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**ELECTRIC SCREEN IN ROGUE MAKES THE FISH ANGRY**

PORTLAND, May 8.—(Special)—Salmon running in the Rogue river do not, like some human beings, seem to appreciate efforts to help them. If those efforts interfere, in any part with usual routine. There is for proof the fact, as related by Ralph Cowgill, in charge of work on the Rogue river survey for the Oregon state fish and state game commissions, that the salmon, the larger of them, are angered by the barrier they find in the electrodes that keep them from entering that body of water which is just below the turbines at the Gold Ray dam.

"I have spent some time watching the experimental electric screen," Cowgill has written Harold Clifford, state game warden. "The water is still too murky for good observation, but I have seen a large number of salmon and steelhead attempt to pass and in each case they were forced back. I saw several large salmon stop upon the first contact, drop back a foot or so, and then, as if very angry, speed up and try to go through. The result was that they would come straight up out of the water, over backwards, and down stream in a rush. One or two of the salmon were at first badly shocked, but within 20 seconds were swimming as usual."

**Tight Voltage Sought.**

Someone reported Saturday to William Coleman, screen superintendent for the state game commission, that a large number of fresh salmon were dead along the bank below the dam for about a mile and a half. Cowgill further related in his letter. The "juice" was shut off and Sunday morning Coleman and Cowgill patrolled both sides of the river and found only two dead salmon, both of which were decomposed to such an extent that the cause of their death could not be determined. Although there had been no salmon in the race while the "juice" was on in the electric screen, the next morning after the current was off, according to Cowgill, the race was full of salmon.

**First Signs Promising.**

"The screen was charged with 95 volts," he concludes, "and apparently is going to work in a most satisfactory way, the question being the proper voltage. This can be determined by a careful watch as soon as the water clears."

The electric screen is being operated as an experiment on the theory that if it will keep the fish from entering the race on their way up stream, and force them to use the fish ladders on their way up the Rogue, then a similar screen placed above the turbines can keep the fish from rushing into the turbine wheels and to death when they shall later be running down stream. Such a screen will be placed above the turbines about the middle of July in time to ward off the fish when they will be traveling down stream.

The experiment is being sponsored by the Oregon public utilities information bureau and is under the direction of the state game commission. F. O. McMullen will be sent by the bureau to cooperate with Superintendent Coleman in further tests.

If the experiment proves successful, William Clifford stated yesterday, the commission will be able to protect the fish in a similar manner at such places as the Oregon City falls on the Willamette river.

**CHINESE-JAPAN SITUATION IS WORRYING EAST**

(By Oscar Wilson, Cable Editor The Associated Press.)

The clash of the Japanese and the nationalists at Tsinan, capital of Shantung province, has overshadowed the interim war between the north and the south. For the moment the nationalist push toward the northern capital, Peking, has been forgotten in the more serious consequences entailed in Japanese intervention to protect her own and other foreign nationals in China.

On the occupation of Tsinan by Chinese troops under command of General Chiang Kai-Shek, the Japanese look measure to save the foreign settlement from the ravages of war. Each side blames the other for the fighting which ensued. Nationalist officers are reported to have been deliberately slain while many Japanese soldiers were killed or wounded and there were reports also of the death of numerous Japanese civilians.

With a omny powers involved in China by treaty rights and with the Japanese government obligated to take some action against Chinese authorities the situation immediately became a dangerous one.

Japanese reinforcements are being hurried to various strategic points while American and British warships are known to be stationed at points in Chinese waters where their services may be available.

Chang Tso-Lin, the northern dictator at Peking, offered support to the Japanese in the way of arms and munitions, to aid them in holding back the southerners, but the Japanese are said to have replied that they could handle this affair themselves.

At Tokyo the government is beset by the opposition parties and last week a vote of non-confidence in Premier Tanaka was threatened. The political situation at Tokyo makes the affair more difficult to handle and reports from the Japanese capital indicated that the people there were not conversant with all the facts. The diet, however, even in the disturbed atmosphere, adopted the supplementary budget, providing for a large amount to cover the expeditions in Shantung.

General Umberto Nobile's arctic expedition is well under way. His great dirigible "Italia" landed at King's bay, Spitzbergen, at which place he will prepare for scientific researches in the frozen north.

