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## HUNGER NOW BEING FELT IN THE RUHR

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## INDUSTRIAL GRIP FELT IN HUNLAND

German Authorities Release  
Statements Today Relative  
to the Conditions in  
Ruhr and Unoccupied  
Germany.

(By Associated Press)  
COBLENZ, Feb. 2.—Railroad strikers are today returning to work in this area.

(By Associated Press)  
While the grip of the Franco-Belgian industrial control in the Ruhr valley is being felt in unoccupied Germany, to which coal and coke shipments have been completely cut off, the pinch of hunger is beginning to be felt in Ruhr itself, according to German authorities.

## ELKS OBSERVE PAST EXALTED RULERS' NIGHT

Last evening was a big night for the members of the La Grande B. P. O. E. Lodge No. 433, for at that time Past Exalted Rulers night was observed. Past exalted rulers were called to the chairs and presided over the session, which was devoted to addresses.

Following the speeches a social hour was observed and the members then adjourned to the banquet room where they partook of a steam feast. Charles Harding, acting toast master, P. S. Ivanhoe, J. T. Crawford, H. E. Dixon and Bruce Cox all responded with short talks at the banquet. Officials state that the Past Exalted Rulers observance last night was one of the most successful that the local Elks have had in the past few years. The attendance, especially, being very gratifying.

At an earlier time the following past exalted rulers were appointed to preside: C. R. Harding, exalted ruler; H. E. Coolidge, esteemed leading knight; H. J. Green, esteemed loyal knight; Nolan Skiff, esteemed lecturing knight; J. H. Pearce, exalted; H. J. Ritter, inner guard; J. C. Gilling, Tyler.

## FIRE RAZES APARTMENTS

(By Associated Press)  
PORTLAND, Feb. 2.—The Columbian apartments, a four-story frame building, was burned this morning. All the occupants escaped. The loss is estimated at about \$25,000.

JAP SALARIES LOW  
(By Associated Press)  
TOKIO, Feb. 2.—Tokio women workers earn an average of Yen 41.5 a month, as teachers, typists, nurses, office clerks, sales ladies and telephone operators. This, roughly, is equivalent to \$20.50 in American money. Ninety-nine per cent of the women workers, excepting teachers, are unmarried.

## Enterprise Calls Off Game With La Grande

Instead of Enterprise versus La Grande tonight it will be Haines who meets the Blue and White team on the high school court. Coming late yesterday from Enterprise was the announcement that they would be unable to meet La Grande this evening and as a result the game was postponed and arrangements were made with the Haines high school where the game will be played this evening, beginning at 8:15 o'clock.

Your Haines has a strong quintette as assured by their appearance against the Baker engine. Early in the season Haines won from the Baker boys 15 to 13 and a week ago the Baker boys got revenge by piling up a 25 to 13 score on Haines. Baker had

## Coal Man Is Popular Today; the Groundhog Gazed Upon His Shadow

"Tis all over! No use crying. It can't be helped; 'Tis done and it cannot be undone. So get out the telephone directory, find your coal man's number, call him up and tell him he might as well bring another load of coal to your tumble mausoleum."

For today, February 2, is the day when our little friend (offtimes) the groundhog emerged from his winter's hibernation to gaze about in search of his shadow. With the sun streaming down in countless rays, he had very little trouble, and if he acts according to the oldest superstitions surrounding Candlemas day, once an important church holiday, he will hie himself back into his habitation and a return and continuation of wintry weather will result.

If there is no shadow, but there was, the groundhog would stay out and the weather would turn fine.

## FOUR MEN ARE ELECTROCUTED IN ARKANSAS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 2.—Four men convicted of murder were electrocuted in the penitentiary today. All faced death calmly.

They were electrocuted in the following order: Duncan Richardson, Ben Richardson and F. G. Bullen, all convicted of the murder of Ira Culp, farmer near Wilmot, Ark.; and Will DeFord, convicted of the murder of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gillsby, in Stone County, Arkansas.

