

Hearing Leaves Reason for Snell Crash Undecided

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Nov. 13.—(AP)—A one-day hearing into the plane crash that killed Oregon Gov. Earl Snell and two other state officials ended here today with the crash cause undetermined.

Witnesses talked at length, however, on the weather and Pilot Cliff Hogue's decision to fly through squalls the night of October 28 as the officials headed for a hunting trip.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

All the Armistice day addresses sounded one note: preparedness. Don't let our defenses sag as we did after the last war. Be ready for any eventuality in this unsettled world (we never have been in the past).

For the most part however the admonition faded away in generalities. Few speakers said how we should be prepared. They may have been looking toward a certain potential foe but made no outline of the preparation that would be required for fighting a new war.

Under the impact of modern scientific development just how can a nation be prepared? Ships, planes, weapons change so fast that if we produced them in quantities and stored them they still might be obsolete when the shooting started. Compulsory military training would provide a citizen-army, but one trained for what kind of warfare?

Never before has the problem of military preparedness been so baffling. For example no other nation save friendly Britain has a navy of any consequence. Against the atom bomb scientists and military experts agree there is no defense. We yet do not know limits of performance for rocket weapons or jet-propelled planes. One thing is certain, we dare not prepare for the "last war."

Some things though seem clear as essentials for a nation prepared for war:

1. Internal stability, both political and economic.
2. A wise foreign policy, intelligently directed.
3. Ample research in fields relating to equipment, weapons.

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Denfeld Named Successor to Adm. Nimitz

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, commander of the Pacific fleet, was named by President Truman today to succeed Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz as chief of naval operations.

Nimitz is stepping out next month after 42 years of service. The choice of Denfeld as his successor had been generally expected.

Mr. Truman made the announcement at a White House news conference at which he said he would have the name of the new army chief of staff at a later date. General Dwight D. Eisenhower is leaving that post next year.

Denfeld is 56 years old and a native of Westboro, Mass.

He was graduated from the naval academy in 1912 and has progressed steadily with promotions, reaching the rank of a four-star admiral last January.

Mobilization Board Named

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—(AP)—President Truman today formed a national resources board to advise the White House, in event of war, on the best way to mobilize America's military, industrial and civilian strength.

It immediately held a meeting at the White House. Members are Secretary of the Treasury Snyder, Secretary of Defense Forrestal, Secretary of the Interior Krug, Secretary of Agriculture Anderson, Secretary of Commerce Harman and Secretary of Labor Schwelienbach.

The chairman is Arthur M. Hill of Charleston, W. Va., who took office last September 26.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Hey—what key are you doing that in?"

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Taxes to Pay for Aid, Truman Asserts

Taxpayers Line Up to Beat Deadline



Crowds such as pictured above will continue to swamp the Marion county tax collector's office in the courthouse as taxpayers hurry to beat the Saturday deadline for the three per cent reduction. After Saturday taxpayers pay an additional two-thirds of one per cent per month. The tax office is open until 5 p. m. today and until noon Saturday. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

Hall to Enforce Liquor Law in 'Letter, Spirit'

Gov. John Hall Thursday pledged enforcement of the Knox liquor control law "to the letter and to the spirit as well."

The governor's promise was made in a letter to Dr. Raymond B. Walker, pastor of Portland's First Congregational church, in reply to a letter from Dr. Walker and four other Portland ministers who wrote they were "disturbed by certain events and rumors that have attached themselves to your incumbency in office." The minister's letter first was made public at a joint meeting of five denominations Sunday night in the First Congregational church in Portland, following Hall's announcement that he would replace the present state liquor control commission.

Hall's letter to the ministers read:

"I have received your letter of November 6th expressing apprehension about my attitude toward enforcement of the Knox liquor control act. In your letter you refer to 'certain events and rumors' that have attached to my incumbency. Since you speak in general terms and do not specify any particular event or rumor, I can only reply generally, as follows:

"As chief executive, I am charged with the statutory duty and authority to enforce all of the laws of the state of Oregon. I propose to do just that. You may rest assured that to the full limit of my power and authority the Knox liquor control law as well as other laws will be strictly enforced to the letter and to the spirit as well."

