

SLAYING STORY IS RELATED BY STATE OFFICER

O'Brien saw Rifle Pointed At Prescott by Banks; Warning Shouted

Fleming, in House Before Shooting, Says Threat Of Bloodshed Made

EUGENE, Ore., May 4.—(AP)—A word sketch so graphic it made spectators in the courtroom shudder, was drawn by Sergeant James O'Brien of the state police as he described from the witness stand here today the slaying of Constable George Prescott of Medford by Lewellyn A. Banks, 62, Medford newspaper publisher and orchardist.

Banks and his wife are on trial for first degree murder for the shooting of the constable. The trial was brought here on a defense motion for change of venue. "We went up on the porch of Banks' home to serve a warrant on him," O'Brien testified. As he and Prescott stood on the porch Mrs. Banks opened the door, he said, and Prescott put his foot on the threshold. He testified he glanced through the window and saw Banks leveling the rifle. Another instant and a bullet had plowed through Prescott's heart.

Earlier Tells of

The defense has insisted that Banks shot the officer as "the final gesture of an overwrought mind in defense of his home after having been driven to desperation by persecution" at the hands of county officials whose resignations he had repeatedly demanded in his newspaper and through meetings of the so-called "good government congress," which he organized.

Earlier, E. A. Fleming, Jacksonville orchardist who was in the Banks home when the constable was slain, was questioned at length. He testified that Banks, with whom he was associated in the "good government congress," had at one time observed before Prescott was shot:

"I am being framed on the ballot charges. I have written letters warning them (the officers) not to come. They will never take me except over dead bodies, and even then I will be carried out feet first."

Heard Warning Just Before Fatal Shot

Several thousand ballots had been stolen from the Jackson county courthouse on the eve of a recount to determine the legality of the election as sheriff of Gordon Schermerhorn, whom Banks had supported. Banks was indicted with several others in this connection, and Prescott met his death while he was attempting to serve the resulting warrant.

Fleming testified that he did not see the shooting. He stated however, that he saw Prescott at the door and when he turned to run out the back door he heard Banks shout "Get out" or "Look out." Immediately he heard a rifle shot, he said.

Court to Adjourn To Honor Levens

Two other witnesses were called briefly to the stand. Earl Bryant of Jacksonville told of driving Fleming to the Banks home. Vern Shangle, Medford photographer, identified pictures taken at the scene of the shooting.

Court will be adjourned tomorrow from 2:30 to 3:30 p. m., when funeral services for William S. Levens, special prosecutor who died here Tuesday, will be held at Salem.

TWO ALLEGED DRUNKS

City police arrested two men last night on charges of being drunk. P. G. Wegner, Salem, in a local rooming house, and W. J. Carter, Salem, on the streets.

The Day in Washington

By the Associated Press

President sent congress recommendations for federal railroad regulation and bills were introduced to carry them out.

Senate and house conferees agreed on all farm bill provisions but cost production guarantee section on which they became deadlocked.

House passed \$40,000 third deficiency appropriation bill.

Italian economic representatives conferred at state department and white house on financial and monetary problems and Argentine delegates at state department on trade matters.

Senate passed bill to allow reconstruction corporation to buy preferred stock of insurance companies.

President Roosevelt in address to chamber of commerce of the United States promised government cooperation to industry in voluntary effort to end "chaos" and obtain fair competition.

Crowd Prays In Effort to Keep Priest

PHILADELPHIA, May 4.—(AP)—The steps of Our Lady of Good Counsel church lost much of its militant aspect tonight, with 2000 parishioners jamming the church to join in prayer with one of the "prisoner priests." They prayed for a solution of their problem.

Earlier the parishioners locked themselves behind church-yard gates, defying police to oust them. They said they would "camp here a year or longer, if necessary, to win our point."

With a committee to lead and a band to entertain them, they announced they would remain in control until an order transferring their priests was rescinded.

Police swung their clubs in the air in the church vestibule and, two mounted officers rode through the gates in an attempt to disperse the crowd late today. Officials of the archdiocese of Philadelphia explained the parishioners were under a misapprehension, that changes in parish lines were being made for their own good, but the explanation went unheeded. The changes were because the Italian district had shifted.

MRS. PIERCE SAYS SHE'LL NOT RETURN

Will Stay in Washington to End of Session; Denies Rumored Policies

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 4.—(AP)—Mrs. Cornelia Marvin Pierce indicated to the Associated Press today that she expects to remain in Washington until the end of the present congressional session and that she does not plan to return to Oregon before then for any meeting of the state board of higher education, of which she is a member.

