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WEATHER

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Tuesday 78, Min. 45; rain 0,
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STEINER WARS ON NET SLASH UNDER DEBATE

Tempering of Cuts Offered By Administration Does Not Halt Attack

Other Senators Stand With Oregonian; Douglas is Held Responsible

WASHINGTON, May 30.—(AP)—An announcement that the administration was preparing to announce increases in compensation to veterans with service-connected disabilities failed to stem a bipartisan attack in the senate today upon the regulations effecting cuts in veterans' benefits under the economy act.

Senator Byrnes (D., S.C.) an administration spokesman, announced in the midst of the debate that President Roosevelt had directed the veterans administration to modify the regulations that have been denounced as too severe and that certain increases in compensation that disability benefits would be made public shortly.

This did not deter opponents of the regulations, however, and half a dozen amendments were proposed, to be fought out tomorrow.

Argument so Long Vote is Delayed

The \$550,000,000 independent offices appropriations bill, carrying \$2,000,000 for veterans or a little more than half of current expenditures, was the vehicle for the debate. The talk lasted well beyond the usual quitting time and staved off a vote.

Byrnes' statement was made after Senator Steiwer had criticized the regulations, which he said cut pensions for Spanish-American war veterans from \$124,000.00 to \$41,000.00.

The South Carolinian said he did not know the extent of the increases, but assured his colleagues some raise would be made.

Steiwer and Senator Walsh (D., Mass.) attributed the "severity" of the veterans' cuts to Budget Director Lewis W. Douglas rather than Frank T. Hines, administrator of veterans' affairs, whom Walsh said was "out of sympathy" with most of the regulations.

"New regulations will not help," said Steiwer, "if you permit a budget director to dominate the situation and say we must have the savings of four or five hundred million dollars a year."

Senators Not Willing
To Leave Matter to F. R.

Steiwer, Walsh and others held most of the "injustices" of the regulations could be corrected by executive orders, but others were not willing to take this chance and continued to offer amendments.

Senator Cutting (R., N.M.) said he would propose a change seeking to limit to 25 per cent the amount that could be cut from world war veterans' compensation.

Steiwer complained that dependents of Spanish war veterans with 90 days' service, under present law, were allowed \$30 a month for the widow and \$6 for every child under 16, under the regulations the widow is reduced to \$15 and is allowed \$5 for one child and only \$3 for others under 16.

Families were limited to \$27 a month "regardless of their size," he said.

Declaring the president had availed himself of power to make cuts greater than expected, the Oregon member appealed to Mr. Roosevelt to correct what he termed the "many injustices" of the regulations.

He said, the economy law was backed by the National Economy league which in turn was "connected with Wall Street" and with "J. P. Morgan interests."

MURDER SUSPECTED IN STANFORD DEATH

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., May 30.—(AP)—Her head bashed, Mrs. Allene Thorpe Lamson was found dead today in a bathtub at her home on the campus here.

Her husband, David A. Lamson, sales manager of the Stanford University Press, was questioned several hours by authorities and finally taken to San Jose on an open charge, pending further investigation.

An autopsy this afternoon revealed Mrs. Lamson's skull had been crushed, as if by a blunt instrument, near the back of the crown of her head.

In view of this fact Earl Hamilton, undersheriff of Santa Clara county, and in charge of the investigation, said "we are pretty sure it's murder."

Mrs. Carol Greene Wilson, editor of the Stanford University Review and a close personal friend of Mrs. Lamson, gave her personal opinion that Mrs. Lamson had died from slipping and hitting her head on a facet handle in the bathtub. Mrs. Lamson, she said, had not been very strong lately.

They're Off Today to Talk for Uncle Sam at Economic Parley



Most momentous of world conferences since the one at Versailles after the war is the economic conclave set for June in London. Secretary of State Cordell Hull, left, heads the delegation. With him go James M. Cox, right, of Ohio, and Senator Key Pittman of Nevada, center. Representative McKeon of Tennessee and Senator James Couzens are two other members, the latter accepting a place Tuesday.