ORCHIDS FOR LILYBETH

LONDON, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Princess Elizabeth will carry white orchids at her wedding, Buckingham Palace announced tonight.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	56	43	51
Portland	57	45	51
San Francisco	57	41	trace
Chicago	37	17	trace
New York	51	29	—

Willamette river, 74 feet.
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy with few showers today and tonight and partly cloudy Saturday. Highest temperature today, 55 degrees and lowest tonight, 46 degrees.

Delfel Enters Guilty Pleas

PORTLAND, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Charles Delfel, 46-year-old real estate operator of Portland, Vancouver, Salem and Sherwood, pleaded guilty in circuit court today to two charges of larceny by embezzlement.

Delfel, arrested in Salem this summer after a two-month search, will be sentenced after investigation by the state board of parole and probation.

The charges to which he pleaded guilty were appropriating money from two clients in real estate transactions.

Marion County Tax Levy Shows 20% Rise; Parallels State Trend

The current Marion county tax levy corresponds with the aggregate tax levy for Oregon in showing an approximately 20 per cent increase over taxes on last year's rolls.

The state tax commission Thursday reported the taxes levied in Oregon for the fiscal year ending next June 30 total \$63,755,762, as compared with \$53,363,056 a year ago. The same comparison for Marion county taxes showed \$2,967,904 as compared with last year's \$2,472,709.

Only higher county figures for taxes this year are Multnomah's \$24,941,731 and Lane's \$3,595,682. Polk county is up from \$789,005 to \$900,985; Linn from \$1,647,642 to \$2,028,443; Clackamas from \$2,287,667 to \$2,709,104.

Total ad valorem taxes increased from \$51,947,593.26 to \$62,181,685.77, while the county school and library was reduced from \$3,553,946.39 to \$746,586.32 because of offset from state income taxes.

General county taxes levied soared from \$9,669,999.36 to \$13,847,563.95 and non-high school districts from \$978,034.29 to \$1,201,871.89. Other tax comparisons: School districts, \$21,150,823.15 to \$29,428,526.31; general roads, including sinking funds, \$1,640,734.96 to \$1,185,863.76; market roads, \$833,300.29 to \$869,675.32; road districts, \$326,901.57 to \$569,482.92; bond interest and redemptions, reduced from \$250,208.78 to \$228,147.59; cities and towns, \$12,655,224.92 to \$12,893,889.34; ports, \$582,093.47 to \$593,379.78; rural fire protection districts, \$279,169.93 to \$548,555.27; irrigation and drainage district assessments, \$1,048,479.16 to \$1,172,340.07; forest fees (reforestation), \$36,625.63 to \$36,735.40; fire patrol assessments, \$303,360.53 to \$365,003.20.

Salem Motorists Get Wild Ride Down Willamette as Ferry Breaks From Cable

Breaking loose from its cable, the Willamette river ferry at Independence swept downstream last night carrying a 1947 model car, its two passengers and the operator, and was finally rescued from the swift current by a tug, about an hour later.

As the ferry was making its way from the Marion county shore to the west bank at about 9:30, its overhead cable parted. Independence police quickly notified a tug owned by Bernard Logging Co., which raced after the run-away craft and pulled it into the west bank about 1 1/2 miles down stream from the ferry landing.

W. E. Lawrence of Independence, ferry operator, was on the craft when it broke loose.

The ferry will be towed back to the landing today, Lesel Reed, Independence police officer said. He said he did not know how long it would take to put it back in operation again.

Occupants of the stranded car, a 1947 Chevrolet convertible coupe, were its owner, Earl Shipp, and Norma Jean Hall, both of Salem. They were returning from the home of Miss Hall's stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ferguson, about three miles west of Independence.

