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# INFLATION BILL PASSES IN HOUSE

## Amazing Web of Banks Plots Bared in State's Opening Statement

### Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.  
IN A LETTER addressed to newspaper men, Karl A. Bickel, president of the United Press, recently made this statement:  
"For the first time in the experience of present-day American newspaper men, economic news has a greater attention-compelling voltage than sex."

MR. BICKEL, unfortunately, conceals an interesting thought in a fog of big words. So we might as well translate. What he means to say is this:  
"In these days, people are reading business news more eagerly than they read SCANDAL."  
Had you stopped to think of that?

IT IS TRUE — if you want to prove it, check up on the front page of your favorite newspaper. You will find it filled with stories of business—what congress is doing, how the markets are acting, the latest developments in the inflation program, etc.  
You will find a LITTLE crime and scandal, of course, but not much.

THE NEWSPAPERS, in other words, print what INTERESTS PEOPLE MOST. In these days, when people are more interested in business, and what is going to happen to it, than in anything else, the newspapers are filled chiefly with NEWS OF BUSINESS.

SPEAKING of news of business, most of us have come to believe that we are suffering severely from over-production — from great surpluses piled up as a result of tremendous increases in productive efficiency per person.

G. F. Warren, professor of agricultural economics at Cornell University, DOESN'T think so. He says: "Total production of ALL commodities per capita in the United States increased for 75 years before the war at the rate of 1.73 per cent per year, but from 1915 to 1929 increased at the rate of only .54 of one per cent per year."

DO YOU GET THAT? What he means is that for three-quarters of a century before the world war production per person increased nearly THREE TIMES as fast as during and since the war.  
That doesn't look like mounting over-production, does it?

"WELL," you may say, "that may be true of ALL commodities, but it certainly isn't true of foods."  
Professor Warren claims it IS true. He says:

"For 75 years prior to the war, production of food and feed crops in the United States increased at the compound rate of 3.02 per cent per year. From 1915 to 1929, the increase was only six-tenths of ONE PER CENT per year."

WHAT he means is that during and since the war production of food and feed crops in the United States has SLOWED DOWN instead of increasing.  
If his figures are accurate, they are certainly amazing.

FOR YEARS we have been telling ourselves that ability to produce is increasing faster than ability to consume, with the terrifying result that we are being swamped under growing surpluses of everything.  
We MAY have been wrong about that. We have been wrong about other things in the past.

THERE is the theory, for example, which for years nearly everybody accepted, that the population of the world was increasing faster than ability to produce food, so that in time we must all STARVE.  
We KNOW now that this isn't true, because we have proved it by experience. The world hasn't learned yet how to enable everybody to earn enough to buy all he wants, but most assuredly it has learned that enough can be produced to feed everybody if a way could be found to make the supply go around.

So, you see, it may be equally true, as Professor Warren says, that over-production isn't really bothering us.  
Gasoline-powered railroad engines are being used widely on state railroads by the Italian government.

### BROAD POWER TO EXPAND CURRENCY GIVEN ROOSEVELT

Five-Point Program Already Adopted by Senate — Republicans Overwhelmed in Effort to Halt Move

WASHINGTON, May 3.—(AP)—The senate today passed the Muscle Shoals-Tennessee Valley Development bill. It now goes to conference with the house.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—(AP) The house of representatives today approved the administration inflation program as already passed by the senate.

Comparing with the impressive 64 to 21 senate vote last week, the representatives polled 307 in favor and 88 opposed to the broad currency powers to be vested in President Roosevelt. This completed congressional action on the inflation setup.

The roll call followed immediately on a vote vote to differ with the senate on amendments made to the massive farm relief bill, sending the measure to conference with the other branch for compromise on differences.

Six hours of debate were concluded last night on the inflation proposal, opposed by the republican leadership. Democratic inflationists at every turn denounced the efforts of the republicans to defeat the proposal, already adopted by the senate.

The inflation proposal gives President Roosevelt broad powers to expand credit and currency in a five point program as follows:

Permits the federal reserve system (Continued on Page Three)

### AUXILIARY LEADER MEDFORD VISITOR

Mrs. Laura Blackburn, national president of the American Legion auxiliary who was a Medford visitor this morning, was accompanied to Roseburg by four cars of legionnaires and Legion Auxiliary members from Jackson county. Two were from Medford and two from Ashland.

