

WEATHER
Partly cloudy today and Sunday, continued cool; Max. Temp. Friday 54, Min. 29, river 4.8 feet, rain .13 inch, southwest wind.

EIGHTY-THIRD YEAR

Salem, Oregon, Saturday Morning, May 6, 1933

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ROLE OF EDITH BANKS IN CASE HAS LIMELIGHT

'We did,' she is Quoted as Saying After Pointing To Officer's Body

Truck Driver Quotes Note Inviting Police to Remove Remains

ENGENE, May 5. (AP)—Mrs. Edith Robertina Banks, who since Monday has sat beside her husband in court here and heard him described by the prosecution as a fanatical roguish and a killer, was today linked with him by the state in the responsibility for the slaying of Constable George Prescott of Medford, for whose death the two are on trial for murder.

'We did!' On these two words which a state witness declared were uttered by the woman, the prosecution today sought to establish that the two must share equal responsibility for the fatal shooting. The words, the witness said, were spoken when he pointed to the body of Prescott and asked 'Who killed him?'

Tommy Williams, a truck driver, was the witness who testified as to Mrs. Banks' reputed connection with the slaying. A few minutes after the shooting, he said, he drove by the Banks residence. Mrs. Banks waved to him. He approached cautiously. She gave him a note and asked that he deliver it to state police. Williams quoted from the note which, he said, was signed 'Mrs. Banks.' It read, he testified, 'Come and get George Prescott and you will all be right. Then proceed in order.'

Williams said he asked where Prescott was, and Mrs. Banks pointed to the body and said 'There!'

'I said 'Who killed him?'" the witness stated.

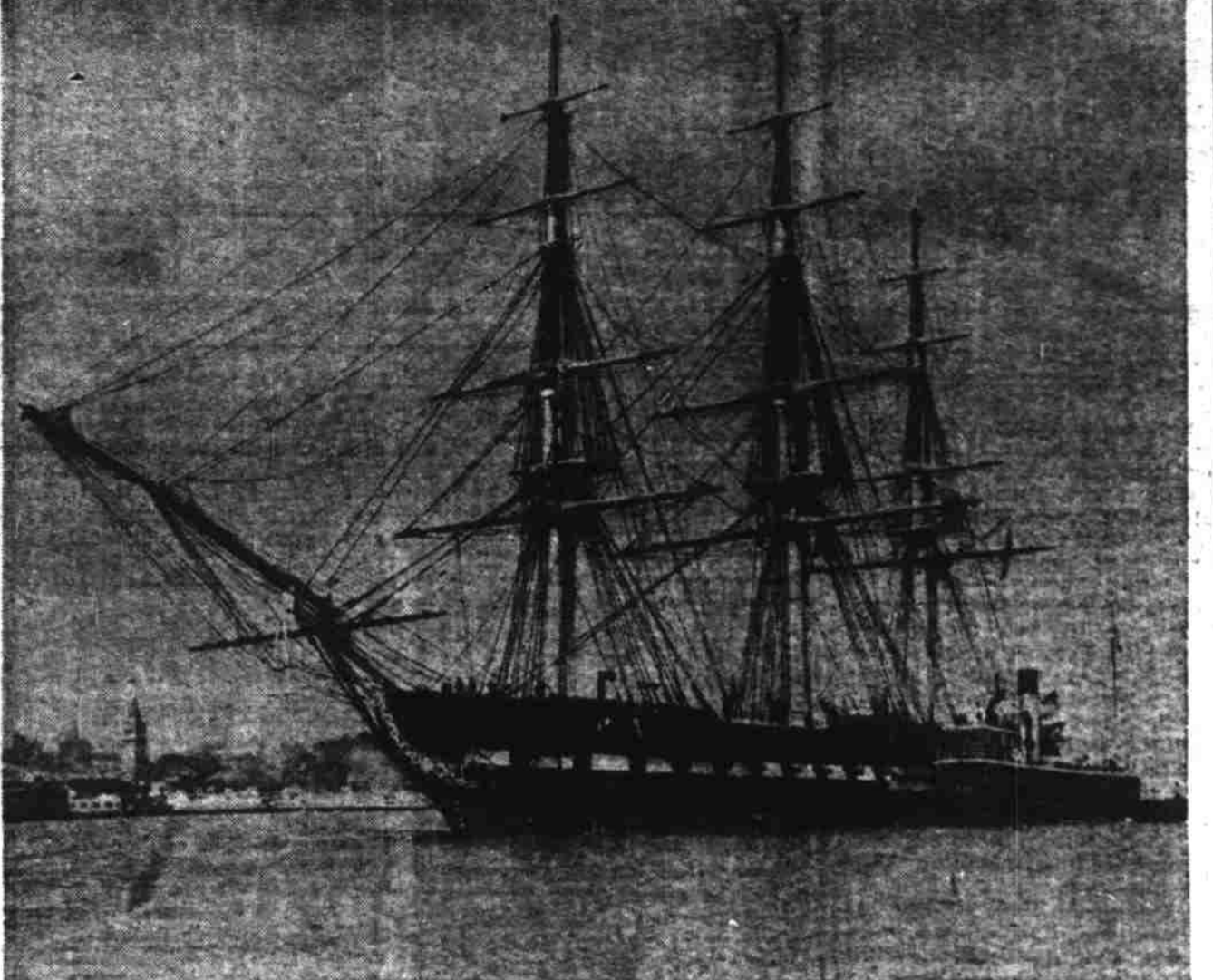
Heretofore, Mrs. Banks, who has sat graciously beside her gray-haired, austere husband, has figured only casually in the state's evidence against the couple. The jury was instructed to disregard testimony on Mrs. Banks' part and conversation so far as it concerned her husband, but the evidence was admitted in the prosecution's case against the woman.

