



THE WEATHER
Unsettled with rain today and Wednesday, snow in mountains; Max. Temp. Monday 42, Min. 26, river 2.6 feet, variable winds.

CIRCULATION
Average Daily and Sunday for November, 1934
Distribution 7907
Net Paid 7527
Member A. B. C.

EIGHTY-FOURTH YEAR

MEIER TO TAKE NO ACTION NOW IN BANKS CASE

Clemency to be Denied For Remainder of His Term, Unofficial Word

Flood of Protest and Some Letters Favoring Pardon Received at Capitol

No action by Governor Meier for the pardon of L. A. Banks, Medford newspaper publisher, sentenced to life imprisonment, will be taken during the balance of the Meier administration, it was learned late yesterday from officials in the executive office and the attorney-general's office here. No direct statement from the governor was available.

The decision by the administration came after a day marked by receipt of scores of communications relating to the Banks case, some of the letters and telegrams vigorously protesting against a pardon and a sizeable number in favor of such executive action.

News that Meier was being urged to pardon Banks, who shot and killed Constable George A. Prescott in Medford, March 16, 1933, became known here late last week when Charles P. Moran, brother-in-law of the Medford publisher, was found to be in Oregon and working vigorously for a pardon.

Decisions concerning the pardon of Banks are being made by the attorney-general's office.

Yesterday's decision is known to concern with the official views of Judge G. F. Skipworth of Lane county who presided at the Banks trial, with those of Ralph Moody, assistant attorney general who headed the prosecution, and Charles P. Gray, superintendent of state police.

Medford officials who aided in the prosecution of Banks were (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Figures in Senate Inquiry Into Methods of Munitions Makers



This photo shows three principal figures at the senate munitions inquiry in Washington. Left to right, Pierre du Pont, Irene du Pont, Delaware munitions magnates, and their attorney, Col. W. J. Donovan.

BRIBERY REVEALED IN MUNITIONS SALE

Remington Records Reveal Latin-American Chiefs Not Wholly Honest

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—(AP)—A trail of graft and bribery payments reaching from Central America to China, was disclosed today in the senate's investigation of the munitions industry.

A letter introduced as evidence declared that in some Latin American sales state department officials were "willing to shut their eyes to small graft on such transactions." The letter came from the files of the Remington Arms company.

Civil and military officials in Mexico, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Guatemala, and even a president of Honduras, as well as officials in China, were mentioned as the recipients of the payments in data taken from the files of the Winchester and Remington companies.

The head of the Nicaraguan national guard, trained by United States Marines, was said to have received a "commission" on orders from that country, with the "knowledge" of the country's president.

A man named only as General Padilla, was reported to have received "presents," the largest of (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

WEATHER PERMITS WORK ON PROJECT

The past week's unexpectedly favorable weather enabled the SERA crew on the Salem flood control project to do an important piece of excavation the supervisors had held no hope of carrying on this winter, R. D. Cooper, engineer superintending the project, reported last night.

Two city and one county power shovels have been set to the task of digging a straight channel for Mill creek from the penitentiary dam down to the newly built diversion dam which sends excess waters through a canal and into Shelton ditch.

The project has reached a stage where it should insure the safe carrying away of waters up to 60 per cent of what would be considered a "real flood," Cooper stated. This will mean that unless exceptionally high water should occur, the previously flood-afflicted portions of southeast Salem will this winter escape inundation.

Salem Druggists Careful In "Dehorn" Alcohol Sale

Practices of Salem drug stores in handling sale of denatured alcohol varies to some extent, but in the main local stores are careful not to sell to the "tramp" who is patently after a cheap drink, whether it be the "dehorn" or canned heat. This was evident from a check made yesterday in view of death in Portland of 22 men allegedly due to denatured alcohol.

Most stringent handling here of this item consists of requiring the buyer to sign for denatured alcohol in the "poison registry," a book which the buyer of certain poisons must sign.

Most local drug stores do not follow this practice, but, of course, label the denatured alcohol "poison," and ask the buyer what use he intends to make of it. It is seldom—if ever—that a customer indicates he wants it for a beverage. If so, it is refused.

