

The Weather  
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Lowest this morning 47

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# BANKS AIDES SPRING SURPRISES

## Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.  
THESE words are written at Weed, whose great sawmills still belch a little smoke from their stacks, and where yellow pine logs still come down from the hills in trainloads. But these great mills are running on a slow bell.  
Still, their owners are hopeful, and are talking of slightly improved prices and better demand to come.  
Lumbermen are a hopeful lot. Give them a pat on the back for that.  
IN THE edge of Weed, one sees an odd sight—odd, at least, for this country—a colony of negro workers, brought here by Long-Bell a number of years ago. Little black pickaninies play in the sun among the yellow pines.  
Paul Bunyan and his blue ox never expected to see anything like that in the lumber camps out here on the Pacific coast.

## Persecution Claim Appears Foundation Of Case in Defense

EUGENE, Ore., May 1.—(AP)—Jurors accepted subject to challenge in the Banks trial late today were as follows:  
Mrs. Madge B. Addison, Isaac J. Yates, Addison Williams, H. Harry Brubaker, Charles Stephens, Nellie H. Tyson, Thomas Pearce, R. H. Townsend, J. A. Phelps, Rhoda Hampton.  
Attorneys were examining the eleventh juror at 3 o'clock today, following the acceptance of twelve jurors, they will be subject to twelve challenges by the defense and six by the state.

EUGENE, Ore., May 1.—(AP)—With the defense springing surprise after surprise, the murder trial of Llewellyn A. Banks, former Medford publisher and his wife, Edith R. Banks, got under way in Judge Skipton's court today with "persecution to the point of desperation" indicated as its main line of counter-attack.  
The selection of the jury was the first business after the court was opened and the defense put this important work in the hands of Charles A. Hardy, of Eugene, one of the best known trial lawyers in Lane county with a long experience and vast acquaintance back of him.  
Add Legal Talent.  
Also the defense added to its battery of legal talent, Frank J. Loner, of Portland, long-time member of the Oregon legislature and speaker of the house, who has a reputation as one of the cleverest defense lawyers in the state.  
It is expected he will handle much of the cross-examination of witnesses on political phases of the drama.  
This gives the defense five attorneys—Hardy, Loner, T. J. Enright of Medford, W. E. Phillips of Medford, and Joe Hamnerly of Portland.  
Judge G. P. Skipton opened the court in a business-like manner and the work of selecting a jury was begun. The defense did not move for separate trials for Banks and his wife and the two are being tried together.  
The jury was asked to give separate verdicts in the case. They are charged with the first degree murder of George J. Prescott, Medford constable.

Questions Show Defense Basis.  
As the questioning of the first juror was begun, Hardy indicated the direction in which the defense counsel will move when he asked:  
"If the evidence shows that L. A. Banks had, over a period of time, believed he was the victim of persecution, and that he had labored under that impression until it became unendurable, could you as a juror conceive a person being in that condition and bring in a verdict accordingly?"  
The state objected to this line of questioning, but the judge overruled the objection.  
"The question," Hardy continued, "is not whether Banks was right in believing he was persecuted, but simply one of what was in his mind at the time."  
Defensive Mood Theory.  
From this line of questioning, observers were led to believe the defense will attempt to show that Banks was the victim of conditions which left him in a defensive mood and that he shot Prescott, not out of "premeditated malice," but as the defensive gesture of an overwrought mind.  
The courtroom was crowded as the trial got under way. Eight prospective jurors had been questioned and passed by noon, but the state and defense are still entitled to challenge the prospects.

FRUIT UNSCATHED BY HAIL AND COLD  
Saturday's hail storm and the frost of Sunday morning did no commercial damage to the pear crop of the valley, according to Lyle P. Wilcox, county agent.  
The hail was too small and the vent any damage by the storm Wilcox said.  
The frost Sunday did not get low trees sufficiently heated out to prevent enough to do any damage, the thermometers going up soon after lighting was started.  
A survey of pear orchards throughout the valley indicates that the valley will have the heaviest crop in history. Wilcox said, because little damage has been done by frost and bloom over the valley was as near 100 per cent as could be expected.

