

The Weather
Forecast—Fair, and normal temperature.
Maximum yesterday 90
Minimum today 46

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

Today

By Arthur Brisbane
The Whisperers.
G. M. Head for Hoover.
What Will Maine Say?
One Real Hero.

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How important is a "whispering" campaign. Whis-per does not travel far and should receive little attention.

Men whisper when they are ashamed of what they are saying and those that hear do not respect the whisperer.

There was whispering about Abraham Lincoln. Some of it taking the form of a statement that Lincoln was married to a colored lady and traveled with her. That did not check his useful career.

Senator Robinson forces into every newspaper alleged whis-pers about Governor Smith that might as well have been ignored, including the silly statement and made public property by Senator Robinson that "Governor Smith is a drunkard."

The fact that Mr. Smith has been a hard working governor of New York for four terms is enough answer to such a whis-per without official denial.

Wise old Senator Murphy, of Troy, N. Y., used to say, "Never answer anything, al-ways attack."

Alfred P. Sloan Jr., General Motors' president, says he will vote "for Herbert Hoover and prosperity."

Mr. Raskob, former finance chairman of General Motors, has already come out for Gov-ernor Smith and retired from General Motors.

Mr. Sloan will vote for Hoov-er and remain General Motors' president.

Intelligent republican spell-binders will tell their audience, "Mr. Sloan is for Hoover, be-cause he wants prosperity to last, at least until Americans finish paying for their new cars."

Sloan and Raskob are both able, but there is no doubt that Mr. Sloan offering prosperity will influence more Americans than Mr. Raskob, hoping for wine and beer, "if possible."

Give an American enough prosperity, and his bootlegger will solve his beer and wine problem, also whisky, gin, champagne, bacardi and li-quors, ALAS.

Next Monday Maine elects a governor, senator, representa-tives and legislators. Each pres-idential year Maine's election is supposed to show how the na-tion will go in November.

This year results in Maine will mean less, for Maine voters cannot give information as to what the solid south will do.

Information from the south indicates that the big democ-ratic problem is there.

Little boys know the names of many heroes, the boy that stood on the burning deck; Wolfe, who climbed the height of Quebec and died, and many others. Few will hear of Fer-nand Dueret.

Dueret, French, fighting cancer, with the aid of X-rays, was repeatedly warned that his work would cause his death if he continued.

He underwent eighteen opera-tions, made necessary by his X-ray work because partially blind re-covered sight enough to resume work and kept at it. Yesterday it killed him.

If heaven has a special com- (Continued on Page Four.)

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1928.

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 78
Minimum 52

No. 166.

SHORTAGE IN CHURCH FUND HIGH

Million Dollars Missing in Accounts of Home Mis-sion Board Accounts, and Treasurer Missing Since August 15—Joint Com-mittee Meets.

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 5.—(AP)—Dr. Charles W. Daniel of Rich-mond, chairman of the joint com-mittee from the executive com-mittee and the home mission board of the Southern Baptist convention, said today that there is apparently \$1,000,000 unaccounted for in the books of Clinton S. Carnes, missing treasurer of the home mission board.

The home mission executive vanished Aug. 15, after telling his chauffeur that he was going to Raleigh, N. C., for a few days. No word of his whereabouts has been heard since, although the conven-tion enlisted the press and the police in an extensive search a few days after the disappearance.

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 5.—(AP)—Complete financial rehabilitation of the home mission board of the Southern Baptist convention, a \$2,000,000 arm of the church to-day was in the hands of a joint committee charged with investi-gating "a possibly large shortage" in the accounts of Clinton S. Carnes, missing board treasurer.

What was termed by church au-thorities "an apparent shortage" was revealed because a firm of auditors was still in the midst of a laborious check. The execu-tive committee of the church in special session here, however, last night passed a resolution sym-pathizing with the home board, in the calamity that has overtaken it.

The executive committee pledged "the full resources and honor" of the convention in meet-ing obligations.

In pursuance of an agreement between the executive committee and the home board, a joint sub-committee composed of three members from each organization was functioning today in an effort to work out a satisfactory plan of liquidation, although it will be handicapped by the lack of records on possible outstanding notes and the like.