Miss Hall, who lives at 365 Belmont st., said after the mishap that neither she nor Phipps was worried at the time, but that they were concerned for the safety of the car which had to be left on the moored ferry. She said they had caught at brush as the ferryboat neared the edge of the river, retarding progress of the boat and enabling the rescue boat to take it in tow.

Both Phipps and Miss Hall are employees of the local Montgomery Ward store.

Youth Admits Arson-Slaying Of Dallas Man

DALLAS, Ore., Nov. 13.—(AP)—Deputy Sheriff Tony Neufeldt said tonight that a 16-year-old boy had confessed the arson-slaying of Robert J. Armstrong, 78, near here last month.

He identified the youth as John Earl Peoples, who was arrested today at Hillsdale after a month-long search.

Neufeldt, who said a murder charge would be filed tomorrow, quoted Peoples as telling this story:

He ran away from home October 7 and the next day stopped at the Armstrong farm 12 miles north of Dallas to ask for a meal. Armstrong told him he could work for it, and he later helped unload grain from a truck that drove up. When he asked for pay, Armstrong refused it, and in a rage he struck Armstrong over the head with a stick of wood. Then, fearing Armstrong was dead, he splashed oil about the house and set it afire.

Neufeldt said the death at first was thought accidental. Later, the truck driver reported a boy was at the house shortly before the fire, and an investigation opened.

The youth said he had gone to California, then to Portland before getting work at Hillsdale in Multnomah county. His trail was picked up by two Salem policemen, Hobart Kiggins and George Edwards, who saw the boy's name on a hotel register, Neufeldt said.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peoples, live on route 1, Amity.

Reds Paralyze Marseille Port

MARSEILLE, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Communist labor leaders paralyze the port of Marseille and brought this riot-torn city, second largest in France, to the edge of a general strike tonight, as Premier Ramadon in New York promised a fight to the end to prevent "dictatorship."

Troops and mobile guards rushed here from other parts of France, patrolled the streets, and police massed before the prefecture to keep order.

Scott Likely Candidate for Governor; Three Representatives to Run Again

State Sen. Dean Walker of Independence, often mentioned as a candidate, has neither confirmed nor denied the report that he would probably run. Attorney General George Neuner, reported in some quarters as a possible candidate for the governorship, said Thursday he was cognizant that "some people are trying to compliment him but that he hadn't given thought" about a higher office and probably would be a candidate to succeed himself.

McKay, Scott, Walker and Neuner all are republicans, as is Gov. John Hall.

So far, aspirants to the post now held by Secretary of State Earl Newby have preferred to bide their time, but already State Sen. Walter Pearson of Portland, democrat, and Ormond R. Bean, republican, also of Portland, have avowed their intention of seeking the state treasurer's post. Sigrid Unander of Portland, one-time

private secretary to former Gov. Charles A. Sprague, and Fred Paulus, assistant state treasurer, also have been mentioned for the latter post.

Meanwhile, three of Marion county's four republican state representatives have declared they would be a candidate for re-nomination and re-election — Frank Doerfler, Douglas Yeater and W. W. Chadwick. Rep. Paul Hendricks said Thursday he hadn't decided. All are republicans.

As for Marion county's two senators, the term of Allan Carson does not expire next year and in event Douglas McKay is chosen governor or resigns his senate post, McKay's seat in the upper house would be filled by the county court pending an election.

Already announced as candidates for delegate to the republican national convention from the first Oregon district are Representative Chadwick and Frank Farmer, Polk county.

Solons Critical Of Plan

By Ed Creagh
WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—(AP)—President Truman said late today that the \$16,000,000,000 to \$20,000,000,000 cost of aid to Europe under the Marshall plan must be paid for out of taxes.

The chief executive made the statement at a news conference while senate and house committees grew increasingly critical in their weighing of a proposed \$597,000,000 allocation to tide three western European countries over until long-range assistance can be provided.

Asked if he agreed with the recommendation of the 19-member Harriman committee that long-term aid be financed out of taxation rather than by borrowing, Mr. Truman said of course, that is what we will have to do.