TAX FORECLOSURE JUDGMENTS FILED  
Judgments for tax foreclosures on 226 tracts of land, for non-payment of 1927 taxes, were filed with the county clerk this morning.  
The largest single delinquency was \$1756.07, and the smallest was 81 cents, with the bulk of delinquencies running between \$10 and \$15. Most of the lands coming under the foreclosure are abandoned plots of marginal land, although there are several orchard tracts and river ranches.

TONIGHT ZERO HOUR FOR GOLD HOARDERS  
WASHINGTON, May 1.—(AP)—The close of business at the treasury today is the zero hour set by the government for returning hoarded gold. Those who fail to heed the order may be punished by a \$10,000 fine and ten years in prison. Secretary Woodin has indicated that persistent hoarders will be prosecuted.  
Approximately \$700,000,000 in gold and gold certificates is still out, the bulk of which is in the United States.

### BASEBALL

National	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburgh	10	17	0
Philadelphia	0	9	2
Swiss and Grace; Collins, Moore, Lisks, Butler and V. Davis, Todd.			
American	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	1	5	1
Cleveland	8	10	2
Durham, Fraser, Murray, Miller and Perry; Hillbrand and Spencer.			

### BANDIT DOUBLES PORTLAND DEED

PORTLAND, Ore., May 1.—(UP)—There's at least one bandit that believes in duplication of his "job" to make sure he hasn't "forgotten anything."  
Paul Wakeman, night attendant of a market here, was robbed early today. Police arrived and made the usual investigation.  
But, as soon as they left, the bandit, apparently in hiding near the bank, returned and shot Wakeman. He then returned \$50 of \$30 he had stolen from him.

### MRS. ROOSEVELT IN HEALTH PLEA

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(AP)—In a child health day address, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt today advocated "the use of all possible governmental agencies set up to give all people additional information in order that the children may not suffer."  
"We should remember," she said, "that as far as possible the children's housing should be healthful and what money we have should be spent on rent on food, leaving only what money is actually needed for the minimum amount of clothing."

### FRIENDS OF MAHATMA FEAR FAST AS FATAL

LONDON, May 1.—(UP)—Friends of the Mahatma Gandhi tonight expressed fears that his new fast, to begin May 8, would prove fatal.  
His announcement of his intended action, however, failed to occasion much surprise, for he had threatened to go on another fast if his efforts to eliminate the prejudice in India against "untouchables" failed to progress satisfactorily.

### RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL IS INTRODUCED

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(AP)—A \$98,750,000 omnibus rivers and harbors bill embracing 130 projects and designed "to fit in with a public works program for relief of the unemployed" was introduced today by Chairman Mansfield of the house committee that deals with such legislation.

### SLAYS FATHER, MOTHER AND COMMITS SUICIDE

TROY, N. Y., May 1.—(UP)—After murdering his father and step-mother, William M. Mann, 30, village "bad boy" took his own life on his mother's grave it was discovered.

### SNOW HALTS TRAFFIC

LA GRANDE, Ore., May 1.—(AP)—Highway officials here reported today that the Old Oregon trail over the Blue mountains west of here was closed for several hours Saturday night. Seventeen to 24 inches of snow fell and about half a hundred automobiles were held up in the mountains.

### RETAINS TITLE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 1.—(UP)—Charles Sever, "Gentleman Golfer" from Los Angeles, retained his title as northern California amateur champion by defeating James Ritchie, Stockton, 7 and 6, in the finals of the tournament at the California club on Sunday.

### ONE KILLED, THREE INJURED WHEN CAR SKIDS OVER BANK

PORTLAND, May 1.—(AP)—One man was killed, a girl was critically injured, and another girl and a man less seriously hurt when their automobile skidded out of control and plunged down a 300-foot embankment from Terwilliger Boulevard near the Veterans' hospital here today. The accident occurred shortly after midnight.  
William F. Liljeqvist, 30, of Salem, was fatally injured and died on the way to the hospital. He was driving a large car.  
Ruth Brown of Rainier, suffered a fractured skull and compound fracture of the ankle. Her condition was critical.  
Don Lundgren of Salem, 20, of the hospital, suffered an injured hip. The condition of these two was not serious, physicians said.  
Police who investigated the accident said the driver apparently did not see the hairpin curve and tried to check the speed at the last moment, throwing the machine into a skid on the wet pavement and causing it to career over the steep embankment. The four occupants were thrown from the car after it had plunged about 100 feet down the embankment. Liljeqvist, his head crushed, and the other three were found lying on the rocky slope. The bank was so steep rescue parties had to use long ropes to move the injured persons from the ravine.  
Another fatality occurred here yesterday when Thomas P. Straubhaugh, 28, enlisted man at Vancouver barracks, was killed when his motorcycle crashed into an automobile.

