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## The Weather

Highest temperature yesterday...60  
Lowest temperature last night...47  
Forecast for interior southwest  
Oregon: Generally fair tonight and  
Tuesday; warmer Tuesday.

By FRANK JENKINS  
**MISSISSIPPI Raging Menace as  
Leaves Threaten to Crash.**  
"Loss to Farms and Homes Huge  
as Twisters Hit Georgia Towns."  
"Two Known Dead in Blizzard at  
Cheyenne, Wyoming."

Here are three headlines culled  
from the front page of the Grants  
Pass Courier. The elements were  
certainly on a rampage that day.

FROM this picture of death and  
destruction, we turn gladly to  
this paragraph, which is taken  
from an editorial in the Medford  
News.

"The traveler in Oregon is not  
only enraptured with the enchant-  
ing beauty that stretches out as far  
as the eyes can see on either side  
of the railroad or highway, but he  
is impressed with the fact that here  
is a land not only of beauty, but of  
peace and of plenty, where de-  
structive tornadoes, ravaging floods  
and severe elemental disturbances  
are unknown—a land where there  
is a maximum of security in life."

"The land where there is a max-  
imum of security in life?" That is  
a good slogan. It is aptly descrip-  
tive of Oregon.

SENATOR James Couzens, of  
Michigan, looks forward to the  
time when a job can be found for  
everyone who wants it. "We have  
no right to be proud of ourselves  
in this country," he says in an in-  
terview, "until we can truthfully  
say that we have a job for every-  
one all the time."

He is right. Civilization will not  
be completely successful until it  
succeeds in abolishing unemploy-  
ment and the poverty that follows  
unemployment.

That is the big task for coming  
generations. It is a task that  
thoughtful people can undertake  
with enthusiasm. What a world  
this would be if there were no un-  
employment!

A WRITER in The Nation's Busi-  
ness asserts that women who  
work, generally speaking, do not  
reach the top in business. Then he  
tries to tell why.

"It is due," he says, "chiefly to  
the difference in standards of suc-  
cess for the two sexes. At the iden-  
tical point where, economically, a  
man feels conscious of his short-  
comings a woman in business is  
proud of her achievement. What a  
man sees as a stepping-stone ap-  
pears to the woman as a good, com-  
fortable place to sit."

There speaks the superior male.

BUT wait. Run over in your mind  
the men you have known. Of  
how many of the successful ones  
can it be said: "He is where he is  
because he had back of him a wife  
who was always pushing him for-  
ward?"

That is true in a surprisingly  
large number of cases. And it is  
certainly not evidence that women  
are content with minor successes,  
instead of pushing on toward great-  
er ones.

A lot of the modern progress of  
which we are so proud has been  
achieved because women were not  
satisfied with what they had and  
kept on demanding something bet-  
ter.

HERE is a statement by Edsel B.  
Ford, of the great Ford Motor  
company, the nation's leading pro-  
ducer of big commercial airplanes:  
"A recent survey of American  
commercial flying companies dis-  
closes that there were but two fa-  
tality to passengers in 5,000,000  
miles of flight. Five million miles  
is hard to grasp—it is more than  
200 times around the earth at the  
equator."

That is to say, if you patronized  
only established commercial lines,  
flying licensed ships with licensed  
pilots, you could expect to fly two  
and a half million miles before be-  
ing killed. Probably, by the time  
you had flown that far, you would  
be ready to die of old age.

THE papers are full of accounts  
of airplane fatalities. But, in  
this connection, recall a statement  
quoted recently in this column:  
"Most airplane accidents are due  
to (1) obsolete ships, (2) inexperi-  
enced pilots or (3) efforts to make  
an airplane do something it is not  
designed to do."

Commercial flying companies  
strive to avoid these risks. That is  
why they are able to make records

## LOCAL STORES TO CLOSE FOR GLENDALE FETE

Complete Holiday Will  
Be Observed Wednes-  
day to Permit Atten-  
dance at Jubilee.

Special Train and Caravan  
Arranged to Provide  
Transportation to  
Glendale.

The slogan, "On to Glendale,"  
that has been ringing throughout  
Douglas county for the past weeks  
is due for realization Wednesday.  
May 1. Never in the history of  
southern Oregon has there been  
such great enthusiasm over a cele-  
bration as is marking the great  
Lumber Jubilee to be staged by  
Glendale. Southern Oregon cities  
are putting forth every endeavor  
to show their interest in the pros-  
pects for future prosperity of the  
neighboring community, and the  
festivities will draw, it is believed,  
one of the largest crowds ever as-  
sembled in this section of the state.

