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5 OF BANKS-FEHL GANG ADMIT GUILT IN THEFT OF BALLOTS

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.

GERMANY, as of course you know from the headlines, has a dictator, and the rest of Europe is all worked up over it, fearing that Germany's new dictator will be another iron man.

But, anyway, Germany is governed by a dictatorship.

ITALY has been governed by a dictator for many years—and, oddly enough, conditions in Italy began to improve almost from the beginning of Mussolini's rule. If you choose to look at it that way, they were so bad before that they couldn't very well get any worse, and so had to get better.

THE President of the United States, from almost the first day he took office, has had practically dictatorial powers. And, as everyone knows, conditions have improved, at least psychologically, under this condition.

This writer has no use for dictatorships—doesn't believe in them; regards them as the source of grave danger to human rights. But the fact remains that in emergencies decisive leadership by one capable man DOES get results.

HERE is an exceedingly interesting paragraph from the news of the day:

"Lumber, which stood the acid test in the recent earthquake in Southern California, when frame structures came through the quake, and so they are inclined to use wood in REBUILDING."

IN RECENT years, wood has suffered in competition with the supposedly more permanent building materials, as everyone in this lumber country knows.

But please remember that these years in which wood has been suffering from inroads by competitors have been years of rather reckless spending. People have been inclined to buy that which cost the most, on the theory that because it cost more it must be worth more. Careful checking of results against cost hasn't been as popular as it might have been.

In the years that we are probably facing, people aren't going to be so reckless with their money. They are going to come nearer demanding a dollar's worth for each dollar they spend than has been the case in the past.

When home builders begin to check results against cost, they are going to be more and more impressed with wood as a building material.

HERE is a guess as to future trends: In the past we have been inclined to regard a home as something intended to last a generation, at least. In the future, we are going to regard a home somewhat as we regard an automobile—that is to say, as something to be bought and used with the idea of getting all the latest improvements and enjoying them while they are new.

If that is true, we are not going to use homes as long in the future as we have been using them in the past. Instead, we are going to be inclined to discard them when they get out of date and buy new and modern ones.

THIS, of course, is only a guess. It may be very far indeed from what will actually happen. But at least it is true that there is no reason why we shouldn't buy a home much as we buy an automobile, using and enjoying it while it is new and modern, and replacing it when it gets out of date.

More "Congressmen" Will Plead Guilty to Complicity Is Word

Fire men, indicted for ballot-stealing, all active workers in the so-called "Good Government Congress," entered pleas of guilty this morning before Circuit Judge William M. Duncan.

C. Jean Connors, vice-president of the "Good Government Congress" and parliamentarian of the organization, Wesley McKirtick, a "banks guard," also Deputy District Attorney George W. Nelson said in the Schermerhorn hearing admitted he borrowed Deputy Sheriff Phil B. Lewis's car on the night of the ballot theft. In company with Arthur LeDien, former business manager of L. A. Banks.

H. C. Cummings, leader of the "Good Government Congress" in the Winier district.

Wilbur Sexton and his brother, Mason Burley Sexton, described as "courthouse boarders."

The five pleas of guilty made this morning are the first of seven or eight more similar pleas, scheduled to be heard at any early date. All have made signed statements, the authorities say.

Sentence Postponed.

Time for passing sentence upon the five men who pleaded guilty this morning was continued by the court, upon motion of Assistant Attorney General William S. Levens.

The five men informed the court they had no attorneys and no funds with which to hire one, so the court appointed Attorneys E. E. Kelly and Frank DeSouza to represent them. The Sexton brothers named Attorney DeSouza as their choice; the three others, Attorney Kelly.

Connors, when pleading, said: "I desire to plead guilty to the part I had."

The young man was then advised by the court that he had to make a direct plea, and he changed it to guilty.

Cummings said, in response to the same query: "Yes, I am guilty."

McKirtick answered, "Guilty, and I would like to have the same attorney as the other boys."

Others Plead Soon.

The authorities indicated that the remainder of the indicted men desiring to plead guilty would be "brought into court in a day or so."