### SLOW THINKERS ARE NOT STUPID

BERKELEY, Cal., May 1.—(UP)—Speed with which persons think is no index of their intelligence, two University of California psychologists announced today after a series of mental tests.  
Popular theories that a fast thinker is a superficial one, and that a slow thinker is a deep one, were of low intelligence were found untrue. Caroline McCann Tryon and Professor Harold E. Jones reported the findings.  
"The slow individual is not necessarily less intelligent, nor is the fast one necessarily superficial," their report said.  
"We gave a group of 100 students an intelligence test which depended in no way on the speed of finishing."

### CLUES IN MURDER OF GIRL LOCATED

NORTH ADAMS, Mass., May 1.—(UP)—An overnight bag and a keen long-bladed hunting knife were sought tonight as missing clues in the brutal murder of Leah Lloyd Johnston, 18-year-old nursemaid, who was garrotted and stabbed as she kept a secret tryst here with an unknown man.  
The bag contained shoes and toilet articles the girl had packed Friday night as she told her grandparents, with whom she lived, that she was going to care for the child of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Berger. The Bergeries denied they had engaged her.

### FRENCH VETERANS TO BE LEGION'S GUESTS

PARIS, May 1.—(UP)—French veterans of the world war and their families will sail for a five-day visit in the United States aboard the liner Paris, from Le Havre, it was learned today.  
The excursion is being made in response to an invitation to the veterans, extended by the American Legion.

### SOVIET SENDS HOT REPLY TO CHARGES

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., May 1.—(AP)—The Soviet vice chairman of the Chinese Eastern railway board has sent another blistering note to the Manchukuan chairman of the board stating "it is a direct lie when you talk about locomotives being held without authorization in the U. S. S. R."

## Select Jury to Try Accused Couple



Trial of L. A. Banks (left), former publisher, and his wife, Edith (center), for the murder of Constable Geo. J. Prescott (right), opened today in Eugene on a charge of venue from Jackson county.



Constable Geo. J. Prescott, murdered by L. A. Banks and his wife, Edith, was shown in a photograph taken at the scene of the crime.



A member of the jury selected to try the case of L. A. Banks and his wife, Edith, is shown in a photograph.

## BOMBING AND DISORDER MARK MAY DAY'S ADVENT

CHICAGO, May 1.—(AP)—The heart of Chicago's business district reverberated with the detonations of bombs tossed with well-timed precision early this May Day, causing property damage unofficially estimated at many thousands of dollars. One estimate was \$50,000. No one was killed or injured.  
Attributed by the police to communists celebrating May Day, five bombs in all apparently were thrown from moving motor cars at the same time, damaging the establishments at which they were aimed, as well as smashing windows in surrounding structures within a radius of one block in each case. All known communists were ordered arrested.  
The plants attacked were the Marshall Field and company uniform division at 424 South Wells street; the Illinois Bell telephone company headquarters at 212 West Washington street; the Sprague Warner and Company, wholesale grocers at 600 West Erie street; the Hibbard, Spencer and Bartlett Wholesale Hardware company at 211 East North Water street, and the Howard Willett "Teaming" company at 222 East Grand avenue.