Roseburg is declaring a com-  
plete holiday. All of the principal  
business houses, including the  
chain stores, will be closed, the  
schools have declared a holiday,  
and Roseburg citizens are prepared  
to migrate in a body to the beau-  
tiful city on the extreme southern  
border of the county.

Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland  
and other points in the southern  
part of the state are planning like  
cooperation with Glendale, and will  
be represented by large numbers  
of their citizens. Grants Pass,  
Medford, Ashland and Roseburg  
will each be represented in the pa-  
rade by floats and uniformed  
groups.

The Roseburg and Grants Pass  
bands will be present, the Umpqua  
post drum corps will participate,  
and the Umpqua Chiefs and  
Squaws from Roseburg and Cave-  
men from Grants Pass will be  
present.

Caravan Planned  
Roseburg has arranged for a  
special train leaving here Wednes-  
day morning at 7:30 o'clock, and  
for an auto caravan at the same  
time. The caravan will leave the  
Chamber of Commerce office at  
7:30 o'clock, headed by E. R.  
Thurber, traffic officer for this di-  
vision, who will be assisted by  
several motorcycle officers. The  
caravan will go through on fast  
time, and will be the safest way to  
avoid congestion. Ample parking  
space has been arranged at Glen-  
dale.

The Chamber of Commerce has  
banners and tags for all cars and  
persons attending the jubilee and  
these will be passed out when the  
caravan is formed. Napoleon Rice  
will pass out the tags to passen-  
gers on the special train.

The Chamber of Commerce is  
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## BANCORPORATION SUIT THROWN OUT FOR THIRD TIME

(Associated Press Leased Wire)  
PORTLAND, April 29.—Federal  
Judge Bean had sustained objec-  
tion three times to the suit of Will B.  
Haines against the Portland Ban-  
cruptcy National bank, the Pacific Ban-  
cruptcy National bank, and the Pacific  
Bank. Judge Bean had sustained ob-  
jections to complaints filed by  
Haines. The court in each case  
gave Haines permission to amend  
his complaint.

Haines, former president of the  
Portland National bank, seeks to  
restrain the bank and bancorpora-  
tion from merging.

Judge Bean dismissed the com-  
plaint on the grounds that there  
was no loss alleged.

## LOS ANGELES LOSES MESSENGER \$25,000 TO THIEF

(Associated Press Leased Wire)  
LOS ANGELES, April 29.—While  
hundreds of pedestrians  
walked by unaware, a robber who  
threatened to kill him, pushed a  
gun against the back of J. C. Kool-  
man, a bank messenger, and  
snatched his money bag, escaping  
with \$12,000 on a downtown street  
today.

Koolman, a messenger for the  
Seaboard National bank, said the  
robber accosted him as he stepped  
into his car, and forced him to  
drive through the principal busi-  
ness district. They reached  
Second and Flower streets, Kool-  
man said, the robber ordered him  
from the car and sped off with the  
money and satchel.

## FREEDOM GRANTED WOMAN WHO ONCE FACED GALLOWS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)  
CHICAGO, April 29.—Once con-  
victed and sentenced to be hanged  
for murder, Mrs. Catherine Cassler,  
a middle-aged mother, was freed  
today after a three-year fight, car-  
ried on from her prison cell.

The woman collapsed before the  
judge's bench when informed the  
state had agreed to dismiss her  
case, which was brought before the  
court today on a motion for a new  
trial.

The state, in announcing it  
would not prosecute a new trial,  
said the murder of William Lind-  
strom, for which Mrs. Cassler,  
Mrs. Lillian Fraser and Loren Pat-  
rick were convicted, had been  
avenged by the death of Mrs. Fraser,  
who died last month while serving  
a life term in the state prison.  
Patrick is serving a life term, but  
Mrs. Cassler had been sentenced  
to death as the alleged plotter  
of Lindstrom's death to collect  
his insurance.

Patrick, it was charged at the  
trial, was hired by the two women  
to beat Lindstrom to death. He  
turned state's evidence and testi-  
fied against Mrs. Cassler. She  
was one of the few women ever  
given the death sentence in Cook  
county.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)  
MIDDELTOWN, N. Y., April 29.—  
Nine persons were killed, one  
seriously injured here last night  
when their automobile was struck  
in a grade crossing accident at  
Newhampton. Their automobile  
was struck by the westbound New  
York-Chicago express of the Erie  
railroad.

