

State Fifty Miles... er and James Herndon. The same day four local boys made the trip to and from Duann by bicycle in time to get back home before noon.

U. I. Busby and his deputies decided a day's work had been done and left. The next morning they came back to get the apparatus only to find it being dismantled by a white man and a negro who, after getting a tip the officers were on their trail, had decided to move to another location. Both were captured.

Rains, Floods And Landslides Caused Europe's Worst Summer

By J. K. SMITH
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London, Sept. 9.—Europe is just recovering from the worst summer that has been experienced for many years. Over the entire continent there has been heavy rains, floods, droughts and landslides, which have caused numerous deaths, destruction and damages amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Thirty deaths resulted from a tornado which swept over Holland, devastating two towns, while in Portugal, a storm which was stated to be the worst of the century, caused damage estimated at \$15,000,000.

Not since the dark days of the World War, during 1917, has England witnessed such a rainy summer as the past one. Rain fell during 25 days in the month of August alone, and the English Channel was the roughest, it has been in recent years.

Cause of Bad Weather.
The chief cause of the bad weather in Western Europe, according to Abbe Mordeux, one of Europe's leading meteorologists, is the Gulf Stream, which is directly connected with the equatorial current flowing from the western coast of Africa across to the coast of Central America, but which does not have any effect on North America.

Along Riviera.
Along the Riviera, where the smartest of European society gathers each year, disastrous forest fires raged over vast tracts of country, spreading into Corsica and Spain. At one time during August the fire was advancing over the mountains, and the ten villages were completely demolished.

May, June and July in Germany were abnormally cold, and July was the rainiest for forty years, cloudbursts causing more than 200 deaths. Switzerland suffered heavy damage from electrical storms, and the famous Simplon railway tunnel caved in following an avalanche.

BLISSFUL FACE LIFTING. LATEST PARIS WRINKLE

(By International News Service) Paris, Sept. 9.—Blissful face lifting is Paris' latest wrinkle. The effect is obtained by the use of a face lifting cream, guaranteed to be effective for eight consecutive hours.

The society matron of the future, desirous of appearing constantly fresh and youthful on an all night party need only submit to a painless treatment of the face lifting cream and have her face set in a semi-permanent smile. Like Cinderella, however, she will have to return to the privacy of her own boudoir by a certain hour, otherwise the results may be disastrous.

Matter of State Printing Is Again in State of Uncertainty

The Tribune Bureau
Sir Walter Hotel
By J. C. BASKERVILL

Raleigh, Sept. 9.—After several days of proposals and counter proposals in an effort to settle the State's printing mix-up, the whole matter seems to have dropped back into the limbo of uncertainty even deeper than it was before with no indication now of when it may be extricated.

The whole matter plunged back into the bog of uncertainty Thursday when the State printing commission unanimously declined to accept the counter proposal of the printer, made in answer to an earlier proposal made by the printing commission. The commission, realizing that considerable inconvenience was resulting from the present situation and that the former State printing firms were suffering considerable loss, proposed that the present State printers renew the existing contract until the end of the present fiscal year on June 30, 1928, and also accept an increase in the amount paid for composition, offering to pay 89 instead of 80 cents.

The price paid for composition has been one of the principal stumbling blocks in the path of a settlement, the printers, having consistently held out for a price of 95 cents per 1,000 ems, which the printing commission felt was too much. But the printers rejected the proposal, and instead stated that they would be interested only if the contracts were made to extend over the entire biennium instead of just the present fiscal year. This counter proposal was unanimously rejected by the printing commission. What the printing commission had in mind, according to Governor McLean, was merely to give the present State printers an opportunity to continue the State printing at an increase in price which the commission felt would protect them against any loss, and at the same time afford sufficient time for the commission to make a thorough investigation of printing costs and printing methods in other states. Thus virtually nine months of commission in which they were investigations and work out the form of the new contract, which has been recommended by a commission of print-

ers. But before changing the form of contract, as the printers themselves have recommended and which will be done eventually, the commission desired to make a more thorough investigation not only of prices and costs in other states, but of methods and procedure as well. During the last legislative report was made by the budget commission that printing costs could be and should be reduced through the adoption of more up to date methods and the modernization of the entire system of printing in the state. However, time is required to assemble data and analyze it, and the commission feels that it should not be expected to do this hurriedly.