Officials, while reluctant to reveal information, admit they "have a dozen or so confessions, corroborated by 30 witnesses who were around the courthouse that night." Many local residents gathered at the courthouse the night of the ballot theft, "wondered what was going on back of the courthouse." They claim an air-tight case that leads to "the door of the master-mind."

It has been admitted that the window to the courthouse vault was broken while L. A. Banks, held as the murderer of Constable Prescott, was making his first speech. At a sensational statement and signal from Banks on the platform the leaders of the applause started stamping their feet and yelling and applauding with unusual vigor. At this point a Ford car was started, back of the courthouse. It made an exceptionally loud noise. The joint hubbub drowned the sound of the breaking glass.

Pen Was Symbol.

Later, in his second speech, Banks held aloft a fountain pen, with a match in the clip, making a crude imitation of a cross. This was also greeted vociferously by those in the auditorium. The authorities say it was the prearranged means of informing "those on the inside" that the destruction of the Jennings "write-in" ballots was underway.

Many on the outside wondered why a fountain pen cross caused so much commotion among those in the meeting.

The officials claim that the evidence they have collected shows that the "return of the ballots started to worry last December," and that their

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PLAN SALES TAX BOOST PROGRAM

STATE'S WARRANTS TO BEAR INTEREST IS COURT'S RULING

Rufus Holman, Treasurer, Must Endorse Paper Issued by Oregon So Banks May Cash at Face Value

SALEM, Mar. 28.—(AP)—Constitutionality of the act authorizing the state treasurer, with the consent of the governor and secretary of state, to endorse general fund warrants "not paid for want of funds," from the date of which endorsement they will bear interest at the rate of five per cent was upheld by the supreme court in an opinion handed down today.

Upon petition of C. D. Thomas, state boiler inspector, the court issued a peremptory writ of mandamus directing the state treasurer to pay Thomas' general fund warrant for \$172, on which payment was refused March 21, or to endorse the warrant as directed in the warrant act passed by the recent legislature.

As soon as the writ has been served upon the treasurer, that office will immediately commence endorsing general fund warrants, waiving the statutory 20 day permit to comply with the order, Deputy Treasurer Paulus announced. Such endorsement will make the warrants, which have been refused by the banks, negotiable.

SENATE APPROVES PLAN FOR JOBLESS TO BUILD FORESTS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28.—(AP)—The administration bill to permit President Roosevelt to employ 250,000 jobless in the nation's forests was passed today by the senate.

The reforestation bill was quickly approved and sent to the house shortly after the senate banking committee reported favorably on another administration measure to create a \$500,000,000 fund for direct distress relief grants to states.

The reforestation bill passed today will come up in the house tomorrow, while senate leaders announced early consideration would be given the more far-reaching direct relief measure.

The forest bill was approved without a record vote.

Alfalfa Sells High.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., March 27.—(AP)—Because of a general scarcity of hay throughout the state, Klickitat county farmers are getting \$14 a ton for their alfalfa.

BAKER, Ore., March 28.—(AP)—Warren W. May, 42, was killed with a hatchet some time during the night at his farm home five miles southwest of North Powder, and his wife, Rose May, 39, was held in the county jail today.

SALEM, March 28.—(AP)—Members to represent every county were appointed by Governor Julius L. Meier to his state-wide advisory committee on Reconstruction Finance Corporation loans for self-liquidating projects.

It was first believed that only 21 members would be appointed, but every county was given representation with several having more than one member. Multnomah county has the list with 24 on the committee.

All members were called to meet in Portland at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning. The list includes: Jackson County—Gordon Voorhies; Jackson County—Gordon Voorhies; Jackson County—Gordon Voorhies.

LOST BOY FINDS WAY BACK HOME

McLEOD, March 28.—(Spl.) Robert Thomas, 16-year-old student at the Laurelhurst school, sought two days by posse and state police following his disappearance Sunday, returned shortly after two o'clock this afternoon, having been lost in the hills near the McLeod district.

Carrying a gun, and accompanied by his two dogs, young Thomas started on a hunting trip Sunday morning, and after traveling for some time, lost his bearings. He returned while posse were still searching.

