

The Weather
 Forecast—Fair tonight and Sunday no temperature change.
 Maximum yesterday 95
 Minimum today 50

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
 Maximum 94
 Minimum 50

Daily—Twenty-third Year
 Weekly—Fifty-seventh Year
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'TAKE FARM ISSUE FROM POLITICS'—CURTIS

HOOVER'S RUNNING MATE URGES NON-PARTISAN COMMITTEE TO SOLVE AGRICULTURAL PROBLEM

Amid Great Enthusiasm of Kansas Supporters, Republican Vice-Presidential Nominee, Outlines His Policies in Home Town—Favors Experts From Both Parties Attacking Farm Problem—Flays Smith Proposal of State Liquor Control By Nullification—Meets Wet Challenge Firmly—National Prosperity Supreme Issue—14 Important Points in Prosperity Program Outlined—Absolute Freedom of Religious Worship Upheld

TOPEKA, Kansas, August 18.—(AP)—Appointment of a joint congressional committee to work out a solution of the controversial agricultural problem on a "non-partisan" basis was proposed today by Senator Curtis, of Kansas in his address accepting the republican vice-presidential nomination.

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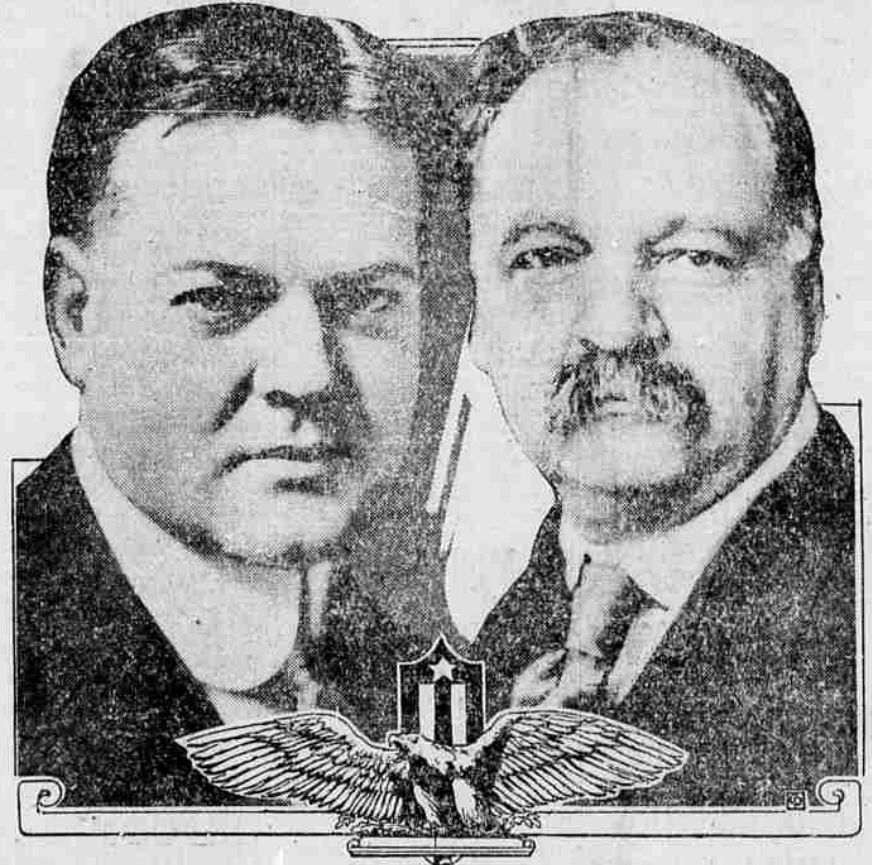
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They Have Accepted the Challenge



Above is shown the official picture of the two Republican candidates, Herbert Hoover and Senator Curtis, who have been notified and have accepted the Democratic challenge. Secretary Hoover delivered his acceptance speech a week ago, and Senator Curtis today.

CHALLENGE TO HOOVER SHOWS FIND RELICS OF SMITH DEBATE ABILITY AS A LIFE IN DESERT IS ACCEPTED SPEECH MAKER 20,000 YRS. AGO

But Dr. Straton Insists On Right As One Challenged to Name the Place—Terms Smith a Coward if He Refuses—Controversy Becomes Bitter.

GREENWOOD LAKE, N. Y., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Dr. John Roach Straton, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, will insist upon the rules of the dueling code in his controversy with Governor Smith. As the challenged he insists on naming the place of meeting.