ELKHART, Ind., April 29.—Five  
persons, four of them of one fam-  
ily, were killed Sunday and 11 in-  
jured in a head-on collision of an  
automobile and a bus on a highway  
eight miles east of Elkhart. Mrs.  
Ural Mable and children, their au-  
tomobile driven by Daniel Papa,  
were enroute to Barr Oak, Mich.

R. Williams, of Detroit, driver  
of the bus which was Chicago-  
bound, said the Mable car ap-  
proached his bus at high speed on  
the wrong side of the highway and  
on a curve. The only surviving  
member of the Mable family, Ruby,  
14, lay unconscious at the Elk-  
hart general hospital.

## AERIAL JOY RIDE ENDS IN DEATH OF CALIFORNIA TRIO

(Associated Press Leased Wire)  
LOS ANGELES, April 29.—Three  
young men, who said they were  
going out for an early Sunday  
morning aerial joy-ride were dead  
today. They were killed and cre-  
mated when the biplane in which  
they were taking the pleasure  
flight crashed and burned in an  
outfield near Culver City.

William H. Oviatt, Jr., 22, owner  
and unlicensed pilot of the plane,  
Ray Scott, 25-year-old scenic  
writer, and Mack Fluor, 25, motion  
picture actor were the dead.

Oviatt was the son of a Pal-  
mouth, Mass., theatrical producer,  
and nephew of Charlie Murray,  
motion picture actor. All had been  
living in Hollywood.

Scott, who leaves his parents, Dr.  
and Mrs. E. W. Scott, his widow,  
Mrs. Simone Scott, and a three-  
year-old daughter, was warned by  
his widow two weeks ago not to  
fly in Oviatt's plane, his mother  
said.

"Simone went to a clairvoyant  
two weeks ago and was told that  
Ray would meet his death in  
Oviatt's plane," Mrs. Scott said.  
"We warned Ray but he just laugh-  
ed and told us it was as safe as  
walking."

JOIN ASSOCIATION  
The Jackson County Game Pro-  
tective association has voted  
unanimously to join the Oregon  
State Sportsmen's association un-  
der the new organization plan  
made by Charles Lockwood of  
Roseburg, state president, accord-  
ing to word received by Mr. Lock-  
wood. Sportsmen are feeling the  
need for a stronger state organ-  
ization and are enthusiastically en-  
dorsing the program advanced by  
the president.

## HOUSE'S NAVAL BODY HEAD HITS GIBSON'S PLAN

American Delegate Playing  
Into Foreign Hands at  
Arms Convention,  
Britten Says.

Failure of Sixth Session  
at Geneva Is Predicted  
—Another Russian  
Proposal Loses.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)  
WASHINGTON, April 29.—Chair-  
man Britten of the house naval  
committee today attacked Arma-  
dador Hugh Gibson's suggestion to  
the preparatory disarmament com-  
mission at Geneva that trained  
army reserves be not included in  
computing the military strength of  
a nation.

The Illinois representative is-  
sued a statement declaring the  
suggestion was equivalent to agree-  
ing that battleships, cruisers and  
submarines in reserve, but ready  
to fight, should not be included in  
establishing the naval strength of  
a nation.

"This is the second time within  
ten days that Gibson has played di-  
rectly into the hands of British and  
French diplomacy," Britten said.  
"The first was his proposal to ac-  
cept the British category theory  
for measuring the naval strength  
of the five leading powers instead  
of by global tonnage as the case in  
the Washington conference."

"Both of Gibson's proposals  
should be very effective in the  
coming British elections although  
neither has the slightest chance of  
acceptance by the league commis-  
sion for many years to come if at  
all."

"Two years ago the department  
strongly and effectively objected  
to the proposal to exclude trained  
army reserves from military calcu-  
lations because it made a farce of  
any otherwise serious subject."

Britten said it would be "inter-  
esting to learn by what authority  
Gibson is proposing to negotiate  
European treaties," and predicted  
the sixth session of disarmament  
preparatory commission would re-  
sult in failure.

## CAUTIOUS VERBAGE

GENEVA, April 29.—Limitation  
and not reduction of armed forces  
existing, land, sea and air, will be  
the guiding principle of the forth-  
coming disarmament conference  
under decisions taken today by the  
preparatory commission.

