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Forecast: Fair tonight and Thursday.
Slightly warmer tonight.
Temperature:
Highest yesterday 69
Lowest this morning 50

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CUMMINGS WINS 500 MILE RACE



By PAUL MALLON.
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 30.—World statesmen are getting hot headlines again by digging the disarmament question out of its grave for a brief official airing at Geneva.
The exhumation ceremony this year is recognized by old hands here in the state department as the annual spring European crisis.
As crises go in Europe, this one has a slightly more sensational background than usual. Our people are privately worried, but not excited.
The inner problem is not disarmament, but keeping up the illusion that there is any hope for disarmament. All the nations are building more ships and guns and do not intend to stop. All know there is no more chance for a disarmament agreement than there is for Hitler and the French to shake hands and make up.
None of the nations at heart really wants disarmament, except the United States and Russia, and you cannot be sure about Russia while war with Japan is a possibility.

If the cooler heads have their way, the Geneva conference will not be permitted to end in a fight. There will be a few pious expressions to cover current international ill feeling. After a few days of brotherly love, the disarmament issue will be reintroduced in the same quiet graveyard where the London economic conference lies. Then everyone can go home and build more ships and guns.
That is the most our people really hope for. That is what they think will happen.
It sounds silly, but it is the only sensible thing to do. A pious expression of a hopeless hope is better than a brawl.

The statesmen got themselves in the proper spiritual attitude for such an armed love-feast when they agreed that the Russo-Japanese situation would not be thought of at the conference.
It would be just as easy to eliminate oxygen from the air in Geneva. It is similarly difficult for the Franco-German situation not to be considered in actions, if not in words.
France and Germany are bristling so much with war talk that a few days ago, when the French moved two army corps to the Alsatian border, numerous residents of a town abandoned their homes and slept the night in the woods. They thought the shooting might start any minute.
Somewhat the same underlying temper of the people was manifest when the Hitlerites raided an anti-Hitler society headquarters in the Saar and confiscated the names of society members, apparently for use in determining who should vote in the Saar plebiscite next year. Feelings like those cannot be suppressed by agreement.

The United States diplomats will never say so publicly, but they are pleased to see France and Russia making toward a defensive alliance. Such an alliance would do more to prolong European peace than a dozen disarmament conferences in the existing situation.
The alliance is a gentle hint to Hitler that he cannot fight France until he is strong enough to whip Russia at the same time. It will be a long time before Hitler becomes that strong.
For that reason, England and Italy may not interfere, although the alliance leaves Mussolini out on a limb by himself, and does not help John Bull.

The Japanese situation is driving us closer and closer to greet Britain in the backstage alignments.
Nothing has been put on paper yet, and probably nothing will be, but there is good ground for believing that we have already reached the incipient basis of a personal gentleman's agreement with Britain about Japanese possibilities.
If Japan should solve a Pacific stronghold of either party, for instance, it is highly improbable that our fleet would run into the British fleet, even if there was a fog.
What keeps these things from being as exciting as they sound is the fact that no one seems to be ready to throw the first brick.
All the nations are strengthening their defenses, making alliances and

TRACK RECORD IS BROKEN AS THREE BATTLE FOR LEAD

Maurice Rose Finishes Second, Lou Moore Third — Distance Covered 4:46:05 — No Fatalities to Mar

SPEEDWAY, Indianapolis, May 30.—(AP)—Willie Gill Cummings, Indianapolis, won the 500-mile automobile race today before 135,000 spectators in record-breaking time.
Maurice Rose, Dayton, O., finished second.
Cummings' time was 4:46:05.21. Cummings' average for the 500 miles was 104.865, a new record, which eclipsed the former mark of 104.162, made by Lou Meyer, South Gate, Cal., in winning the 1933 race.
Lou Moore, Los Angeles, finished third, seven and a half miles behind the flying Cummings.