"The vital point," the letter continued, "is that you have challenged me to a joint discussion of your record and not a personal appearance in a church. You have asked whether I would meet you, and your last letter demanded a reply of 'yes' or 'no.' My answer is emphatically and unchangeably 'yes.'"

"Unless you now stand up to your own challenge your action in running to cover will leave me free to take whatever steps in the matter I may deem wise and right, and will automatically brand you before the world as a bluffer, a Tammany trickster, and a coward."

In his last letter to the pastor Governor Smith wrote: "The answer to my request to appear in your church before your parishioners and under the conditions I mentioned is 'yes' or 'no.' Unless and until I hear from you in the affirmative the matter is closed."

MURDER CONVICTS ESCAPE AGAIN
 RICHMOND, Tex., Aug. 18.—(AP) Five convicts charged with murder in the slaying of Sergeant Henry Ward in a break from Imperial state prison farm number 2 at Garland two weeks ago, escaped from the Fort Bend county jail here last night.

PHILADELPHIA IS FLOODED, BOATS RESCUE SCORES

Cloud Burst in Keystone State, Causes Heavy Damage—Hundreds Leave Homes—Waters Recede in South, But Danger Not Over.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 18.—(AP) Lanterns, swung from upper floors of homes in southwest Philadelphia, guided rivermen early today toward persons stranded by yesterday's heavy downpour. Firemen in boats assisted in removing invalids and women from houses around which ten feet of water swirled.

Property owners in upper Darby township were attempting to determine the amount of damage done by last night's storm. It is estimated in that region to approach a quarter of a million dollars.

Rain which began to fall yesterday morning in Philadelphia and vicinity, descended in torrents during the afternoon. Streams left their banks and the lowlands of Philadelphia and parts of upper Darby township were flooded, driving nearly 50 families from their homes.

A tree felled by lightning derailed a train at Oxford, Pa., and several factories were flooded at Chester. Officials from the Baldwin Locomotive works at Baldwin, West Chester, were marooned when their automobiles bogged on the flooded roads.

A new 170-foot cement bridge across Cobb's creek, near Lansdowne, was washed away stranding scores of motorists.

Trolley cars and automobiles were stalled and telephone communications in many sections was disrupted.

The deluge established a record for the month of 1.75 inches of rain in 24 hours.

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 18.—(AP) With two exceptions, a general cessation of flood waters was reported today throughout Virginia and the Carolinas. At Columbia, S. C., where the Broad and Saluda rivers converge to form the Congaree, a record high water mark was looked for, while the James river was rising steadily above Richmond, with the crest expected to reach this city by tonight.

Several additional casualties were reported, but dispatches telling of falling waters and of damaged crops, highways and bridges.

The Congaree early today stood within a few inches of the record high water mark of 35.8 feet, established in 1908, and it was expected that the record would be surpassed as the crest of the Broad river, which yesterday swept away a part of a power dam at Lockhart, passed into the main stream.

Several bridges have been carried away on the Broad river, livestock in inundated river bottom farms was reported to have been killed in large numbers and a passenger train was marooned at Strasburg with water covering the tracks both before and behind it. Two hundred passengers were taken to Winnsboro by automobile.

Engineers at Lockhart reported late last night that a recession had been noted in the stream there.

King Bootlegger of Klamath Kills Himself by Mistake

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Jack O'Brien, known as the "bootleg king" of Klamath Falls, is dead, shot by his own hand. Following a quarrel with his wife last night, O'Brien pointed a gun at his heart and threatened to kill himself. The gun accidentally went off and pierced his body. Before he succumbed O'Brien signed a statement absolving his wife and holding only himself responsible for the accident.

ONE KILLED IN MAIL ROBBERY TWO ARE SHOT

Fleeing Train Robbers in Canada Shoot Down Farmer, Who Pulls Their Car Out of Ditch—One Bandit Captured, Two Others Escape.

PERRY SOUND, Ont., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Three robbers, fleeing after holding up a mail car, routed a good natured farmer out of bed early this morning to help them when their stolen automobile got stuck in a ditch, and then shot him dead for his pains when pursuers overtook them and started a battle.

Two other civilians, brothers, who threw in their lot on the side of the law, were wounded by the robbers, one of whom was captured as his companions escaped in the brush.

The Canadian Pacific transcontinental train number four near Toronto, packed the three armed mail clerks against the wall of the mail car, and systematically looted the car, riding about 50 miles before dropping off here with their plunder, and joining a confederate.