Reverent Tribute is Paid to Dead as City Observes it's Holiday

Day Quiet one With Gray Skies and Sunshine; Cemeteries Hallowed Spots; Formal Services Held in Afternoon

GREY skies with the sun breaking through at intervals greeted Memorial day for Salem; and the color of the sky marked the mood of the citizens. It was a quiet day, though many cars were observed bearing people to cemeteries where graves were decorated. Public offices were closed and flags flew at half mast until noon when they were raised to full staff.

French Okeh On 4-Power Pact Coming

PARIS, May 30.—(AP)—The chamber of deputies gave Premier Deladier a free hand by a vote of 434 to 135 today to sign Premier Mussolini's four-power peace pact if he wishes to do so.

In chamber lobbies it was understood the cabinet had decided unanimously to sign the Mussolini pact, and it was expected this would be done before the end of the week.

ROME, May 30.—(AP)—Premier Mussolini's four-power peace pact will be initiated Thursday in the premier's office at the Genesina palace, it was expected today.

The signing will be done by the French, British and German ambassadors and possibly by the Italian premier himself.

Oregon Briefs

HIGHER FISH PRICE SET ASTORIA, Ore., May 30.—(AP)—An official report, described by striking fishermen as "a joke," was submitted by the state board of arbitration today in hope of ending a fishermen's strike which has kept about 4,000 Oregon and Washington salmon netters off the Columbia river since May 1. The arbitration board recommended establishment of a scale of prices for raw salmon slightly higher than the latest offer by packers and slightly less than the demands of the fishermen.

Members of the board said they were certain, inasmuch as packers had indicated their acceptance of the schedule, that any fishermen now going on the river will be afforded full protection by state authorities.

RANKIN FLIGHT FAILS PORTLAND, Ore., May 30.—(AP)—Dick Rankin, Portland aviator, escaped with minor injuries today when his airplane crashed nose-first into the ground as he was attempting to fly it off the top of a speeding automobile at an amusement park here. The plane burst into flames as it struck the ground. Rankin, dazed from being thrown against the steel tubing of the cockpit and suffering face lacerations, was pulled from the blazing wreckage and taken to a hospital, where his condition was reported not serious.

BEESON, 26, MAY DIE KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., May 30.—(AP)—Harold Beeson, about 26, of Eugene, was critically injured here today when an automobile in which he was riding

Report Called "Joke" Air Stunt Cracks Up Klamath Smash Bad Prescott is Honored

crashed into a telephone pole. Physicians said they believed his injuries would prove fatal. Al Johnson, 40, of Klamath Falls, was driving the machine when it left the highway. He received head and shoulder injuries but was not seriously hurt.

LAUD BANKS' VICTIM MEDFORD, Ore., May 30.—(AP)—A monument erected to the memory of George J. Prescott, Medford constable, was unveiled here today in the course of Memorial day activities.

Prescott was shot to death March 16 when he attempted to serve a warrant on Llewellyn A. Banks, former editor and orchardist. Banks was convicted of second degree murder for Prescott's death. A tablet on the memorial, reads in part: "Erected by the citizens of Medford in honor of George J. Prescott, who gave his life in the discharge of his duty."

HUMANE WORKER TAKEN PORTLAND, Ore., May 30.—(AP)—Mrs. F. W. Swanton, 60, general manager of the Oregon humane society for the past 13 years, was found dead at her home here today. Physicians said death was apparently due to cerebral hemorrhage.

The body was found after Mrs. Swanton's niece, Miss Leota Smith of Portland, had called at the residence of Mrs. Swanton, planning to go with her for a Memorial day visit to a Portland cemetery. Mrs. Swanton continued her activities up to the time of her death despite serious injuries suffered in an automobile accident two years ago.