SPEEDWAY, Indianapolis, May 30.—(AP)—The car driven by George Bailey, Detroit, went over the wall on the north turn.
In another crashup, the car driven by Chet Miller, also of Detroit, went over the wall on the south turn.
Bailey sustained a broken wrist in his smash-up, while Miller escaped without injury. They were rushed to the speedway hospital, but were quickly released. Their cars were declared out of the race.
In a third smash-up, Phil Shafer of Des Moines, Iowa, skidded off the track at the end of the back stretch, but escaped without injury. This accident occurred as the cars were nearing the first fifty miles.

HARRY McQUINN, Indianapolis, was forced to quit after going 40 miles because of a broken connecting rod.
Johnny Seymour, Los Angeles, and Rick Decker, Staten Island, N. Y., were forced out of the race at 75 miles. Seymour with a broken rear axle and Decker with motor trouble.
Wilbur Shaw, Indianapolis, who finished second in the 1933 race, was forced out because of a broken oil line after traveling 42 miles.

BRITAIN TO OFFER NEW PROPOSAL IN WAR DEBT PAYING

WASHINGTON, May 30.—(AP)—President Roosevelt conferred today with Secretary Hull on war debt payments and on his message to congress soon after word came from London that Great Britain planned to propose a new offer.
LONDON, May 30.—(AP)—A new British war debt proposal will be dispatched to Washington within 24 hours, under government plans reviewed finally by the cabinet today.
Unless the ministers decide a last minute revision is necessary the text is expected to be telegraphed today.
Neville Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer, plans to outline the war debt situation fully to the house of commons tomorrow.
Official quarters did not reveal the nature of the note but it was believed to be Britain's final effort to avoid the stigma of default by proposing a conference on the whole problem, with a continuation of token payments if necessary to seal the bargain.

WALLACE FACING BUSY SCHEDULE

WASHINGTON, May 30.—(AP)—Secretary Wallace, swinging through the west on a speaking tour, advised aides here today he would go to Omaha, on June 5 to confer with Dr. E. W. Sheets, emergency drought relief director. Before then he will speak at Logan, Utah, and Medford, Ore., and he will spend several days inspecting the drought zone.
The farm administration is drafting a cattle purchase program to aid drought-hit farmers. Planting restrictions have been relaxed to aid them. Additional counties for relief work are to be designated as their needs are established.

Flags For Graves Held Up by Dock Workers Strike

ROSEBURG, Ore., May 30.—(AP)—No flags are flying today over the graves of veterans buried in Douglas county cemeteries. Each Memorial day in the past has found ex-service men placing the colors above the resting places of their sleeping comrades, but this year fragrant flowers alone are the tribute of the living veterans.
A shipment of several hundred flags to be used for markers are lying on the dock at San Francisco, where the wholesale order has been tied up as a result of the shipping strike. The flags, purchased by Umpqua post of the American Legion, will be placed as soon as they are received here.

STEVEDORES VOTE ON CO-OPERATIVE PLAN FOR PEACE

PORTLAND, May 30.—(AP)—Rejection of terms of the proposed waterfront strike settlement agreement by the Portland local of the International Longshoremen's association, appeared a certainty today.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 30.—(AP)—Expressions of dissatisfaction were heard today as striking Pacific coast longshoremen voted on the shipowners' proposal for cooperative operation of hiring halls.
Union leaders in Portland denied the proposal as "vague" and a "subterfuge." Nearly 3000 strikers unanimously decided in San Francisco that they would not accept the offer, while 750 members of the Tacoma local indicated they would vote likewise.
Ballots were distributed to all ports, for the secret vote whereby the longshoremen will formally record themselves on the settlement proposal.

Majority To Rule
The majority vote of the entire coast will determine acceptance or rejection of the agreement, reached Monday after a series of conferences here participated in by federal representatives, including Edward F. McGrady, assistant secretary of labor, shipowners and strike leaders, among them Joseph P. Ryan, national president of the International Longshoremen's association.
Ryan was in the Pacific northwest today, after an airplane trip in support of the peace plan. But while supporting the plan, he expressed understanding of why Tacoma workers, at least, had determined to oppose its adoption.
"The men here tell me," he said, "that joint operation of the halls, which is proposed by the employers, has been tried in Seattle and other places in the northwest and that it has failed to protect the workers. I have been informed of conditions that I don't believe even the officials of the steamships would stand for if they knew about it."

