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WEATHER

Unsettled with showers today and Thursday, moderate; Max Temp. Tuesday 56, Min. 46, river 4.6 feet, rain .09 inch, south winds.

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Salem, Oregon, Wednesday Morning, May 17, 1933

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DISCREPANCIES ARE VIEWED IN THREAT STORY

Banks Indictment was not Returned Until After Time Indicated

Defense Rests, Case may Reach Jury Tonight; Alienists Heard

EUGENE, May 16. (AP) — Attempting to punch holes in the bulwarks of defense testimony, the prosecution today launched a vigorous attack on witnesses for Llewellyn A. Banks and his wife, Edith Robertina Banks, on trial in circuit court here for first degree murder.

The prosecution opened its rebuttal within a few minutes after the defense had brought its case to a surprisingly sudden conclusion after having introduced alienists whose testimony revealed they considered Banks was laboring under a form of "impulsive mania" when two months ago today he shot and killed Constable George Prescott of Medford, who was trying to serve a burglary warrant on the former Medford newspaper publisher and orchardist.

Walker Denies He Uttered Threats

In the rebuttal Ed Walker, state policeman, testified that he had never threatened Banks' life. Defense witnesses had made the accusation. Clyde Warren, state trooper, who stood outside the Banks home before and after the shooting, denied anyone had entered the house until the officers came. Several defense witnesses, who had declared that they also were "eye-witnesses" to the slaying, had testified otherwise.

George R. Carter, county clerk, said the ballot theft indictments were not returned until 5:30 o'clock on the afternoon preceding the killing, whereas a woman defense witness had said Prescott had a warrant for Banks' arrest on this charge at 3:30 p. m., and that the constable had then made a threat on Banks' life.

Attorneys believed the case would be put to the jury before court adjourned today, but including arguments were expected to be fiery and lengthy.

Principally through Dr. E. Joseph of Portland, did the defense try to show that Banks was a victim of "transitory mania," otherwise known as "compulsive or impulsive mania of mental confusion" when he raised his rifle and shot Prescott through the heart as the constable stood on the porch trying to gain admission to the Banks home. On the witness stand in his own behalf, Banks declared he had killed his own life and the life of Mrs. Banks was in danger.

PARENT-TEACHERS COUNCIL PLANNED

Delegates from the four units of the Parent-Teacher association in Salem met last night at the chamber of commerce rooms to organize a city council to be known as the Salem Council of Parent-Teachers.

Speakers at the meeting were George Hug, city school superintendent, F. J. Boehringer, J. McNeil, Mrs. Dorothy Daugherty, Lincoln school principal, Dorothy Taylor, McKinley school principal and Fred Wolf, senior high school principal. Mrs. R. L. Wright, vice-president of the Oregon Congress of Parent-Teachers, presided.

A committee to nominate officers to be elected at the next meeting, May 26, was appointed. Those named were George Hug, J. McNeil, Gordon McGilchrist, Dorothy Taylor, Fred Wolf, Mrs. McNeil and Mrs. Daugherty.

Ex-President of Princeton Killed

WOODBIDGE, N. J., May 16. (AP) — President-emeritus John Grier Hibben, Woodrow Wilson's successor at Princeton university, was fatally injured late today in an automobile accident near a traffic intersection here. He was 73 years old.

Mrs. Hibben, who was riding with her husband, was hurt and taken to the Rahway, N. J., general hospital.

Oregon Baptist Session Opened

EUGENE, Ore., May 16. (AP) — Ministers and laymen from all parts of Oregon were here today to attend the opening of the annual state Baptist convention. Dr. F. B. Matthews of Corvallis presided at the opening session to-night. Dr. O. C. Wright, state convention executive secretary, gave the annual convention sermon. The meeting will be concluded Thursday.

Germany Expectant As Hitler Message On Arms is Awaited

Roosevelt Pronouncement Deemed Related to Nazi Leader's Program; France Blamed Chiefly for Deadlock at Geneva

BERLIN, May 16. (AP) — All Germany tonight was on tiptoe of expectation over Chancellor Hitler's address to the reichstag tomorrow when the Nazi chief will announce German policy on the armaments question and other related international issues.

In preparation for this momentous event, the chancellor today held a private conference with President Von Hindenburg and then retired to seclusion to work out the exact terms of his eagerly awaited pronouncement.

Newspapers and the public generally are intensely interested in the coming declaration by the chancellor and are deeply concerned to know how it will affect the recent drift of foreign opinion which appeared to be sweeping the reich toward international isolation.

France is being blamed by most of the newspapers for the deadlock at Geneva, but other countries are also the objects of criticism.

Some of the journalistic comment finds a connection between President Roosevelt's message of today—which was generally received with approval—and the chancellor's speech tomorrow. The Tagesschau says the Roosevelt speech gives the world an opportunity for quiet reflection.

There, open rebellion against the Versailles treaty has aroused fears of a revived teutonic military power dashing all hope of arms reduction and unified action against the forces of depression. Ranked by many government officials among the great state papers of American history, the Roosevelt message, sent direct to the sovereigns or presidents of 54 nations, was dispatched with characteristic and dramatic surprise effect this morning.

