

The Weather
Forecast: Unsettled, probably with showers tonight and Thursday. Little change in temperature.
Highest yesterday 86
Lowest this morning 59

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FARM RELIEF BILL AWAITING PEN

MEASURE CARRIES WIDE POWERS TO EXPAND CURRENCY

Cost of Production Provision Stricken at Insistence of Administration — Presidential Signature Soon

WASHINGTON, May 10. — (AP) — The Norris-Simpson cost of production amendment, to which the administration objected, was stricken from the farm bill by the senate today, sending the bill to President Roosevelt.

The bill includes a section which gives President Roosevelt wide powers to expand the currency.

The Norris-Simpson cost of production provision, opposed by Secretary Wallace, came out as the senate yielded to house insistence that it be removed.

This, together with an earlier vote of 82 to 28 approving the report of senate and house conferees, who previously had agreed on every section except the production cost plan, automatically sent the bill to President Roosevelt.

Norris Gives Up.
Senator Norris (R., Neb.) who had championed the production cost plan in the senate, called on colleagues to reject his amendment.

"The house rejected this amendment by an overwhelming majority," Norris said. "I would have liked to have seen it stay in, but that looks like an impossibility."

Senator Borah (R., Idaho), interrupted to assert the cost of production section is the most important part of the farm sections.

Norris agreed, but reminded colleagues of the house vote. Wheeler (D., Mont.) appealed to senators not to eliminate the section.

Will Sign Soon.
The president is expected to sign the mammoth bill without delay, and arrangements are being made to put the credit inflation provisions into effect by purchase in the open market of up to three billion dollars in federal bonds.

The senate vote on the cost of production amendment was 48 to 33.

The measure seeks to lift farm income to pre-war levels by giving wide power to Secretary Wallace to make marketing agreements, levy processing taxes on basic commodities, and compensatory taxes on competing products. It also proposes to refinance farm mortgages at 4 1/2 per cent interest through the land bank system.

It lists as basic commodities: Cotton, corn, wheat, hogs, rice, tobacco and dairy products.

Refinance Mortgages.
Farm mortgages would be refinanced through a two billion dollar land bank bond issue.

To aid the farmer further, it provides \$200,000,000 from the R. F. C. for loans to farmers to enable them to refinance other debts through commodity mortgages.

10,000 VETERANS GOING TO CAPITAL ON BONUS MARCH

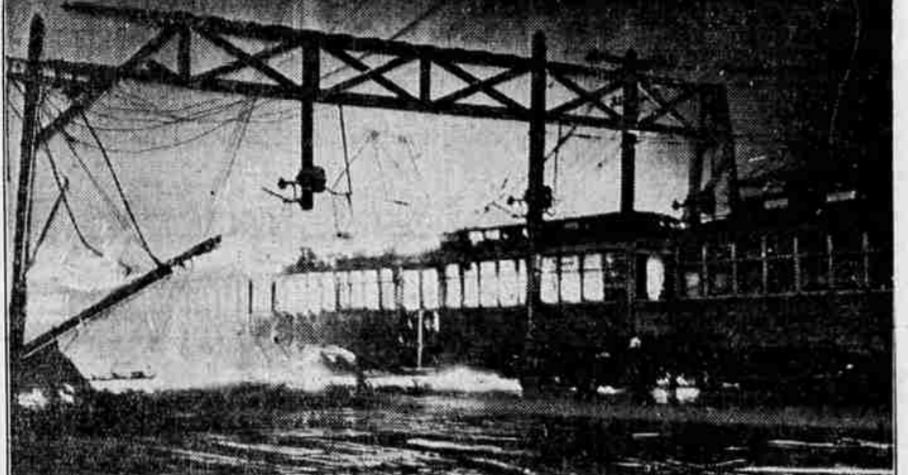
WASHINGTON, May 10.—(AP)—A city of tents was being erected today at Fort Hunt, an old army post ten miles from the capital, to house the second encampment of bonus-seeking war veterans.

