

**The Weather**  
 Forecast: Fair Sunday. Moderately warm.  
 Temperature:  
 Highest yesterday 84  
 Lowest yesterday 38

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# VIOLENCE STALKS WATERFRONTS



**News Behind The News**  
 BY PAUL MALLON  
 WASHINGTON, D. C., May 11—The neatest, cleanest inside job of political gulling in many a day was the one done on the innocent professor from New England, Dr. Thorp.  
 Not a fingerprint was left anywhere to tell who lopped off the head of the director of foreign and domestic commerce.  
 Everyone knows Paul Mallon the trigger man was Senator Stephens of Mississippi, but he is strictly a trigger man. His long career has never been known to plan a job of such proportions as this one.  
 There was a master mind behind Stephens, but no one knows who, although some people have suspicions.  
 If the senate of the United States should hold a secret vote today awarding a medal to the man who got Thorp a majority probably would vote, rightly or wrongly, for none other than James A. Farley—yes, the postmaster-general.

## GOVERNOR DELAYS SENDING TROOPS PORTLAND DOCKS

**Seattle Situation Tense And Shots Fired In San Francisco Outbreak—Truce Comes At Galveston.**  
 (By the Associated Press)  
 Violence broke out afresh yesterday in Texas and Pacific coast ports, where strike pickets cover the waterfront, leaving one striker dead and another wounded at Galveston.  
 The Galveston shooting followed a truce between longshoremen and most of the shipping companies. Three guards of the Clyde Mallory steamship lines, one of the companies with which an agreement was not reached, were charged with murder and assault to murder in connection with the outbreak.  
 Twelve thousand men were ordered back to work in Texas and Louisiana ports, but longshoremen remained on strike for the fourth day on the Pacific coast.  
 Shots were fired at San Francisco when a mob of strikers attacked five negroes and overturned their automobiles near the Grace line pier, but no one was hit.

## LONGSHOREMEN OF COAST ON STRIKE



A peaceful scene on the San Francisco waterfront as a leader exhorted longshoremen to continue their strike. The walkout was general along the Pacific Coast, affecting all ports from Seattle to San Diego. Peaceful picketing, leaders in San Francisco said, would be maintained although there were several slight brushes with police in Portland and the Northern California harbor. (Associated Press Photo)

Available members of the Washington state patrol went on strike duty. Bloodshed was narrowly averted at the Bell street terminal when officers of the Grace liner Santa Rosa, with drawn revolvers, prevented about 200 striking stevedores from entering the ship to drag out non-union workers. Sweeping aside a handful of police, the union strikers battered down pier doors with heavy timbers and rushed the docks and ships.

## RAIN FORECASTED IN PARCHED AREA, WITH MORE DUST

**Freshening Winds Cause Greater Menace—Federal Aid Promised Grain Growers—Rains Benefit Iowa.**  
 CHICAGO, May 12.—(AP)—Grain farmers of the northwest, famine haunted despite vague promises of "possible showers," today petitioned aid from the federal government and received promises of prompt attention.  
 As they did so, another dust storm was incubating in the dry territory, lifted by winds that freshened hourly and were believed by meteorologists to be capable of surpassing the cross country storm that by Friday settled over the Atlantic.  
 Minnesota, the Dakotas, Nebraska, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Ohio and Indiana all remained dry, and Wisconsin was counting the damage done by frosts last night.  
 Oklahoma and Iowa, not so seriously threatened by the drought, improved their position with rains. All weather forecasts mentioned "possible showers" except those dealing with the vast northwestern spring wheat belt which will have unseasonable heat.

## ENGLAND WARNED TO PAY WAR DEBT OR BE DEFAULTER

LONDON, Eng., May 12.—(AP)—Great Britain was told by the United States today to pay her war debts or be declared a defaulter.  
 As a result, two alternatives face the cabinet, which early next week will tackle once more with the persistent debts problem:  
 First, to make a token payment anyway as evidence of good faith and willingness to negotiate for a solution; and, second, outright default in the hope of forcing quicker solution.  
 The matter was put squarely before the London government by Cordell Hull, American secretary of state, through the British ambassador in Washington, Sir Ronald Lindsay. The Johnson bill, said Mr. Hull, makes necessary a new American policy by which token payments in lieu of full installments June 15 could only be regarded as evidence of default.