Note of Optimism
The only note of optimism came from Los Angeles harbor and the lumber ports around Coos Bay. Altho the situation in the Los Angeles region remained tense, spokesmen predicted early settlement of the strike. At Marshfield, on Coos Bay, strikers voted to return to work when they have obtained permission from the I. L. A.

12 ESCAPE DEATH IN PLANE SMASH

BETHLEHEM, Conn., May 30.—(AP)—Twelve persons narrowly escaped death when a United Air Lines passenger plane en route from Cleveland, Ohio, to Newark, N. J., lost its way in the heavy fog early today and crashed when making a forced landing.
The nine passengers, in addition to the pilot, co-pilot and stewardess, were treated for their injuries at the Danbury hospital.
Lorenz Watson of Chicago, co-pilot, was the only one whose condition was described as critical. Hospital doctors found him suffering from a fractured left leg, severe head lacerations and possibly internal injuries.
The ship struck a line of trees, barely missing a row of houses, and buried its nose in the ground, with its tail in a tree-top.

CLOUDBURST HITS HEPPNER, MADRAS DAMAGING BLOW

Gardens, Livestock Washed Away — Bridges Demolished — Homes and Stores Flooded by Sudden Deluge

HEPPNER, Ore., May 30.—(AP)—A cloudburst striking about ten miles up Willow creek yesterday took farmers by surprise and washed away gardens, livestock and chickens. Many persons standing on bridges had narrow escapes when the rush of water gushed down upon the structures. Concrete bridges withstood the shock, but many wooden structures gave way almost immediately. The waters swirled through the residential district and a portion of the business section of Heppner. Three feet of water entered the Union Oil company's office and a number of cabins.

MADRAS, Ore., May 30.—(AP)—Several cars of an Oregon Trunk line freight train were derailed and the streets of Madras were filled with silt and debris when a cloudburst struck Jefferson county about noon yesterday. An inch of rain fell here within 20 minutes, preceded by thunder and hail.

The business section of Madras was flooded by a foot of water. Wood-piles were scattered all over the town, many fences were struck by water and debris to a depth of three feet and washed away. Some damage was done to electric light and telephone equipment.
No one was injured in the train wreck which occurred north of Gateway where a section of the roadbed had weakened from the flood waters.
Later in the day a storm struck at the mouth of Willow creek canyon, traveling northwesterly directly across Agency Plains to the gateway of Sagebrush Springs. A local rancher narrowly escaped drowning. He extricated himself and his horse with difficulty, but lost his saddle.

The John L. Campbell ranch near Vanora was damaged considerably and the Campbell grade was washed out. Gardens and fences were washed away and many chickens drowned.
Agency Plains, home dry this morning, was covered with miniature lakes of from one to two acres in extent last night.
East of Gateway The Dalles-California highway was flooded at many points, particularly at the mouth of Stolliker canyon and at Hay creek bridge. Traffic was stopped for a time waiting for the storm to subside. Many county roads, temporarily out of repair, were not passable today.
The flooding of Hay creek was a great boon to stockmen, greatly needed for irrigation and the flooding of Agency Plains will benefit wheat farmers, although it has come rather late.

TIDAL WAVE IS SIXTH CHILEAN CATASTROPHE

SANTIAGO, Chile, May 30.—(AP)—Chile was recovering today from the shock of its sixth costly natural catastrophe since January 1.
A tidal wave yesterday swept the coast around Coronel, destroying many homes. Two earthquakes, a cyclone and two floods this year have brought death and injury to scores and property damage running into millions of dollars.

GUNMEN OF OLD ENGLAND KNOW PENALTY IF TAKEN

By Harry M. Romer
(Associated Press Foreign Staff)
WORTHING, England, May 30.—(AP)—After a 48-hour man hunt in which police and hundreds of citizens united, England's lone gunman, Leonard Hill, killed himself today with the pistol with which he shot a policeman.
Hill was no Dillinger-Pollman Arthur Cox, whom he shot, is recovering—but Hill committed suicide rather than face English justice.
The police and volunteer posse surrounded Hill in Sussex woods. The whole country was incensed by the wounding of the policeman on Sunday night. The use of a gun is rare in England.