Mrs. Pierce is the wife of Representative Walter M. Pierce of Oregon, and is serving here as her husband's secretary. She has no particular policies in mind at present concerning the Oregon state board of higher education.

Rumors have been current in Portland, Eugene and Salem that Mrs. Cornelia Marvin Pierce would return to Oregon for the May meeting of the state board of higher education, with the sole purpose of leading a movement to replace W. J. Kerr as chancellor and C. L. Starr as president of the board.

Several times there have been reports that Mrs. Pierce was planning to resign from the board, but all of them proved untrue. The recent rumors continued to (Turn to Page 12, Col. 1)

BURDETT TO HEAD BEARCAT STUDENTS

James Burdett, McMinnville, was elected president of the Associated Students of Willamette university for the coming year in a revote held Thursday. Burdett, basketball and track man, was the candidate of Alpha Phi Delta fraternity and the majority of the university's athletes.

In addition to having served as a member of the executive committee of the student body, he has a fine record as chairman of the committee in charge of building the new cinder track begun here last year.

Ruth Schreiber, Oakesdale, Wash., was elected first vice-president; Edward Franz, Neillville, Wis., second vice-president; and Lowell Eddy, Independence, editor of the Willameth student yearbook.

Judging Completed for 4-H Fair; Public Invited

Judging of the 315 entries in the 4-H club fair was completed last night on all except three classifications, aircraft, third division cooking and sewing. The exhibits this year show better quality of work and greater interest than those of past fairs, Wayne D. Harding, 4-H club leader, announced.

The public is cordially invited to see the displays, without charge, in the Chambers building, North High street, at any hour up to 9 p. m. Demonstrations by various clubs will be held today and a style revue tomorrow afternoon will mark the climax of the two-day fair.

Serving as judges are Helen Cowgill, assistant state club leader, sewing, demonstrations and aircraft; Mrs. L. H. Humphreys of Portland, cooking; E. S. Barker, Parrish junior high school, handicraft; and a member of the state forester's staff.

Results of judging finished last night were as follows:

Cooking, Division I
First, Dorothy Banick, North Santiam; 2, Robert Newton, Thomas school; 3, Norma McGin-

FRIEND OFFERS TO BE HOSTAGE IN KIDNAP CASE

Shipbuilder Associate of McMath Willing to aid in Returning Girl

State Police are Asked to Withdraw Temporarily; Proposal Rejected

HARWICHPORT, Mass., May 4.—(AP)—William Lee, tall, red-headed Harwichport shipbuilder, tonight told state police he would gladly give himself as hostage for the safe return of 10-year-old Margaret McMath.

A business associate of Neil McMath, father of the girl who was kidnaped Tuesday after being lured from her classroom, Lee made the offer to add one more means of contact with the abductors.

A plea by the parents of the child that the state police withdraw from the case for 24 hours to give the kidnapers further leeway in negotiating with the McMath family was refused after General Daniel Needham, head of the state police, had conferred with Governor Ely.

Although the McMath home today received two telephone calls from a man identifying himself as J. A. Griffin, state police placed little credence in the calls and advised Mr. McMath not to comply with a request that he furnish the man passage from Columbus, Ohio, to Massachusetts.

Lieutenant Ernest Bradford of the state police made known tonight at a conference with the press that the troopers would not be withdrawn.

"Our first duty," he said, "is to keep the state in mind."

NEW YORK, May 4.—(AP)—The hunt for Margaret McMath's kidnapers spread to New York today.

HOTEL DE MINTO TO CONTINUE SERVICE

Hotel de Minto is not to be closed hereafter, because of a public sentiment in favor of its continued operation. This decision was reached this week, the original closing plan discarded, because of a feeling prevalent in the residential districts that such a move would result in a recurrence of prowling and begging transients which decreased greatly when the "hotel" was opened in city halls more than a year and a half ago.

The "flophouse" maintained by city police has been as busy as ever this week, providing meals and night lodging for nearly 250 men. Already this month 499 meals have been served by the "hotel" chef, R. N. "Tiny" Yonkers, who tips the beam at 300-plus pounds.

With the hope that seasonal labor will decrease the number of men on the road, police now plan to close down the "hotel" June 1.