Rumanian peasants under leadership of Jutu Maniu, who has been a thorn in the flesh of Premier Bratianu, although thousands of them gathered at Alba Julia, where the late King Ferdinand and Queen Marie were crowned. Other thousands assembled at other cities to enter combined protest against what Maniu describes as an "illegal, tyrannical, incompetent government."

Secretary Kellogg's anti-war proposal brought a prompt response from Germany, which favors such an agreement. Egypt has been brought to terms by Great Britain on its proposed legislative measure for public assemblies. The British government would have none of this and compelled the Egyptian premier to lay it aside, at least temporarily.

Great Britain is of the belief that the subject will not be revived.

**Flashes of Life**

(By The Associated Press.)

**Eagle Is Peaceful**

NEW YORK.—The eagle on the silver quarter has his feet tucked up back rather than forward. It shows that he and the country he represents are not warlike and ready to pounce on weaker prey, and H. A. MacNeil, who designed the coins, says no one yet has convinced him that flying eagles do not carry their feet trailing.

**Another Myth Exploded**

BOSTON.—Now comes an iconoclast to indicate the "first flight" in the United States was a hoax. Since 1757 John Childs has been credited with having circled in a glider about the steeple of the old North Church, landing on the shore of the Charles river. Now Orin Rice, assistant to the archdeacon of the church, suggests that what Childs actually did was coast down a rope and pulley.

**Another Nature Fakir**

SAN FRANCISCO.—Two policemen with shotguns killed a reptile Golden Gate park visitors had described as a "sea serpent which was biting the heads of ducks in Sprockels lake." The police found that the reptile really was killing ducks, but that it was a big turtle.

**Famous Players Lose**

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(AP)—The federal trade commission formally rejected today the reply of the Paramount-Famous Players Lasky corporation to the charge they were guilty of unfair practices of distributing motion pictures through the block booking system.

**Mail Grafter Held**

PHOENIX, Ariz., May 8.—(AP)—S. P. Collins, alias Collins, is being held here under \$10,000 bond for federal officers at Portland, Ore., where he was indicted on a charge of using the mails to defraud.

**Editor Killed by Fall**

NEW YORK, May 8.—(AP)—George F. Dobson, former managing editor of the Brooklyn Eagle on which he had been employed for 11 1/2 years, was killed early today when he fell from a window of his seventh-floor apartment in West 73rd street. He was 78 years old.

**AL SMITH FACES FIRST DEFEAT IN TEXAS DRY VOTE**

DALLAS, Texas, May 8.—(AP)—Texas "bone dry" Democrats have emerged from the opening skirmish with other factions of the party strongly favored to win their campaign for a delegation to the national convention unopposed for or against any presidential candidate.

After a drive led by the youthful Governor Dan Moody, the dry faction Saturday demonstrated its strength in precinct conventions by obtaining control of so large a majority of delegates in 71 of the 253 counties that leaders of opposing factions made little effort to secure complete returns.

Moody forces demanded a delegation unopposed for presidential candidates, but instructed to work for a dry plank in the national party platform, and for a dry nominee.

Announcements from Governor Moody and Jesse Jones, Houston publisher, that they would not be candidates for the presidential nomination, and the withdrawal of Senator Walsh, left Governor Smith's supporters virtually alone in the campaign for an instructed delegation at the county conventions tomorrow.

Texas will have a delegation of 46 at the national convention at Houston.

Returns from the Republican caucus Saturday indicated a decisive victory for Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover. The Republicans have 26 votes at Kansas City.

**Big Bank Combine Is Announced to Start in Oregon**

PORTLAND, Ore., May 8.—(AP)—Organization of the West Coast Bancorporation, which plans to operate in Oregon as the Bancitly corporation in California and the Marine Bancorporation in Washington, was announced here today by Edgar Seneitch, president of the West Coast National bank at Portland.

With the West Coast National, the Peninsula National bank of Portland and the Western Security corporation as nucleus, the new organization will absorb assets approximated at \$10,000,000. Capital stock will be \$5,000,000, to be increased as needs develop, said Seneitch.

**Coolidge Wins On Flood Bill**

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(AP)—The Mississippi flood control bill was changed today by the house and senate conference to meet the views of President Coolidge as expressed to them at the White House conference earlier in the day.

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