Some two hundred already have been registered. Approximately 200 more were marching from Baltimore. Veterans' leaders say 10,000 will be here by the end of the week when a week-long convulse is to open with the approval of the Roosevelt administration.

An infantry company from Fort Meade, Maryland, is setting up the kitchens which feed the bonus marchers for 8,000 at Fort Hunt. Field era. Bus service into the city, it was reported, has been arranged.

Heavy Toll of Life as South Swept by Cyclones

BLAZE OF UNDETERMINED ORIGIN DESTROYS PIER



A spectacular fire gutted the ferryboat Peralta, destroyed a score of electric interurban cars and burned down the Key System terminal on the Oakland side of San Francisco bay at a loss estimated at \$3,000,000. In addition, commuter service between San Francisco and Oakland was disrupted. Upper photo shows some of the cars ablaze, while below is the Peralta as it looked after being swept by the flames. (Associated Press Photos)



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Admission of Revolver as Evidence Seen as Blow To Banks Case Defense

Gun Found Under Womans Coat Bolsters Premeditation Contention by State in Prescott Slaying

EUGENE, Ore., May 9.—Circuit Judge George F. Skipworth of Lane county, hearing the murder trial of L. A. Banks, former Medford orchardist, newspaper publisher and agitator, and his wife, Edith Robertine Banks, Tuesday morning granted the state the right to admit as evidence the 38-caliber pistol, a cartridge belt, holster and a handful of shells found on the afternoon of March 16 last on a cot in the hallway of the Banks home. The weapon and shells and paraphernalia were found hidden beneath a woman's coat with a fur collar.

The court, in overruling the objections of the defense to the introduction of the evidence, held that the pistol and paraphernalia "were competent as evidence to show the intent and preparation of the defendant, and the fact that the pistol was found five or six hours after the commission of the crime in no wise affects its admissibility. The defendants are charged with first degree murder, and premeditation and deliberation are necessary elements of the state's case."

The court held that, though the crime has been shown as committed with a rifle, it is within the "province of the state to show by competent evidence the presence of other weapons that tend to show intent, premeditation, preparation and deliberation."

Moody Shines on Argument.
Arguments for the state were presented by Assistant Attorney General Ralph E. Moody in a masterly manner, and his mellow, booming voice at times arose to a dramatic pitch. Attorney Moody cited several similar cases, including one in New Jersey and two in this state, in support of his position.

The main points of the state's contention as sustained were: That the presence of the revolver at the scene of the crime tended to show "the existence of a conspiracy, backed by a deliberate and premeditated plan in which both defendants took part." "And it was found where you would least expect to find it—hidden beneath a woman's coat."

That the admission of a weapon as evidence, other than the part of weapon, was no error on the part of the state.

First Straw Hat Seen In Portland
PORTLAND, May 10.—(UP)—The first straw hat of the year appeared on Portland's streets yesterday, as the sun burst its way through overhanging clouds.

The weather man reported a maximum of 58 degrees and predicted a clear day.

FORESTS FRINGING CRATER HIGHWAY DANGERED BY AXE

Unless something is done immediately by the state of Oregon to preserve the timber along the Crater Lake highway between Prospect and the forest service boundary, a stretch of about four and one-half miles, the timber may be cut and sawed into lumber by the end of the summer, according to E. C. Solinsky, superintendent of Crater Lake national park, who returned from Portland this morning.

Negotiations between the Rogue River Timber company, owners of the timber, and the state highway commission, have been going on for several months in an effort to effect a trade of timber between the forest service and the Rogue River Timber company so the timber along the highway can be preserved. Such a trade, according to officials of the timber company, is out of the question, as the forest service has no timber to offer for trade that the timber company could take, and cut at this time. Immediate need of finance to pay taxes and repay bonded indebtedness makes it imperative for the timber company to liquidate now. The forest service, according to its officials in Portland, has no timber to trade that could be cut and marketed now.