DARING DRIVERS SET FOR INDIANAPOLIS CLASSIC



Many of the nation's leading auto race drivers are set to start the long grind that leads to fame and fortune in the Indianapolis 500-mile auto race Memorial day. Shown above are three of the leading contenders. Louis Meyer (left) was the winner last year and in 1928. Kelly Petillo (center) has the pole position, having set a record in the qualifying trials. Will Bill Cummings (right) of Indianapolis set the pace last year for the first hour before he was forced out of the race. Below, a typical shot of the tiny speedsters lined up for the starting bomb. (Associated Press Photos)

GOVERNOR ROLPH REACHES CRISIS IN LONG ILLNESS

SAN JOSE, Calif., May 30.—(AP)—At 7:15 a. m. today Governor James Rolph, Jr., was reported still alive at the Linforth ranch near here where he has lain in an extremely grave condition for the past 24 hours.
Last advices from the ranch said the stricken governor slept peacefully through the morning. His family and personal physicians were in constant attendance at his bedside.
At one time during the night long vigil the governor faltered so perceptibly that use of a heart stimulant was resorted to and led Dr. J. M. Scandland to state that "only the immediate injection of the drug stood between the governor and death."
That the 65-year-old governor had reached a crisis in his illness became apparent late yesterday when all apparent life from his body was summoned to the bedside. Theodore J. Roche, state motor vehicle director and the governor's closest friend, also was summoned. He said the governor was "very weak."
In the event of Governor Rolph's death, Lieut. Governor Frank F. Merriam of Long Beach would automatically succeed to the governorship.

SALEM, May 30.—(AP)—Harry Riley, convicted Burns murderer, was returned to the state penitentiary here last night to await in a lonely death cell the payment of the extreme penalty. He was sentenced to hang Friday, July 13, by Judge W. W. Wood, for the murder of his wife almost two years ago.

BASEBALL

National		R	H	E
(first game)				
New York	5	10	1	
Brooklyn	2	8	2	
Clark and Richards; Mungo, Berres and Lopez.				
(first game)				
Philadelphia	4	9	1	
Boston	10	15	1	
A. Moore, Hansen, Darrow and Todd; Brandt, Smith and Spohrer.				
American		R	H	E
(Morning game)				
Boston	3	6	1	
Philadelphia	5	8	1	
Ostermueller, W. Ferrell and R. Perrell; Benton and Berry.				
(first game)				
Washington	1	7	0	
New York	0	1	0	
Whitcomb, Russell and Phillips; Gomez and Dickey.				

GETTYSBURG TALK BY ROOSEVELT TO HONOR WAR DEAD

By the Associated Press.
On the once blood drenched battlefield of Gettysburg, President Roosevelt leads the nation's homage today to its soldier dead.
The president, arriving to leave his busy desk around mid-day for that civil war meeting ground, will stand as the first Democratic chief executive to speak at the cemetery, which marks where the greatest thrust of the confederacy met the stone wall of Meade's blue-clad ranks.
Throughout the nation—including those states that commemorate their heroes on April 26—banks and public buildings were closed.
In Washington, however, although the executive branch observed a holiday, both houses of congress rejected talk of a recess in order to carry on.
Hundreds of ceremonies of tribute, parades and the placing of wreaths, were arranged throughout the nation.
The gleaming white marble sepulcher of the unknown soldier in the national capital marked one focal point of these ceremonies. There the blue of the grand army of the republic, the gray of the confederacy, and the khaki of the world war will mingle.
President Roosevelt, before leaving the capital, received word from King Leopold III of Belgium, that America's dead lying in that country were not forgotten and that flowers would be placed on their graves.