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EGAN WINS HIS OPENING GAME AT DEL MONTE

DEL MONTE, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Jack Gaines, medalist, of San Bern-ardino, defeated Jack Wolf of San Francisco one up at the twen-ty-second hole after a thrilling match in the first round of the championship flight for the Califor-nia amateur golf title.

Johnny Mellus of San Francisco, defending champion, vanquished Dick Richmond of San Jose, 4 and 3. McElfresh had five birdies for the first six holes.

Charles Seaver, 17-year old youth, defeated his father Everett Seaver, 3 to 2, in a match in which both of them seemed reluc-tant to win.

J. J. Williams of Santa Barbara defeated W. E. Bedford of Dallas, 4 and 3.

Dick Thompson of Glendale de-feated T. E. Seddon of Los Ange-les, one up. Harold Thompson of Glendale defeated David Hay of Santa Barbara, one up.

H. Chandler Egan of Medford, Ore., twice national amateur cham-pion, and former California title-holder, defeated Harry Elieher-ber of Los Angeles on the twentieth hole. L. Warnecke of San Fran-cisco defeated Milo Marchetti of Los Angeles, one up.

George Ritchie of San Francisco defeated J. H. Weider of San Fran-cisco, 4 and 3. W. L. Jelliffe of Santa Monica defeated Ward Ed-monds of San Diego, 2 and 1.

MELLUS PROSECUTION WITNESS



Frank Mellus, wealthy Los Angeles sportsman, identifies one of his wife's garments, taken from the Mellus home, scene of the murder. The husband is shown on the stand at the right as a witness for the State in the trial of Leo P. Kelley, butcher boy who is charged with her death. Deputy District Attorney James Costell at the left.

ACCUSED LOVER WHAT IS LEFT BEGGED POLICE OF FINE BOOZE TO SHOOT HIM DULY 'POURED'

Words of Butcher Boy, After Capture in Closet, Told in Trail—Also Made Suicide Threats, and Offered Escape Ruse.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Pleas for death declared to have been made by Leo P. Kelley when he was dragged from a closet in the home of Mrs. Myrtle Mellus and was accused of her murder, have been made a part of the prosecution evidence in the "butcher boy" lover's trial.

The words of Kelley went into the murder trial record in the testimony yesterday of two police officers who arrested him in the Mellus home a couple of hours after the wealthy woman's nude and mutilated body had been dis-covered.

Detective Lieutenant Blaine Steed told how the captive declared he did not want to live without "the only woman he ever loved."

In the bedroom where the body of the woman lay across a bed, the officer said Kelley asked to be freed of one handcuff.

"I'll walk toward her—toward the window—and that will give you a good excuse to shoot me," the detective quoted Kelley as pleading.

The young meat cutter again asked to be shot down under the guise of an escape attempt while being hurried to a suburban police station, chosen by the officers to avoid the possibility of mob violence.

"Had I known the only woman I ever loved was dead, you never would have gotten me alive," Steed said the prisoner declared.

Asked what he would have done, Kelley replied: "Well, there's plenty of guns in that room up-stairs." He referred apparently to the gun collection of Frank Mellus, the slain woman's husband, whose firearms represent some of the finest in the city.

Similar testimony was given by Captain Arthur Stoll of the police force.

Although Kelley's statements have declared that he and Mrs. Mellus had several drinks to-gether following his arrival at her home the morning of the tragedy, County Chemist Abernathy testi-fied that he found only a drop of whiskey in her stomach.

Baseball Scores

National.			
First game:	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	2	13	8
Boston	5	13	1
Donk, Ehrhardt and Deberry; Brandt and Taylor.			
Second game:	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	1	2	2
Boston	7	8	1
Ellitt, McWeeny and Gooch; R. Smith and Spohrer.			
American.			
First game:	R.	H.	E.
Washington	3	9	1
New York	1	6	3
Jones and Ruel; Phipps; Thomas and Bengough; Collins.			
Second game:	R.	H.	E.
Washington	3	10	2
New York	8	12	1
Burke and Ken's; Heimach and Collins.			
R. H. E.			
Detroit	10	11	1
Chicago	2	8	2
Stoner, Carrolle and Hargrave; Walsh, Adkins, Blankenship, Cox, Dugan and Berg, Cress.			

