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## CITY WATER SUPPLY DISCUSSED

### 84 ALLEGED BOOTLEGGERS IN THE TOILS

Members of Liquor Ring Rounded Up by Prohibition Enforcement Officials.

### BELIEVED LARGEST OF WHISKEY "RINGS"

Indictments Will Be Sought Under Volstead Act and Customs Law Against Smuggling.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—With 84 persons under arrest in Savannah, Georgia, under the conspiracy section of the prohibition enforcement act, department of justice officials said today that they believed they had rounded up one of the largest, if not the largest, bootleg forces in the United States.

Other arrests are forecast. An indictment will be sought under the Volstead act and the customs law against smuggling.

Peace Hopes Diminishing.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Prospects of a peaceful settlement of the armistice controversy through the mutual elimination of a check off was received and set back when John L. Lewis, the union president, today denounced the operators' attempt to seal an armistice. Lewis said it was drafted by Walter Gordon Stewart, "union busting lawyer."

### Game Wardens Of 10 States To Hold Meet

HELENA, Mont., Aug. 16.—Fish and game commissioners or game wardens of 10 western states will meet in Helena, Mont., September 10 and 11 at the annual convention of the Western Association of State Game Commissioners. With the members of the association will be representatives of the United States biological survey, national park service, forest service and the bureau of education of predatory animals.

The convention will discuss the draft of a proposed new law for the regulation of migratory bird refuges and public shooting grounds, interstate traffic in fur, fish and game, uniformity of state legislation and effective ways of preserving wild game.

### U.S. THWARTS DOPE TRAFFIC TO PRISONERS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—The government has built a "wall of mercy" around its Federal prisoners to shut out the light of the hideous dope traffic. Superintendent of Prisons Volney Davis recently wrote that while some dope is still being smuggled into prisons, a recent investigation produced results which have greatly reduced the amount.

### Weather Forecast

Portland, Aug. 16.—Fair tonight and Friday.

### AMERICA AND MEXICO ARE NOW IN ACCORD; RESUME RELATIONS

#### 12-HOUR DAY IN STEEL MILLS IS GIVEN SETBACK

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 16.—The 12-hour day in steel mills saw the beginning of the end today with the announcement of a three-shift plan in such plants as possible to recruit the required workers.

#### COMMISSION IN QUIET MEETING

Various Matters Discussed by "City Dads" Last Evening During Executive Session.

Meeting in regular weekly session, the city commissioners last evening adjourned for two hours in a comparatively quiet period of activity. Several matters of importance were acted upon or discussed, among them being arrangements for the purchase of a plot of land for a new city hall, the installation of an electric street lighting system, and the installation of sidewalks on the north side and September 3, Wednesday, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening at the city hall, was set for the holding of a public hearing on the proposed ordinance, remonstrance or objections to proceeding with the contemplated improvements.

An ordinance was passed fixing the salaries of the first and second firemen of the La Grande fire department at \$125 per month instead of the former scale of \$115 per month. An ordinance was discussed and ordered prepared for further action that would prevent delivery of gasoline to vehicles from permitting the engine of the vehicle to remain running while obtaining gasoline at filling stations. The ordinance is believed to be a hard one that should be done away with.

It will be received until 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening, August 22, for the hard surfacing of the floor of the second street viaduct.

The sanitary conditions at the town hall were discussed and steps taken to improve them.

The report of the street and water superintendent and the city librarian were read and accepted.

Boat Seized.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Gunboat Gopher carrying the Ohio naval recruits on their annual cruise has been labeled and seized by Canadian authorities, the navy department notified today, because of danger to a lock in well and canal occurring during passage of ship. The Gopher was en route to Montreal.

### AGREEMENT SIGNED AT MEXICO CITY OPENS WAY FOR RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC CONNECTIONS

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 16.—American Commissioners Payne and Warren, having concluded the new negotiation conference, are en route to Washington to submit records to President Coolidge and Secretary Hughes.

An agreement has been reached to have the Hague Court appoint umpires to settle all claims.

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### EAST OREGON UNTOUCHED BY GAS PRICE WAR

#### Prices Remain Unchanged in La Grande; Two-Cent Cut Made in Boise; Low Test Retailers at 23 1/4 Cents.

Apparently the gasoline price war, ranging through a greater part of the United States, has had no great effect on conditions in Eastern Oregon relative to the price of gasoline. Two leading distributors, companies were interviewed today by the Evening Observer and the following facts were ascertained:

The Standard Oil Company of La Grande announces the price of gasoline retained in the public at 23 cents per gallon, but retailed at 22 cents per gallon. No information as to any coming change in price has been received. The present price has been in vogue since August 1. The above prices include a 3 cent tax.

The Grande Road Oil company of La Grande, a branch of the Phoenix Oil company of Boise, announces that their prices for octane are 22 cents per gallon, reduced about two weeks ago from 25 cents per gallon. No contemplated changes in (Continued on Page Five.)

### FATHER OF HARRY WILLIAMS PASSES ON IN PORTLAND

A telegram was received this night by Harry Williams, of this city, carrying the sad news of his father's death in Portland Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Williams left for Portland this afternoon by auto. Funeral services will be held tomorrow.

### Baker K.K.K. Stage Parade

BAKER, Ore., Aug. 15.—Members of the Baker Ku Klux Klan No. 15, about 500 strong, paraded the streets at 8:20 p. m., going to the jail park, where they held a public demonstration of law and order. The parade was led by the Klansmen's oath and obligations were given through megaphones.

No part of the demonstration ceremony was omitted except the passing out of leaflets and secret notes. Hundreds of citizens witnessed the parade. Visiting Klansmen came from La Grande, Hartney, The Dalles, Durkee and Malheur.

### Ford Coupe Stolen Last Evening; Police Investigating Matter

The police department this morning reports the theft of a Ford coupe, owned by Mr. Brand, of the Hill apartments, of this city last night. Officers are investigating the matter but no clues that would lead to the arrest of the one responsible for the act have yet been found. Nearby cities have been notified of the theft.

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#### CONDITIONS IN SIBERIA TRAGIC, SAYS ANDERSON

NOVIK, Alaska, Aug. 15.—The schooner Ulin Sea, owned by Chap Swenson and company, of Seattle, which was interned at East Cape, Siberia, by the Soviet authorities, arrived here today.

Captain Anderson said that the fishing schooner Ulin Sea, of Nome had been confiscated by the Soviet authorities and converted into a general cargo ship. The only cargo was seized without any explanation. Anderson said that the government inspector named Kozlov, recently visited Alaska and placed a man named Burke in charge of the schooner. He said that the people of northeastern Siberia need a provision for the removal of furs from Siberia, and that he expressed the hope that Burke's new government would solve the difficulty.

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#### COMMUNISTS CONTROL HELMSTEDT; CLASH OCCURS AT ARMSTEDT; PALE ARRESTS '80; LEIPZIG WITHOUT POWER.

BERLIN, Aug. 16.—Communists today returned to the city hall at Datteln, 10 miles from Essen, disarmed the police and seized the town. Militia from neighboring towns were also disarmed. Many casualties were reported.

(By Associated Press.)  
BERLIN, Aug. 16.—Although the Communist strike has ended in Berlin, the situation elsewhere is still precarious. The Communists are reported controlling the town of Helmstedt, having disarmed the police. Many were injured in a clash between the Communists and Nationalists at Armstedt.

Leipzig is without gas or electricity because of the strike of municipal workers.

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