## EUROPE TOLD TO REACH AGREEMENT ON WHEAT TRADE

ATHENS, Ga., May 12.—(AP)—The wheat growing nations of the world today were put on notice by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace that an agreement must be reached unless they wish the United States to go into production on a big scale and battle for the world's markets.  
 Reviewing the collapse of the London conference which was designed to increase export prices by ten per cent and aid the farmers of the world, Wallace said that he was "exceedingly disappointed" by the failure of the conference and that it was a serious matter for the world although it was not so serious from the viewpoint of the American farmer.  
 Unless the conferees can work out an agreement, he said, the United States may give up crop control and compete for outside markets. He gave credit to the agricultural adjustment administration for making it possible for the United States to enforce little acreage reduction and scatter its wheat throughout the consuming nations.

## WOMAN PERISHES, STATE AIDE HURT, IN AUTO MISHAP

TACOMA, Wash., May 12.—(AP)—A terrific automobile collision claimed the life of Charles Hoover, Sr., of Hoquiam this afternoon two and a half miles south of the Fort Lewis depot, and sent Charles J. Batholet, state superintendent of hydraulics, and his family to the St. Peter's hospital at Olympia with serious injuries. Hoover's 14-year-old son, Charles, Jr., suffered back injuries and was taken to a hospital in Hoquiam.  
 Details of the accident were unavailable, but it was reported the crash was caused when a tire blew out on the Hoover car, driven by his son. The Hoover car burned, according to first reports.  
 All the victims were taken to the Fort Lewis hospital for emergency treatment. Hoover lived only about an hour and a half after the accident.  
 Batholet suffered a fractured leg; his wife, Irene, severe bruises about the legs and chest; a daughter, Margaret, a fractured left collar bone, and another daughter, Marjorie, cuts and bruises.

## FIRE HAZARD, LOW HUMIDITY, SEEN

Oregon: Fair Sunday and Monday; moderately warm with low humidity; rapidly increasing fire hazard west portion; fresh northeast wind offshore.  
 SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—(AP)—The outlook for the coming week in the far western states is for normal temperature and fair weather, except for fog and cloudy on the immediate coast.

## PARLEY OPENS TO BUY BACK GETTLE, LAW MARKS TIME

**Contact Made With Kidnapers By Attorney, And Instructions Due By Monday Noon—Victim Alive And Well.**  
 LOS ANGELES, May 12.—(AP)—On the heels of an official ultimatum that 3000 law enforcement officers would begin raking southern California for the kidnapers of William F. Gettle, oil millionaire, unless he was returned by midnight tonight, announcement was made late today that a contact had been established and negotiations would start "next week."  
 The two sudden developments left the status of the case somewhat obscure to observers in view of previous promise by authorities that they would withhold official action until Monday noon pending negotiations by Ernest E. Noon, the family attorney, to purchase Gettle's freedom with a sizeable ransom.  
 In announcing the contact with the abductors, Noon said they had reported Gettle alive and well; that they wanted \$75,000 for him and that instructions for the payment of the ransom money would be delivered to him next week.  
 Whether Noon's report would change the plans of District Attorney Byron Fitts to unleash the army of peace officers was not immediately announced.

## FELONS ON TRIAL LAY MURDER UPON SLAIN COMPANION

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 12.—(AP)—Laying the grounds for an alibi defense, attorneys for five convicts on trial for the murder of a prison guard in the February riot, late today hinted they may try to prove that one of the eight slain convicts stabbed the guard.  
 The indication that such may be their strategy, which they hope will save their clients from the gallows, came during the cross examination of Guard W. H. Kingman, who was put on the stand by the state during the afternoon session. All but one of the state's witnesses had been heard when court adjourned for the week-end.  
 One of the four defense attorneys, sought vainly to draw from Kingman an admission that he told city police officers that he shot the "who murdered" Guard H. L. Briggs.  
 This afternoon's flare was the first time the defense had spoken since the trial opened Tuesday afternoon. At the morning session the cross-examination of Dr. J. W. Ingram, one of the three doctors who performed an autopsy on Briggs' body, fell flat.  
 Kenneth Casey of the defense asked Ingram if a bullet could have caused the wound in Briggs' head, and another in his neck.  
 "A bullet has to leave a trail; it can't jump out," Ingram replied.  
 The defense failed in other efforts to draw from Ingram and the other medical examiners, Drs. Carl J. Johnson and Frank C. Robinson, admissions that Briggs' death may not have been caused by the stab wounds.

## LENIENCY GIVEN ESCAPED BANDIT WHO 'MADE GOOD'

WASHINGTON, May 12.—(AP)—Frank Grigware, located in Canada 24 years after his escape from Leavenworth penitentiary where he was under a life sentence for armed participation in a mail train robbery was a free man tonight.  
 Attorney General Cummings ordered the dropping of extradition proceedings initiated to return Grigware, alias James Lawrence Payne, to his cell.  
 "We don't think it would serve any useful purpose to put Grigware back in Leavenworth," justice department officials explained.  
 Grigware, who won the respect of fellow citizens in Edmonton, Alberta, to such an extent the government was deluged with letters in his behalf held up a Union Pacific mail train at Omaha, Neb., May 22, 1909, and got away with \$500.  
 The "Argus" passengers of Siam saw "dancing floors" in the deep jungle where they "danced" in the misting season.