WOMEN TO BE HOOVER STALWARTS

Main Job to Get Out the Votes—Washington Safe in G. O. P. Column—Report of Leader—Mr. Nutt Files Financial Report.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—(AP)—In the opinion of Mrs. J. L. Hughes republican national committee-woman from Washington, the farm-ers and the plain women of the less wealthy classes will put over the present campaign in her state and these two, she says, are "for Hoover strong."

"Washington farmers are the ones who are doing the thinking in this election," she reported to Mrs. Alvin T. Herr, national vice-chairman, "and Mr. Hoover put his finger on their vital problem when he advocated reducing trans-shipment costs. Forty-five train-loads of agriculture produce a year are shipped out of the town of Yakima alone, and you can imagine what shipping costs means."

"Getting out the vote will be the republican women's job." A dem-o-crat is elected in Washington only by the republicans who stay at home.

The prohibition issue, she felt, will not sway the state. "Wash-ington," she said, "was one of the first states to go dry, and will never repudiate the Eighteenth amendment."

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—(AP)—J. R. Nutt, treasurer of the republi-can national committee, reported today totals of \$500,039 contributed and \$250,895 expended during Aug-ust in the party campaign.

This was said to bring the fig-ures up to \$568,418 contributed and \$312,215 expended in the interest of the Hoover candidacy up until August 1. In accordance with law, a copy of the report was filed with the clerk of the house and copies also were filed with the senate and house campaign funds invest-igation committees, as pledged in the Kansas City platform. The report was the second made to date by Mr. Nutt.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—(AP)—The interstate commerce commis-sion today received an application from the Southern Pacific com-pany to acquire control of the Northwestern Pacific railroad, operating over 478 miles, by stock purchase.

Already owning half of the stock in the Northwestern railroad, the Southern Pacific company pro-posed to purchase the remaining half from the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad. The price offered is \$4,443,249, which the Southern Pacific company con-tends would represent the cost of the stock to the Atchison and ad-ditional appreciation. The stock has no ascertainable market value, it was said.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—(AP)—The dirigible N-5, a sister ship of the lost Italia, is being prepared for a final attempt to locate those of the Italia's crew last seen with the gas bag, says Giornale d'Italia to-day. The dirigible will have Ma-rbach motors and in a few technical details will differ from its ill-fated predecessor. It is said General Nobile himself is supervising the work and it is expected that the N-5 will be taken to the Ciampino flying field before the end of the week.

The newspaper says that Gen-eral Nobile and the other experts who are preparing for the expedi-tion are skeptical about the first seen on Franz Josef land as being significant of the whereabouts of the missing men from the Italia. They are determined, however, that something must be done within a few weeks as the long polar night is at hand.

The newspaper relates further that General Nobile is going over all the scientific data brought back from the north in the hope of find-ing something that will aid in determining the methods to be adopted with the N-5.

CHICAGO, Sept. 5.—(AP)—The death of a nine-year old boy on the first day of the fall term of school may bring a grim object lesson to Chicago's 500,000 school children.

Paul Mirre met his death under automobile wheels an hour after school closed yesterday. It was the only such tragedy of the day, but Frank C. Singleton, director of public safety for the public schools, promptly announced his plan to curb such accidents.

He would have the funeral pro-cession of each child killed pass by the victim's school. Pupils of the school would bow as the cortege passed, and Singleton believes they would thus learn the lesson of carefulness.

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 5.—(AP)—State Forester F. A. Elliott, after a conference with the governor, said today that unless there is a decided change in the weather within the next few days, his de-partment will ask the governor to close the deer hunting season, which is scheduled to open Sep-tember 10. Fire hazards in the timber areas are extremely high and only a heavy and prolonged rain would make it safe to open them to hunters, says Elliott.

B-r-r-r-r-r-r-r-r-r-r-r



Olive Gatterdam of Seattle came within 220 yards of winning \$10,000 when she was beaten out for first place in the Wrigley ten-mile mara-thon on Lake Ontario by Ethel Hertle of New York. Miss Gatter-dam won a \$3,000 prize.

Olive Gatterdam, Seattle, Wash., the only feminine swimmer to start in Ontario marathon, with-drew from the race before com-pleting half of the first 2 1/2 mile lap. The 16-year-old weatherer who finished second in the wo-men's ten-mile swim last week, winning a \$3,000 prize, could not withstand the ice cold water.

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GERMAN FADS ONTARIO CHILLED

American and Canadian Stars Unable to Stand Cold Water and Give Up Lead—Field of Six Sur-vive in Water Marathon.