It is a well known fact, for instance, that this last state is paying much more for its printing and binding of public laws and acts than other states, chiefly because limited editions are generally printed on estimates of individuals of the number of copies needed with the result that if the edition is exhausted, the entire book has to be re-set, thus making extra editions extremely expensive. In other states, and in all federal printing, electrotyped plates are made of all important publications so that at any time extra copies are required, extra editions may be run off at very little expense. It has been estimated that North Carolina could save at least 25 to 40 per cent of its present expense in the printing of its books if the electrotype method were adopted. Already substantial savings have been made in the expenditures for public printing, however, through the introduction of more modern methods of handling and letting out work. The State's printing bill for the biennium ending June 30, 1925, was \$308,000, while for the biennium ending June 30, 1927, the printing bill was \$291,000, showing a saving of \$109,000 in expenditures for printing, over the preceding biennium.

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Billions Being Poured Into Southern Construction Enterprises

Manufacturers Record. Never before in the history of this paper has it been possible to publish such a list of great enterprises now under construction in the South as we are giving today. Hydro-electric enterprises by the dozen, involving expenditures for individual plants from a few million dollars up to one which will require an investment of over \$50,000,000; great cement plants costing from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000; enormous hotels and office buildings; railroad bridges, highway bridges, bank buildings, harbor improvements, all combine to make such a showing for construction work in the South as has never before been made in this section, and possibly never before made in any section of the United States. Here is unrolled a panorama of vast enterprises of every variety.

Capital from other sections is pouring into the South by the hundreds of millions. Southern capital is joining in the work of southern upbuilding.

In this survey we have not touched on the great highway building work under way, we have not included thousands of smaller enterprises under construction, but have only selected here and there in different parts of the South some striking phases of material advancement, leaving to the reader's imagination to fill in the picture, the outlines of which we have simply broadly sketched.

Here is a story of material advancement that really beggars description, and somewhat staggers the imagination as one attempts to grasp its full meaning and the effect which the enterprises now under way will have in tremendously stimulating further development.

Surely Secretary Hoover made a safe prediction when a few days ago in an interview with the Nashville Tennessean and other southern papers he said:

"Industrially, the South is a section of the world where the largest development must take place in the next 25 years."

Shortly before his death Henry M. Flagler, the great empire builder of Florida, said to the editor of the Manufacturers Record in a somewhat stronger statement even than that of Mr. Hoover:

"The next quarter of a century of material advancement belongs to the South."

Mr. Flagler had backed his faith in Florida and the South by the investment of from \$75,000,000 to \$100,000,000 of his own money, and his prediction as to his own beloved Florida, and the South in general, and the predictions of the Manufacturers Record for more than forty years, are now being fulfilled almost beyond the dreams of the past.

Sept. 22 Battle Dempsey's Last If He Wins From Gene Tunney

By COPELAND C. BURG
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Lincoln Fields Race Track, Crete, Ill., Sept. 10.—If Jack Dempsey defeats Gene Tunney when they meet in Soldier's Field, September 28, he will, in all probability, never fight again. That is the general impression in the former heavyweight champion's camp today.

It is even bruited about that Dempsey has promised his beautiful wife, Estelle Taylor Dempsey, the screen star, he "positively will hang up the gloves" if he wins back his crown.

There are three reasons leading to the denouncement that there may be some truth in the reports Dempsey plans to retire if he defeats Tunney.

1. Jack was always proud when he was the world's champion heavyweight and he cherishes a desire to quit the ring undefeated.