Sometimes men already "glowing" from this drink approach the drug store owner, Tramps declare that in such instances they refuse the sale—or escape by the polite method of declaring their

TWO DRUGGISTS FACE CHARGES, POISON DEATHS

Solomon Miller and Aide in His Store Accused of Selling "Dehorn"

22 Now Dead; Stores Under Suspicion Reopen; More Complaints Likely

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 10.—(AP)—Two Portland druggists were formally charged with involuntary manslaughter late today after four more deaths brought the poison drink death toll to 22.

Solomon Miller, druggist proprietor, and Irving Schwartz, clerk of the same druggist, were accused of selling some of the victims denatured alcohol which caused their deaths. Bill of \$10,000 each was set for Miller and Schwartz when they were arraigned in municipal court.

City, county and federal officers probed deeper into evidence indicating more virulent and larger quantities of denaturant than usual were used in treating the death-dealing poison which claimed many habitual drinkers of denatured alcohol.

Large quantities of wood alcohol were found in the stomachs of some of the victims.

Cornelius Dunn, Charles Hedjeff and George E. Jacobs, proprietors of three different druggists, were arrested yesterday and today were held as material witnesses under bond of \$2500 each.

"We're not through with the investigation," emphasized Captain Jack Keegan of the Portland police detective department. More serious charges will be brought if the investigation warrants, he said.

District Attorney Lotus Langley asked further action (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

ALDERMEN OPPOSE PARDON FOR BANKS

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 10.—(AP)—The Medford city council today unanimously protested against the granting of a pardon or commutation of sentence for L. A. Banks, Medford publisher serving a life sentence for the slaying of a Medford police constable.

The resolution in full was wired to Governor Julius L. Meier.

Trustees of the Odd Fellows lodge of this city took similar action yesterday when it became known efforts were being made to obtain executive clemency for Banks whose conviction followed the acrimonious Jackson county "civil war."

The Elks lodge of Medford and other fraternal and civic organizations also went on record as being opposed to lightening of Banks' sentence.

Turner Plans to Circle Globe in Two Directions

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Col. Roscoe Turner, American speed pilot, tonight announced tentative plans for two flights around the world, the first to carry him 24,000 miles around the equatorial belt, and the second to circle him roaring around the globe by way of the north and south poles.

Col. Turner said that if he is able to find a suitable plane for his ambitious undertaking he will make the experimental flights within the year 1935.

Late Sports

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 10.—(AP)—The Calgary Canucks and Vancouver Lions of the Northwest pro hockey league, played a two-all overtime tie here tonight.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 10.—(AP)—Otho Clingman, 160, Oklahoma City, won two of three falls from Rod Penton, 152, Canada, in their wrestling match here tonight.

Del Kunkle, 160, Salt Lake, gained one fall and the decision from Bill Caswell, 145, Jasonville, Miss.

Pug Ryan, 152, Los Angeles, pinned Les Nelson, 185, Great Falls.

SEATTLE, Dec. 10.—(AP)—The University of Washington five won from the Italian Athletic club in their wrestling match here tonight.

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Has Limelight In War Scare



Premier Julius Gombos of Hungary, whose government yesterday ordered its delegate at Geneva to accept the resolution believed to end the Balkan war scare.

LEAGUE TRIUMPHS BY KEEPING PEACE

Hungary, Yugoslavia Accept Resolution Deploing Marseille Crime

GENEVA, Dec. 10.—(AP)—War threats in central Europe dissipated tonight when Yugoslavia and Hungary bowed to the League of Nations whose council unanimously adopted a resolution "deploring" the crimes at Marseille.

The action of the two opposing nations in accepting the resolution for settlement of the issue by telephone late tonight. The council then suspended its session until Budapest delivered.

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Radio Brings Recovery of Car in Jiffy

Virtually instantaneous recovery of a stolen Harrisburg automobile was effected by state police from Portland, Ore., when he leaped from the train. He is under a 15-year sentence for counterfeiting.

When at 7:48 p. m., Trooper Walter Winters of Albany, who was bound for Portland, heard the Salem broadcast reporting the theft, he glanced ahead and noted that the coupe in front of him was blue, as described by City Sergeant J. L. Cutler at the microphone here. Winters halted the car and discovered it bore the license number of the missing machine.