In Chair Twice  
(By Associated Press)  
Bullen's body, after being in the chair five minutes was placed in the basket but the undertaker noticed that he appeared to be breathing slightly and refused to take the body. The body was then replaced in the chair and the current reapplied.

## CIRCUIT COURT CONVENES SOON

February Session of the Circuit Court Will Begin on Monday, February 5th.

The Circuit Court opens its February session Monday morning, February 5th, in La Grande with four cases listed on the court calendar. A busy session of court is looked forward to for in addition to the cases docketed, several criminal cases may be tried at this session. Judge J. W. Knowles will preside.

The calendar is as follows: Monday, 1:30 p. m., W. E. Lindsay vs. T. J. Seroggin, Nichols, Hallock and Donald representing the plaintiff and Cochran and Eberhard counsel for the defendant; Wednesday, 9 a. m., Louis Slapka vs. H. Knudson, Cochran and Eberhard, attorneys for the plaintiff and H. J. Kitchin representing the defendant; Thursday, 9 a. m., Roy L. Couch vs. Elmer Austin, H. J. Kitchin for the plaintiff and J. S. Hodgins attorney for the defendant; Tuesday, Feb. 13, 9:30 a. m., Mires vs. E. A. Kirkendall, Cochran and Eberhard representing the plaintiff and Nichols, Hallock and Donald, counsel for the defendant.

CHURCH COUNCIL SCHEDULED  
(By Associated Press)  
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 2.—Methodist churches of California and Nevada will hold their area council here February 8 and 9. Several thousand church workers and delegates are expected to attend.

## SUCCESS OF PEACE MEET THREATENED

Russians' Refusal to Sign  
Peace Treaty Hailed  
With Doubt.

## BOLSHEVIK RUSS ACTION EXPECTED

Ismet Pasha Objected on  
Grounds That Constantinople  
Would Be Left Defenseless.

LAUSANNE, Feb. 2.—Although such action has been expected, Bolshevik Russia's refusal Thursday to sign the Near East peace treaty setting forth conditions for the opening of the straits of the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus and the demilitarization of the straits zones caused depression in Near East conference circles. M. Tchicherin, the leading Russian delegate, urged that the whole question with regard to the straits be re-opened.

By doing this, the Bolshevik foreign minister declared, the allies would repair their fault of seeking to impose upon Russia a treaty which Russia had not had suitable opportunity to discuss. His request was refused by the allies.

Ismet Pasha, the chief Turkish representative, objected, saying the straits convention left Constantinople practically defenseless. He said the extraordinary Turkish forces in Thrace and Constantinople should be limited to 20,000 men. Ismet warned the conference that Turkish acceptance of the general peace treaty,

## HIGH SCHOOL EDITORS MEET

High School Journalists and  
Student Body Officials  
Gather Today in Eugene.

EUGENE, Feb. 2.—High school journalists and officers of high school student bodies from all parts of the state were here today for conference of the High School Press Association and the Association of High School Student Body presidents and secretaries. Not only problems of high school editors and business managers, but talks on news writing and head writing are included in the journalism program. High school activities are up for review at the conferences of the presidents and secretaries.

## WHEAT MARKED

(By Associated Press)  
PORTLAND, Feb. 2.—Wheat was \$1.22 to \$1.27.

## BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)  
REDDING, Cal., Feb. 2.—A pronounced activity was observed on Lassen Peak today. The outburst was believed to be steam.

## HOW DO THEY GET THAT WAY?



## To Search Coffin of James Jones for the Missing Crown Jewels

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The treasury department acquiesced to the war department's request for the exhumation of the coffin of James Jones, American seaman, buried at Cypress Hill cemetery, Brooklyn, to determine whether the smuggled Russian crown jewels were buried with the body.

## JURY RETURN A VERDICT OF MANSLAUGHTER

PENDLETON, Feb. 2.—At three o'clock yesterday afternoon the jury brought in a verdict of manslaughter, with a recommendation for extreme leniency, in the case against L. D. Clark, Helix marshal, for the killing of Harry Rose.