Wrestling Bouts For Elks Speedy

Elks and their guests witnessed two hammer-and-tongs wrestling matches at the "open house" staged in the lodge temple Thursday night. Sailor Frantz won two out of three falls after a hard tussle with "Mutt" Eddy, and Joe Gardiner won an equally tough one by the same margin from Pete Axtman. A large crowd was in attendance and the show was greatly appreciated.

Camp Cookery

ty, Keiser; 4, Bernice Miley, Aurora; 5, Herbert Tangen, Woodburn; 6, Delores Bente, Sublimity; 7, Ellen Beck, Keiser; 8, Betty Bond, Butteville; 9, Michiko Usui, Roberts; 10, Mary Copley, Liberty.

Cooking, Division II
First, Annette Lytle, Woodburn; 2, Marjorie Schlottmann, Thomas; 3, Helen Gooding, Butteville; 4, Carvel Gibson, West Stayton; 5, Relda Gooding, Butteville; 6, Melvin Cleveland, Liberty; 7, Elsie Satterly, Thomas; 8, Hilda Bahnsen, Bethel; 9, Mary Brockhaus, Mt. Angel; 10, Charles Cunningham, Liberty.

First, Dorothy Schifferer, Summit Hill; 2, Margaret Schifferer, Summit Hill; 3, Pete Hauser, Keiser; 4, Evelyn Cain, Mission Point; 5, Erma Sprague, White; 6, Lester Pearmaine, Keiser; 7, Marion Wells, White; 8, Arnold Thostand, Mission Bottom; 9, Clarence Belling, Bethel; 10, Wallace Kirk, Bethel.

Sewing, Handwork Division
First, Doris Harrington, Salem; 2, Carol Cooper, Salem; 3, Car-

Farmers Adopt Harsh Measures To Avoid Foreclosure on Lands



Here is a scene from the farm war front in Iowa, where Governor Clyde Herring was obliged to call out the National Guard to maintain law and order. This photo shows a lawyer for a mortgage company, which attempted to foreclose on a farm at Lemars, Ia., in the hands of a mob of incensed farmers who made him kneel on the roadway and kiss the American flag while vowing to resist in his efforts to oust the impoverished agrarians.

RAILROAD PROGRAM TOLD BY PRESIDENT

Coordinator, Repeal Clause On Recapture, Rayburn Bill are Factors

WASHINGTON, May 4.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's emergency program for rehabilitating the railroads during a year's suspension of the anti-trust laws was laid before congress today and democratic leaders took immediate steps to push it to enactment at the special session.

President Roosevelt recommended repeal of the recapture clause, which would cancel \$361,000,000 in government claims against railroads for excess profits. This fund was to be pooled in the treasury for loans to weak lines. The interstate commerce commission has pointed out he said, that it is "unworkable and impracticable."

Second, he proposed adoption of the Rayburn bill to place some 600 railroad holding companies under the jurisdiction of the interstate commerce commission, to block mergers and consolidations of lines without government sanction.

The creation of a federal coordinator of transportation to work with three organized groups of carriers in the east, south and west, with a view to eliminating duplicated services and unnecessary expenses, and laying the foundation for permanent rehabilitation, formed the third and probably the most important part of his request.

WEATHER WILL NOT POSTPONE MAY DAY

Willamette university's annual May day festivities will be observed this week end, come weather fair or foul, Ray Rhoten, manager of the celebration, assured townspeople and students late yesterday.

Beginning with an all-student entertainment at the Elksrope theatre tonight, the festivities will continue with the usual May day breakfast held at 7:30 a. m. on the campus Saturday.

If weather permits, coronation ceremonies will be held in the ample grove on the campus near Waller hall. In event of showers the coronation of Queen Bernice will be staged in the gymnasium. President Carl G. Doney is scheduled to conduct the coronation ceremonies.

Dances following the coronation will represent the dancing of several nations. Sports events are planned for the morning and afternoon and at night the junior class play, "As You Like It," will be given at the high school auditorium.

Weather Today Held Uncertain

"Possibly" more rain will fall in Salem today, according to the government weather forecaster. Yesterday's showers brought the total rainfall for May to 1.36 inches, "nearly three times as great as the total for all of April. Effects of the rains on the Willamette river level have been offset by the cooler weather, which yesterday lowered the river to 4.4 feet, 0.5 foot under Monday.