Officer Winters received the broadcast on the Pacific highway near Jefferson. Exactly 24 minutes later he brought the two youths he found in the stolen car into Salem police headquarters, where they were jailed after being fingerprinted. They gave the names of Jack Williams, 18, Grand Junction, Colo., and Thomas John Gordon, 19, San Antonio, Texas.

The stolen car belonged to Vivian Cartwright of Harrisburg.

Streets Given Holiday Attire

Salem streets blossomed out over Sunday in brilliant decorations of ropes of cedar strung across the streets in the business district. The Salem Ad club carried out the decorations and raised the money to pay for them. A large center wreath adds to the attractiveness and helps give the city a "Christmas" appearance. The ropes are looped this year from the support wires, which makes a more pleasing effect.

WILL COOPERATE
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 10.—(AP)—The California congressional delegation and California cities will support Portland's proposal for an exposition in 1937 or 1938 to celebrate completion of Bonneville dam.

WATER PLANT PRICE REPORT SLATED TODAY

Arbiters Work Long Hours To Complete Findings; Deadline Tonight

Council May Meet to Study Figures; Company Has Large Staff Here

Barring unexpected delay, the board of arbiters, appointed by the city of Salem, the PWA and the Oregon-Washington Water Service company will today present their final report evaluating the local water system.

Frederick Hall Fowler, PWA member of the board, stated last night that the report definitely would be made late today, the last day under the 75-day term of the arbitration agreement, which went into effect September 28 following its acceptance by water company officers. The form of the report and decision as to whom it will be presented, however, had not yet been determined last night.

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CLUE TO STADIG'S FLIGHT REPORTED

RICHMOND, Calif., Dec. 10.—(AP)—Another clue in the search for John M. Stadig, escaped Alcatraz convict, was reported by federal and state officers here today.

The searchers, who believe Stadig fled into the Contra Costa hills after leaping from a train here Friday, said an injured man today begged food at a farm house.

Officers said the man told the farmer he was injured in an automobile accident. They said they believed he was Stadig.

The fugitive convict, who escaped in Chicago a year ago from federal officers and later attempted a break at McNeil island prison, was being returned to Alcatraz from Portland, Ore., when he leaped from the train. He is under a 15-year sentence for counterfeiting.

Vehicle Licenses Above 1934 Mark

Approximately 378,975 motor vehicle licenses will be issued by the secretary of state during the year 1934, as compared with 347,526 in 1933, according to a tabulation released Monday. The 1934 licenses do not include motorcycle plates.

Fifteen thousand applications for 1935 licenses already have been received and most of these will be filled before the end of this week. The secretary of state has ruled that 1935 license plates may be used on and after December 15.

Climax Nears in Quarrel Over Lumber Price Fixing

By A. C. HUNTER
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—(AP)—The West Coast Lumbermen's association prepared today to carry its fight against price fixing in the lumber industry before an NRA public hearing Tuesday.

A group, headed by A. E. McIntosh, Seattle, will appear to argue the case.

While the hearing was called primarily on the petition of that group, McIntosh said, "many other divisions throughout the country are joining the west coast in their appeal" against the minimum cost protection prices of the lumber code.

Tomorrow's hearing is the result of a prolonged fight in the industry. It now is contended that the "emergency" has passed and the price structure should be abolished from the code.

In announcing the hearing the NRA board said it hoped to determine whether the emergency has passed.

In the fight against fixed prices, opponents have said that there has been wide-spread violations and the prices are impossible to enforce. A private survey made in the Douglas fir area, opponents said, showed that approximately 80 per cent of the operators were violating the code prices while in the western pine division the percentage was somewhat lower.

On the other hand there is a tendency among some members of the industry to look on the fight as unnecessary until there is definite information as to the (Turn to page 2, col. 7)

Moderates Victorious In Lively SERA Group Meet; Threats Hurlled

Paper Company Catches up on Back Dividends

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Crown Willamette Paper company began catching up on back dividends today, with the declaration of two payments of \$1 each on 7 per cent preferred stock. The first is payable Jan. 1 to stockholders of record Dec. 29, and the second on Feb. 1 on records of Jan. 15.