2. Mrs. Dempsey has a decided aversion to boxing and its attendant worries, such as fall to the brow of the titleholder.

3. Preparations made for Jack in his coming fight indicate that a spirit of "do or die" and "risk everything in a final shot" are governing his campaign.

Dempsey has ever been a warm admirer of Benny Leonard and the action of the former lightweight champion in retiring undefeated won warm comment from the heavyweight.

"I want to do the same thing," Dempsey declared when Benny gave up his diadem. But Jack waited too long and one fateful night in the company of Tunney wrecked his dreams—dreams he now hopes to enjoy anew.

Mrs. Dempsey dislikes the ring game so much she was made seriously ill through worry at the time Dempsey met Jack Sharkey a few weeks ago. She has never interested herself in her husband's profession, has never watched him clash with an opponent and until she gazed on his camp a few days ago she had never seen Jack even in an exhibition with sparring partners.

She is credited, too, with a thorough antipathy to Dempsey's attendants, trainers and followers generally of the ring business.

Historical Fight.
Indications that this is to be Jack's final effort in the squared-circle are rather pointed in this camp. Such phrases as "this is his last fight," "now is the time," and "its now or never" are bandied about freely among Dempsey's trainers and sparring mates.

Dempsey is already wealthy and his share of the gate receipts from the coming bout will rate him well over a millionaire. He has large business interests in California and these, during his many absences in training camps, have suffered fearfully. It is known, that Dempsey actually intends to retire, once he again has the heavy crown in his grasp, so he may devote all his time to a business career, is said, by those closest to him to be his most earnest wish today.

BLAZE AT HIGH POINT DOES \$500,000 DAMAGE

Union Furniture Company's Plant Destroyed.—Carried \$357,000 Insurance.

High Point, Sept. 8.—The Union Furniture Company, one of the largest in this city, was totally destroyed by fire early this morning. The flames, which originated either in the shavings pit or the dry kiln, spread rapidly and when the firemen reached the scene the entire plant was a mass of flames. W. B. Thomas, president and general manager of the plant, estimated the loss at approximately a half million dollars. The insurance on the factory, however, amounted to \$357,000. Mr. Thomas declined to state whether or not he would rebuild.

The first alarm was sounded at 1:13 this morning by the night watchman who discovered the fire only after it had gotten a good headway. Upon the arrival of the first fire company another alarm was sounded and practically all the fire fighting equipment in the city was put into action.

All efforts on the part of the firemen to save as much as one section of the factory were without results and the fire did not stop spreading until every section of the mammoth building was burned.

Fireman W. A. Metcalf, of company number one, was overcome by smoke and heat and was removed from the scene to the Guilford General Hospital where his condition was reported to be greatly improved today. Authorities at the hospital said that he would be released late today.

All houses and buildings surrounding the factory were saved due to the brilliant work of the firemen, how-

FALL MEETING OF CONCORD PRESBYTERY

Sessions Held at Gilwood Presbyterian Church in This County.—Three Received as Candidates.

The regular fall meeting of the Concord Presbytery was held this week at the Gilwood Presbyterian Church in this county. Attendance at the sessions Tuesday and Wednesday was excellent.

Rev. F. A. Barnes is pastor of the Church and during the sessions 36 ministers and 34 ruling elders were registered.

One of the most important features of the program was the election of Rev. M. H. Hunter, of Davidson, as moderator of the Presbytery.

The sermon at the opening session was a very able one, delivered by Rev. S. L. Cathey, of Lenoir, retiring moderator. The opening of the Presbytery was preceded by a conference on home mission workers, conducted by Rev. J. M. Clark, D. D., of Statesville.

The sermon was delivered by Dr. Walter L. Lingie, of Richmond, and was unusually fine. In connection with the report on foreign missions, Rev. R. D. Deffen, D. D., of Brazil, was heard in a very stirring address.

Rev. N. E. Olinger, of Stony Point, was released from his present pastorate that he might accept calls from Cleveland, Unity and Franklin churches in Rowan county. He expects to begin his new work at an early date.

