

The Weather
 Forecast—Fair and warm tonight and Thursday.
 Maximum yesterday 86
 Minimum today 55

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
 Maximum 93
 Minimum 58

Daily—Twenty-third Year
 Weekly—Fifty-seventh Year

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Today AL IS MAD, FIRES DEFI AT PASTOR

By Arthur Brisbane

American Girls. Earth's Airy Armor. The Nordic Stayed Home. France May Show Us.

Our girls, can swim. One, unmarried, swam the channel. Then an American married woman swam the channel. Now Martha Norelius, of New York, wins the 400-metre swim, beating the Olympic record and the world's record.

Long distances, or short, across the channel or in 400 meters of smooth water, American girls finish first. It is a good sign for the coming generation, which American girls must manufacture.

Next Saturday look for many shooting stars, and thank eternal wisdom for the atmosphere which is earth's armor plate. A shooting star is a meteor, usually of solid metal, melting, reduced to dust as it passes through our air.

At frightful speed, resistance of the air creates friction so intense that all but the biggest meteors melt and are harmless.

If our protecting atmosphere were missing and all the meteors struck with full weight, there wouldn't be a city in existence on the earth's surface.

Professor R. D. McKenzie, of Washington, says "Nordic supremacy" exists only in the Nordic's own conceit. It is, however, a true fact the limited numbers of light haired, light-eyed human beings have done a good deal. They have repeatedly conquered southern areas inhabited by dark-eyed people, only to be absorbed by the darker types.

What historians would call "the 1000 greatest men that ever lived" were, more than 900 of them, of the light-eyed, light-haired type.

Even among dark-eyed races the genius often has light eyes, Napoleon coming from dark-eyed Corsica with his light gray eyes, etc.

HERBERT HOOVER FINISHES HIS ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

By Paul E. Haupt

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 8.—(AP)—Governor Smith has thrown down the gauntlet to critics of his public record, and has embraced in his challenge those who speak from the pulpit.

Dr. Stratton announced that he would accept the challenge, so today it appeared that a debate between a presidential nominee and a minister of the gospel in a house of worship—something new in political campaigns—might be in the offing.

The governor in a letter sent to the Rev. Stratton yesterday called him to task for his declaration of Sunday, and suggested that he and the minister meet face to face during Labor Day week in the minister's church, Calvary Baptist.

"I will permit you, if you choose, to conduct the meeting by question and answer," said Smith. "I will make a statement of the question you may put to me which, in your opinion, will in any degree tend to justify your remarks."

In a counter proposal Dr. Stratton suggested that he and the governor argue things out in Madison Square Garden or some other large auditorium, and also that they embark on a joint debating tour of the south.

Just what the governor's reaction would be to these proposals had not been disclosed today, although it was regarded as certain that he would reject both. His friends pointed out that even if he was so minded he could not set out on a series of debates without upsetting campaign plans and the possibility that he would insist on meeting his antagonist in the church where the original charge was made.

In his letter to Dr. Stratton, whose name frequently appears on the front pages of metropolitan newspapers, Smith, referring to the minister's declaration of Sunday, said: "I do not know why you should make a statement of that kind, but I do know that I will never permit it to go unchallenged."

Declaring that he had spent 25 years in the service of the state of New York, the governor added: "I do not feel that I should charge you with making this statement for any political purpose, as it was made in a church devoted to the teachings of Christ, one of which was that thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."



In the study of his home at Palo Alto, the Republican presidential nominee completes the writing of his address to be delivered August 11, formally accepting the nomination and interpreting the issues contained in the platform adopted at Kansas City.

HOOVER GETS 9 ILLNESS FATAL GENE TUNNEY IS TROUT; SMILES TO E. BRENNAN BETROTHED TO CHICAGO BOSS WEALTHY GIRL

Republican Candidate Grabs the Limit in Nearby Stream and Enjoys Reading of Victory of Dry Democrat in Missouri.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Aug. 8.—(AP)—Returns from the primaries in Missouri, one of the border and doubtful states, were carefully scrutinized today by Herbert Hoover in an effort to determine whether they would furnish index to the probable result in the national election there in November.

The chief interest of the republican presidential candidate centered on the democratic senatorial race in which Charles M. Hay, of St. Louis, a dry, had rolled up a commanding lead on the early returns over his chief opponent, James A. Collett, of St. Louis, a wet, who had the endorsement of Senator James A. Reed. It is no secret that republican party leaders would welcome a victory by Hay, as this would place a wet presidential candidate and a dry senatorial candidate on the democratic ticket in November.

Hay's conduct that the senatorial candidate could not be in sympathy with the views of Governor Alfred E. Smith on the prohibition issue, and that this would work in favor of the republican candidates all along the line. Since national issues were not at stake in Kansas, the results of the primaries there carried only passing interest in the G. O. P. chiefs. Anyhow, they are confident that Hoover's running mate, Senator Charles Curtis is certain to keep that state in line in the general election, as he has been the commanding figure in politics there for many years.