Two proposals are before the state highway commission. One is to buy a 1,000-foot strip of timber from Prospect to the forest service boundary, and the other is to buy the timber between Rogue river and Mill creek, thus creating a park of some 5,000 acres, which would remain for generations as one of the most beautiful strips of sugar pine and Douglas fir in the northwest.

Unless action to purchase the timber from the Rogue River Timber company is taken immediately, cutting of timber will start before tourist travel starts. Contracts for the cutting of 15,000,000 feet of the timber are now ready to sign, and logging contractors are ready to move onto the grounds. By the end of the summer the now beautiful strip of timber will be nothing but stumps, according to officials, and tourists will drive from Prospect to the forest service boundary through stumps and brush instead of through the forest.

The Rogue River Timber company recently made a tax payment of about \$9000 on this timber, and bonded indebtedness is due. The timber must be sold, they say, either to sawmills or to the state.

Young Attorneys Seek Admission
SALEM, May 10.—(AP) About fifty applications have already been received by the supreme court from would-be attorneys for admission to the bar. Examinations will be held at the capitol July 11 and 12, it was announced.

CONTINUAL WAR OVER WOMEN IN STRANGE TRIBE

Returning Explorer Tells of 'Lost' Indian Tribe, Last Fading Remnant of Once Great Mayan Civilization

By H. ALLEN SMITH
United Press Staff Correspondent
NEW YORK, May 10.—(UP)—Count Byron de Prook, who excavated the ruins of Carthage, returned to New York today from the wilds of Central America with a tale of a "lost tribe" of Maya Indians who spend the greater part of their time fighting over women.

This tribe—the Lacandons—constitutes the last fading remnant of the great Mayan civilization and, according to Count Prook, cannot survive for long. There are about ten villages scattered over a huge territory where Yucatan borders Mexico. The men outnumber the women by at least six to one and as a consequence each village is permanently at war with the rest.

Great Tomb Found
Count Prook, a tall, handsome Frenchman who has been famous as an archaeologist since he was 20, also reported the discovery of a great tomb which he will explore further this fall and which he believes to be the "King Tut Tomb of America." He is convinced that the great mound holds the bones and treasure of Quetzalcoatl, nephew of Montezuma, and last of the Aztec emperors.

Guatemoc was captured by Cortez, the explorer explained, and at Mexico City the last of the emperors was tortured. Cortez's men burned his legs off in an effort to learn the hiding place of the treasure.

May Hold Treasure
Cortez men took Guatemoc with him on his southward march, aiming at the conquest of all South America. At a point some 1200 miles south of Mexico City, Guatemoc was hanged. It was here, according to legend, they built the tomb for their last leader. Count Prook and his fellow explorers believe the tomb may hold immense treasures and they hope to explore it before the year is out.

The Lacandons live in thatched huts in the trees and their most formidable weapon is the poisoned arrow. The poison is obtained from a certain tree, which is tapped, the arrows being stuck into the gashes of the tree.

Tribe of Pygmies
The shortage of women has been acute for centuries, the explorers believe, and, because of inbreeding, the race has degenerated into a tribe of pygmies, little more intelligent than animals. The Lacandons are monogamous, although it is common for a tribesman to marry his own mother or grandmother. Count Prook said, "The Lacandons are a primitive race, but they are not stupid. They have crude temples, but the explorers were not permitted to enter them and most of their inquiries concerning their religion went unanswered. It is known, however, that in the time of Cortez the Lacandons were cannibals."

Pray to Sun
The Indians have their own language and their religion is apparently an offshoot of the Mayan religion. They pray to the sun and the rain gods and burn incense. They have small, crude temples, but the explorers were not permitted to enter them and most of their inquiries concerning their religion went unanswered. It is known, however, that in the time of Cortez the Lacandons were cannibals.

