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BANKS SLAYS G. PRESCOTT WHEN ARREST ATTEMPTED

Long Defiance of Law Climaxed in Killing of Policeman Doing Duty

"I shot Prescott, who was trying to force his way into the house, the same as any burglar would." This statement, according to Captain Lee M. Bown of the state police, was made by Llewellyn A. Banks, slayer of Constable George J. Prescott, shortly after he had entered the state police auto, that was carrying him to the Josephine county jail.

Captain Bown said that Banks answered five or six questions freely, and that he declared he shot Prescott with a rifle.

Banks was handcuffed, and rushed to Grants Pass, as a precautionary measure.

Up to mid-afternoon, no arrangements had been made to secure an attorney for Banks. No effort had been made either to secure the release of Edith R. Banks or Mrs. Arthur LaDieu, held in the woman's ward of the city prison.

Banks, according to the state police, was calm and cool, and talkative on the trip.

Llewellyn A. Banks, 62, former editor and orchardist, shot and killed Constable George J. Prescott this morning shortly after 10 o'clock, in the service of a bench warrant, issued as the result of a secret indictment returned late Wednesday, naming Banks as one of the 20 or more men indicted for the ballot thefts and destruction on the night of Monday, February 20, during and following a meeting in the courthouse of the "Good Government Congress."

Banks, arrested nearly an hour after the murder, was rushed by state police to the Josephine county jail at Grants Pass, for safekeeping and as a precautionary measure.

E. A. Fleming, orchardist, Jacksonville, in the Banks case at the time of the murder, was also held by the authorities.

Mrs. Edith R. Banks, wife of the slayer, also was detained at the city police station, as a material witness.

Mrs. Arthur LaDieu, wife of the former business manager of the Daily News, under Banks' management, was held in the woman's ward of the city jail, after an alleged inflammatory remark made after the killing.

"He got just what was coming to him, and you're going to get yours, too, Joe Cave."

Mrs. Banks, when placed in the city jail, offered no resistance, and had nothing to say, Officer Cave reported.

Banks was arrested at his West Main street residence by state police, hustled into a waiting auto, and rushed to Grants Pass. Banks grumbled as he left, passing near the body of the slain officer. Banks made no statement and did not deny the killing.

The murder occurred shortly after 10 o'clock this morning. Constable Prescott and Sergeant James O'Brien of the state police led gone to the Banks home on West Main street, to serve the warrant.

According to the police version, Mrs. Banks opened the door. An instant later there was a shot from within. The bullet splintered the side of the door and struck Constable Prescott in the left shoulder, causing downward through the heart, and causing instant death. The door was then slammed and locked.

Mrs. Banks Calm.

Mrs. Banks, detained in the woman's ward of the city jail, was calm, and had no comment to make.

The murder stunned an already shocked city and county, and was a shocking climax to a long period of turmoil, of which Banks has been the center. In his last public appearance, at a "protest meeting" of the "Good Government Congress," he declared from the courthouse steps:

"Unless justice is restored in Jackson county, I will take the field in revolution."

While acting as editor of the morning paper, he frequently expressed incendiary defiance of constituted authority, through the printed word. In many articles he boasted he would resist arrest.

Prescott Tried to Speak.

Constable Prescott toppled to the front porch floor, Sergeant O'Brien bent over him as he gasped, "Tried to speak." The sentence was never finished.

Leut. O'Brien, realizing that Banks was dangerous, stepped out of range.

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Publisher Makes Good on Death Threats



HOME OF BANKS WAS AN ARSENAL POLICE DISCLOSE

That the interior of the Banks house was a miniature arsenal was discovered when state police investigated the dwelling following the fatal shooting.

There were rifles, revolvers, shot guns, quantities of ammunition and what appeared to be a home-made portable machine gun.

All the fire arms and ammunition were carted away and placed in safe keeping, but at present time no inventory had been made.

That the tragedy was not unexpected in the ranks of the Good Government congress was indicated by the actions of the ringleaders, at least one and possibly two of them being in the house at the time, and many others in the neighborhood. It is also known that some of the leaders, lacking the nerve to face what was destined to be a show down, left town late last night and early this morning.

It is considered probable that there will be many accomplices involved in the atrocious murder, many of whom will be arrested before the day is over. The heavy hand of the law is expected to extend in many unexpected directions.