TORONTO, Ont., Sept. 5.—(AP)—Norman Ross of Chicago, was forced out of the annual 15-mile marathon in Lake Ontario today after leading the field at the 2 1/2-mile mark.

The husky Chicago swimmer withdrew at the five-mile mark, after he had been raced into sub-mission by George Young, youthful Canadian conqueror of the Cata-lina channel grind.

Ross suffered chills in the icy water and was unable to meet the surge of Young, who shook off the effects of the cold water after a few minutes near the three-mile point and went on to take the lead. Young, at the five-mile mark had a half mile ad-vantage over Ernest Vierkoetter, the German who was in second place.

Young gave up the grind near the end of the lap. He had led the pack for more than two miles, having taken the lead after race-ing into submission Norman Ross of Chicago who withdrew near the five-mile mark.

Shortly before Young called it a day, Ernst Vierkoetter of Ger-many slipped past him into the lead. Young was laboring hard, swimming just a few strokes at a time and then resting. Vier-koetter struck out quickly and was 80 yards ahead a few moments later.

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CHECK THAT JUDGE GOT IRKS AMEE

Evangelist Generous After Return From 'Kidnaping' It Is Revealed—Bench Admits Receipt for Legal Services—Prosecutor De-lays Probe.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 5.—(AP)—The kidnapping escape story of Aimee Semple McPherson, hardy perennial of Los Angeles official-dom, again has sprouted foliage as a phase of a new incident in the stormy life of the evangelist—this time in connection with the revelation that the Angeles tem-ple leader gave a check for \$2,500 as a "free will offering" to a Los Angeles superior court judge.

The latest growth, however, was given at least a temporary chill and setback yesterday when Dis-trict Attorney Asa Keyes tele-graphed his deputies to take no action whatever in the present case until he returns from his vaca-tion. Chief Deputy District At-torney Forrest Murray said the de-partment would "mark time" in the affair pending the return of Keyes, who would take personal charge of any investigation into the affair of the check.

The check, according to both the temple pastor's mother, Mrs. Minnie Kennedy and Judge Carlos Hardy, was presented to him soon after the return of Mrs. McPherson from the Mexican desert. At that time reports had not been circulated that the evangelist had spent the "kidnaping" time in the Carmel, Cal., cottage accompa-nied by a former temple radio op-erater, and no criminal charges had been made. Judge Hardy said.

He declared that for three years previously he had given the tem-ple leaders legal advice on the handling of their business. Fre-quently they asked him to present a bill. He said this could not be done, as he was a superior court judge, but that he would accept anything they wished to pay him. The \$2,500 check was the result.

The judge said he told the dis-trict attorney's office of the receipt of the check.

Two suits filed by lot buyers in a Lake Tahoe subdivision, which they accuse the evangelist of as-sisting in promoting, today threat-ened to be fought out in the courts.

At the close of a conference of attorneys yesterday, S. S. Hahn, counsel for the lot buyers, who also are members of the temple congregation, said settlement out of court was impossible. Arthur L. Veatch, attorney for Mrs. McPherson, Ralph Jordan, her per-sonal representative, and the two real estate operators who promoted the subdivision, all defendants in the suits said they hoped a settle-ment would be arranged.

JENEAU, Alaska, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Simultaneous firing of three shot-guns resulted in the drowning yes-terday of Henry C. Hanna, 28, when the recoil caused the row-boat to capsize.

Hanna, a popular baseball player here, was duck hunting with two companions in Gambier bay when all three fired simulta-neously. Hanna attempted to swim ashore when the craft cap-sized, instead of hanging to the boat with his companions.

CHICAGO, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Miss Ruth Page of the Ravinia Opera company and the Metropolitan Opera company of New York, both have been invited to dance at the com-memorative ceremonies in Japan.

She is the only accidental dan-cer, so far as is known, who will dance at the ceremonies in the Japanese Imperial theater, Tokyo.

Accompanied by her husband, Thomas H. Fisher, her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Lafayette Page, and three dancing partners, Miss Page will leave Vancouver, B. C., tomor-row for Tokyo.

SAMPLE PRESIDENTIAL BALLOT

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for President at the November election.
I am registered as a..... (Name party)
Signed (Name).....
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