

## HOOVER STUDIES DEPRESSION IN SILVER PRICES

International Conference Proposal Is Before President.

*By United Press*  
WASHINGTON, March 12.—The world silver situation, one of the prime causes of world depression, occupied the attention of President Herbert Hoover today.

The Pittman resolution urging him to call an international conference of the major nations in an effort to find some solution of the difficulty is before him for consideration.

Adopted by the senate in the closing days of the session, the resolution proposed to open what some believe may be a pandora's box of international problems, including the British policy in India.

Mr. Hoover's advisers indicate he is likely to dismiss the suggestion for a conference without action. However, if he decides a conference is feasible, he may limit the agenda to prevent it from being an international affront to some of the nations involved, they say.

**Silver Half Normal Price**

In speeches, Mr. Hoover has attributed some of the business recession in this country to the fall in the world price of silver, which depressed trade with silver standard nations of the far east and South America.

He has been deeply interested also because of his early engineering experience in developing the silver mines of Nevada, Australia and China, the three localities most deeply interested.

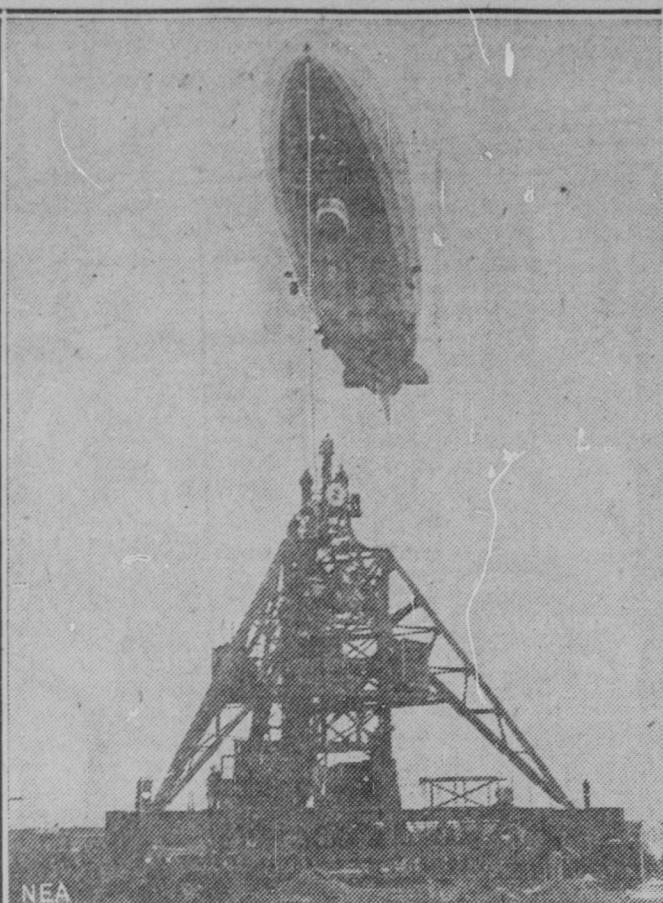
Statistics have been submitted to him showing the existing price of silver is less than half its normal value. Since January, 1929, it has tumbled from 57½ cents an ounce to 26½ cents. Its normal price is around 60 cents. That average was maintained during the last ten years.

**Decrease in Exports**

The drop has carried with it a 27 per cent decrease in American exports to China, comparing the years 1929 and 1930. Imports from China declined 36 per cent.

Backers of the resolution in congress, including its author, Senator Pittman (Dem., Nev.), charged British policy toward India is largely responsible. India is being changed from a silver to a gold basis and much of its silver coinage has been melted and supposedly shipped to China, deflating the currency there. China's purchasing power has been affected thereby and American miners have suffered.

## War Bird Comes Home



Easy, now! Handle that cabin carefully . . . for any mishap would have spoiled the long and successful cruise which lay behind the United States' dirigible Los Angeles when, as pictured above, the mammoth craft dipped its prop toward the stub mooring mast at the Lakehurst (N. J.) air station.