There was a virtual stampede of Good Government congress members to get out of the lawless organization, before it was too late. But the officials of the organization either had disappeared or could not find the membership cards. Local lawyers were appealed to and advised members to publicly announce their withdrawals in the press.

SALEM, Ore., March 16.—(AP)—The La Grande high basketball team was eliminated from the state tournament by a 42-to-33 defeat from Silverton in a consolation game this afternoon.

While Silverton played a close checking game, La Grande was unable to stop the heavy attack of the ransy Silver Foxes, who dropped the ball through from all angles. Silverton will meet Benson high tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock in the consolation semi-final.

Contributions were already being received this afternoon to erect a permanent memorial to Constable George J. Prescott, who was this morning killed by Llewellyn A. Banks. The move is being carried on by the local American Legion post. Lee C. Garlock stated this afternoon.

Memorial For Slain Officer Is Legion's Idea

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Llewellyn A. Banks, ex-editor of the Medford Daily News and honorary president of the Good Government congress, who carried out this morning his many previous threats to resist arrest. In his newspaper February 10, Banks stated: "I serve notice on the gang. I mean business. Either you are going to destroy me physically or I am going to drive you out of Jackson county. Someone is going to pay the penalty." February 4, Banks stated in his newspaper, that he "would refuse to submit to arrest." Mrs. Henrietta B. Martin, president of the Good Government congress, shown with him, has been an exponent of his doctrine throughout the political warfare here. County Judge Earl H. Fehl was Banks' candidate for the office and an honorary member of the congress.

CONGRESS GIVES PRESIDENT POWER FOR ECONOMIES

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16.—(AP) Final congressional approval was given today to President Roosevelt's request for authority to trim governmental expenses \$300,000,000 by slashing veterans' allowances and federal pay.

The measure carrying the authority, the second administration proposal to be acted upon by the extra session, now goes to the White House for President Roosevelt's signature that will make it law.

On motion of Representative M. Duffie of Alabama, chairman of the special economy committee, the house today concurred in the senate amendments.

All the amendments adopted were for the protection of veterans.

President Roosevelt submitted the program to congress last Friday in a special message. It was passed by the house Saturday.

The five amendments put in the bill were accepted by the house after word came from the White House that they were acceptable to President Roosevelt.

CONGRESSMEN IN POLICE DRAGNET

A score of peace officers this afternoon were making arrests in the ballot theft and burning case. Joseph Grant, familiar "Good Government Congress" figure, known as "the man in the cowhide coat" was arrested this afternoon with two others whose names were not divulged.

State police said this afternoon a search was under way for County Judge Fehl, but he had not been located.

Authorities expect to have all 21 men indicted for ballot destruction in custody by early tonight.

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MEN AND DOLLARS WILL GO TO WORK BRIGHTENING CITY

Following a recommendation by the Chamber of Commerce board of directors, a committee has been organized by J. C. Carle to conduct a cleanup and paintup campaign in this city in the near future.

The members of the committee are: Mrs. A. E. Reames, president Garden club; Mrs. G. R. Satchwell, president, Greater Medford club; Colonel W. H. Paine, Tarny Steward, Cole Holmes, Ed White, Fire Chief Roy Elliott and Chairman J. C. Carle.

A meeting of the group was held this afternoon to perfect plans and make the necessary arrangements for the campaign.

Interviewed this morning regarding the work of this committee in the future, Mr. Carle made the following statement: "A successful cleanup and paintup campaign is believed to be of the utmost importance at this time; more so, perhaps, than has been the case with similar campaigns held in years past. Conditions warrant such a campaign at this time, and the many benefits to be obtained now, which did not present themselves in the past, are the motives which have prompted the Chamber of Commerce board of directors to request that the matter be given immediate attention."

"In the first place, the campaign should put a lot of money into circulation; money which has been in hiding for a considerable period. While perhaps hoarding has not been as prevalent in Medford as has been the case in larger cities, it is believed that a great amount has been hoarded and kept out of circulation. The

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WASHINGTON, March 16.—(AP)—President Roosevelt and Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the Democratic leader, considered today a program which would keep congress in session without recess in the hope of completing all business early in May.

NEW PEACE PLAN ALLOWS GERMANY TO DOUBLE ARMS

Ramsay MacDonald Presents Scheme at World Disarmament Confab—Others Would Be Reduced

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16.—(AP)—Norman H. Davis today was named as chairman of the American delegation to the disarmament conference, with the rank of ambassador. Davis, a Tennesseean, a Democrat and experienced diplomat, has been a member of the delegation under the Hoover administration.