NATIONAL FARMERS' STRIKE SET MAY 13

Pressure Upon Congress to Enact Frazier Bill and Bonus Agreed Upon

DES MOINES, Ia., May 4.—(AP)—A nation-wide strike May 13 on all farm products was voted today by the National Farmers Holiday association in convention here.

For the second time within a year the delegates decided to withhold farm products from market in an effort to obtain prices covering cost of production.

Adoption of the resolution for the declaration of a farm holiday was unanimous. The resolutions called for:

(1)—The declaration of a farm marketing holiday effective May 13.

(2)—Resubmission of the association's legislative demands to congress.

(3)—Adoption of a scrip resolution for exchange of farm produce for shop labor and appointment of election of a committee to outline the plan to labor organizations.

Included among the legislative demands are the enactment by congress of the Frazier bill, the Patman bonus bill and the Willer bill.

JUDGE TELLS STORY OF ROUGH HANDLING

LEMARS, Ia., May 4.—(AP)—An elderly judge told a military court today how a mob of farmers dragged him from his court, subjected him with hangings, threatened him to indignities, and left him unconscious.

The four members of the court did not reveal whether the judge, 54-year-old C. C. Bradley, gave the names of the leaders of the farmers seeking to halt mortgage foreclosures on farms.

A declaration that citizens had been treated unjustly by the military since the riot, came from State Representative Gustav Alsch of Plymouth county, before he went before the military inquirers.

"While not condoning the attack," he said, "some demonstration was needed to bring to the attention of Washington and the nation the deplorable plight of the farmers."

Children Killed As Fire Follows Crash of Autos

LOS ANGELES, May 4.—(AP)—Two children were burned to death and seven other persons were badly injured, one perhaps fatally, as the result of a rear-end automobile collision on Hollywood boulevard southwest of the city late tonight.

OBSTACLES TO TARIFF TRUCE PLANS APPEAR

Reservations Having to do With American Money's Depreciation Made

Agreed at Least for Period Of Economic Parleys Will be Sought

WASHINGTON, May 4.—(AP)—American efforts to prepare the way for genuine contributions to world business recovery at the London economic conference next month were redoubled tonight in the face of reports from abroad at which accentuated the difficulties involved.

Earnest conversations with Italian and Argentine envoys visited here by the president were pursued at the state department and the White House while the cables were kept busy with official messages to London. Norman H. Davis, ambassador at large, is there working for agreement of European nations to an armistice on tariff war boosting between now and the conference opening June 12.

Three Reservations Listed by France

Under Secretary William Phillips of the state department said France in accepting had made three reservations, reserving the right to raise its tariffs to meet depreciation of currencies, specifying the truce shall not apply to tariff measures now before its parliament and stating that its consent was conditional on acceptance of the proposal by the principal powers.

Later word that Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald in the house of commons had announced Britain's conditional acceptance was noted with some satisfaction at the state department where the British "safeguards" (Turn to Page 12, Col. 1)

55-CENT HOP OFFER RUMORED THURSDAY

Sale of 539 more bales of local hops at 60 cents; unconfirmed reports of offers at 53 and 55 cents; and unconfirmed reports of a one-year contract let in California at 45 cents per pound, highlighted the Thursday hop situation. Fifty-cent prices were reached Wednesday, with 528 bales reported sold at that price.

Sales at 50 cents confirmed yesterday included:

To Seavey, 181 bales from Rome Conley and 159 bales from the SOB ranch. To Horn, 100 bales from Adam Orey and 25 bales from C. C. Russell. To Ray, 94 bales of Mitomas.

Frank Needham is also reported to Livesley and company for 50 cents.

Taxpayers Line Up, Courthouse; Deadline Today

Taxpayers in a line that reached far into the first floor corridor of the courthouse yesterday gave proof that many citizens in the county are keeping their tax obligations paid promptly.

Today marks the end of the first-half year time for tax payment. Beginning tomorrow, interest on unpaid first-half 1932 taxes accumulates at the rate of two-thirds of one per cent for each month or fraction thereof that the taxes are unpaid.

A number of large payments are expected today by the sheriff's office.

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Roosevelt Proffers Aid to Price-Fixing Program of Industry

Police Radio is Aid in Catching Thief, Reported

Salem's police radio station was called into cross-country service early yesterday and proved the means of state police apprehending a man who stole a quantity of goods from a freight truck near Newberg.