Three young men were received under the care of the Presbytery as candidates for the ministry. Two of them are from Back Creek Church, near Mt. Ulla, Rupert F. Sloop and S. Reid Knox. The other, J. T. Taylor, is from the Harrisburg church. All are students at Davidson College.

Rev. McK. R. Long was received into the Presbytery from the Presbytery of Macon, Georgia, and Rev. H. M. Moffett, D. D., the new pastor at Davidson, was received from the Presbytery at Birmingham.

Rev. J. H. Davis, new professor of Bible at Mitchell College, was heard with interest in a very able address. He discussed the hopes and plans of the college.

The regular spring session of the Presbytery will be held with the Second Church of Mooresville. There will be an adjourned meeting during the meeting of the Synod in Concord next month.

DRY OFFICERS BUSY IN WESTERN SECTION

Get One Big Still, 40 Gallons Liquor and One Man In Two Raids.

Asheville, Sept. 8.—Two raids by Sheriff Brown's men recently put additional punctures in Western North Carolina's illicit liquor barrel.

The first of the raids was conducted in the Alexander district by Deputy Sheriff's Ponders, Brenton and Rogers. It netted a twenty-five gallon still, four barrels of beer, and one arrest. The still was found in the home of R. L. Brown, a farmer who was placed in the county jail in default of bond.

Appearance of the still led the raiders to believe that a "run" had just been completed. No liquor was found on the premises. The still was in the kitchen of the home and the barrels of beer were in the attic, the deputies said.

The second raid was conducted in the Inanda section by Deputy Sheriff's Dillingator, Brooks and Lance. The three deputies were searching for stolen goods. As they approached a house in the Inanda section, it was said, five men suddenly broke from it and fled into the woods.

A search of the home revealed forty gallons of liquor. The liquor was confiscated with a Studebaker automobile that stood by the house. No arrests were made and the identity of the men who fled was not learned.

Chicago Clings to Third Position.

New York, Sept. 8.—The Cubs recaptured third place in the National from the Cardinals today by whipping the St. Louis outfit in the windup engagement at the mound city. However, Chicago's margin swings on a single percentage point. Other contenders in the dizzy whirl had a recess due to open dates.

The Bruins open a series against the Giants tomorrow at Chicago inaugurating the start of the last western invasion by the New Yorkers this season. The Giants, the only eastern representatives in the pennant turmoil, are in second place, half a game from the leading Pirates.

Another triumph for the Yanks today gave prospects of the New York League, buying within the next few days. The Yanks have twenty more days to play and need only five of that number to clinch the pennant in the events the Athletics win all their remaining twenty-one contests.

The Macken alone continue in the running.

Loud Swearing Costs Man \$200 Contempt Fine.

Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 6.—A record in contempt of a magistrate's court was set here today by J. C. Robbins, who lives six miles north, when he was fined \$200 and given 30 days in jail by Justice of the Peace O. W. Duke for outrageous expressions made in the office of the Justice. Duke states the man came into his office swearing at the top of his voice and using the strongest expressions in the language, his abuse directed at J. B. Pendergrast, State automobile inspector.

Enough heat comes to melt a case of ice more than 5,000 feet thick.

ELUSIVE "CAT BANDIT" IN CHICAGO IS NABBED

Clerked in Store During Day and Preyed Upon Unescorted Women at Night.

Chicago, Sept. 8.—A slim, dark-haired man of 27, who worked in a department store in the city during the day and preyed upon women three nights a week while waiting to meet his wife and escort her home from work, today was identified by more than a score of women victims as Chicago's elusive "cat bandit," for whom the police have been searching for a year.

The "cat" identified himself as William E. Mitchell, formerly of St. Louis, readily confessed the robberies of many unescorted women and boasted an \$8,000 bank account as a result of his campaign. Besides jewelry, valued at several thousand dollars was found in his apartment.