The big ship has returned from war maneuvers with the fleet off Panama.

## DRACULA CONTEST PRIZES AWARDED

Francis K. Fox Gets First Place; Hundreds of Drawings Judged.

Judges in the Dracula contest today announce the winners who receive a total of \$50 for their efforts.

Lee Williams, artist for The Times, headed the committee of judges, which included Mrs. Vivian Lang and the Dracula Contest Editor.

Hundreds of drawings were submitted and the task of the contest editor at The Times was stacked high with exhibits.

After hours of work the judges announced the following winners:

First prize, \$20, Francis K. Fox, 45 Meridian apartments, 6 West Michigan street; second, \$12, Harold Simkin, 3249 Graceland avenue; third, \$8, Dorothy Theobald, 715 North Beloit avenue; fourth, \$5, Alice O'Donnell, 4134 Rockwell street; fifth, \$2, Charles R. Jefferson, 329 East Thirty-sixth street.

The last three prizes of \$1 each

### AMERICAN BIRTH RATE EXCEEDS DEATH FIGURES

Thirty Babies Born Every Hour in United States.

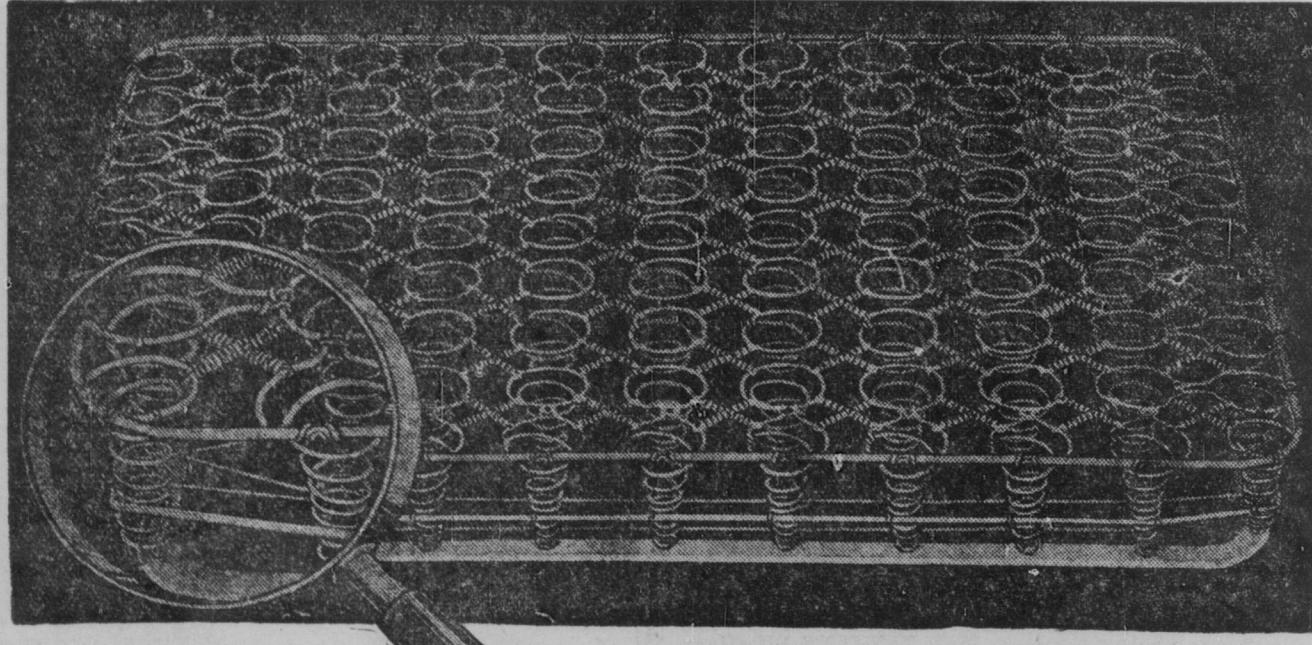
*By United Press*  
CHICAGO, March 12.—Americans in this speedy era are being born approximately one-third faster than they are dying, according to vital statistics from eight principal cities compiled today.