The boy is a nephew of Him Thomas of Medford.

Anti-Lie Campaign by Nazis Aimed at Jews' Claims of Atrocities

(By the Associated Press.)

After a day of mass protest, Jews throughout the world watched today the "situation of their brethren in Germany, where the government launched an "anti-lie campaign."

Alleged mistreatment of Jews in the Reich was protested at meetings last night in many parts of the world. In New York more than 22,000 packed Madison Square Garden, and there was an overflow crowd of many thousands.

Alfred E. Smith, addressing this meeting, said Jews are "a peace-loving class of citizens that have been 'helped' to every country they inhabit," and declared the only thing to do with anti-Semitism "is to drag it out in the open sunlight and give it the same treatment we gave the Ku Klux Klan."

Twenty Jewish physicians were ousted last night from Berlin hospitals. Chancellor Hitler's Nazis announced a move to boycott Jewish business in Germany in answer to foreign threats of boycotts against German goods.

Bill Morgan Goes "Pro"



EUGENE, Ore., March 28.—(AP)—Professional football gained another star recruit yesterday when Bill Morgan, captain and tackle of last year's University of Oregon varsity team, announced he had accepted an offer to play with the New York Giants this coming season.

A few minutes after signing and mailing his contract, Morgan received a telegram from Lone Star Dietz, of the Boston Braves, offering him more money than he is receiving from the Giants.

Morgan was a stellar member of Coach Callison's famous "Black Tortoise" of Medford high school, which won the state championship in 1928.

FIFTEEN CRUSHED BURNED WHEN HUGE PLANE FALLS

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Mar. 28.—(AP)—Fifteen persons were killed today in the wreck of an Imperial Airways passenger liner near Ecken.

Eleven of the victims were English. The plane, bound from Cologne to Crocydon, England, by way of Brussels, was the tri-motored "City of Liverpool."

She carried 12 passengers and a crew of three. All perished when the ship crashed in flames.

No Americans were aboard. The cause of the accident was not immediately determined.

The plane had stopped at Haeren airfield on the outskirts of Brussels, taking off at 3:38 p. m. for Crocydon. The crash occurred less than 20 miles north of Diksmuide.

Assistance arrived quickly, but too late to help the victims.

The burned bodies of the pilot, mechanic and four passengers, one of them a woman, were recovered from the wreckage.

Persons who saw the ship fall said it burst into flames and dropped like a spent rocket. It fell in a field.

Four team captains, who were placed in charge of the workers, were called on to make short talks. Carl E. Grant told them that "a city is only as strong as its chamber of commerce," and that it was up to the group present to make Medford a successful city.

The cooperative spirit of the Medford business men was stressed by James C. Collins, and Dr. F. O. Bunch, another team captain, said his teammates were anxious to "get going" and bring in worthwhile results.

J. Verne Shangle, in charge of the largest district, stated that his co-workers expected to have the entire territory completed by 3 o'clock. He said they were going to work—not talk about it.

The plan to be followed in solicitations was explained by Mr. Banwell and Mr. Hogan, and establishing goodwill was emphasized by the speakers. William Isaacs and Ed White also spoke briefly.

Mr. Hogan addressed the Rotary club today on the Chamber of Commerce drive, and Mr. Banwell was guest speaker at the Lions' club luncheon.

"Illness prevents my being present with you this morning in person. I am with you in spirit and encouragement, you may be assured. May I anticipate amazing results as an outgrowth of your zeal and desire to sell the program of the chamber of commerce and await the final results of your efforts exceedingly hopeful.

BIG SHOTS WOULD GET THE GATE IN F. R. RAIL PLAN

Government Operation and Private Ownership Are Embodied in Newly Planned Measure for Economy

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By PAUL MALLON.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Mr. Roosevelt confidentially called in his railroad expert recently, and ordered preparation of a railroad plan that had not even been hinted at before.

It calls for government operation and private ownership of the roads. The expert peddled the plan secretly among railroad men in congress. He received a pat on the back and approval wherever he went. Later the president consulted some of the leading railroad officials. They squawked. They could be expected to.