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Gov. Warren to Seek GOP Bid For Presidency

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Nov. 13.—(AP)—Gov. Earl Warren of California today announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for president.

His name will be on the ballot in the California presidential primary in May, but the governor said he would not seek delegates from other states.

Warren said he would not conduct a personal campaign and was "not interested" in running for the vice presidential nomination under any circumstances.

"I shall be proud to have (the California delegation) present my name to the convention for this purpose," he told republican state Chairman Arthur W. Carlson with regard to presidential candidacy.

"I will not, however, seek delegates in other states," he added. He gave no reason for this qualification.

"If a person in my position, being willing to have an active campaign waged on his behalf by the California delegation, can be termed an active candidate, then I am an active candidate for the republican presidential nomination," Warren told a press conference.

5 Districts Vote Dec. 10 on High School

Five school districts in the Santiam valley will vote December 10 on the proposed establishment of a union high school district, which Turner and Aumsville districts approved October 1, the Marion county district boundary board ordered Thursday after a hearing.

The districts of Crawford, Clatskanie, Marion, North Shastina and West Stayton also will vote on the proposed site of a school building, on the W. Porter property near the Old Shaff station between Turner and Aumsville.

Discussion among the board and a score of persons from the involved districts brought out the area's needs for new high school facilities and the fact that no one of the districts has sufficient property valuation to enable erection of a school. The entire proposed district would have an assessed valuation of approximately \$2,500,000, officials said.

Willard Marks Suffers Stroke

ALBANY, Ore., Nov. 13.—(AP)—Willard L. Marks, 64, president of the state board of higher education since 1934, suffered a stroke at home tonight and was taken to the Albany General hospital in a serious condition.

Marks was reappointed to a nine-year term on the state board of higher education by the late Governor Earl Ennis on March 1, 1947.

In his career, Marks has been a newspaper reporter, county clerk and deputy district attorney of Linn county, president of the state senate and an active member of lodge and civic organizations.

Butter Prices Rise 2 Cents in Salem

Butter and butterfat climbed two cents per pound in Salem Thursday boosting the price of butter in stores to 87 cents per pound for grade A, and increasing the wholesale price to 82 cents.

The increase brought premium butterfat to 86 cents per pound; No. 1 to 84 cents, and No. 2 from 75 to 80 cents. Egg prices remained unchanged following a slight increase last week.

Enlargement of St. Vincent de Paul school and construction of a large telephone company garage were among 14 building and alteration projects authorized Thursday by the city building inspection department.

A \$35,000 two-story addition at the east side of the parochial school, which would face Columbia street, was authorized in a building permit to the Archdiocese of Portland. The church is relocating a small meeting room shed on its property there to make room for the addition. The shed will be converted into a play shed.

Mrs. George Rossman was issued a permit for construction of a \$53,500 commercial garage at 240 N. Cottage st. for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. It will house trucks and cars of the telephone firm.

Two additional business buildings for Fairgrounds road also were authorized, a \$12,000 store and apartment building at 2027 Fairgrounds rd. for Hans Hansen, and a \$8,500 store at 2303 Fairgrounds rd. for H. C. Hummel.

California Evangelistic association received permission to build a \$2,500 church at 1143 N. Liberty st. E. T. Reid was authorized to build a house at 220 Iowa st., estimated to cost \$8,500. A relocation permit allows moving a house from 450 N. Capitol st. to 1815 Walker st. for John A. Gottfried.

Other permits Thursday, all for alteration projects: Ruth Saunders, for work at 1530 Woodrow st., \$45; J. M. Best, 1215 S. 12th st., \$200; A. C. Meyers, 1436 N. Cottage st., \$1,000; C. C. Russell, 1078 Highland ave., \$50; J. G. Marr, 2154 S. Commercial st., \$150; Don Young, 280 Bellevue st., \$500; Lydia M. Lewis was permitted to build a private garage at 1925 N. 22nd st., at \$500.

"What happened around here last Tuesday—somebody use a Statesman Want Ad?"