The "cat bandit" won his name from the stealthy way in which he crept upon unescorted women at night, pouncing on them from behind and dragging them into a dark alley where he robbed them and faded into the darkness.

His wife worked and his holdups invariably were committed on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday nights when he met her and escorted her home at 10 o'clock.

On the other evenings of the week he lived quietly at home in a pleasant apartment. He explained that he neither drank nor smoked and never went to night clubs nor indulged in any other extravagances.

His wife also was arrested when he said she helped him dispose of the loot. This, she denied, stating that she did not know her husband was a thief until two months ago when she became suspicious after finding he was well supplied with money. He confessed that he was the "cat," she said, but promised never to commit another robbery, and she believed he had desisted.

Mitchell denied stories of some of his victims that he had attempted to attack them criminally. He said his method was to follow them to a dark alley, pounce on them, drag them into the alley, rob them and then run to the other end of the alley and saunter out into the next street.

The police for months have been making frantic efforts to capture him. Several times they arrested men who fitted his description and often a few women identified these men as robbers but the original "cat" escaped them, often committing new robberies at the moment they believed they had him in custody.

METHODISTS OF STATE FAVOR BISHOP CANNON

Would Make Him Successor to Wayne B. Wheeler, as National Dry Leader.

The Tribune Bureau, Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, September 9.—North Carolina Methodists generally approve of the suggestion in dry circles that Bishop James Cannon Jr., Methodist of Durham, may be appointed Wayne B. Wheeler's successor as national dry leader.

The New York Herald-Tribune, yesterday, picked Bishop Cannon as the successor to Wayne B. Wheeler as national director of dry publicity, as the two leading candidates for the post. The decision will be made by the directors of the league on December 1.

The intimation that the North Carolina man and Mr. Cherrington are the two leading candidates for the post suggests a widening rift in the dry forces. Bishop Cannon, a few months ago, broke with the late Mr. Wheeler, and issued a statement in which he denied that Wheeler was in a position to speak for the entire Anti-Saloon League and direct its policies.

The break occurred after Mr. Wheeler intimated that the dries would place a fire democrat in the field in case Al Smith is nominated. Bishop Cannon, a southerner and life long democrat, opposed this policy, and stated his belief that the forces would continue their usual policy of endorsing the more satisfactory regularly nominated candidate of the two major parties. Mr. Cherrington has consistently supported Mr. Wheeler.

Friends of the bishop here believed that only one factor would handicap Bishop Cannon as director of national dry forces. While in Africa this summer he suffered a severe attack of African fever, and at one time little hope was held out for his recovery. After his return to America, however, he convalesced rapidly, and has now regained his health.

PROF. W. G. GEILE GOES TO STATE COLLEGE

Comes From Yale University and Will Teach Subject Matter in Engineering.

The Tribune Bureau, Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Sept. 9.—State College announces that beginning with the opening of school this fall regular courses will be taught in construction engineering. This is a new branch of engineering and the curricula in this subject now offered at State College is the only one offered in the South, according to Dr. W. C. Riddick, dean of the engineering school.

Professor W. G. Geile, of Yale University, has been secured to teach the subject matter in this branch of engineering. Prof. Geile is well trained and practiced in the art of instruction in these courses and he is expected to render a valuable service to the contractors and builders of this state at whose suggestion the work in this subject was introduced at State College.

The purpose of this new department is to train men for the practical work in construction and in drafting and designing. Men trained in this department will fit readily into the personnel of building and contracting companies as their own special engineers, qualified to deal directly with the problems peculiar to that growing profession.

This is the third division of engineering in which the school is a leader, the other two being chemical engineering and ceramic engineering. In addition, the college maintains a well equipped engineering experiment station, something new in this part of the country.

The purpose of this station is to render to the industries of the state something of the same type of valuable service as that rendered to the farmers of the state by the State College agricultural experiment station.

Promoters of war can not fall back on the time-worn expression that war helps to get rid of surplus population now that we have the automobile taking its toll of thousands of lives annually.—Jacksonville Times-Union.