After a brilliant discussion led  
by the Chilean minister, J. Valdes-  
Levin, (Continued on page 8)

## AUTOMOBILE HATER SLAYS EX-CONSUL, WOUNDS HIS WIFE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)  
BUDAPEST, Hungary, April 29.—  
Franz Hauser, young truckman's  
assistant who resented replacement  
of horses and oxen by automobiles,  
was today declared responsible for  
the death of Dr. Emil Schneider,  
formerly in the consular service,  
and for gravely wounding Mrs.  
Schneider yesterday night.

Hauser hated automobiles with a  
personal hatred, fearing that the  
advent of motor transportation  
would cost him his job as a driver  
of horses, and decided to seek re-  
venge against all motorists.

When Dr. Schneider and his wife  
passed in their automobile near  
the village of Fiedenberg, Hauser  
fired several shots at the three. He  
said that he had only intended to  
disable the car, but his shots  
were unfortunately more deadly.  
Mrs. Schneider, whose leg was am-  
putated, continues in a critical con-  
dition.

## PAMPHLET ON SEX O. K'D BY CHURCH OFFENDS THE LAW

(Associated Press Leased Wire)  
NEW YORK, April 29.—Mrs.  
Mary Ware Bennett, convicted for  
sending obscene matter through  
the mails, today was fined \$300 by  
Judge Warren B. Burrows in fed-  
eral court in Brooklyn. She was  
paroled in custody of her attorney  
until Thursday, pending the filing  
of an appeal and posting of bail.

The conviction last week of Mrs.  
Bennett, who could have been fin-  
ed \$10,000 and sentenced to three  
years imprisonment, was based on  
distribution of her pamphlet, "The  
Sex Side of Life," which she said  
she wrote 14 years ago for the  
guidance of her two sons. She is  
53 years old.

The pamphlet had been distrib-  
uted for more than ten years by  
Y. M. C. A. churches and social or-  
ganizations, and had the endorse-  
ment of many educators, editors  
and social workers.

## SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF JUMPS 4 STORIES TO DEATH

(Associated Press Leased Wire)  
SAN DIEGO, Calif., April 29.—  
James C. Byers, sheriff of San Di-  
ego county, was killed this morn-  
ing when he either fell or jumped  
from a fourth-story window of  
Mercy hospital.

Last week Sheriff Byers went to  
the hospital to be operated on for  
appendicitis and was reported well  
on the way to recovery.

Early this morning he asked his  
nurse for a glass of malted milk.  
When the nurse returned she dis-  
covered her patient missing and at  
the same time observed that sev-  
eral articles on the window ledge  
were disarranged. Upon investigat-  
ing she discovered the sheriff had  
been unattended and looking down  
to the court pavement saw the  
body of Byers on the concrete.

When hospital attaches reached  
the body they found life extinct.  
Coroner S. C. Kelly, who was  
summoned, expressed the belief  
that Byers had committed suicide,  
although no cause for such action  
could be assigned.

Byers had held the office of  
sheriff for the past 12 years and  
was one of the best known citizens  
in San Diego county. He is sur-  
vived by a widow.

## DR. PAYNE TO BE SUPERINTENDENT OF NEW T. B. HOSPITAL

Dr. DeWalt Payne, county health  
officer, today tendered his resigna-  
tion, effective June 1, to accept a  
position as superintendent of the  
Eastern Oregon Tuberculosis hos-  
pital, which is to be opened during  
the summer. Dr. Payne was ac-  
cepted for this position because of  
his experience in this line of work  
and his excellent ability as a  
health officer, as shown in his ad-  
ministration of the Douglas county  
health unit.

He was engaged in tuberculosis  
work prior to coming to Roseburg,  
where he has been employed in the Los  
Angeles tuberculosis hospital at  
Olive View, California, where he  
received experience and training  
that will be of great value to the  
state of Oregon at the new hospital  
at The Dalles.

During the fourteen months that  
he has been in Roseburg in charge  
of the health unit work, he has de-  
veloped a great deal of ability  
as a public health leader and has  
conducted the affairs of the unit  
in a very efficient manner. He has  
proved himself a very able organiz-  
er and has obtained excellent re-  
sults in improving health conditions  
among children, working through  
the schools of the county.

