

Forecast—Fair tonight and Tuesday. Slightly lower temperature Tuesday.

Highest yesterday 97
Lowest this morning 51

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Today

By Arthur Brisbane

Scientific Bosh.
11 Billion Cigarettes,
Tawcycial Divorce,
A Brave Cow.

The latest scientific story, with an Einstein label, to make you read, and perhaps believe, says ours is "an enclosed universe."

You may have thought the universe infinite and unlimited, by necessity, since infinity can have no bounds, and finite space is inconceivable.

The great 100-inch reflector on Mount Wilson has picked out three nebulae, all moving away from this earth, and really moving. One is leaving us at the rate of 4900 miles a second, a record for nebular speed, the other two not quite so fast.

How far away are they, in this "enclosed universe?" Just 50,000,000 light years. Multiply fifty by six trillions (6,000,000,000,000) and you have "it."

Quite seriously you are told that "distortions in light waves make the apparent velocities illusory, the distortions are due to a curvature of space, predicted by Einstein."

Such gibberish makes the old vortex and nebular theories, and even Alice in Wonderland seem sane in comparison.

The fact that it is impossible to conceive infinity is no excuse for childish guessing.

What is outside of Mr. Einstein's "enclosed universe?" two or three more enclosed universes? And what encloses them?

This nation neglects many things, and some of our young people lack concentration. But we do not neglect cigarette smoking. There is concentration on that.

In May the tobacco industry turned out more than eleven billion cigarettes, and paid to the government, in cigarette taxes, \$33,119,092.

Judge Sabath, in Chicago, grants "trial divorces" which are, at least, an improvement on trial marriages.

The plan works well. Mrs. Speyer, after six months' separation, decided that she wanted a complete divorce, but she will keep house for Mr. Speyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams, after six months' separation, came back to be married.

Once a high power authorized all

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Abe Mailin



I JUST WISHED IF YOU'D LIKE TO BUY A GUITAR IF YOU COULD GET ONE ON THE BIGHT TONIGHT?

Lindy has treated the newspapers pretty shabby, but it would be suicide to knock him. Why call it the underworld when it's on top?

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ATLANTIC HIDES FATE OF SPANIARDS

WARSHIPS SEARCHING FOR PLANE

Arrival at Azores Cast in Doubt By Silence of Radio—British Ship Reports Plane Wreckage in Sea Off Azores—Flare Reported South of Cape Race Sunday.

MADRID, June 24.—(AP)—Alarmed by the disappearance of Major Ramon Franco and three companions on a flight to New York by way of the Azores, the Spanish authorities today dispatched destroyers and airplanes to scour the sea between the Spanish coast and the Azores.

The Spanish government was particularly eager to run down a report from the British merchant ship Gredlen stating that this ship saw an airplane wreckage floating in the sea about 100 miles off the Azores. There were no persons aboard.

The ministry requested all steamers in the area surrounding the Azores to keep a sharp look-out in the hope of sighting the wreckage and determining its identity definitely.

NEW YORK, June 24.—(AP)—A steamship's report of the sighting of a plane, believed that of an airplane, 400 miles south of Cape Race, Newfoundland, Sunday morning, caused curiosity today as to whether the Spanish transatlantic fliers attempted to cross to the American continent without first stopping at the Azores.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 24.—(Special)—Cities of the Pacific coast will be brought even closer together after July 15 when the air mail-passenger schedules of the Pacific Air Transport, between Los Angeles, Medford and Seattle, will be speeded up one hour and 45 minutes northbound, and one hour and 15 minutes southbound. Under the new schedule letters leaving Los Angeles at midnight arrive at Oakland and San Francisco before daylight at Medford in time for the first delivery, at Portland and Seattle before noon.

DAWES DENIES LIQUOR TO BE SERVED GUESTS

LONDON, June 24.—(AP)—Rumour current here that he intended serving alcoholic beverages in his London home were met by Ambassador Dawes today with the statement: "I never served alcohol in my home in Washington or in my home before that. I see no reason why I should change my procedure here in London."

DUTY BILL IS FOUGHT BY SOLONS

3-Way Coalition Against Four Schedules of House Measure Gains Momentum—Witnesses Appeal for Greater Increases—Hull Charges 'Sinister Domination.'

WASHINGTON, June 24.—(AP)—With the Democratic-Republican independent movement in opposition to the house tariff bill apparently gaining momentum, four schedules of that measure which are destined to be the subject of more or less intense controversies in the senate, engaged the attention today of sub-committees of the finance committee and scores of witnesses.