Every hour during 1930 an average of 30.8 babies were born in these densely populated areas, ranging from New York to San Francisco, the figures revealed. Death took an average of 19.6 persons per hour or approximately a third less.

An average of 17.4 couples took the marriage vows every sixty minutes.

Here are the figures as gathered from New York, Chicago, Cleveland, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Dallas, Pittsburgh and Greater Kansas City: Total births, 269,881; total deaths, 171,786; total marriages, 153,184.

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## In Death Quiz



Committee to Meet in London, Possibly in April, to Open Discussions.

*By United Press*  
LONDON, March 12.—A committee representing the United States, Britain, Japan, France and Italy will be formed to draft a new five-power naval limitations agreement, incorporating the new Franco-Italian accord, it was understood today in reliable American quarters.

The committee would meet in London, possibly in April, with Ambassador Charles G. Dawes as the probable United States representative.

Dawes will visit the foreign office today, regarding a matter separate from the naval accord, but probably incidentally will discuss the disarmament question.

### Satisfaction in U. S.

*By United Press*  
WASHINGTON, March 12.—Looking back over a decade of successive naval reductions which the United States inaugurated in 1921, American officials took satisfaction today in the willingness of the world to lay down at least some of its arms.

This reflection was inspired by the Franco-Italian naval agreement, particularly as it affects battleships. From a limit of 175,000 tons for these two countries set up by the Washington treaty, they have cut their capital ships until, by 1936, each will have only 46,666 tons under the retirement age limit, officials pointed out.

### Greeted With Praise

*By United Press*  
LONDON, March 12.—The Franco-Italian naval accord was greeted in London, Paris and Rome today with praise for its political contribution toward a successful 1932 world disarmament conference, but with definite dissatisfaction with various technical provisions for limitation of navy armaments.

The accord generally was considered an outstanding political achievement which strengthened world security by avoiding a naval building race and laying the basis for naval limitations at the 1932 conference at Geneva. Otherwise, there was apparent desire in London and Rome for future changes which would make the accord less favorable to France.

Checks will be mailed to winners. This contest was sponsored by The Times and the Circle theater, where "Dracula" is on view.

## DOCTOR SHOWS QUICKEST WAY TO END HEAD COLDS

Many Here Who Try Pleasant Hospital Method At Home Get Instant Relief



Doctors realizing the need to "play safe" in dealing with a cold during changeable weather are now advising home use of a pleasant hospital method that has given surprisingly quick results to vast numbers of Indianapolis people.

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## GRAF ZEP MAY FLY TO U. S. THIS SUMMER

Hugo Eckener Seeks Use of Lakehurst Facilities at Trip's End.

*By United Press*

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The veteran dirigible Graf Zeppelin may again cross the North Atlantic in a flight from Germany to the United States this summer.

Dr. Hugo Eckener, lighter-than-air expert and commander of the Zeppelin on all of its cruises, conferred today with navy department officials as to the possibility of using the facilities of the Lakehurst, N. J., naval air base as an American terminus.

Navy officers advised Eckener the Zeppelin must make its trip before completion of the ZRS-4, new navy dirigible now building at Akron and due to be completed late this summer.

The old Los Angeles, together with the ZRS-4, will utilize all facilities of the Lakehurst base, it was said.

Eckener said he planned to make several trips to South America this summer.

Purpose of the flights would be to survey the ground, estimate operating costs, and gain experience prior to the establishment of

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## Justice

*By United Press*  
WASHINGTON, March 12.—Inmates of District of Columbia penal institutions, some 2,200 in number, have not been overlooked in the half-holiday law recently enacted for the benefit of government employees.

While not strictly federal employees, all prisoners will cease work at 1 p. m. Saturdays for a half-holiday.

The guards, due to a temporary shortage, will not be able to take advantage of the law for the present.

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