HIGHER PRICE ON SILVER IS PARLEY QUEST

F. R. may Pick Wadsworth as New man on U. S. Group Leaving for London

Stabilization of Exchange Rumored as Only Major Hope From Conclave

5 OBJECTIVES OF U. S. CONFEREEES AT LONDON

WASHINGTON, May 30.—(AP)—Here are the chief aims the American delegation will carry with them to the world monetary and economic conference in London:

1. Stabilized currencies to end uncertainties and form a sound basis for international trade.
2. Lowered tariffs and other trade barriers to revive commerce.
3. Increased prices for basic commodities, particularly wheat and silver; production control agreements on surplus agricultural products.
4. A world-wide program of government-sponsored public works to provide employment.
5. Credit expansion through central bank action with a view to reviving private industry and creating jobs.

WASHINGTON, May 30.—(AP)—On the eve of its sailing, the American delegation to the world economic conference received instructions today to seek an improvement in the economic status of silver.

Simultaneously with a disclosure that Senator Couzens (R., Mich.) had consented to accept a place on the delegation, the house foreign affairs committee approved a measure urging that America's spokesmen at the conference work for stabilization of monetary exchanges and seek an international bi-metallic agreement at a fixed ratio between gold and silver.

Lending emphasis to today's action in the house committee, the senate several weeks ago also voted that the delegation be urged to seek an improvement in the price of silver.

Morrison of Texas Is Latest Addition
President Roosevelt tonight announced a delegation of six men for the London economic conference and a staff of advisers and interpreters.

Germany Warns
League to Keep
Out of Jew Row

GENEVA, May 30.—(AP)—Germany refused today to accept an unfavorable League of Nations report on her treatment of the Jews, and in diplomatic language informed the league to keep its hands off the question.

Despite this position of the Berlin delegate, the league council referred jurisdictional aspects of the issue to a committee of jurists, with the understanding that the matter will have a complete airing.

Germany's treatment of the Jews came before the council in a petition by Frans Bernheim, who described himself as a German Jew residing in upper Silesia.

City to Pay Bond Money Tomorrow

The city of Salem will meet its June 1 bond payments of principal and interest aggregating \$952,500 promptly, City Treasurer C. O. Rice announced yesterday. Of the total, \$5000 is principal and \$3772,500 interest on a \$100,000 issue drawing four and one-half per cent interest and the remainder, \$880, is an interest payment on a \$16,000 fire equipment issue drawing six per cent interest. If a new tax turnover is received soon, as expected, another warrant call will be made.

Chinese - Japs in Armistice Talk

TIENSIN, China, May 31.—(Wednesday)—(AP)—China in esse and Japanese negotiators were reported to have held informal conversations today in Tangku where they expect to draw up an armistice ending Sino-Japanese hostilities. Chinese reports said formal negotiations in the coast city, about 25 miles east of here, would not begin until tomorrow. Chinese delegates, under heavy guard, passed through here yesterday on their way to Tangku.

TRAGEDY MARS RACES; MEYER BREAKS MARKS

Billman, Jordan, Spangler Die as Indianapolis Cars Pile Into Walls

104.16 Miles an Hour Average for 500-Mile Classic; Beats 1932 Pace

SPEEDWAY, Indianapolis, May 30.—(AP)—Death took the wheel of speeding race cars today as Louis Meyer, 29 years old, of Huntington Park, Calif., rode to victory in the 500-mile automobile race over the Indianapolis motor speedway, joining rank with Tommy Milton as the only man who ever won the race twice.

While the cheers of 100,000 spectators were proclaiming Meyer's triumph, three young men lay dead and one other was seriously injured, victims of two tragic smashups. The victims were Mark Billman, 30-year-old Indianapolis driver; Lester Spangler, 27-year-old Los Angeles driver, and G. L. Jordan, 27, of Lafayette, Ind. Spangler's mechanic, who succumbed to injuries when the two cars, traveling at terrific speed, crashed over the retaining wall on the treacherous turns of the 2 1/4 mile brick track.

Meyer rode the 500 miles in 4:48.00.55, for an average of 104.162 miles an hour, breaking all records. He eclipsed the performance of Fred Frame of Los Angeles, winner of the 1932 race, who won that event at an average of 104.144 miles per hour.