Among those from Medford who joined the caravan were Mrs. K. D. Ross, Mrs. Goodwin Humphries, Belva Aiken, Mrs. C. E. Kinn, Mrs. Tim Daley, and Mrs. Louise Cleaves. Ashlanders were Mr. and Mrs. John Enders, Paul McDonald, Mrs. Sidney George, of Eugene, state president, Mrs. Guy Applewhite, Mrs. Frank Rush and Perry Ashcraft.

State policeman William Ellensburg led the caravan to Grants Pass, where they were met by the Cavemen.

### HEART BALM FOR MINISTER'S MATE

OMAHA, Neb., May 4.—(UP)—A jury awarded Mrs. Iva Baltaly last yesterday \$12,500 of the \$25,000 she sought in an allegation of affection suit against Miss Gertrude Gruening.

Mrs. Baltaly charged her husband, the Rev. Oliver D. Baltaly, formerly Lutheran pastor here, divorced his lifelong companion to divorce and secured a decree from her last year in Arkansas as a result of influence of Miss Gruening.

### Scenes at Banks Trial Opening



Top—L. A. Banks and his wife face Judge and prospective jurors. Middle—The defense array of lawyers—W. E. Phipps, Tom Enright of Medford, Frank Longman of Portland and Charles Hardy of Eugene (Banks is behind Phipps). Joe Hammerly, another Portland lawyer, is behind Longman. Below—The state's legal sleaze guns—George Nelson, George A. Colldy of Jackson county, Ralph Moody and William Levens, special prosecutor, who died suddenly yesterday. Reporter in foreground with back turned.

### STORM IN SENATE WILL BREAK WITH WAR DEBTS NOTE

By PAUL MALLON (Copyrighted by McClure Newspaper Syndicate)

WASHINGTON, May 1.—The big storm will break when Mr. Roosevelt sends his war debt message to the senate.

Professional rain-makers up there are covetly preparing to shower down on the administration with all the fervor they have been holding back so far.

Nearly anything Mr. Roosevelt recommends will suit their purpose. Even an innocent request for authority to negotiate would enable them to raise a public hullabaloo. They could amend it with embarrassing restrictions or perhaps kill it entirely.

At least that is what they have in mind. The existing congressional situation augurs well for their undertaking.

A rebellion against adjourning congress will be hooked up with the movement. Mr. Roosevelt has whispered to all recent visitors that he wants congress out of town by June 1. That would give him six months to work his new powers without congressional watching.

The boys on Capitol Hill have been pricked from the start about delegating legislative authority to the President. They have suppressed their emotions only because Mr. Roosevelt was too popular with the country. The people have backed him on all the issues for far-inflation, the farm bill, banking legislation and whatnot.

### Banks Is Subdued Figure As Law's Wheels Travel Toward Fateful Decision

Admiring Women Wait Opportunity for Chat With Accused Former Publisher In Murder Trial at Eugene

By ARTHUR PERRY

EUGENE, May 3.—L. A. Banks, former editor and orchardist, now central figure in southern Oregon's most sensational murder trial, since the notorious D'Autremont trial of June, 1927, is a subdued figure as he sits, listening with something more than passing interest, to the grim mechanics of the law resolve to decide his fate. At infrequent times there are flashes of his old fire—but always he returns very soon to an attitude of deep meditation.

In his seat, flanked on three sides by lawyers and friends, he is barely visible to jurors and spectators. At times, Tuesday, Banks had to crane his neck to see the jury-box over the heads of his own counsel. He wore a suit of dark material with pin stripes.

On one side, between the two defendants and next to Mrs. Banks, sits Charles P. Moran of Cleveland, Ohio, Banks' brother-in-law. On the other side, at arm's length, sits Attorney Thomas J. Enright, with whom he frequently confers. Directly in front, as a table jointly occupied by the state, sit Attorneys Hammerly, Longman and Hardy—all masters of legal craft.