He will leave Roseburg about  
the first of June and will spend a  
month in Salem at the state hos-  
pital there, and will then go to The  
Dalles as soon as the new state in-  
stitution is opened.

## CUPID SUPPLIES EYES FOR BLIND CHARITY WORKER

(Associated Press Leased Wire)  
PORTLAND, Maine, April 29.—  
Captain Henry J. Frost, for 20  
years director of the seamen's  
Bethel and missionary to those who  
live on the islands in Casco bay,  
who after long-expected has handi-  
capped his work in recent years,  
is to have new eyes in Miss  
Mary Augusta Frost, superintendent  
of the Columbia Polytechnic  
institute for the blind in Wash-  
ington, D. C.

The captain today announced to  
friends that they will be married  
here on June 11.

The two met five years ago in  
Portland when the captain's work  
reunited Miss Frost and her broth-  
er, who had run away from home  
as a youth.

Miss Frost has told the captain  
that she will abandon her position  
and aid him in his work. He has  
charge of the seamen's Bethel near  
the waterfront and during the  
summer, in a tiny launch, journeys  
among the 300 odd islands in Cas-  
co bay providing the islanders with  
reading matter, clothing and what-  
ever else they may need.

Captain Frost is 51 years old and  
Miss Frost is three years his senior.  
They are not related.

## MURDERER ADMITS WIFE OF VICTIM COVETED

(Associated Press Leased Wire)  
PASADENA, Calif., April 29.—A  
second "confession" detailing a  
series of parties, marriage propos-  
als and an intimate friendship with  
Mrs. Pearl Conley was signed to-  
day by John L. Howard, Pasadena,  
police said. Howard already had  
confessed to the killing of Mrs.  
Conley's husband, Victor A. Conley,  
wealthy Pasadena automobile deal-  
er.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Reed of Yo-  
semite national park visited yes-  
terday in Roseburg enroute home  
after a trip to Canada. Mr. Reed is  
superintendent of the Yosemite  
national park.

## BILLS BEARING ON AGRICULTURE WIN APPROVAL

House Committee Puts Its  
O. K. on Four Measures  
Connected With the  
Main Proposal.

\$4,250,000 Appropriated to  
Fight Fruit Fly—Batch  
of Appointments to  
U. S. Judgeships.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)  
WASHINGTON, April 29.—Pro-  
ceeding toward the passage of leg-  
islation expected to augment and  
aid the farm relief bill, the house  
agriculture committee today ap-  
proved four measures relating to  
agriculture.

The bills included the Haugen  
measure to change the definition  
of oleomargarine; another Haugen  
bill to make various changes in the  
federal warehouse act; the Mapes  
bill to re-establish minimum stand-  
ards for canned farm products and  
the Ketcham bill to provide for the  
assignment of representatives of the  
department of agriculture to  
foreign service.

The committee plans to ask the  
house rules committee to give the  
measures legislative right of way  
in the hope that they may be con-  
sidered on the floor either tomor-  
row or Wednesday. All four of  
the bills were introduced at the last  
session.

At the same time the agriculture  
committee referred to a sub-com-  
mittee for consideration the Vin-  
son bill to regulate trading on the  
commodity exchanges and the Palmer  
bill to provide for the use of net  
weights and the standardization of  
cotton bales.

Strike Probe Asked  
Senator Wheeler, democrat, Mon-  
tana, today formally introduced a  
resolution asking investigation of  
working conditions in the textile  
industry in North and South Caro-  
lina and Tennessee, where strikes  
are in progress.

The senate today passed the  
house bill making \$4,250,000 im-  
mediately available for combatting  
the Mediterranean fruit fly in  
Florida.

No Mellon Decision  
The senate judiciary committee  
failed again today to reach a de-  
cision on the report of Chairman  
Norris declaring Secretary Mel-  
lon ineligible to hold office and ad-  
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## SECOND TORNADO IN 4 DAYS STRIKES SOUTH CAROLINA

(Associated Press Leased Wire)  
CAMDEN, S. C., April 29.—The  
second tornado to sweep down on  
South Carolina in four days took  
one life and injured fourteen per-  
sons near here late yesterday.

Nora Murphy, an aged negroes,  
was killed and 14 white persons in-  
jured, none seriously. All the in-  
jured were brought to a hospital  
here.

The tornado, coming from the  
northeast, first struck at the West  
Waterloo section, where all the  
damage was done. Four houses  
were wrecked. An automobile was  
hurled through the air for more  
than two hundred yards.