DROUGHT RIDDEN AREA HAS DRAB MEMORIAL DAY

CHICAGO, May 30.—(AP)—The traditional verandah of Memorial day was dimmed today by the smoke of forest fires and the drabness of withered grain crops.
Scattered fires burned over woodlands dried to tinder by a parching sun, and whole fields of growing grains curled in the heat which ranged from 90 degrees to a searing 108.
One of the fires swept more than 10,000 acres of valuable timber lands near Saranac lake in New York with flames on a ten mile front menacing two villages. Other fires were blazing in Minnesota, and Idaho. A huge marsh in the vicinity of Norwalk, O., was burning.
Wheat soared to more than a dollar a bushel in Minneapolis the first time that dollar mark there had been reached since last July. The upward surge of grain values on Chicago's board of trade was halted by talk of possible imports of Argentine wheat.
Unwittingly heat beat down on officials in the middle west as officials considered means to bring relief. Washington authorities received messages beseeching them to release signers of the corn-hog program from all crop reduction obligations.

DRUNKEN DRIVER HAULED DYNAMITE

BEND, Ore., May 30.—(AP)—Accused of drunken driving after his automobile, carrying a load of dynamite, had collided with another car, J. M. Perry Jr., was held in the Deschutes county jail today.
Police said Perry's car contained 21 sticks of blasting powder, detonators and fuses. Perry was arrested on a drunken driving charge by Sheriff Claude McCauley after Perry's machine crashed into another and overturned on The Dalles-California highway south of here last night.
He has three legs
SOUTH EASTON, Mass.—(UP)—A Rhode Island Red chicken, hatched at George Handell's farm, has three legs but otherwise is perfectly normal. The extra leg, normally shaped, extends from the back.

SOLEMN TRIBUTE PAID WAR DEAD IN CITY'S RITES

Memorial Parade On Smaller Scale Due to Threatening Weather — Services Held in City Park After March

A salute was fired and taps sounded. The parade then returned to the city park for the Memorial day service.
The parade was led by Marshal of the Day Polk Hull, who represented the soldiers who fought and gave their lives in the Civil war. He was accompanied by Frank Menges, also
AMERICAN WAR DEAD were honored today in the memorial parade down Main street, which, although much smaller than in year's past, was a tribute to those who had given their lives in the services of the United States.
Cloudy weather was probably somewhat responsible for the few observers and even social and fraternal organizations were not as fully represented in the parade as customary.
There was also a lack of floats in the line of march. Despite the deficient representation, the parade proceeded, in solemn procession to the Bear Creek bridge, where invocation was held, and children of the American Revolution and representatives of other organizations participated in the ceremony of strewing flowers on the water, in memory of the comrades who lost their lives while in service for the country, on waterways.
A salute was fired and taps sounded. The parade then returned to the city park for the Memorial day service.

ESCAPED CONVICT KILLED BY POSSE

LEXINGTON, N. C., May 30.—(AP)—Ernest Leonard, 32, an escaped convict from a state prison camp, was shot to death near Lexington early today in a gun fight with officers.
B. B. Ridge, camp superintendent, and J. W. Vaughn and C. C. Sikes, guards, killed him after he fired upon them at his father-in-law's home near here.
Leonard escaped May 12 from the camp after serving since January on a 2-year term for horse branding.
January 14 Illicitly Stop
SPRINGFIELD, Ohio.—(UP)—Droicoughs which had weakened Dorothy Floyd, 18, since they first seized her January 14, finally stopped, recently. Physicians unable to diagnose the cause of the attacks, were uncertain whether her relief would be permanent.

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 29.—Secretary of Agriculture Wallace is out our way here. He has got a tough job. It's by far the toughest job in the cabinet.
Secretary of the navy only has to deal with an admiral, secretary of the army with the generals, postmaster general with the politicians, but when you deal with the farmer you are dealing with a man who is a dealer himself, so if I was Wallace I would say: "Boys, you all are just too good farmers. You just raise 'em so much. If you just wouldn't be so expert for a few years. It don't do any good to plow under every third row if you are going to raise more on the three than you did on the other."
"Your efficiency is driving you to the poorhouse, so please don't be such good farmers."

Warsaw Rioters Nursing Wounds

WARSAW, May 30.—(AP)—A score of persons were suffering from bullet wounds today following last night street fighting between communists and rightist radicals in the workers district.
Police dispersed the rioters, arresting many. Nine persons were taken to hospitals seriously injured.



MEMORIAL DAY