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AKRON LOSS HELD PIONEERING RISK

WASHINGTON, May 30.—(AP)—President Roosevelt stood with uncovered head in a driving rain at Arlington amphitheater today to lead the nation in Memorial day services. He did not make an address but his secretaries of war and navy, George H. Dern and Claude A. Swanson, re-iterated the government's stand on the cause of peace.

At the president's wish, there was special mention of the more than 70 men who lost their lives recently in the crash of the airship Akron.

The tragedy was compared by Secretary Swanson to other disasters, "which have marked all progress."

"The pioneering has always been great," he said, "and must continue so. Yet it is a necessary risk in the interest of an advance otherwise impossible."

Mrs. Roosevelt accompanied the president. They stopped on their way back to the White House at the Potomac to witness a brief special service on the banks of the river in memory of the Akron's dead.

A miniature replica of the airship, loaded with wreaths was launched on a journey toward the sea by officers of the Fleet Reserve association. A bugler sounded taps while the tiny craft floated away.

Firm Stand for War Debt Pay to Be Held is Word

WASHINGTON, May 30.—(AP)—Strong indication came today from the White House that on the question of debt payments the United States little more than two weeks hence President Roosevelt intends to stand pat.

Word has come from reliable sources that Mr. Roosevelt intends to handle the war debts problem himself and that the American delegates sailing tomorrow for the London economic conference will carry with them no instructions for dealing with that troublesome problem.

The chief executive has not deviated from the stand that he expected last week. In one big fellow he found Alexander's teeth. Alexander was back at the lake today, teeth and all. "They're as good as new," he said.

Here's Fish Yarn To Beat World!

SAN DIEGO, May 30.—(AP)—Titus Alexander, Los Angeles city employe, caught a nice mess of bass at Moena dam May 6, but he could not eat them. Extremely depressed, he explained a sneeze had catapulted the lower set of his store teeth into the lake. James H. Brown of Santa Ana, Calif., caught a fine string of fish last week. In one big fellow he found Alexander's teeth. Alexander was back at the lake today, teeth and all. "They're as good as new," he said.

104 Miles Hour Average Speed



Louis Meyer, winner in 1933, above, broke all existing marks to win the 500-mile Indianapolis race Tuesday; Fred Frame, below, who set a new mark in 1932, cracked up early in yesterday's race but luckily escaped death.

MAY PRECIPITATION TOTALS 4.41 INCHES

The month ending today has fallen short of being a record-breaker in point of rainfall but it has proved one of the wettest Mays on record, figures obtained from the weather observer here yesterday indicate. Total precipitation for the month has been 4.41 inches, of 1.93 inches above the mean average for the month and only three clear days have been recorded.

While the bulk of the rainfall came early in the month with nearly one-quarter inch falling the first two days and three-quarters inch on the third day, precipitation was recorded on 22 of the 30 days to date. The last heavy fall was .42 inch on May 23.

Maximum temperature for the month so far has been 79 degrees, recorded last Sunday and Monday. The minimum, 38 degrees, occurred on May 26.

EARTHQUAKE FELT PARA, Brazil, May 30.—(AP)—

Dispatches from the region of the Oiapoque river, boundary between French Guiana and Brazil, said today an earthquake destroyed a number of dwellings in the interior of French Guiana. The shock was reported to have thrown the inhabitants in a panic.

WARDEN, 2 GUARDS FREED; CONVICTS, WOMEN NOT FOUND

11 Desperate Prisoners who Broke Kansas Prison Early Tuesday Make Captive and Hostages of Three Women Picked up in car; Warden Unhurt; Escape Gained With Smuggled Guns

Two Governors Join in Wild Man-Hunt; Trail Leads Into Oklahoma; Desperadoes Split up; no Clues Found to One Gang; Prisoners Shielded From Gunfire by Using Officials as Protection

LANSING, Kas., May 30.—(AP)—Threatened frequently with death during a mad ride with six convicts, Warden Kirk Prather of the state penitentiary and two guards were released unharmed tonight near Welch, Okla., but the convicts and five others who escaped today remained at large.