## PENDLETON USES KNIFE

Salary Cut of \$5,280 Per Annum Is Made on the Round Up City Payroll.

PENDLETON, Feb. 2.—Upon recommendation of Mayor James A. Fee the city council last evening used the pruning knife upon the city payroll with the result city expenses for employees will be cut \$5,280 a year. One in the police department and one in the street department. At the same time other moves were taken towards improving the efficiency of both the police and fire departments. The hope being entertained that efficiency will be increased rather than injured by the readjustment.

The improvements ordered look like the purchase of an additional motorcycle with side attachment, a police phone system, the use of firemen for police purposes while on duty at the city hall, and provision that the custodian of the city rest room, Mrs. Kennedy, also serve as nutrition for female prisoners, and a dance hall inspector. Her salary was increased to \$107 a month.

## THYRE RETAINS TITULAR BELT

Reports received in La Grande this morning conveyed the news that Ted Thye, light heavyweight champion of the world, retained his title last night in Portland against Mike Yokel. Thye won the first fall in 55 minutes, according to the report, Yokel then conceding the match.

Thye, while now located at Portland, is a former La Grande boy and has many well wishers in this vicinity.

## FEDERAL MEN ARREST FOUR POLICEMEN

Seven Truck-Drivers and  
Chauffeurs Also Taken  
in Custody.

## COPS CHARGED WITH LIQUOR VIOLATIONS

Guns Drawn in Arguments  
Between Two Sets of Officers; Police Claim Raid Was in View.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2.—Police Lieutenant D. Hensfield, patrolman, William Harrison and Mark M. Well, seven of the San Francisco force, and seven chauffeurs and truck drivers were arrested by federal prohibition agents at South San Francisco today while present at an alleged unloading of liquor from a schooner.

According to the first reports guns were drawn in the argument between the two sets of officers, the police insisting that they were present for the purpose of making a raid.

## FUNERAL SERVICES OF MRS. A. GOOD ARE ANNOUNCED

The funeral of Mrs. Albert Good who passed away at her home Wednesday evening, will be held Sunday afternoon at the South Methodist church. The remains are at her home at 1528 Monroe avenue and Snodgrass and Zimmerman are in charge.

The deceased was born in California in 1855 and leaves to mourn her departure five children: Mrs. H. A. March, Mrs. E. E. Carpenter, Mrs. D. A. Phillips, Mrs. C. Hoak and a son, Grover Good. She is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Nibley of La Grande, Mrs. Alleg Moritt of Malheur county, besides seventeen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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—AND THEREFORE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE IS GUILTY OF CONTRIBUTING TO THE DELINQUENCY OF THIS WOMAN'S CHILDREN THROUGH FAILURE TO CONTRIBUTE TO HER SUPPORT!



## SENATE URGED TO DISPENSE WITH PRAYER

Denouncement of Senator  
Hefling by Coolidge Is  
Sustained by the Senate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Declaring on party lines, the Senate today sustained 40 to 28, Vice-President Coolidge ruling that Senator Hefling, democrat of Alabama, in yesterday's discussion on the British debt funding, had reflected improperly upon Washington, republican of New York, by declaring that he, Hefling, "did not represent bond sharks and big financiers of Wall Street."

## PARISHERS TO MEET TONIGHT

St. Peter's Parish Meeting  
Will Be Held at Honan  
Hall Tonight at 8 O'clock.

Addressed to "Episcopal communicants and their friends and signed by J. D. Slater, senior warden of the St. Peter's Episcopal church of La Grande the following letter was received today relative to the St. Peter's parish meeting to be held at Honan hall this evening at 8 o'clock.

"In an effort to stimulate interest and to make manifest some sound, constructive program, social or otherwise, for the benefit and uplift of the Episcopal community of La Grande as a whole, this personal letter is being addressed to you as a communicant and friend of St. Peter's.