One of the first things the plan would do would be to get rid of all these \$125,000 a year executive

In initial form the tentative new scheme called for establishing federal control of railroads through a board of directors composed of ten members. Its purpose is to eliminate existing duplications in tracks, ticket offices, stations, etc. A provision was included guaranteeing the roads an annual return up to 3 1/2 or 4 per cent on the property.

In effect it would do the same thing for the railroads which Mr. Roosevelt has proposed for banks and farmers. It would mean federal rule with an iron hand. But it would save the savings banks and insurance companies over-loaded with railroad bonds.

Imperial experts believe that is the only way the job can be done.

The roads which look to Frederick H. Prince for leadership have other ideas.

They would modify the plan to permit the larger roads in each district to guarantee the earnings of neighboring smaller roads. That idea is not wholly new and may command strong support.

The original plan has the shining virtue of calling for no money. It will pay its own way.

The name of Mr. Roosevelt's expert who worked out the plan is not defined.

YOUNGSTERS WIN FRIENDS ON LONG TRIP TO VALLEY

The depression may be here in all its glory, but when a little boy and kindly man, with pleasing smiles and kindly manners who the hearts of fellow passengers on a long journey alone from Chicago to Medford, that depression fades. For today, when Virginia Shanahan, 8, and her brother, Donald, 9, stepped off the train they were presented with \$15 by the friends they had made on the Shasta.

The two children, neatly attired and looking interested and pleased in their new "western" surroundings, arrived here to make their home with an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Thibault, of route 4, Medford. Their father is dead, and their mother is in a sanitarium in Chicago, Mrs. Thibault said this morning.

Virginia, who is in the third grade at school, smiled pleasantly when she met, for the first time, the people with whom she'll make her home. Under her arm she was carrying a little doll.

Donald will be in the fourth grade, he said, and arrangements will be made immediately for the two to attend the Roosevelt school. The little boy, very efficiently caring for the tiny suitcases belonging to his sister and himself, was wearing a little air scout pin on the lapel of his overcoat.

"No, I don't belong to the air scouts," he smiled. "A boy gave me that before I left Chicago."

The two boarded the train in the windy city Saturday morning, and journeyed alone across the country. Little Virginia said people were awfully nice to them.

The money which was collected aboard the train, was turned over to District Freight and Passenger Agent A. S. Rosenbaum by the passenger. He then gave it to Mr. and Mrs. Thibault.

BREAKFAST OPENS C. OF C. CAMPAIGN FOR MEMBERSHIP

With an "up and at 'em, boys" a group of Medford businessmen—forty of them—this morning left the Medford hotel following a pep breakfast, starting their canvass of the city to bring in funds for the chamber of commerce in the membership drive which opened today.

Twenty-five dollars has been set as the membership fee.

With M. N. Hogan, engineer of the project as chairman, the purpose of the gathering was outlined by him. A. H. Banwell, secretary of the chamber, who was unable to attend, "To My Fellow Workers."

"Illness prevents my being present with you this morning in person. I am with you in spirit and encouragement, you may be assured. May I anticipate amazing results as an outgrowth of your zeal and desire to sell the program of the chamber of commerce and await the final results of your efforts exceedingly hopeful.

Remember—if it required no brains, no nerve, no energy, no work, there would be no glory in achievement. Nothing important was ever done but the greater number consented, doubted the possibility. Success is the accomplishment of that which most people think can't be done.

"Let your enthusiasm be the dynamo that generates the power so necessary at this time, to set in motion the wheels of progress in Medford and the Rogue River valley.

Meeting.

Several cars of Medford Legionnaires left tonight for Ashland to a "win" the meeting of Ashland post No. 1, which will be held at Pioneer hall. A special entertainment program is planned and will be followed by a "feed" in honor of the visitors. Transportation will be provided all local veterans who wish to attend and Commander Garlock announced a large representation from this city. Legionnaires will meet at Adjutant Omscheid's office in the Hotel Holland building at 7:15 p. m.

"W. S. BOLGER"