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BANKS FIRST DEFENSE WITNESS

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
HERE is a black headline from yesterday's papers:

"Industry Ready for Team Work."
This sub-head follows: "Scheme for Co-operation Drawn by Leaders."

"I am a direct descendant of John and Priscilla Alden, who came to America on the Mayflower, Banks began."

AND here is another headline: "Return to Jobs Sweeps Country."
What the headline writer means to say, within the limitations imposed by making the type fit the column, is that all over the country jobs are increasing in number and men and women are going back to work.

PRICES are rising in many lines, and we hear it stated in a learned sort of way that inflation is responsible—depreciation of the value of the dollar, you know, so that more dollars will be necessary to pay for a given amount of goods.

BERLIN, May 12.—(AP)—The German trade unions, now controlled by the Nazis, inaugurated a new anti-Semitic campaign today when various members refused to continue working for Jewish employers.

COURT OVERRULES MOVE TO DISMISS MURDER CHARGES

Agitator Opens Story From Stand With Arrival of Kin On Mayflower — State Objects to Rambling

EUGENE, Ore., May 12.—(AP)—In a sudden, bold move that surprised the courtroom, Llewellyn A. Banks was placed on the witness stand here today by his attorneys as the first defense witness in his murder trial.

Called Forward. Taking the witness chair calmly and without apparent concern at having heard himself branded a few moments before by Ralph Moody, chief prosecutor, as a "coward hiding behind a woman's skirts," Banks began the story of first degree murder.

Eventually he began packing fruit and encountered the animosity of the Medford packing concerns which have since been fighting him, he said. Banks testimony was expected to last several hours, although Prosecutor Moody was occasionally objecting to the "rambling story."

International Tariff Truce Is Unanimously Agreed

Banks Homicidal Threat Dramatic Point in Trial Former Local Agitator

Serving of Subpoena Would Mean Death Officer Was Declaration Two Days Before Murder of Prescott

EUGENE, May 11.—(G. D.—) I'll cut your heart out with that rifle, or the heart of any man who comes to that door (pointing to the front door of the Banks home) with a subpoena for me.

Only a sentence in the note was read by the court, and it was as follows: "If you are going to fight, fight in the home."

JOAN CRAWFORD GRANTED DIVORCE

LOS ANGELES, May 12.—(AP)—Somewhat nervously, Joan Crawford, actress, ascended a superior court witness stand today, described instances of "a jealous and suspicious attitude of Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. and won a divorce from him.

HOOPER AND PAINE FILE CANDIDACIES

SALEM, Ore., May 12.—(AP)—Two more candidates today joined the few who have filed for election July 21 as "dry" delegates to the state convention on national prohibition repeal.

PROPERTY OWNERS TO HOLD MEET TONIGHT

The Property Owners Association will meet in the county court office this evening, due to the fact that the Garden club has a very interesting out-of-town speaker and desires the use of the courthouse auditorium for that purpose.

GIRL SCOUT AWARDS GIVEN OUT SATURDAY

Tomorrow afternoon from 2:30 to 3 o'clock the Girl Scout court of awards will be conducted at the Junior high school, with Miss Naomi Johnson in charge of the program.

FARMERS' STRIKE CALLED DESPITE SIGNING OF BILL

WASHINGTON, May 12.—(AP)—President Roosevelt expects to sign the \$300,000,000 direct relief bill late today.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—(AP)—President Roosevelt favors the proposed \$3,300,000,000 public works program and is looking for new taxes to help finance it.

ST. PAUL, May 12.—(AP)—The national farm strike will start tomorrow despite President Roosevelt's action in signing the farm bill and urging farm mortgage creditors to abstain from foreclosures.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—(AP)—President Roosevelt this afternoon signed into law the massive bill to raise farm prices, giving him extraordinary inflationary powers and enabling easement of the agriculture mortgage burden.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—(AP)—Higher-ups here all believe the depression is about over.

Only a few have the nerve to say so publicly. They know what happens behind the scenes, and they are privately counting on the fact that the president has power for the first time to pull the strings if things start sagging again.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—(AP)—Jackson county today paid its full share of the 1932 taxes for the first half, a total of \$43,879.

