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The Weather

Portland, (AP) Clearer to night. Saturday probably fair.

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MEXICAN FACTIONS ARE AT WAR

BALDWIN
REGIME IS
DEFEATEDBritish Election Results
Not Favorable to
ConservativesCOUNTESS OF
WARWICK LOSERLloyd George and Her-
bert Asquith Both Re-
turned; Four Women
Elected, Six Defeated.

LONDON, (6:00 P. M. by the Associated Press)—The standing of the parties at six o'clock today was: Conservatives 222, Labor 182, Liberals 112, Independents 2, Nationalists one. The situation is one of the most complex ever in British politics. It is generally believed that Baldwin will continue to conduct the government until he meets defeat in the House of Commons. Since it is impossible for him to put through the protection measures, which formed his only campaign promise, he probably will invite defeat.

LONDON (AP)—The conservative majority over all other parties practically wiped out at yesterday's general election, Prime Minister Baldwin's government is practically defeated.

LONDON (AP)—Countess of Warwick was badly defeated for

VIEWS GIVEN
ON COOLIDGE
SPEECH MANYRepublicans Praise, Dem-
ocrats Criticize and
Progressives Take Ex-
ception to Many Points

WASHINGTON (AP)—Political appointments of President Coolidge's address, Thursday, closely followed its delivery to congress as usual there was a great diversity of opinion.

An political document of great potential effect on the 1924 campaign on the personal fortunes of Mr. Coolidge and those of his party, the address had been awaited expectantly by readers of all parties. It met Thursday with expressions of general praise from many Republicans with less enthusiastic approval from others and with immediate criticism from the Democrats.

The one point—the positive and unequivocal stand taken by President Coolidge on many issues of highest political as well as legislative importance—there appeared almost general agreement. Republicans commended this as a "couragous" position.

Pronouncements of the president on which political attention was centered at once indicated his degradation on the Mellon tax reduction program, the world court, railroads, agriculture and labor.

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CHAPMAN GOES
TO 'MARKET'Grande Ronde Valley Ap-
ples Will Be Sold in the
Middle States by Him.

Out with a carload of delicious apples was George Chapman of Prineville who left the yards in La Grande last night in a fast Union Pacific freight. He billed the car to Dallas, Texas but he may change his billing at Denver, as that privilege is accorded western fruit men.

It is the intention of Mr. Chapman to sell out the apples in towns along the road wherever he finds a market. The Chapman venture will be watched with interest for there is a large apple crop here that can be marketed in the same manner if he succeeds in building up a trade that will absorb a number of carloads.

Girl Tells
Of Part in
Grisly HoaxCompanion of Sailstad
Admits Complicity in
Grave Robbing.

NAPA, Cal. (By the Associated Press)—Dorothy Anderson, once a singer and dancer known in Chicago music halls as the "Sunshine Girl," lay on a hospital cot here Thursday, white and thin from the scourge of tuberculosis and her story took District Attorney Thomas C. Anglin back to a night three years ago in the cemetery at Lake Nebagamon, Wis., where, she said, she and her lover Edward J. Sailstad, robbed a grave so that they could run away together in peace.

Sailstad is held in jail here waiting the arrival of officers from Wisconsin, where he is charged with arson for the supposed burning of a cottage in which he was said to have placed the body of Allen McPherson, a friend. The body was identified as that of Sailstad.

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XMAS SEALS
TO BE SOLDRed Cross Xmas Stamps
to Go on Sale in La
Grande Tomorrow.

The annual Red Cross Christmas seal sale will begin in La Grande tomorrow under the direction of Mrs. William Grandy, Union county leader of the sale. The sale will be opened in the postoffice lobby. Mrs. Grandy has been appointed treasurer of the La Grande seal sale with Mrs. Ben DeCloux secretary.

Mrs. Grandy is today busily engaged organizing the sale in other cities in Union county preparing to start the sale in these points at the earliest date possible.

Union county's quota this year is nearly 25 per cent larger than last year, amounting to a total of 21,000. Last year the quota was 17,244 for the entire county.

The funds derived from the seal sale will be used to fight tuberculosis in this state and county.

TAX PAYMENTS
SAID BETTER

Tax payments in Union county are somewhat better this year than usually observed about this time. The total payments to date are about \$842,000 out of a total amount of \$899,326.22. The amount delinquent, less than \$48,000, is considerably better than the figures last year at this time showed.

Dexter Melroy, county tax collector, expects a large part of this amount to be paid before the time limit expires.

MICKLE TO BE
GUEST AT THE
GRANGE MEET

When Pomona Grange meets Saturday afternoon at Grange hall it will be one of the largest meetings held in Union county for many months.