Banks shows no visible signs of nervousness in the courtroom, but there is a slight change in his manner whenever his counsel mentions "persecution to the point of desperation." Outside the courtroom he is calm and respectfully pleasant.

He came to court Tuesday morning under escort of the sheriff, a few minutes after the arrival of Mrs. Banks and the matron.

### Cold Blooded Murderer Proud of Deed, Declares Prosecuting Attorney

### WIDER EAST MAIN STREET PROPOSED AT COUNCIL MEET

Formal Petition for Modernizing Thoroughfare From Front Street to Bear Creek Bridge Presented

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The petition was referred to the streets and roads committee.

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### BANKS DEFENSE WITNESSES ASK SPEED FOR FEES

By ARTHUR PERRY  
EUGENE, May 3.—Twelve witnesses for the defense—all more or less active in the activities of the "Good Government Congress," became public Tuesday, when they applied to the clerk of Lane county for mileage fees.

A formal petition, presented by J. Arthur LaDieu, former business manager for Banks' morning newspaper, and at liberty under \$7500 bonds for bail, filed the petition.

Mrs. Henrietta B. Martin, president of the "Good Government Congress," catapaw of Banks, in the tumultuous days of January and February, and at liberty on \$2500 bonds for "riotous conduct" in connection with the huggy-whipping of Leonard A. Hall, editor of the Jacksonville Mirror.

Walter Jones, mayor of Rogue River, on liberty on \$7500 bonds for ballot theft, and one of the leading figures in several of the courthouse "demonstrations."

L. O. VanWagon, long-time resident of Jackson county, asserted aide of Mrs. Martin in her street lashing effort, reputed "congressman," and at liberty on \$1500 bonds for "riotous conduct."

Amos W. Walker, deputy sheriff named by County Judge Earl H. Fehl, at his home on the morning suspended Sheriff Gordon L. Schermerhorn was sworn into office. Walker was deposed as a probation officer by the county court, upon the recommendation of the grand jury.

Mrs. Ariel B. Pomeroy, intimate friend of Mr. and Mrs. Banks, and active in "Good Government Congress" activities.

May Powell, Jackson county resident and bondswoman for some of those indicted for ballot theft.

F. M. Morrison of the Ashland district, close friend of Thomas L. Brechen, held in the county jail awaiting long deferred bonds for ballot theft.

Mrs. Mae Murray, Effie Lewis, John Wheeler and B. A. Boyce, all residents of Jackson county, are the remaining defense witnesses.

According to state officials, a number of the defense witnesses as above listed have secured apartments a block away from the courthouse.

Attorney William E. Phipps of Medford, of the defense counsel, said Tuesday that "fifteen or sixteen witnesses—maybe more—would be called in Banks' behalf." Attorney Phipps thought the trial would be concluded by the end of the week.

Besides the above, the following Medford and Jackson county people are attending the trial, as witnesses or spectators:

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fluhrer. The Fluhrer plane landed here Sunday on a return trip from Portland, and is undergoing slight mechanical repairs and waiting for the weather to clear, before taking off for home.

George Hilton of Grants Pass, former Medford resident, and Tom H. Pankey of Central Point, County Engineer Paul B. Rynning, Henry W. Coger, former coroner, W. J. Looker, court reporter, engaged in taking stenographic notes; Sam Carey, clerk and former ad solicitor of the Banks paper; Virgil Edington, Gold Hill high school boy; Sheriff-Appointee Walter J. Olmstead; Attorney E. E. Kelly, Chief of Police Clotus McCredie, County Clerk George B. Carter, County Physician C. I. Drummond and former County Physician B. C. Wilson.

### BASEBALL

National	4	2	2
Boston	6	0	1
Lucas and Lombardi; Cantwell, Betts and Hogan.			
American	R. H. E.		
Boston	5	8	1
St. Louis	2	0	1
Batteries: Andrews and Shea; Hattery, Hebert and Ferrell.			

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But our country has got so that each one of us have to live up by a "racket" of some kind and none of us must be too critical of the other fellow's "racket." When you figure it right down, none of us are in a really essential business but the farmer and he raises so much that even his business is partly non-essential.

But we get to be tolerant, for these New Yorkers are likeable rascals, even when they are skinning you.

Yours,  
Will Rogers