BETTY STENNETT TAKEN BY DEATH AFTER LONG ILL

Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Stennett, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Stennett of this city, died early this morning at the residence, 325 South Riverside, as a result of stomach and kidney disease from which she had suffered since last July.

When attending school, she took an active part in musical and foreign language activities, and was a member of the debate team. She was an accomplished harpist, and participated in numerous musical programs in the city.

Surviving her are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stennett, and one sister, Sunette. She is the niece of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Strang of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Stennett of Phoenix, and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Stennett of Ashland, and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Valentin of Eugene.

LET ROAD CONTRACTS AFTER CONGRESS ACTS

SALEM, Ore., May 12.—(AP)—Letting of highway contracts set for May 17 was postponed by the state highway commission today. The five jobs, which would total in excess of \$100,000, will be let at a later date.

LONDON, May 12.—(AP)—Rheumatism in the shoulder will prevent King George from attending the second royal court at Buckingham palace tonight, Queen Mary will hold the court alone, as she did the first one last night. Another group of American women are to be presented.

BASEBALL

Table with columns for National and American leagues, listing teams like Pittsburgh, New York, Cincinnati, etc., and their scores.

DEPRESSIONS END SEEN BY LEADERS AS NEAR REALITY

By PAUL MALLON. (Copyrighted by McClure Newspaper Syndicate)
WASHINGTON, May 12.—Higher-ups here all believe the depression is about over.

HOOD RIVER GOLD STRATUM SOUGHT

HOOD RIVER, Ore., May 12.—(AP) Success of prospectors in striking pay sand in Indian creek just south of this city has led local people to consider plans of obtaining the services of an experienced miner or geologist in an attempt to locate the stratum which produces the gold dust.

LUMBER ORDERS CHEER NORTHWEST INDUSTRY

SEATTLE, Wash., May 12.—(AP)—In a mounting pile of unfilled orders the West Coast Lumbermen's association today saw the lumber industry "gaining in market strength every day," but continued caution that eastern buying appears speculative.

SALES TAX GIVEN TITLE ON BALLOT

SALEM, May 12.—(AP)—The ballot title for the sales tax referendum, which was referred to the people by legislative act for vote July 21, was prepared here today by the attorney general. The title is as follows:

VETERANS HAND OFFER OF WORK COOL TURNDOWN

Roosevelt Move to Enlist Jobless Ex-Service Men in Forest Corps Flouted—\$1 Per Day Not Enough

WASHINGTON, May 12.—(AP)—A cool turnout was the first reaction of the assembled bonus seeking veterans today to President Roosevelt's move to enlist 25,000 unemployed former soldiers in the civilian conservation corps.

The self-styled "right wing" group, which refused to accept the Fort Hunt accommodations and clustered miserably in the center of the city, launched a movement to get William D. Glasgowford, former Washington chief of police, to head their organization.

It can be told now that the federal reserve bank governors were not unanimous for the Roosevelt inflation program. Four voted against him. Eight approved. The eight included Gov. Harrison of the New York bank. He is the big shot of the system and could have embarrassed the program if he had wanted to.

FIRST HALF TAX COLLECTION FAR UNDER LAST YEAR

Total tax collections for Jackson county for the first half, payments of which were delinquent May 8, amounted to \$208,324.88, according to information received from the sheriff's office. Collections for the first half of last year were \$411,738, or over \$100,000 more than this year.

HUNT CORPORATION PAPERS ARE FILED

Incorporation papers for the formation of the George A. Hunt Theater, Inc., were filed at the county clerk's office yesterday, the corporation to have a capital stock of \$25,000.

WILL ROGERS SAYS

CHICAGO, May 11.—Been looking at the great Chicago world's fair, which opens two weeks from Saturday. I am the first "rube" to visit it. I know you will say what's it all about and why don't they pay their teachers.

Well, I am just like you about the teachers, but this fair is just an association and it's not the city itself doing it. I do think it would be a generous thing if it did make any money and the teachers hadn't been paid by then, to cut them in on it. It's exactly what everybody needs. People been sitting at home grousing at each other for three years. Now don't think we have outgrown the "fair" stage. In the days when we were a great nation we enjoyed 'em. Now you can see the whole thing for 50 cents and the way this Roosevelt is going, by then we will have the 50 cents. Yours, Will Rogers