Count Prook, who used three pigeons in his expedition, convinced the Indians that his group meant them no harm by loading them down with cheap presents, most of which were purchased in 5-and-10-cent stores.

GANDHI UPSET BY PANGS OF HUNGER

POONA, India, May 10.—(AP)—The Mahatma Gandhi, whose three weeks' fast is just beginning, showed symptoms of nausea this evening.

A well-known Bombay physician was summoned to Poona by Gandhi's friends, who fear that the fast, started Monday in protest against treatment of the lowest classes, may cost him his life.

BASEBALL

American
First game: Philadelphia 3 5 1
Detroit 2 6 1
Cain and Cochrane; Marberry, Myatt, and Deauleta.
R. H. E.
New York 3 6 1
Chicago 10 14 2
Gomez, MacPhayden, Jablonowski and Jorgens; Jones and Berry.
National
(Second game)
Cincinnati 4 9 0
Philadelphia 3 2 0
Johnston and Hensley, Lombardi; A. Moore and Todd.
(First game)
Cincinnati 10 14 1
Philadelphia 7 13 3
Lucas, Kolp and Lombardi; Elliott, Laska, Hansen and Davis.
St. Louis at New York, Chicago at Brooklyn, Pittsburgh at Boston postponed; rain.

TWO WEEKS MORE PRESENT OUTLOOK FOR BANKS TRIAL

EUGENE, Ore., May 10.—(AP)—To 13 witnesses, regarded by the superstitious as an ill-fated number, the defense will trust its case when the state rests in the Banks trial late Thursday afternoon.

Thirteen people have been subpoenaed by the defense to tell Banks' side of the story, and they will be on hand to begin their testimony Thursday if the state completes its case as Ralph Moody, chief prosecutor, has intimated.

On motion of both counsels, the trial was recessed today to give both sides time to muster their witnesses for the next stages of the battle. It is not expected, however, that the trial will be ended before at least another two weeks.

The mystery note, "Mother to Daddy," may figure in the state's closing strategy Thursday, for Moody has intimated he will make another attempt to get it before the jury.

"We will make every effort to prevent the note from being introduced," said the defense counsel today. "Its origin has not been proven and the judge has already ruled against it."

The note, purportedly written by Mrs. Llewellyn A. Banks to her husband, preceding the shooting of Prescott, has to do with the proposed "attack" against the law and suggests the Banks home as the most favorable locale, it is understood.

Although Wednesday was a day of rest for court officials, it was just another day of work for the state and defense attorneys. Moody, chief prosecutor, was preparing to fire his final blast of testimony, and Lee Bown, captain of the state police in Medford, is expected to take the stand. Bown has figured prominently in most of the testimony to date.

With Phil Lovd, Jackson county deputy sheriff, Bown arrested Banks and took him to the Grants Pass jail following the shooting. Bown is expected to give further revealing testimony against the defendant.

Will Rogers says:
NEW YORK, May 9.—Mr. Roosevelt made us a mighty fine speech over the radio Sunday night. He spoke our language—"not ballyhoo the nation to prosperity," "nation in a tailspin," "can't make a hit every time we come to bat." And in addition to all this he has the best radio voice in America.

HOUSES WRECKED, HIGHWAYS BARRED BY FALLEN TREES

Whole Families Perish As Twisters Wreak Havoc in Tennessee and Kentucky — Rescue Work Hampered

(By the Associated Press.)
Tornadoes along the border of Tennessee and Kentucky last night brought reports of deaths to 61 persons and injuries to scores of other persons.

The dead—
In Kentucky: Monroe county 11; Adair county, 2; Russell county, 20.
In Tennessee: Wilson county, 2; Overton county, 26.
Beaty Swamps, in Overton county, near Livingston, Tenn., was hard hit with 26 known dead.

The report of the Russell county dead came to the Kentucky Advocate at Danville through the Red Cross.