State police here, requested by long distance telephone from Newberg to check license records at the statehouse for a description of the car in which the thief fled, obtained the information and requested city police to broadcast it by radio. The state officer at Newberg received the message, traced the wanted car to Portland and arrested his man.

SALMON STRIKE IS GAINING HEADWAY

Up-River Fishermen, Some In Alaska Joining; no Peace Move Made

ASTORIA, Ore., May 4.—(AP)—Up and down the great Columbia river, one of the most vast salmon grounds in the world, fishing boats were idle, nets had been cast and canneries had locked their doors tonight, while only nominal negotiations were carried on in an attempt to end a large-scale strike of fishermen.

The packers had offered 6 cents a pound for chinook salmon. The fishermen demanded 8 cents. A deadlock resulted and it has not been broken.

Meanwhile from Ketchikan, Alaska, word was received that 100 trrollers there have decided to begin a sympathetic strike in support of the 4000 Oregon and Washington gillnetters who refuse to cast their nets until packers increase their price by two cents. Longview, Wash., learned of prospects that the upper river fishermen will join the movement.

Headquarters of the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective union declared today the strike is gaining headway.

Nine boats with 37 men aboard, led by Charles E. Knapp who is head of the protective union, arrived at St. Helens last night on a mission to induce the upper river fishermen to join in the strike, it is reported by Lee Coe, St. Helens newspaperman who is visiting here. Knapp said 100 boats would join in the campaign to interview gill-netters as far up the river as Vancouver, Wash.

Chin Hing Freed From Charge of Murdering Chen

Portland, Ore., May 4

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Scouter Buttons On Sale Today to Aid Program Here

"I am a Scouter," hundreds of white celluloid buttons will say on lapels today. With your input significance that you are really interested in the welfare of Salem's boys, through the Boy Scout program?

This morning 45 members of civic clubs and veterans' organizations will canvass the business district, giving Salem citizens an opportunity to share in the Boy Scout program by purchasing a "Scouter" button at 50 cents or more.

This money will go towards raising the constructive \$2000 budget needed to carry on this citizenship program for the city's boys.

Will ask Legislation To Permit Combine, Output Control

WASHINGTON, May 4.—(AP)—President Roosevelt tonight promised government cooperation to American industry in a voluntary effort on its part to end "chaos" and bring about fair competition and elimination of "cut throat prices."

In an address to the chamber of commerce of the United States he also said "it is essential, as a matter of national justice, that the wage scale should be brought back to meet the cost of living and that this process should begin now and not later."

In the brief address, the busy president outlined firmly to the national business leaders his general ideas for national recovery. He carefully refrained from discussion of the legislative industrial program he has in mind and which is still in the formative stage.

His assurance of government cooperation to industry was interpreted at the capital as indicative of his intention to extend federal supervision over a voluntary regulation of business by business itself.

Will Ask Authority For Remedial Action

While he has not decided upon his legislative proposal, the address gave further indication that he intended to ask legislative authority to permit industry to enter into agreements for control of production, establishment of minimum wages and working hours under a tact relaxation of the anti-trust laws.

"You and I, acknowledge," he said, "the existence of unfair methods of competition, of cut throat prices and of general chaos. You and I agree that this condition must be rectified and that order must be restored. The attainment of that objective depends upon your willingness to cooperate with one another to this end and also your willingness to cooperate with your government."

Fitting to a recent increase in the price level, Mr. Roosevelt took up first with the business chestnuts the question of wages.

"I, therefore, ask you," he said, "who represent in all probability the majority of the employees of the nation, to refrain from further reduction in the wages of your employees and I ask you also to increase your wage scales in conformity with and simultaneous with the rise of the level of commodity prices in so far as this lies within your power."

As for cooperation of industry for improvement, he said: "In almost every industry an overwhelming majority of the units of the industry are wholly willing to work together to prevent over production, to prevent unfair wages, to eliminate improper working conditions. In the past, suggestions in attaining these objectives has been prevented by a small minority of the units in many industries. I can assure you that you will have the cooperation of your government in bringing these minorities to understand that their unfair practices are contrary to a sound public policy."

The president spoke before a gathering which had heard distinguished speaker after speaker say that the parting of the ways had been reached; either the anti-trust laws must be relaxed to permit cooperation through trade associations, linking competitors in each line with a government agency supervising their agreements, or industry must submit to strict regulation of employment, wages, production, perhaps prices. Some insisted this road led to government ownership.

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