The twister next struck Camden,  
but with much less violence. Trees  
were uprooted and damage done  
to a greenhouse.

At Antioch, 10 miles east of here,  
the high school building and an-  
other building were damaged.  
An airplane, flying from Green-  
ville to Camden, was blown off its  
course more than a hundred miles.  
The pilot, George M. Keightley of  
Greenville, and two passengers  
were none the worse for their ex-  
perience and later landed at Cam-  
den.

## SPOKANE-PORTLAND AIR MAIL ROUTE IS NEW P. O. PROJECT

(Associated Press Leased Wire)  
WASHINGTON, April 29.—The  
postoffice department today con-  
sidered plans for a new air mail  
route from Spokane to Portland,  
Ore., with a leg extending from  
Pasco, Wash., to Seattle.

The new route will connect with  
the Lake City route to Pasco  
at Pasco. It also will connect with  
the Pacific coast route which runs  
from Los Angeles to Seattle at  
both Seattle and Portland. It also  
is planned to make connections  
with Seattle-Vancouver route at  
Seattle.

Second Assistant Postmaster  
General Glover said that bids would  
be asked on the route in the near  
future. Operation will begin as  
soon after that time as possible.

## NON-STOP FLIGHT AROUND WORLD IS RUMORED PROJECT

(Associated Press Leased Wire)  
WASHINGTON, April 29.—The  
Washington Post says today that  
six internationally known aviators  
are preparing to begin a non-stop  
flight around the world from New  
York on the first clear day in Sep-  
tember.

The names of only three of the  
aviators are given—Lieutenant Al-  
bert B. Hall, former army and air  
mail pilot; Captain Harry W. Lyon,  
Jr., navigator on the trans-Pacific  
flight of the Southern Cross, and  
Lieutenant L. T. O'Connell, radio  
officer at Lakehurst. The com-  
mander, the newspaper said, will  
be a World War aviator with more  
than 5,000 flying hours to his  
credit.

The make of the plane in which  
they intend to attempt the most  
ambitious flight ever undertaken  
was not learned, but it was de-  
scribed as being constructed partly  
of metal and partly of linen fabric,  
powered with five 420-horsepower  
Pratt and Whitney engines, equip-  
ped to take on fuel in flight, and  
capable of a maximum speed of  
150 miles an hour and a cruising  
speed of 120 miles.

Twenty-two stations are to be  
established along the 15,500 mile  
route, of which ten will be used  
only in case of emergency, the  
Post says, and two of the five en-  
gines are to be held in reserve.  
They will be sufficient to bring the  
ship through the aviators believe,  
if all three of the other engines  
break up under the five or six day  
strain.

## WHIPPED FLORIDA LAWYER WILL OBEY "GET OUT" ORDER

(Associated Press Leased Wire)  
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., April  
29.—James E. Bickers, an attorney  
who aligned himself again with  
dog racing and lawlessness in St. Pe-  
tersburg, today was recovering  
from a beating given him yester-  
day by five men who kidnaped him  
from his home. Bickers said he  
would heed their warning to leave  
St. Petersburg not later than to-  
night.

Some mystery surrounded the  
affair. Bickers had just returned  
to his home from church services  
when he was accosted by the men,  
who apparently had awaited his  
return near his home. At the point  
of pistols, he was forced into an  
automobile, handcuffed, gagged  
and bound.

The men drove some distance  
from St. Petersburg. Bickers said,  
took him from the car, removed  
his clothing, robbed him of \$2,000  
and whipped him. Then, warning  
him to leave town immediately,  
they drove away. Bickers said he  
made his way to a nearby highway,  
where a motorist picked him up and  
brought him to a hospital here.

His arrival at the hospital end-  
ed a wide search by fifty special  
police officers and two airplanes  
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(Associated Press Leased Wire)  
PORTLAND, Ore., April 29.—An  
element of mystery entered Port-  
land's gasoline price war today. A  
large red truck, unidentified by  
any trade-marks or inscriptions,  
made the rounds today filling  
tanks of gasoline dealers who have  
torn up their contracts with the  
large oil distributors. A. T. Kurtz,  
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ciation, said the nameless red  
truck will sell to all those who  
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Many service station operators  
here have destroyed the con-  
tracts, declaring the major oil com-  
panies have been selling to com-  
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a rate from four to two cents low-  
er than