The company has been paying \$1 quarterly on the 7 per cent stock, on which the regular quarterly rate is \$1.75.

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FARRELL KIDNAPING CAR IS RECOVERED

Blood Found in Machine; no Trace of Pair Who Freed Ellensburg Prisoner

YAKIMA, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Yakima officers, seeking two desperadoes who kidnaped Clarence Farrell, Ellensburg theatre owner and commandeered his automobile last night after a jail delivery, telephoned this afternoon that there was blood in Farrell's car which was found wrecked in the hills near where they wrecked and abandoned the car. Earlier, Ellensburg officers had said they feared the fugitives may have fled Farrell to a tree and deserted him to the snowy, wintry weather.

Officers from Ellensburg and Yakima joined Killekat officers in the search, believing the men are hiding their victim in the hills near where they wrecked and abandoned the car. Earlier, Ellensburg officers had said they feared the fugitives may have fled Farrell to a tree and deserted him to the snowy, wintry weather.

Mrs. Farrell left with an Ellensburg officer for the scene as soon as the automobile was reported found. Farrell's mother, Mrs. J. E. Farrell, and a sister, Mrs. A. B. Ford, live in Seattle.

He was kidnaped by two men as he was going home last night.

Shortly before, a man identified by James Mitchell, also known as Ernest Wallace, recent Ellensburg prisoner, confessed Lindeman with a pistol and compelled him to release Martin Hogan, who was held for transfer to state's prison to serve an assault sentence.

They demanded freedom also for James Mitchell, also known as John Sullivan, but he had been released from jail Friday. They left, after locking Lindeman in Hogan's cell. Lindeman was freed by Patrolman Love about the time the fugitives were "gassing" Farrell's car at a service station across the street from the jail.

GIN MARRIAGE LAW REDUCES LICENSES

The so-called "gin marriage" law is materially reducing the number of marriage licenses issued in this county by its three-day waiting period while slightly more than half of the applicants for licenses are finding it possible to avoid the three-day waiting period, a checkup of the marriage license figures for the year made yesterday at the courthouse, reveals.

For the first 11 months this year 411 licenses were issued; of these 215 were issued with the three-day limit waived. The waivers were obtained through representation to the county clerk, who has legal power to waive the waiting period, that delay in issuing the license was unjustified by all the facts.

However, licenses have been reduced by 25 per cent to 83 per cent in number, a further checkup shows. In other counties, a clerk's office this far due to the fact that Washington has no waiting period and consequently an increasing number of marriage license applicants go to Vancouver, Wash., for their permits.

The gin-marriage law, passed in the 1933 session, is working out similarly in other counties. A checkup shows, Klamath county reports slightly more than 40 per cent of its applicants have had the waiting period waived.

Five-Alarm Fire In South Fatal

BALTIMORE, Dec. 10.—(AP)—One fireman was killed, another was near death, and 11 were injured beneath falling walls in a five-alarm fire here tonight.

Caught beneath the brick and debris as three walls of the Atlantic Rag company factory crumbled, the injured were extricated with difficulty and rushed to hospitals.

REOPEN CHANNEL ISSUE

THE DALLES, Ore., Dec. 10.—(AP)—A hearing on the proposal to deepen the Columbia river channel from Vancouver to the Bonneville dam has been authorized by the board of army engineers, it was learned here today.

FARM INCOME GAIN CITED IN ADDRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 10.—(AP)—Declarator farm income has increased about a billion dollars over last year, despite the drought, President Roosevelt told the American Farm Bureau federation today that agriculture must continue "to adjust its total production to the market that actually exists" if further gains are to be realized.

"Two other requirements for 'even larger increase in 1935' were cited: A sufficient increase in industrial production to expand the market for farm products, and payment of more of the nation's export trade by increased imports.

The president spoke by telephone from the White House to the thousands of farmers gathered for the 16th annual convention of the federation.

Cordell Hull, a native Tennessean who left the U. S. senate to become secretary of state, was on the program for an address on "Agriculture and Foreign Trade Agreements," but because of an attack of laryngitis the speech was read by his personal friend, Judge J. M. Gadenhire.