J. D. Mickle, who was recently appointed state food and dairy commissioner to fill the vacancy caused by the death of George Hawley, has sent word that he will be present. State Market Master C. E. Spence is also expected. Then there will be delegates from Baker and Walla Walla counties as well as some guests from Lostine and Prof. Bailey and wife of the Walla Walla school will be among the list of out of the county Grange members who will attend.

The big dinner at noon will be a feature and as usual women of the Grange are preparing one of those celebrated Grande Ronde valley foods so noted among people who have enjoyed the hospitality of the Pomona Grange of this county.

REDUCTION
OF TAXES IS
MELLON PLEASecretary of Treasury
Makes Annual Report
to Congress.FOREIGN DEBT
REDUCED MUCHSecretary Mellon Wants
Reduction in Federal
Rate on the Surtax.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Secretary Mellon, in his annual report transmitted to Congress today, described treasury operations under which the nation's foreign debt had been reduced \$815,674,343 in the fiscal year, and again urged sharp reduction in taxation based on rigid economy and barring "authorizations for new and unexpected expenditures." The report contained a copy of Mr. Mellon's letter to Acting Chairman Green, of the House Ways and Means committee, in which the secretary said "a soldier's bonus would postpone tax reduction not for one but for many years to come."

To the usual review of official activities under his direction, Mr. Mellon attached additional argument for the general reduction in income taxes which he has urged. He particularly stressed the advantage which he has predicted would come from cutting the surtax rates from 25 per cent to a maximum of 25 per cent, on the ground that it would actually increase government income as well as indirectly benefit the public at large by reducing burdens on productive operation.

The government, "firmly established on the basis of balancing its budget each year," Mr. Mellon said, brought the national debt, once at a figure over \$26,000,000,000 down to a total of \$22,882,209,000 on Oct.

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Frozen, Wet
Roads Cause
Of AccidentsTwelve Inches of Snow
Reported on Top of
Blue Mountains

Slippery, frozen roads in Union County last evening were responsible for several automobile accidents, none very serious however, from reports received this morning. One car was reported ditched near Hot Lake and another is said to have turned over near Union. A collision occurred near La Grande also.

Wet, sleety snow began falling early last evening and continued for several hours finally changing into dryer snow that left nearly an

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OPERETTA IS
ON TONIGHT

Assurance of a full house tonight when the La Grande high school presents "The Gypsy Rover," a romantic musical comedy, in the high school auditorium lies in the fact that every seat downstairs and the greater share of the balcony seats have been sold. Only a few seats remain in the balcony and these are reported to be going in rapid order.

About thirty seats downstairs and several balcony seats are still available for the Saturday evening performance.

Plant dress rehearsal passed very successfully and a few who witnessed the rehearsal are high in their praise of the operetta.

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NELSON SAYS
LOCAL POST
IS FINE ONE

State Legion Adjutant
Spends a Day Here
with Comrades on Way
East.

There was a lot of handshaking among the service men in La Grande yesterday for Harry N. Nelson, adjutant for the department of Oregon of the American Legion, was in town.

He was on his way from Portland to Indianapolis where a nationwide meeting of Legion adjutants will be held, but Harry could not resist talking the Union Pacific conductor into allowing him a stop-over in La Grande so that he could meet a number of the

WINE MAKER
SENTENCED
AND FINEDJoe Thomas, Austrian, Is
Convicted in Police
Court Today.FINED \$250 AND
GIVEN 30 DAYS

Police and Sheriff's Officers
Raided Home on
Seventh Street Last
Night.

Police and members of the sheriff's department last evening about nine o'clock raided the home of Joe Thomas, Austrian, on the corner of Seventh and I streets and as the result of evidence found, Thomas was this morning sentenced to 30 days in jail and fined \$250 by Police Judge R. J. Kitchen. Thomas was pleaded guilty.

The raiding squad found about 20 gallons of mash and several gallons of raisin wine. Thomas has been employed for the O. W. company, according to the officers and is married, having a wife and six children. Four boarders made their home at the Thomas residence.

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BULLETTINS

Recommends Long Term
MOSHACH, Baden (AP)—A sentence of three years for Corliss Heaven Griffin, of Hamilton, Ohio was recommended today by the state's attorney for an attempt to kidnap Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, American draft invader.

The district attorney also urged three years for Earl Sperber, of Paris, one year for the Russian Prince Ernst Gagarin, and six months for Eugene Victor Nelson, who were implicated in the Bergdoll kidnapping attempt.

Bergdoll's counsel defended these terms as insufficient and asked the court for heavier sentences, especially for Griffin and Nelson.