LIVINGSTON, Tenn., May 10.—(AP)—At least 35 persons were killed and an undetermined number injured in tornadoes that swept sections of Kentucky and Tennessee late last night. The heaviest toll of life was taken at the settlement of Beaty Swamps, near Livingston, where 26 persons were known dead. Near Lebanon, about 50 miles distant, two negroes lost their lives. Six were known to have perished at Tompkinsville, Ky., and one at Columbus, Ky.

The storm was reported to have swept the village of Bethsaida, in the Overton-Pickett county line in Tennessee, but all communication lines were down and the extent of the damage could not be determined.

At 10:30 a. m., 12 bodies had been brought to an undertaking establishment here and ambulances were dispatched for other dead in Beaty Swamps.

Returning from a trip to Beaty Swamps, C. C. Gore, Livingston attorney, described the country as being "awful so clean that it looks like the Argonne forest."

"Houses were blown away and trees blown down and piled in heaps," he continued. "The country roads are so muddy that cars and ambulances can't run and the main highways are blocked by trees. Many families are injured so seriously that they can't be removed from their wrecked houses."

Several entire families perished, including the Cole family of nine persons—Mr. and Mrs. Una Cole and their seven children.

All doctors in Livingston and Burdett rushed to the stricken area to care for the injured.

GLASGOW, Ky., May 10.—(AP)—Thirteen persons were known today to have been killed by a tornado that swept through Monroe county, Kentucky, south of here last night bringing death to eleven and killing two others in Adair county, Kentucky.

GENTLE LOBBYING BY ROOSEVELT ON WAR DEBT POLICY

Key Men of Congress Invited to White House for Social Conference, Gives Sense of New Importance

By PAUL MALLON.
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WASHINGTON, May 10.—Mr. Roosevelt is doing some gentle lobbying of his own on this war debt business.

Key men in congress are being invited to the White House one by one for social conversations. They are told the president wants to get his views. That is only half of it.

The most important half is that nothing awells an administration congressman's chest so much as a call from the White House. It gives him prestige in the cloakrooms and makes him a hero back home. Folks flock around him to drink up every word as he relates: "Now I said to Frank" and "Franklin says to me."

What happened to a certain Democratic member of the house a few days ago shows how the salve works. This fellow had been loudly advocating a pay-up or shut-up policy against the debtors. He changed his tune after visiting the White House. He told his comrades they must remember the French must now pay four francs for each franc borrowed in far times, because of the difference in money values then and now.

His comrades thought he must have heard it at the White House. They all knew he was not bright enough to think it up by himself.

That does not mean the president will follow a moderation policy on debts. Nobody knows what Mr. Roosevelt will do—not even Mr. Roosevelt. Varying suggestions like the one about the francs have been put out

STEEL ORDERS SHOW INCREASE

NEW YORK, May 10.—(AP)—Unfilled orders of the United States Steel corporation increased 23,372 tons in April to a total of 1,564,574 tons, the corporation announced today. The March tonnage decreased 13,198 tons to the lowest level since figures have been issued.

Wall Street had been confident of a fair gain in the backlog because of marked improvement in demand for steel during April. It was calculated that new buying for a considerable part of April was at a more active rate than the increase in production and shipments.

The increase was the first experienced by the corporation since last October.

CARDINALS' FORTUNE TWO MILLION LIRE

VATICAN CITY, May 10.—(UP)—The estate of the late Cardinal Cerruti was estimated today at over 2,000,000 lire. He died of pneumonia yesterday.

Always Waged Boosted.
CHICAGO, May 10.—(UP)—The American Airways, Inc., one of the units of the Cord corporation, which made known yesterday that it would increase wages, announced today that its business increased almost 15 per cent during April.



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Course he just read the minutes of the last meeting, but he did it so nice that we didn't hardly notice that he forgot to mention what might be in his mind for the future.

Yours,
Will Rogers
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