Two of these schedules—wool and sundries—were open for testimony for the first time since the committee began its public hearings on the bill, while about 100 witnesses already had been heard on the other two—agriculture, and earth, potteryware and glassware. Most of the witnesses who have been heard thus far have appealed for greater increases than the house voted in the duties on produced with which they were concerned.

Evidence of the growing intensity of the Democratic-Republican independent movement to confine revision to agricultural and related products and to bring about reductions in some industrial schedules was given in statements by Senators Brookhart, Republican, Iowa, and Representative Hill, Democrat, Tennessee.

The former held that farmers should recognize that however high tariff rates might be made on a commodity of which there is a surplus, they cannot aid its producers. He also said the present law gave farm products only 1.1 per cent actual protection and that the house bill would increase this to 1.3 per cent, "compared with an effective rate on other industries of 3.8 per cent."

OHIO PROFESSOR PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO SLAYING THEORA HIX—BROUGHT TO BAR HANDCUFFED TO WRIST OF ALLEGED SLAYER.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, June 24.—(AP)—Dr. James H. Snook, dismissed university professor and confessed slayer of Theora Hix, student at the university, pleaded not guilty to a first degree murder indictment when arraigned this morning in criminal court.

BOYS FIND OFFICIAL'S KIDNAPERS



Ward Alexander, 14, (left) and Sam Bryan, 16, farm youths, located five alleged abductors of Lt. Gov. Kings of Idaho, asleep in the brush near Juliactta, Ida. They notified officials.

GROGERS ASKED CEASE SALE OF FLORIDA FRUIT

Fruitgrowers League Takes Steps to Tighten Guard Against Fruit Fly—No Cause for Alarm, But Vigilance Desirable.

Precautionary measures against any possible invasion of the Rogue River valley by the Mediterranean fruit fly pest has been taken by the Fruitgrowers' league, with a request to local grocery stores that they discontinue the sale of Florida grapefruit.

Albert Burch, president of the Fruitgrowers' league, said this morning that "there is rather extensive handling of Florida grapefruit by Medford grocers," and classified this as "needless jeopardizing of a \$5,000,000 fruit crop."

The state and federal inspection is a safeguard. There is too much at stake to take the smallest chance, and the cooperation of merchants is sought.

The Fruitgrowers head said it was probable that the Fruitgrowers' league would take action on the subject at their banquet Wednesday night, and that the Rogue River Traffic association would join the campaign.

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SAN FRANCISCO, June 24.—(AP)—Convicted that the robbery of the Southern Pacific passenger train near McAvoy, Contra Costa county, Saturday, in which \$16,000 was stolen, was an "inside job," United States postal inspectors today were tracing the activities of recently discharged Southern Pacific and Columbia steel mill employees.

PROOF THAT THE THREE BANDITS now believed to be ex-convicts had "inside" knowledge of the \$120,000 Columbia Steel company payroll, usually carried in the express car of the train on Saturdays, was furnished by N. A. Becker, general superintendent of the mill at Pittsburg, who disclosed he had received a letter requesting information about the payroll two weeks ago.

WILLIAMSON.—Construction started on Union Oil company distributing station on corner across from Coast Highway garage.

GENE FILES ANSWER TO BALM SUIT

Former Champion Denies Asking Mrs. Fogarty to Marry Him—Paid Her Over \$35,000 to Relinquish Claims—Suit Is Attempt to Vex and Damage, Answer Alleges.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., June 24.—(AP)—James J. (Gene) Tunney, retired heavyweight champion of the world, in an answer today to the \$500,000 breach of promise suit brought against him by Mrs. Katherine King Fogarty of Fort Worth, Texas, and New York City, denies that he had ever asked her to marry him, but reveals that he had paid her sums of money exceeding \$35,000 to "relinquish all claims on him."

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., June 24.—(AP)—James J. (Gene) Tunney's answer to the \$500,000 breach of promise suit brought by Mrs. Katherine King Fogarty of Fort Worth, Texas and New York, was filed in superior court here today, together with a counter claim.

Tunney's answer, filed by Homer Cummings of Stamford, his Connecticut attorney, reveals that Billy Gibson, the former heavyweight champion's trainer, paid to Mrs. Fogarty the sum of \$1 and \$25,000 "to relinquish her claims on the defendant." On receiving these sums, says the answer, Mrs. Fogarty signed a release.

Another allegation is that she is seeking notoriety and financial gain from the publicity attendant on the filing of the suit and its public trial.

Mrs. Fogarty, in her suit, alleged that in 1925, shortly after she had obtained a divorce from John S. Fogarty of Fort Worth, Texas, Tunney, when in training at Hot Springs, Ark., had asked her to marry him. Subsequently, according to the Fogarty complaint, he asked again, and was accepted. Then, he married another person—Polly Lauder.