They stole an automobile belonging to tourists from the United States and began their flight with the stolen mail, the value of which had not been determined several hours after the robbery. At Waubesaic the car ran into a ditch.

Thomas Jackson, a farmer living near the scene of the accident, agreed to get up and haul the car back on the road, believing the robbers to be tourists. He was hitching a team of horses to the machine, when a pursuit car, occupied by the owner of the stolen automobile, Lee Lyman, and his brother-in-law, Walter and Houghton Laird, who had volunteered to help him run down the robbers, appeared.

The robbers, realizing that their hiding of the mail car would be revealed in connection with the theft of the automobile, opened fire and in a moment the road became the scene of a roaring gun battle, in which Jackson, the good samaritan, was shot through the neck and almost instantly killed by a bullet from one of the robbers' guns.

Walter Laird was shot through the chest and his brother through the head. Two of the robbers then fled into the bush, but one was captured and \$1725 in currency was found on him. He was lodged in the jail here, while a posse led by provincial constables entered the bush to run down his companions.

Coffroth in Reno Races
 SACRAMENTO, Cal., Aug. 18.—(AP) The Tanforan Jockey club, with headquarters at Reno, Nevada, filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. Directors were named as J. Howard Davidson and Thomas R. McFarland, both of San Francisco, and James W. Coffroth of San Diego, owner of the Tiburona race track. The corporation's capital stock was given as \$100,000.

California Tourists Robbed
 PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 18.—(AP) Elmer C. McKinnon and John R. Wood, tourists from Oakland, Cal., reporting \$20,000 cash, \$500 travelers' checks, revolver and several articles stolen from their tent.

AIRPLANE ROARING OVER SEA

Rockford Ship Sends a Radio 200 Miles East of Canada, That All's Well—Next Stop in Greenland, Probably Tomorrow A. M.—Weather Reported Clear.

COCHRANE, Ont., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Hert Hassell and Parker Cramer took off here at 12:12 p. m., eastern standard time, for Mt. Evans, Greenland, on the second leg of their flight from Rockford, Ill., to Stockholm, Sweden.

A big crowd watched the airmen make a perfect ascent from the temporary runway and point their monoplane toward Mt. Evans, 1600 miles away. The skies cleared and weather conditions were favorable over most of the route.

Radio will be the fliers' only communication with civilization on their flight over the barren northern territory. They will pass over no settlement of any size and may not be heard from until their hop is completed in Greenland.

Trappers' cabins and the shack of fishermen on the Labrador coast will be their only sight of human habitation.

The airmen expected to complete their flight Sunday morning.

MADISON, Wis., Aug. 18.—(AP)—The Burgess Battery company radio station picked up a message from the Hassell Rockford-to-Stockholm plane at 1:15 p. m., saying the ship was over Nottawa bay between 100 and 200 miles northeast of Cochrane, Ont. The signals, sent through a prearranged code letter, repeated after the call letters of the plane were sent by Radio Operator-Navigator Cramer.

Baseball Scores

American.	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	2	6	1
Philadelphia	3	7	1
Batteries: Crowder and Munson; Grove and Cochrane.			

American.	R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	5	5	1
New York	8	12	0
Batteries: Miller, Milnes, Harder and L. Sewell; Myatt; Pipgraves, Moore, Hoyt and Bengough; Grabowski.			

American.	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	1	10	0
Boston	2	10	0
Batteries: Thomas and Horn; Morris and Heving.			

American.	R.	H.	E.
Detroit	1	4	3
Washington	3	8	1
Batteries: Carroll and Hargrave; Marberry and Ruel.			

Second game:

American.	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	5	13	1
Philadelphia	4	8	0
Batteries: Blalock and Schang; Walberg, Hommel, Quinn, Karnshaw and Cochrane.			

National.

American.	R.	H.	E.
First game—			
Philadelphia	6	7	1
Pittsburgh	9	11	1
Batteries: Bengel, McFraw and Lorain; Hill and Hensley.			

American.	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	4	7	2
Chicago	11	14	0
Batteries: Ehrhardt and Deberry; Malone and Hartnett.			

SAMPLE PRESIDENTIAL BALLOT

I intend to vote for _____ for President at the November election.

I am registered as a _____ (Name party)

Signed (Name) _____

Address _____

(Fill out and mail to Straw-Ballot-Contest-Editor, Mail-Tribune, Medford, Oregon.)