DEPLORE DELAY ON N. W. DEVELOPMENT

SEATTLE, May 5.—(AP)—Declaring Idaho, Oregon and Washington must unite to develop the Pacific northwest, Willis T. Batcher, chief engineer of the Columbia river development league, today called the action of Oregon's congressional delegation in urging President Roosevelt to side-track the proposed development of the Columbia basin, "short-sighted and merely an effort to forestall any development."

"The statement that Oregon heeds more time than the project deserves no one," Batcher said. "If Senator (Charles L.) McNary hasn't learned about the project in the 12 years he never will learn anything about it. It is permissible to infer," the engineer said, "that Oregon and the power crowd at Portland do not want the Warrendale dam, 35 miles up the Columbia river from Portland, any more than they want the Grand Coulee dam. The Warrendale dam was merely mentioned as a scarecrow to frighten President Roosevelt away from the Grand Coulee project."

"Old Ironsides" in Oregon Waters



The historic U. S. Frigate Constitution, the vessel which safeguarded the nation's integrity long before steel hulls were invented, has arrived off the coast of Oregon on a tour of Pacific coast ports, and will be in Astoria today for a special ceremony. It will go north to Puget Sound ports from Astoria, returning to the Columbia for a visit to Portland about mid-August.

UNFAIR BIDDING ON CEMENT IS CHARGE

Identical Figures Turned In by Nearly all of Firms, Complaint

WASHINGTON, May 5.—(AP)—Chairman Charles H. March of the federal trade commission said tonight that Secretary Ickes had filed several complaints with the commission, contending that "practically all the leading cement manufacturers in the United States" were submitting identical bids for federal road work, and that there was "no competition." March said the complaints made by the secretary of interior were that since all the bids were alike the bidding was "unfair."

COUNTY'S QUOTA ON FOREST CREW READY

Letters were being mailed by the Red Cross here yesterday to notify 128 Marion county young men of their being chosen to fill the county's quota for the Roosevelt forest conservation corps. Selection of men for the quota was made after individual cases had been investigated to determine the need of each man and his suitability for the work.

Bend Mill Doubles Output

BEND, May 5. — (AP) — H. K. Brooks, general manager of the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber company of Bend, announced today that the company's mill "B," one of the largest pine milling plants in the northwest, will begin Monday operating two eight-hour shifts daily. One shift is operating at present.

PORT VALUED \$5000

Thieves who broke into a jewelry store some time last night escaped with watches, bracelets and lockets valued at \$5000, police said today. The robbers gained entrance through a skylight.

WOLF ADMITS ACT

Fred Wolf, 36, was held in the

Famous War Vessel Seen At Newport

NEWPORT, Ore., May 5.—(AP)—The U. S. frigate Constitution, making slow progress in a rough sea, passed the Yaquina bay entrance at 5:30 p.m. today, in tow of the mine sweeper Grebe.

STRIKERS TO RAISE ANTE, THREAT NOW

ASTORIA, Ore., May 5.—(AP)—Encouraged by reports that their strike was spreading farther up-river, gillnetters who walked out when the commercial fishing season opened Monday predicted tonight that packers will meet their demands by Sunday.

French Training Cruiser Arrives

PORTLAND, Ore., May 5.—(AP)—The French cruiser Jeanne d'Arc, said to be one of the most modern and complete naval trainships in the world, arrived in Portland today for a week-end visit.

Legion to Favor Uniform Aid For All of Disabled

INDIANAPOLIS, May 5.—(AP)—The American Legion's national executive committee today decided to recommend to the next national convention, to be held in Chicago October 2 to 5, that the legion take a stand for legislation that includes "adequate compensation and hospitalization of all veterans with war service connected disabilities without regard to financial status or other means of support."

REGULATION OF SECURITIES IS PASSED, HOUSE

Wagner Bill Granting Huge Relief Fund to States Ready for Approval

Cost Guaranty in Farm aid Measure Only Barrier; Program Speeded

WASHINGTON, May 5.—(AP)—Federal regulation of future security issues was voted overwhelmingly today by the house as it drove to put all of the Roosevelt emergency program through congress in time to adjourn by the first of June.