By the Associated Press.  
May Day, traditionally the occasion for radical demonstrations, was most widely celebrated today in two dissimilar nations—in Russia, where the communists are all-powerful, and in Germany, where the communists are most hated.  
A million persons, including demonstrators, gathered in the city square throughout the nation, and everywhere flags were at half-mast.  
The new president received the immediate support of the old ministry, every member of which agreed to remain in office until the executive has an opportunity to select a cabinet of his own.  
President Sanchez Cerro was killed by Abelardo Hurtado de Mendoza, who was immediately slain by guards. Two soldiers were killed and six soldiers and two civilians, one of them a woman, injured in a riotous outbreak immediately after the assassination.  
Thousands of sheep perished in a sudden, devastating cold wave, several thousand head of Umatilla county sheep perished in a storm Saturday night and Sunday. It was revealed today, as word reached here from the country districts.  
Boyer Brothers of Bendleton said they lost between 2500 and 3000 sheep in the vicinity of Lens, and other shepherds in the district were trying to count their loss.  
The sheep, recently shorn, were unable to survive the sharp drop in temperature, which sent the mercury to 44 degrees or lower.  
Many automobiles were stalled in the mountain passes by the sudden blizzard. Traffic was held up Saturday night in the Blue mountains by about 16 inches of snow.  
Most of the sheep lost in the storm had just been shorn and were being taken to the ranges. In his condition they were caught in the sudden storm which brought on colds and chills, from which sheep die so quickly.  
Many young lambs, left without their mothers, probably will die before ranchers can round them up.

PEARL BUCK QUILTS MISSIONARY FIELD  
NEW YORK, May 1.—(AP)—The Presbyterian board of foreign missions announced today that Mrs. Pearl Buck had resigned as a missionary of the Presbyterian church in the U. S. A.  
Mrs. Buck, a missionary for many years in China and now on leave in this country, recently was criticized by some members of the church for doctrinal views she expressed in a magazine article.

## CONGRESS HALTS SESSION IN JUNE IS OUTLOOK NOW

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HOOD RIVER, Ore., May 1.—(AP)—The Apple Growers' association here, which last season handled 700 barrels of white cherries by the sulphur brining process, will increase the output this summer in case there is no demand for white cherries by canners.  
Plans this year call for pitting and stemming locally, thus increasing the output here.  
Indications are that The Dalles, where 10,000 barrels of Maraschino stock cherries were pitted and stemmed last year, may double the output this year.

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## McDONALD LACKED HOME BACKING IN AMERICAN CONFAB

U. S. Officials Learn Early That Premier No Longer Shrewd Hand in Congress  
By PAUL MALLON  
WASHINGTON, May 1.—Underneath all the hushhush on the Roosevelt-McDonald conferences was an unfortunate situation which prevented Mr. Roosevelt from getting what he wanted.  
Our officials found out early in the game that Premier MacDonald is no longer the leader of Britain.  
He was far from being the bold labor party premier who came here four years ago with his government staunchly behind him. He looked the same. The only difference was that his eye seemed to be under his glasses. He seemed very tired. That probably would have made no difference if he felt he had a government behind him at home.

The whisper in British circles was that if Mr. Roosevelt wanted to consult the British government he should have called over three other men: Neville Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer; Walter Runciman, president of the board of trade, and Stanley Baldwin, president of the privy council. These men are all conservatives. Their views usually differ from MacDonald's.  
They use him as a front man for window dressing.  
The conservatives are clearly taking charge of Republican affairs in congress.  
The first breakaway from Roosevelt was led by Senator Reed. He was backed off-stage by Messrs. Hoover, Mellon, Miller, and others joined in, but the initiative against inflation was furnished by that quartet.  
The inner weakness of the stop was clearly demonstrated by the result. The nominal Republican leader, McNary, declined to join the move. The stop was clearly a failure. The program and then to favor the bill on its final passage.  
That is far more skillful politics than was exhibited by the Reed crowd. McNary will be sitting pretty either way it goes. If the program

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## PERU'S PRESIDENT DIES BY BULLET OF ASSASSIN

LIMA, Peru, May 1.—(AP)—Peru was under a state of siege today as national mourning was decreed for President Luis M. Sanchez Cerro, who was assassinated by a revolutionary yesterday as he was accepting the plaudits of the public at an army review.  
General Oscar Benavides assumed his duties as head of the state, having been chosen as permanent president by the constituent assembly.  
Theatrical performers, movies, and sports events and all kinds of public manifestations were suspended throughout the nation, and everywhere flags were at half-mast.  
The new president received the immediate support of the old ministry, every member of which agreed to remain in office until the executive has an opportunity to select a cabinet of his own.  
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