GENEVA, Switzerland, March 16.—(AP)—Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald of Great Britain, presenting a new plan for peace and security to the world disarmament conference today, proposed an army of 200,000 men for Germany doubling the maximum limit set by the treaty of Versailles.

The armies of Italy and France would be reduced to the same numerical strength, but France would be permitted an overseas force of 200,000 and Italy of 50,000.

This would reduce the French army about one-third paralleling the proposal of President Hoover.

No maximum was suggested for the British army, nor does the plan include any attempt to limit non-European forces.

Austria's effectives would be fixed at 50,000, Hungary's at 60,000 and Bulgaria's at 60,000.

The French "allies" would be lined up: Poland 200,000, Rumania 150,000, Czechoslovakia 100,000, Half million for Russia.

Russia would be given a half million men.

The plan would extend the London naval treaty to include France and Italy. It also would extend the naval holiday on capital ships to all powers except Italy, which would be permitted to build one ship to balance the new French cruiser, Dunkirk.

Germany would be freed legally from the naval restrictions imposed by the Versailles treaty, but actually

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COUNTY SCHOOLS WIN IN TOURNNEY

Between three and four hundred people were today attending the annual invitational basketball tournament in Ashland being conducted by the Southern Oregon Normal school.

Scores in today's games were: Post Orford 27, Riddle 18; Gold Hill 38, Paisley 8; Central Point 25, Riverston 20; Chiloquin 71, Prospect 4; Butte Falls 35, Lakeview 59.

Tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock, Chiloquin will play Butte Falls in the championship flight, and Prospect will play Lakeview at 10:30 in the consolation.

VOTE ON BEER IS FORECAST TODAY

WASHINGTON, March 16.—(AP)—The senate was headed toward a vote day with Democratic leaders promising a recess over the week end after its passage.

2-CENT POSTAGE MAY BE RESTORED

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16.—(AP)—The new postmaster-general, James A. Farley, may ask congress to restore the two-cent rate on first-class postage.

He is having a survey made now, he told newspapermen, to see what can be done about the postal deficit. If the study shows the reduction would increase volume sufficiently, he will request the legislators to "re-score the 100-cent stamp" in place of the present three-center.

ROOSEVELT WILL BE GIVEN POWER TO CUT VET PAY

Opposition to Drastic Reduction Will Be Overridden by Congress Is View—Bank Optimism Reigns

By ROBERT D. HEINL

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WASHINGTON, Mar. 16.—Despite the vociferous opposition to the proposed drastic cuts in veterans' compensation, President Roosevelt will be granted the extraordinary powers he seeks from congress.

Through cautious rule the party will back him to the hilt.

The legislation designed to aid in balancing the budget will not be privileged to the extent of the banking act, which was almost unprecedented. It will be put through the committee routine.

Nevertheless, the President has the whip hand. In view of the soundness of the measures he has thus far proposed, it is safe to say he can have anything he wants from congress.

At the capital it was predicted that certain objectionable features in the banking bill would have to be ironed out. This had been expected.

It was said at the White House if every bank doesn't open the first day it doesn't mean it won't open the next or the next after that.

"A bank not opening its doors immediately need not convey the idea it isn't 100 per cent solvent," the assertion continued. "It will take time to make the necessary examinations."

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation has been helpful to banks, railroads and in liquidating institutional payrolls, but the criticism has been made that it has done nothing to directly assist or put to work the 12,000,000 unemployed.

President Roosevelt has indicated that unemployment relief is one of his first objectives. In his approval of new enterprises, calling for an appropriation of \$500,000,000 to begin a public works program which will employ 500,000 persons, he starts the New Deal on that side of the table.

A lucky break—and one unintentionally of his own making—is the President's being allowed to work undisturbed largely because visitors cannot cash checks. Those who were in town for the inauguration had to get out quickly. Money shortage has kept others at home.

This column slipped unhappily in noting that Mrs. Roosevelt received \$5,000 for each of her radio performances and that Mrs. Dall would get \$3,000 for her talks.

One of the very few who know the facts has been kind enough to inform us that the actual figures were \$800 for one appearance weekly for Mrs. Roosevelt and will be \$300 a week for two appearances for Mrs. Dall.

In the stage, as has been the case with the radio for many years, the amount actually received in the pay envelope.

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