It proposed the nations not only should limit their arms and abandon those that are used for offensive purposes but should agree that they will send no armed force of whatever nature across their frontiers.

The message was seen in official quarters as striking at the roots of strife in the far east, of open war in South America and of forebodings of another and serious conflagration in Europe. In prospect that no armed forces be sent beyond frontiers, it would commit the United States against sending marines to Latin American nations as has been done in the past.

Commander Johnson's visit in Salem will be his only official stop in Oregon, it is understood. Winding up his official tour of posts throughout the United States he will be making his first visit here since his election at Portland last August.

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Arms for War Unneeded Says Roosevelt Message

WASHINGTON, May 16. (AP) — Arresting phrases from President Roosevelt's messages to congress and to world leaders and congress:

"... It has become increasingly evident that the assurance of world political and economic peace and stability is threatened by selfish and short-sighted policies, action and threats of action."

"The deep rooted desire of Americans for better living conditions and for the avoidance of war is shared by mass humanity in every country."

"It is high time for us and for every other nation to understand the simple fact that the invasion of any nation, or the destruction of a national sovereignty, can be prevented only by the complete elimination of the weapons that make such a course possible today."

BOLD MESSAGE OF PEACE SENT BY ROOSEVELT

Proposes Nations Shall not Send Armed Forces out For any Purpose

Favorable Reception met in Germany Encouraging; Acclaim General

WASHINGTON, May 16. (AP) — America stood before the world tonight with an unprecedented direct appeal to renounce aggression and abolish the powerful weapons of attack that the nations may move together toward peace and prosperity.

Amid acclaim from the elected representatives of his own people, President Roosevelt turned expectantly toward Berlin and Tokyo and other important capitals on whose reaction depends the success of this bold and straightforward American effort to lead the world away from war and talk of war.

Encouragement was drawn from preliminary dispatches saying the message had been very favorably received by German statesmen, for most of all, official Washington was concerned with the attitude of Hitlerite Germany.

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Hop Mart Holds At 75 Cents But No Sales Noted

The local hop market held firm yesterday after a volatile figure reached the previous day, but no sales were reported. Offers at 75 cents were current, but no sales were made. So far A. J. Ray & company and Wolf Hop company are the only actual buyers at the big figure.

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Late Sports

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Plans Two-Way Hop Over Ocean



Ambitions to go one better than the "Lone Eagle," Louis J. Smith, 21-year-old aviator, of St. Petersburg, Fla., will attempt a solo flight from New York to Paris and back this summer. He plans to take off in the latter part of June, and hopes to make the round trip in 74 hours.

CALIFORNIA CITIES ROCKED BY QUAKES

San Francisco Shaken Early In Morn, L. A. Later in Day; Long Beach hit

SAN FRANCISCO, May 16. (AP) — Two sharp earthquakes, hours apart and centered far from each other, shook San Francisco and Los Angeles today.

Coming at 3:45 a. m. the first earth movement awakened residents of the San Francisco bay area, caused minor damage in the east bay region and was felt as far south as Watsonville and as far north as Eureka. Residents in some sections ran from their homes. Clocks were stopped.

The tremor caused an earth slide in Niles canyon, Alameda county, broke windows, cracked plaster and tumbled canned goods from store shelves. It registered as of moderate intensity but was felt as a sharp shock in many places. Professor Perry Byerly of the University of California, described a site severest local shock since 1924.

Los Angeles was shaken for about two seconds at 12:58 p. m. The earth movement there was described as brisk but no damage was reported. The shock also was felt in Long Beach, which suffered at least one other city in the recent southern California earthquakes.

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MID-COLUMBIA FISHERMEN TO CEASE STRIKE

Seven Cent Price Agreed on As Compromise; Astoria Group Belligerent

One Meeting is Broken up; Lower River Contingent Barred at Meeting

RAINIER, Ore., May 16. (AP) — Belief was expressed here tonight that the end of the strike of 4,000 Oregon and Washington gillnetters was in sight when fishermen from 15 mid-Columbia river districts left for their drifts with the assurance they would be paid seven cent a pound for chinook salmon.

At a meeting from which lower river fishermen and strike officials were barred, the mid-Columbia gillnetters offered to return to work for the seven cent price, and the packers, who previously had named 6 1/2 cents as their price, agreed to their terms. The strikers had demanded eight cents.

The compromise between fishermen and packers was effected at a second meeting at Legion hall after a first meeting called at Allen hall by Mayor W. J. Smith had been broken up by about 50 trollers and gillnetters from the Astoria district. A guard was placed at Legion hall, and only fishermen were admitted. Once the meeting was convened, it was held with no outside interference.

Eight representatives of packing firms operating several canneries along the river in Oregon and Washington attended the meeting and agreed to the terms on which the fishermen said they would return to their drifts.

CLEAN WILLAMETTE RIVER, IS PROGRAM

PORTLAND, May 16. (AP) — The Portland city council today directed its Reconstruction Finance corporation committee to take up with Governor Julius L. Meier plans for the state to back a project for all cities of the Willamette valley to unite in "cleaning up" the Willamette river. The committee will suggest that the state furnish funds for preliminary engineering and that the federal government be asked to furnish funds for carrying out the project.