Colonel Lewis L. Field, New Haven attorney for Mrs. Fogarty, said that "in general, the Tunney allegations are untrue, but on Mrs. Fogarty's behalf, I will make no statement."

Casualties of the Air Service

By The Associated Press. Five were killed in week-end airplane and parachute jumping expeditions. Two of the victims were parachute jumpers who fell when their parachutes broke.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 24.—(AP)—A meteor flaring across the eastern sky with unusual brilliancy was seen by residents in many Oregon points at 2 o'clock last night. All reports agreed that shortly before 2 o'clock what appeared to be a great ball of fire appeared from the position of the constellation Leo. It moved slowly and was followed by a peculiar tail, which curled and writhe, finally dissolving into a long smoke stringer which slowly drifted away.

Pen Population Grows

SALISBURY, June 24.—(AP)—The penal population at the state penitentiary stood at a new high mark Monday morning when 755 prisoners were registered. Superintendent H. W. Meyers announced.

Short Sleeves and Low Necks Not for Church

BURLINGTON, Vt., June 24.—(AP)—Women whose scanty clothing is considered to exceed the bounds of "decency" are to be barred henceforth from attending services at St. Mary's cathedral here, it is proclaimed in a notice signed by the very Rev. Joseph F. Gibbs, rector of the cathedral, and vicar general of the Catholic diocese at Burlington.

ROUND TRIP TO L.A. PLANNED BY CAPTAIN HAWKS

Noted Pilot Will Start One-Stop Cross Continent Hop to Los Angeles and Return Wednesday—Reach New York Today.

LOS ANGELES, June 24.—(AP)—Captain Frank Hawks took off here at 1 a. m. today for New York City, where he proposes to start a one-stop round trip flight from New York to Los Angeles and return, beginning Wednesday at 4 a. m., eastern standard time.



Capt. Frank M. Hawks.

turn trip. Hawks took 340 gallons of gasoline, sufficient, he believed, to carry him to Park field, East St. Louis, Ill., where he hoped to arrive at 2 p. m. central standard time.

Under present plans, Captain Hawks expected to take off with 600 gallons of gasoline early Wednesday, with the hope of reaching Los Angeles some time between 6 p. m. and 8 p. m., Pacific coast time.

Baseball Scores

Table with columns for American and National leagues, listing teams and scores.

GANGSTERS STAGE GUN FIGHT IN K.C.

Two Dead, Third Wounded—Battle Follows Drinking Bout in Kansas City Hotel—Dead Men Were Murder Suspects—Quintet Had Been Working the 'Sheriff Racket.'

KANSAS CITY, June 24.—(AP)—Two gangsters, one wanted in Chicago and Los Angeles for murder, are dead and a third is a hospital patient wounded in the back, following a midnight gun battle among themselves in front of a fashionable hotel here Saturday night.

Ben Barrett, 42, alias Fred Roberts, was killed instantly, and Arthur Hartman, about 35, was fatally wounded. Kearns Pumpsey, alias Kearns Humphrey, was shot in the back. Hospital attendants said he would recover. Hartman died yesterday afternoon.

The quarrel began in the hotel room when Pumpsey took Barrett's gun and gave it to Hartman. Just as the men left the hotel, Hartman refused Barrett's demand for his revolver.

Barrett, a close friend of the late "Big Tim" Murphy of Chicago and associated with him in a "publishing racket," was wanted in Chicago and Los Angeles, Cal., for murder.

Hartman, whose home was in St. Louis, also had a long police record. He had been arrested numerous times on various charges but never had been convicted.

Pumpsey is wanted in his home city, Memphis, Tenn., police said, in connection with several robberies.

The quintet, Pumpsey said, had been working what they called a "sheep racket." They would scatter to small towns, spot the liquor runners, "arrest" them and take the liquor and "bush" money, he said.

BULLETIN

REGATTA COURSE, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June 23.—(AP)—Syracuse won victory in the two-mile race for freshman eight which opened the inter-collegiate championship rowing regatta here today. California was second and Cornell third.

Will Rogers Says: SANTA MONICA, Cal., June 24.—Out side of a bit of heat there just is not a bit of news in the papers. Government affairs never was at such a stagnant state. Mr. Hoover disappears every week and Lindy and Annie as far as anybody knows where he is. Just signed a contract with the Beverly Hills papers to stowaway on a bicycle that a fellow is going to ride ride from here to New York. An awful lot of boys and girls graduate this week all over the country. Ignorance is just about obliterated only among the elder people. Yours, WILL ROGERS.