"Should, however, there perchance be some friend whom this letter fails to reach, or others whose names have not been recorded on the register, will you please do us the favor to extend this invitation to them, and later, give us their name and address for future record, that a repetition might be avoided.

The topic for the evening is to be exchange of ideas and thoughts, with the object of inspiring from it some plan which will give the support, approval and help of all.

"In the absence of a pastor, St. Peter's has failed to function satisfactorily, through lack of co-ordination and other causes, whatever of which, over they may be, and as a result we have degraded to an almost negligible quantity.

"And so the opportunity now afforded is being utilized in an endeavor to dig ourselves out of the 'rath' in which we have fallen, which is nothing more or less than fatal if allowed to continue. What we must do is to build up from what might be termed a third rate parish to that of a first rate, and prepare ourselves to welcome a first rate pastor for our midst at the earliest opportunity.

"You may ask what is the solution? Righteousness, right thinking, and above all, thinking right. An individual will go to any extreme to avoid the labor of thinking. Consider: is our greatest working value from our neck down or from our chin up? Right thinking leads towards co-operation, and co-operation between all produces service to mankind.

"We are thus striving to resist the coming of righteous encroachments on our parish that would destroy the little church. In time, if we falter not, we will win and retain the respect, confidence and support of those who have in the past been only lukewarm with us. In its place will come that unity of action which will produce happiness, prosperity and harmony, which are the inalienable rights of mankind, and for which we are always, though perhaps somewhat blindly, striving.

"A record meeting in attendance and inaction is anticipated."

THE WEATHER  
PORTLAND, Feb. 2.—Tonight and Saturday fair. Colder tonight in the eastern portion with moderate north-easterly winds.

## EGGS DROP ONE CENT

PORTLAND, Feb. 2.—Livestock steady; eggs one cent lower, buying prices 25 to 28 cents, selling prices unchanged but being shaded. Butter steady.

## Church Plans Pleasant Hour

Reverend Mr. George H. Quigley of the Methodist Church, Makes Arrangements for Sacred Concert

The choir and minister of the First Methodist church have prepared a very fine sacred concert for Sunday evening at 7:30. A program of eight numbers will be rendered. Among these will be the Sextet from Lucia; a male chorus sung by ten voices; a great anthem furnished by a chorus of sixteen voices; song by Mrs. Edrich, G. L. Dutton and Paul Knutson; violin solo, "Ave Maria" by Mrs. Florence Lynch-Miller and organ numbers by Miss Ruth Quigley.

There are at least 6000 people not in the churches of La Grande. Sunday evenings and the pastor of the First Methodist church says that he has seats for 1000 and he and the choir, assisted by some of their musical friends, are doing their best to furnish a service called "A Pleasant Hour" so attractive that these seats will all be filled.

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## Oregon Hardware Co. Elects Stockholders

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Oregon Hardware and Implement company, located in La Grande, the following board of directors were elected for the coming year: E. A. Holmes, Portland, E. L. Holmes, Wallawa, Julia B. Holmes, La Grande, H. K. O'Brien, La Grande, and Bruce Cox, Wallawa.

A reorganization of the company was effected and the following changes were made: E. L. Holmes, present manager of the Wallawa branch store, will take charge of the implement business of the local concern which is to be located in the company's warehouse on Jefferson avenue and Bruce Cox, formerly manager of the La Grande Grocery company at Wallawa, H. K. O'Brien will take charge of the capacity of general manager.

Mr. Holmes will move to La Grande immediately and will make his home here in the future.

Move Coming Soon  
When the Foley-Rouvy building, street between Adams and Washington avenues, is completed the retail branch of the Oregon Hardware and Implement company will move into both floors of the building and the heavier implements will be located in the company's warehouse. The new building on Depot, with two floors and a floor space of 6000 square feet, will be a decided improvement, according to the officials and will give them more space and will be more efficiently arranged. The move is expected to be made about April 1st.