The republican presidential nominee had few engagements today, and he tried to get as much rest at home as possible, and at the same time to give more thought to the speech he will deliver at West Branch, and dealing with the farm relief problem, touching primarily upon the indirect, rather than the direct methods of dealing with the agricultural situation.

The nominee was all smiles today over the success of a fishing trip, which he made yesterday to a lake 20 miles south of this place. He slipped away quietly during the morning hours, and returned in mid-afternoon with his creel fairly well filled, having taken out of the water the legal limit of a catch for one day, 10 pounds, plus one additional fish.

Thus Hoover discovered that he could have better luck, almost at his backyard, in pursuing the wily trout, than attended his efforts during the long motor trip he made last week with nearly half a hundred friends and newspaper correspondents in the mountains of northern California and southern Oregon.

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—(AP)—George E. Brennan, democratic national committeeman and master mind of Illinois democracy since the passing of Roger Sullivan, died today.

The death of the veteran democratic chief came at 8:30 o'clock this morning, following a series of several hours during which his sturdy constitution alone had warded off the end, which had seemed inevitable since yesterday.

Mr. Brennan was stricken 10 more than a week ago with a tooth infection. Septic poisoning developed after an operation for the removal of two teeth. His physicians, however, gave him an even chance to recover until Monday night, when his kidneys ceased to function.

Mr. Brennan was one of the staunchest supporters of Governor Alfred E. Smith for the presidency, both in 1924, when he first sought the presidential nomination, and again this year at Hoovertown when the New York governor was chosen to head the party's national ticket. It was Brennan's suggestion that Franklin D. Roosevelt, ever opposed to Tammany Hall, be selected to nominate Smith at the national convention.

Brennan, too, was given credit for the first realization of the value of right assistance at Hoovertown, creating the possibility of radio broadcasting.

Several weeks ago the Illinois chief paid a visit to Governor Smith in New York.

Long a bulwark of Illinois democracy and for eight years its guiding hand, his passing on the eve of another presidential campaign was regarded as an almost irreparable loss by his party associates.

Mother of Josephine Lauder of Greenwich, Conn., Formally Announces Engagement of Daughter to Heavyweight Champion, Recently Retired.

SOUTH BRISTOL, Me., Aug. 8.—(AP)—Formal announcement of the engagement of Gene Tunney, retired heavyweight champion, to Miss Josephine Lauder of Greenwich, Conn., was made here today by Mrs. George Lauder, Jr., mother of the girl.

The formal announcement followed rumors of the engagement that have been prevalent since July 26 and a few days later Tunney's retirement from the ring. Tunney is visiting at the summer home of the Lauder family here.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Indulged by a longed wish of valedictory reports, sportsman figure actively scratched its head today and wondered if contemplated matrimony was the real reason for Gene Tunney's abdication as heavyweight champion of the world.

Printed reports that Tunney soon was to be married to Miss Mary Josephine Rowland Lauder, 21, of Greenwich, Conn., daughter of the late George Lauder, Jr., former steel manufacturer and former associate of Andrew Carnegie, came as a surprise to the sport world.

Miss Lauder and her mother, who are on an auto tour of Maine and Canada, were stopping on the island of South Bristol, Maine, last night. Tunney arrived at Bristol during the day and was reported to be visiting the Lauders. In the absence of telephone service from the mainland to the island, neither Tunney nor the Lauders could be reached.

Relatives and friends of Miss Lauder, however, quickly denied published reports that Tunney and Miss Lauder would be married next month, either in Scotland or France. The retired heavyweight champion is to leave for a walking tour in Europe on August 16. He will be accompanied by several intimate friends, including Thornton Wilder, the novelist.

HUGE LOSS IN FLORIDA FROM GALE

Hurricane Sweeping Coast of Gulf State, Lays Waste to Towns and Property—Trains Missing, Shipping Tied Up, Wires Down, Orchards Ruined.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Aug. 8.—(AP)—Told property damage has been left in the wake of the tropical storm believed to be sweeping south central Florida after lashing east coast cities last night.

First direct reports from Fort Pierce, Vero Beach and Stuart on the middle east coast estimated property damage at \$5,000,000, with scores of houses unroofed, crops laid waste and public utilities crippled.

Edward A. Meminger, Associated Press man for the Stuart News, drove 75 miles to bring the first news to the outside world. He said there were no deaths so far as he knew, and few, if any, injured.

Meanwhile, a wide area west of the coast cities affected was isolated and nothing definite was known as to the progress of the storm. Gale warnings were out at Tampa and along the coast of the Gulf of Mexico as far north as Annapolis, Md. Winds of 40 to 50 miles velocity were predicted for Tampa and shipping held to the harbor. Citrus orchards in south central Florida, which apparently was in the path of the storm.

Reports from Melbourne, which midway between Sebastian and Vero Beach, said the hurricane attained a velocity of 100 miles an hour early today. Other towns reported winds of 50 to 80 miles.