The council's decision followed a hearing today on a plan to seek construction of a sewage disposal plant for Portland, estimated to cost upwards of \$6,000,000. It would be financed by the Reconstruction Finance corporation.

Hops are Ninety Cents in Gotham

NEW YORK, May 16. (AP) — Hops advanced about three cents a pound today in response to active inquiry from brewers. It was said that a heavy contract business was being done on the Pacific coast for the next two and three years. Pacific coast prime to choice 1932 hops are now quoted at 88 to 90 cents a pound.

Franklyn Delano Is Name Chosen

Franklyn Delano, he is christened—the son born to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hahn today, according to a birth certificate filed with the Marion county health department yesterday. The little fellow was born May 4 and, who knows, maybe he'll be president some day, as is the man he is named after.

Bethel Community Gives Best Play, Judges Rule

Community club competition in Marion county closed for the season last night when the final drama contest was held in Salem high school auditorium and the prize certificates were awarded. Dr. Phillip Parsons of University of Oregon presided.

With its bubbling three-act comedy, "The Little Chodder," Bethel community club won the honor of producing the best community play in the county this year. Hayessville community club presenting another comedy, "The Littlest Bridegroom," ranks second. Judges were Professor Herbert E. Bahr of Willamette university, Miss Margaret Stevenson and Mrs. Marjorie Walker Ratcliffe.

Intermission entertainment was provided by the county champion Silverton Hills orchestra and Liberty community chorus. Over 200 persons attended.

First place certificates were awarded as follows: Attendance, Lash Center; best use of talent, district one, West Stayton; district four, Bethel; improvement in attendance, Turner; public speaking, Silverton Hills; community history, from standpoint of English, Waldo Hills; community history from historical standpoint, Roberts, written by Dorothy Rice; best neighborhood spirit, Hayessville; best appearing community house, Waldo Hills; improvement during course of the winter, Aumsville; orchestra, Silverton Hills; chorus, Liberty; drama, Bethel.

MONSTER PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM FACES CONGRESS

Construction Costing \$3,300,000,000 Contemplated; Bill Also Includes Regulation of Industry, Voluntary Agreements Encouraged but Power is Also Included To Enforce Them if Necessary

Bill Provides 400 Million for Highways, 100 Million For Naval Construction, Like Amount for Army and Various Other Undertakings for Which no set Limit Is Prescribed; Liquor Revenue Anticipated

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WASHINGTON, May 16. (AP) — Redrafted for the ninth time, the public works-industrial regulation bill in which President Roosevelt will ask almost unlimited powers to combat the depression through a \$3,300,000,000 construction program and through regulation of industry tonight was finally ready for speedy dispatch to congress.

Declaring in its preamble the existence of "a state of national emergency" because of the unemployment situation and the "disorganization" of industry, the momentous legislation would clothe the chief executive with broad loan-making authority and provide permission for voluntary agreements within industry. The power is included, however, to enforce agreements if necessary.

It was disclosed tonight that President Roosevelt, searching for new avenues for gaining additional federal revenue, is contemplating an early appeal to the states to ratify the amendment repealing the eighteenth amendment.

With an eye to the possibility of such revenue at some future date, it was intimated that in sending the public works-industrial control bill to congress he will ask that he be given power to reduce or eliminate any new taxes proposed for the amortization of the big construction fund.

The legislation is to be introduced tomorrow shortly after noon with the full weight of the administration behind it for enactment at this session of congress.

Finally completed late tonight at the office of Lewis W. Douglas, director of the budget, who conferred with the president until after sundown, the bill would authorize the following construction works:

1. Public highways — \$400,000,000, of which \$250,000,000 would follow the present allocation and \$150,000,000 would be for extensions.
2. Public buildings — No set limit.
3. Naval construction — \$100,000,000 maximum.
4. Army, including equipment and possibly a high airplane fleet, should the disarmament conference fail — \$100,000,000 maximum.

5. Slum and housing following the pattern of the U. S. Housing corporation of war days — no set limit.

6. Natural resources, including soil and erosion work, forestry and similar projects — no set limit.

7. Loans to railroads for maintenance and equipment — no limit.

SOUTHERN RIVERS ON NEW RAMPAGE

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 16. (AP) — Southern rivers were off on new spring flood spree today and dwellers of the lower valley, weary of continuous high water fights, anxiously awaited another crest from overburdened streams to the northward.

Tributaries of the Mississippi again rolled over thousands of acres of farm lands in Mississippi, Arkansas, west Tennessee and Missouri, ruining some crops which had been planted since the last flood waters subsided, and causing a new and serious delay of planting in many sections. Planting of cotton has suffered a severe shock in many sections of the valley.

With 15 deaths attributed to floods in the Ohio basin, the powerful Mississippi tributary to the north had calmed down considerably today, starting a fall at Cincinnati as the great moved towards the Mississippi and St. Louis, where a stationary gauge is expected Wednesday or Thursday.

INTOXICATION CHARGED

City police last night arrested a man giving the name of Harry Jensen, Salem, on a charge of being drunk. He was held in city jail.