. He reiterated his former declaration that the NRA was "as dead as a do-dod."

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