## DAY IN WASHINGTON

(By the Associated Press)  
 By 62 to 18 the senate passed the Fletcher-Rayburn stock market control bill.  
 Representative BYRNE, the Democratic leader in the house, said commodity exchange regulation had been added to the list of imperative legislation.  
 The Glass bill for federal reserve loans to industries was debated in the senate.  
 Secretary Hull said public officials and newspaper men should analyze carefully the fundamentals beneath the surface of events.  
 Attorney General Cummings dropped extradition proceedings against Frank Grigware, found in Canada 24 years after escaping prison.  
 NRA attorneys were advised to limit prosecutions for code violations in the future to cases adversely affecting interstate commerce.  
 Invitations were sent out for two White House garden parties.  
 Senate leaders agreed to continue going to work earlier than is customary in an effort to speed adjournment of congress.

## Family Group of Kidnaped Oil Man



William F. Gettle, millionaire Beverly Hills, Cal., oil and stock broker, with his family in a photograph taken some time before he was captured by two gunmen who invaded his Arcadia estate. Left to right: Billy, Jimmy (seated on Mrs. Gettle's lap), Hobbie and Betty. Billy and Betty are twins. (Associated Press photo).

## ENRIGHT BRANDS BUNCH AFFIDAVIT FOR FEHL FALSE

**Former Attorney For Convict Judge Depicts Him As "Guiltiest, Double-Crossing Citizen" — Reveals Business Deals.**  
 Attorney T. J. Enright, counsel for Earl H. Fehl in many of his legal entanglements, and accused by Talton Jack Bunch, a fellow convict of the former county official, in an affidavit printed in an incendiary pamphlet late yesterday issued the following lengthy and self-explanatory statement:  
 Medford, Ore., May 12, 1934.  
 To the Editor:  
 It is seldom that I resort to the press as a trial forum, having always believed that the court room is the proper place to try matters which are at issue and I have always been content to let those opposed to me use the press as a trial forum.  
 But the dodger gotten out on behalf of Electa A. Fehl, wife of our former county judge, Earl H. Fehl, under the heading, "Black Political Plot Exposed," is so palpably false that I feel called upon to at least, in my poor way, answer it.  
 To begin with, I was one of the unfortunate attorneys who upon many occasions represented Earl H. Fehl in court, and I was also one of the attorneys to whom he always pleaded hard luck and whom he never paid even a portion of what our services were worth.  
 In order to properly answer the things contained in the dodger it will be necessary for me to write a longer letter than I would ordinarily desire.  
 In the first place, the affidavits of Talton Jack Bunch contained in their dodger are false and the court record in the case of State vs. Earl H. Fehl, which was tried in the circuit court

## GRANGE REVEALS MONEY SPENT TO BEAT SALES TAX

SALEM, Ore., May 12.—(AP)—The Oregon State Grange expended \$372.15 in the campaign against the sales tax and in support of the referendum measure on the ballot May 18, which if carried out would repeal the sales tax law, notices filed with the secretary of state today revealed. The Grange estimated it would expend \$400 more before the primary election.  
 Other expenses and estimates filed with the secretary of state, as required by a new legislative act, include that of the Independent Merchants' association, also opposed to the sales tax, of \$103.75 already spent and \$10 to be spent.  
 Those in favor of the sales tax included the Oregon State Teachers' association, \$53.08, and estimated \$25.74 yet to be spent; and the Marion County School Relief association, expended \$35.65, and estimated \$22.50 to be spent.

## MOTHER OF BYRD RADIOS GREETING

NEW YORK, May 12.—(AP)—Atmospheric disturbances prevented Admiral Richard E. Byrd from greeting his mother from the South Pole tonight, so she greeted him.  
 "Hello Dick, this is your mother," said Mrs. Eleanor Bolling Byrd. "I hope you can hear me. I am here in New York to attend the mothers' dinner given in honor of Mrs. James Roosevelt. I am an honor guest because of what you have done and what you are doing; and I have absolute faith in everything you are doing. So I send you my love and devoted wishes both for your personal happiness and your well being and for the safety and success of your expedition."  
 "Good night, Dick. God be with you."  
 The greeting was conveyed to the South Pole by the Columbia Broadcasting system.  
 Mrs. Byrd also sent a brief greeting to the members of her son's expedition, in behalf of their mothers.