Search for Prather's abductors centered in the Picher and Welch, Okla., area but the other five convicts were unreported along with two 17-year-old girls and a woman held by them as hostages.

Fear grew hourly for the safety of the women, Mrs. Alberta Dood, 38, Kansas City, Kas., who is partially paralyzed, her daughter, Louise, and Miss Cloris Wears of Higgins, Tex. They were seized in their car by the fleeing desperadoes and later the car was found abandoned. No trace of them has been found.

SAYS CRASH COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED

WASHINGTON, May 30.—(AP)—Commander Charles E. Rosen-dahl, who first commanded the Akron for the navy, testified in the joint congressional inquiry today that deduction from weather data available April 3 would have led him to avoid the New Jersey coast where the navy's great air-cruiser met disaster.

Making his first official appearance in the investigation, Rosen-dahl said he did not believe Commander McCord was in possession of all the weather information that was available that day.

"There is only one other deduction—to which I cannot subscribe—that the commander gave wholesale disregard to the information he had," he said.

Fred S. Hardesty, a Washington consulting engineer, called with several other witnesses today, charged that inherent weaknesses of construction and design were responsible for the crash up.

He told the committee Dr. Karl Arnstein, designer of a small model of the airship, had never designed a ship before and asserted that the navy was influenced otherwise than by merit of design in awarding the contract to the Goodyear Zeppelin corporation.

Army Planes Go North to Show in First Maneuvers

SEATTLE, May 30.—(AP)—Thirty-five planes of the general headquarters staff of the army air corps, in groups of from three to eight, descended on Seattle today for the first general air maneuvers ever held in the Pacific northwest.

Under the command of Brigadier General Oscar Westover, an assistant chief of the air corps, the officers and men were greeted by a reception committee headed by Mayor John F. Dore, with W. W. Conner, a vice president of the National Aeronautic association, assisting him.

A number of the planes passed over Salem on Tuesday, flying in formation.

Sheritt's Office Quells Threat of Hop Yard Riot

Low hop yard wages resulted in a strike at the Benz ranch near the Newberg bridge yesterday which for a time threatened to develop into a riot. Deputy Sheriff Newell Williams reported upon his return from the ranch last night. Notified that 25 strikers abetted by a group of agitators from Salem and Portland were threatening non-strikers, Williams and Deputies Bert Smith, Warren Richardson and Leo Zielski rushed to the Benz yard early in the afternoon.

They found the strikers and agitators milling about and making many demands, the chief of which was for a wage increase from the prevailing 18 cents an hour to 35 cents. The strikers and sympathizers, estimated at between 50 and 70 in number, included the same men who participated in the unemployed demonstrations in Salem last winter, Williams said.

Temporary Scale Agreed
Upon at 18 1/2 Cents Hour
Forsaking their activities as peace officers, the deputies turned arbitrators and after an afternoon of wrangling, effected a temporary compromise agreement for a wage of 18 1/2 cents an hour. The Portland and Salem agitators took down signs they had erected declaring the Benz yard "unfair to labor" and promised Williams they would go home.

That further trouble might develop this morning was indicated by statements of the agitators that they planned to bring 200 men from Portland to "force" acquiescence to their demands.

Apparently the convicts separated and were using two cars One series of reports indicated some of them, holding the guards on the running boards, ran a gauntlet of police and county authorities all afternoon, driving as far west as Lawrence, Kas., turning southward to Baldwin City, and then east toward Gardner. Another report placed a fleeing car west of Lawrence.

Harvey Bailey, notorious convict suspected of implication in the St. Valentine's day massacre in Chicago, and Wilbur Underhill, slayer of a Wichita, Kas., policeman, were believed to be the ring-leaders of the escaping convicts. Prison officials quickly forced (Turn to page 2, col. 6)