J. G. Gill, Associated Press correspondent at Jacksonville, who was aboard the southbound Florida special of Florida East Coast railway last night, messaged that the train had been held all night three miles north of Jupiter, where the wind reached 80 to 90 miles an hour. The train reached West Palm Beach at daylight, normally due at Miami shortly after 2 a. m.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Aug. 8.—(AP)—The tropical storm which has isolated a wide stretch of the east coast of Florida and wreaked heavy damage to coastal line cities, turned inland over central Florida this morning and was reported roaring across south Ocala county in the northern fringes of the Everglades.

The disturbance was said to be still of great intensity and there was no news from the area immediately affected.

Trout Fisherman Mouth of Rog. Has Close Call

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Aug. 8.—(AP)—Chief Bardson of the Beverly Hills, California, fire department, who is spending a vacation fishing on Rogue river, was forced to strain for his life early this week, when the swift current of Rogue river, near Jim Hunt creek, carried him into deep water.

Bardson was attempting to ford a riffle while fishing for steelhead.

CITY PROPERTY OWNERS FAIL TO GET CONCRETE

Without hesitation or any debate whatever, following the receipt of two petitions from the property owners of two streets, and hearing the arguments of Porter J. Neff, attorney representing the Beaver Portland Cement company and local concrete manufacturers, for the use of concrete instead of the asphaltic black top, and for the contract to be given home contractors rather than to an outside one, and requests by Earl Fehl and Ted Baker, property owners, that concrete pavement be laid, the city council last night unanimously voted to let the \$45,000 black top contract for seven streets to L. O. Herrold of Oregon City, the lowest bidder by \$2400.

The streets to be paved are Franquette, Almond, Arcadia, South Park, Portland, Spencer and North Holly. Mr. Herrold has already put up a guarantee bond with the city of \$35,000. The contract provides for a six-inch asphaltic depth, four-inch asphaltic base and a two-inch non-skid surface; that the job must be completed within 90 days and that work must be begun within 10 days.

Following the passage of the ordinance, Mayor Alenderter announced to the assembled interested citizens present, that that act, as far as the city officials are concerned, means black-top paving.

"I would have liked to have given the contract to a local bidder, all other things being equal," said the mayor, "but in this case the job goes to the lowest bidder, even though he be an outside man. You will find that in this new type of black-top we will give you as durable as concrete and as good a paying as concrete, and that, in fact, it will be a good job, done under a competent engineer, whom the city will provide."

"Again, I say we would have liked to give it to a local bidder, but we did not do their own fault. We ignored the lowest bids on jobs some time ago and gave two jobs to local contractors, from which nothing but trouble and dissatisfaction resulted."

Contractor Herrold said last night he would have his asphalt plant set up here within 30 days, would begin work well within 10 days at grading and traveling, and would have the paving job completed long before the 90-day limit had expired.

INDICTED BOY MAY HAVE ALIBI

Finger Prints Secured by Hickman Expert Are Not Those of Leo Kelly, Charged With Brutal Los Angeles Crime—Husband Establishes Alibi—Mysterly Deepens.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Leo "Fat" Kelly, husband of a "butcher boy" lover of Mrs. Myrtle L. Mellus, today was indicted by the county jury charged with murder for the alleged slaying Sunday of the comely society matron in her beautiful Wishnie home.

The jury beheld as he took a new mystery was taken by a police fingerprint expert who declared bloody outline in the Mellus bathroom were not those of Kelly, voted the bill shortly after noon. It was decided that the indictment would be returned in court at 2 P. M.

An hour before the grand jury called its first witness, Sergeant H. L. Barlow, whose keenness as a fingerprint expert was demonstrated when he identified William E. Hickman as the kidnaper of Marian Parker soon after the school girl was slain, stated positively the prints found on the medicine cabinet were not those of the "butcher boy."

Spurred to new activity, police ordered every person so far questioned in the case, including Frank Mellus, prominent husband of the dead woman, fingerprinted. Sergeant Barlow obtained them and the next development in what police considered the most important turn the investigation had taken, was shrouded in silence behind the closed doors of the grand jury room.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Sergeant P. L. Barlow, police fingerprint expert, today announced that bloody fingerprint found in the bath room of the Mellus home were not those of Leo Kelly, "butcher boy," accused of the murder of Mrs. Myrtle Mellus, society matron last Sunday.

The unexpected development in the slaying case which Sunday shocked the fashionable Wishnie district of the west side was the signal for orders from Herman Cline, captain of detectives, that every person who has figured in any way with the investigation be fingerprinted immediately.

Sergeant Barlow who identified William E. Hickman as the kidnaper of Marian Parker two days before the slaying, had been captured, did not indicate whether the prints he found were those of a man or woman.

Wire Report on the Pear Market

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—(USDA)—Pears: 19 cars California pears arrived; 13 cars on track, 20 cars sold; \$1,755 boxes California Bartlett's, \$1.86 to \$3.45, mostly \$2.50.

SALEM FARMERS TO FIGHT NEW PEST

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 8.—(AP)—The state board of horticulture and forestry conference of Yamhill county farmers, meeting here yesterday with Governor Patterson decided to form a pest control district embracing about 50 square miles of farm land in Yamhill county to fight leaf and stem weevils. The insect pest attacks glover and strawberry plants.

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