## DYNAMITE PERILS SPOKANE PAPERS LIQUOR SALES BY STATE INCREASE

SPOKANE, Wash., May 12.—(AP)—A cigar box containing seven sticks of 40 per cent dynamite was found today in a corner on the loading dock used jointly by the Spokesman-Review and the Chronicle.  
 There were no fuses or percussion caps in the box or other indications that the explosive was intended as a bomb, but police said it could have been detonated by a blow or heavy pressure.  
 That quantity of dynamite, the detectives said, would have wrecked that part of the building had it been properly packed and exploded.  
 Employees of the paper said the box was placed there sometimes between 4 o'clock and 4:45 o'clock this afternoon, when it was discovered.

## LIQUOR SALES BY STATE INCREASE

PORTLAND, May 12.—(AP)—The week ending May 5 was by far the best from a sales standpoint yet experienced by the Oregon Liquor Control commission. Sales for the week totaled \$52,724, including 2,327 consumer permits. This represented an increase of 19.3 per cent over the previous week which, itself, had broken previous records.  
 Total sales of hard liquor and permits since the state control system was instituted in February now amount to \$362,674. To date, 27,032 consumer permits have been sold.

## FITCH ARRESTED AS CIRCULATOR LIBEL PAMPHLETS

**Inflammatory Dodger From Pens Of Convicts Accuses Officials And Witnesses In Ballot Cases Of High Crimes.**  
 Charged with criminal libel for the hand to hand circulation of a pamphlet, attributing alleged criminal acts to the state police and district attorney's office, in the ballot theft arrests and convictions of a year ago, E. L. Fitch, local resident and minor figure in the Banks-Fehl turmoil, was arrested Saturday afternoon, as he stood on a Main street corner, and lodged in the county jail, with bail fixed at \$1000, by Justice of the Peace William R. Coleman.  
 The arrest was made by Deputy Sheriff Ed Leach, who said that Fitch had several copies of the pamphlets on his person, at the time.  
 Authorities said that another arrest was scheduled on the same charge.  
 The pamphlet entitled "Black Political Plot Exposed" and "Who Stole The Ballots," contained inflammatory and incendiary comment, and charges a "conspiracy." An affidavit by Talton Jack Bunch, a fellow convict of Earl H. Fehl accompanies the charges. The affidavit exonerates Fehl, and implicates by innuendo a number of state witnesses in the ballot trials, two of the defendants, and a number of courthouse employees, at the time of the vote stealing.  
 The records of Douglas county, it was shown at the trial, show that Bunch was in the county jail at Roseburg at the time of the ballot robbery. He was indicted in the county for that charge, and turned over to the Douglas county authorities. He is now an inmate of the state prison, and upon the expiration of his present term will be returned to face the local charge.  
 The affidavit is the basis of Fehl's application for a parole. Copies of the pamphlet have been sent to the attorney-general, the state parole board, the prison warden, and the governor. At the bottom appears the notation "Earl H. Fehl, elected county judge of Jackson County—Prisoner 12898".  
 The reading matter attached to the affidavit, is written in typical Fehl style, and hurls highly serious accusations, in a lengthy tirade.  
 The pamphlets first made their appearance Friday, and were followed by complaints from citizens, who demanded that legal action be taken, to prevent any possible recurrence of the turmoil, that cost Jackson county so heavily ere peace was restored. Prompt issuance of a warrant was made. The circulars were distributed cautiously, for the most part, and did not gain a wide circulation.  
 Fitch, according to information furnished the officers, was passing out the pamphlets to people on the streets, and from house to house.  
 Authorities state that all the circular statements are brazenly false and libelous.  
 Saturday morning a conference was held by Chief of Police Clatus McCredie, Attorney T. J. Enright, who represented Fehl in many of his legal entanglements, including his trial at Klamath Falls, when he was convicted by a jury in twelve minutes, Attorney Frank J. Newman, counsel for former sheriff Gordon L. Schermerhorn, and others implicated in the dodger, to decide upon a future line of action.

## WILL ROGERS SAYS:

SAN FRANCISCO, May 11.—See where President Roosevelt figures on having a free hand in the foreign debt settlement thing personally. That's fine. Congress sent 'em a bill for the full amount, the senate threatened to sue 'em, the American taxpayers tried to shame 'em into paying, so let's turn it over to Mr. Roosevelt and give him a commission on what he can get.  
 Either that or have the J. P. Morgan company foreclose on all of 'em. They are more afraid of him than they are of us.  
 The thing has dragged along so far now that it looks like we will have to lend some of 'em some more money in order to get 'em to agree to cancel.  
 Yours,  
 Will Rogers  
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