The congressional speed was demonstrated again in quick agreement by a conference committee on the Wagner bill for \$500,000,000 of relief grants to states, making possible final passage of that measure the final thing next week.

The senate recessed until Monday, but advances were made on important legislation still in committee stages. Senator Glass (Dem., Va.) worked out an agreement with Secretary Woodin on his bank regulation bill which he said would result in a measure going before the senate early next week.

The second bill advanced was the one-cent federal gas tax measure which also carries a reduction of two cents in the local motorage rate. The finance committee was ready to report it.

TORNADO TOLL FOR SEASON NEAR 200

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 6.—(Saturday) — (AP) — Spring storms, causing destruction from the Mississippi valley to the Atlantic seaboard, left 27 known dead in their wake today and raised to nearly 200 the total of lives taken by southern tornadoes since March.

Yesterday's twister, the second of a series born in the lower Mississippi valley this week, killed 22 in Alabama and 15 in Georgia.

OPPOSITION TO OLD FALLS ROAD CHANGES

With surveys now preparing for completion of the silver Falls secondary highway over a newly-selected route, the county court yesterday was surprised when a petition signed by F. L. Lang, an affected territory was submitted asking that the road be put through along the old route.

Jigsaw Peak Threatening Volcano Act

DURANGO, Colo., May 5.—(AP)—Carbon dioxide gas, evidence tonight it may turn volcanic.

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Eighty Thousand Ransom Paid to Kidnapers; Leeway Given Under Agreement; Police Start Probe

McMath Girl Tells Story of Kidnaping

Worth \$80,000, Parents Agree

Kept in Cellar; Head Of Gang Concealed His Face, Word

WOODS HOLE, Mass., May 6.—(AP)—General Daniel C. Needham, head of the Massachusetts state police, early today made public 10-year old Margaret McMATH's own story of her kidnaping.

PIONEERS GATHER TODAY, CHAMPOEG

90th Anniversary of Vote; Sons and Daughters in Charge This Year

CHAMPOEG, Ore., May 5.—(AP)—Pioneers and their families are expected here from all parts of the state tomorrow to celebrate founders' day. The occasion will be in commemoration of the 90th anniversary of the Champoeeg meeting May 2, 1843, when a representative form of government for the Oregon country was voted.

MORGAN AND TEN PARTNERS CALLED

NEW YORK, May 5.—(AP)—The New York Times says subpoenas were served today on J. P. Morgan and ten of his twenty partners to appear in Washington May 23 and explain to a senate banking and currency subcommittee how the international banking house of J. P. Morgan & Company operates.



MARGARET McMATH

JAPANESE OUSTER FROM GUAM CITED

TOKYO, May 6.—Saturday.—(AP)—The nationalistic newspaper Kokumin Shinbun, under the headline "American governor's outrageous order," today featured an alleged order of Captain E. S. Root, governor of Guam, "deporting" 112 Japanese laborers from the island.

The newspaper said an international issue was likely to arise, but the foreign office declared it was ignorant of the matter.

Lewelling Will Rule Next Week On Beer in City

Judge L. G. Lewelling, before leaving for Albany yesterday, said he would return here Monday and indicated his decision in the city beer case would be forthcoming sometime next week.

Many Visitors Here to Willamette May Festival

Annual May day festivities for Willamette university students and graduates opened last night with the "Willamette night" program at a downtown theater, featuring college entertainers as well as the regular show.

HOPED TO GIVE 48-HOUR START TO ABDUCTORS

Girl is Returned at Early Hour Friday; Inquiry Made, Guard Ship

NEWS LEAKS OUT TOO SOON; PERSONS WELL KNOWN TO FAMILY ARE BLAMED

HARWICHPORT, Mass., May 6.—Saturday.—(AP)—Ten-year-old Margaret McMATH, who was kidnaped from school last Tuesday, was restored safely to her family last night after the payment of about \$80,000 ransom.

A letter received Wednesday night in the girl's handwriting, and a subsequent mysterious contact established with the abductors, led to her return to her father, Neil C. McMATH, at 3 a.m. Friday. She apparently was in good health.

Early today, McMATH and William Lee, his business associate, were being questioned aboard a coast guard ship by police and District Attorney William C. Crossley, who described the case as "very unusual."

Daniel G. Needham, state commissioner of public safety, said the two men were remaining with the investigators voluntarily, that no one was in custody, and that Crossley was cooperating "in examining various individuals with the hope of ascertaining information which will lead to the apprehension of the perpetrators of this dastardly deed."

The kidnapers exacted a promise they would be given a 48-hour start after returning the child. But news of her return aboard Lee's boat, the Bob, "leaked" out.

The Day in Washington

By the Associated Press
House passed government securities regulation bill.

Senate and house conferees reached agreement on measure for \$500,000,000 relief grants to states.