Army Needs Increased
Funds, Says Pershing

BULLETTINS

Development and Main-
tenance of Army Must
Be Financed, Claim.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The condition of the national defense system, "presents a serious problem which should receive thoughtful consideration from every responsible citizen," General Pershing declared today in what will be his annual report as chief of the army staff.

By the time the next report is due the former commander-in-chief of the American Expeditionary forces will have reached the retirement age of 64 years.

Pershing devoted his report largely to the question of the corps of officers to instruct our men and lead them into battle. He urged that the regular army be brought back to 150,000 enlisted men and 12,000 officers.

(By Sears Taylor)
(U.S. Staff Correspondent)
WASHINGTON.—The present War Department appropriation provides only for the "living expenses" of the military establishment and does not adequately care for its upkeep or progressive development, declared General John J. Pershing, chief of staff of the United States Army, in his annual report to the Secretary of War, made public today.

"War stocks of supplies have been utilized to the maximum advantage," said the report, "and many articles are now exhausted. The temporary shelter built during the war has in most instances become unduly expensive to maintain and is unfit for occupancy."

"Essential measures for the defense of the Panama Canal and our overseas possessions have been held in abeyance, although a number of years would be required for their completion."

General Pershing declared that no other government agency had co-operated more sincerely than the War Department in the effort to affect economies in appropriations. With appreciation of the need for economy, however, he urged that the Regular Army be brought back to the strength of 150,000 enlisted men and 12,000 officers. Other recommendations were as follows:

1. That appropriation be made for the suitable housing of officers and enlisted men.

2. That the army be enabled to conduct annual maneuvers on a moderate scale.

3. That the National Guard be given the support necessary to permit its progressive development to a strength of 250,000.

4. That the skeleton organization of the organized reserves be adequately maintained.

5. That the funds appropriated permit reserve officers to receive an average of fifteen days' training in each three or four years.

6. That the reserve officers' training corps units be further developed and that provision be made for a gradual increase in the number accommodated annually in the citizen military training camps.

FUNERAL TO BE
HELD SATURDAY

Funeral services of Mrs. Ruth Simmons will be held Saturday afternoon at two o'clock from the Bohlenkamp chapel. Interment will take place at the Island City cemetery. Reverend A. E. Sitten, of the La Grande Baptist church, will deliver the sermon.

Ruth Simmons, wife of Harry Simmons, was born March 4, 1891, in Ellsworth, Kansas, and came to Island City with her father seven years ago. She was united in marriage to Harry Simmons November 12, 1920. She leaves to mourn her demise, her husband, two children, Robert, aged two years, and Keith, aged four months, her father and mother, and one brother, Alfred Simmons, of Kelso, Wash.

BOILER BLAST
DOES DAMAGE

Elgin Opera House Boiler
Explodes; Damage
Is Approximately \$400;
None Hurt.

ELGIN (Special)—Damage not at approximately \$400 occurred when the heating plant of the Elgin Opera House blew up during the moving picture show Wednesday evening. No one was wounded.

It is believed that the explosion was due to letting the water in the boiler become too low and when cold water was turned into the boiler, the blast resulted.

Elgin Fulton is manager of the theatre.

REBELLION
LAUNCHED
IN MEXICOTroops Join Insurgents,
Opposing Obregon
and CallesRAIL CONNECTION
SAID TO BE CUTLoyal Troops From Mex-
ico City Came in Con-
tact with Insurgents
Last Night.

VERA CRUZ (AP)—Troops in the entire maritime zone have joined the insurgent movement against President Obregon and General Calles, according to reports here.

Loyal troops from Mexico City were in contact with the insurgents last night.

The railway between Mexico City and Vera Cruz has been cut.

VERA CRUZ (By the Associated Press)—Five Mexican states are in open rebellion against President Obregon and General P. Elias Calles, Obregon's candidate for the presidency, according to information reaching here.

The military in the states of Vera Cruz, San Luis Potosi, Chihuahua, Michoacan and Tlaxcala are said to have repudiated the federal government, quoted all the federal office holders and substituted their own men.

MEXICO CITY (AP)—"The country will be pacified and the rebellion will be put down with an iron hand," said President Obregon today upon his arrival here from Culiacan, where he has been convalescing from a recent illness.

Secretary of War Serrano also expressed the opinion that the revolt will soon be suppressed.

CHINESE BANDITS
LOOT AND BURN
TOWN; 2,000 DEAD

PERKINS (By the Associated Press)—Bandits seized the town of Lukwanka, in southwestern Honan province, and looted and burned the town, some days ago, according to advices received Thursday from a mission station at Lukwanka, in Honan province, across the boundary line from the border town.

Two thousand dead and wounded were left behind when the bandits abandoned the smoking ruins of the town, the advices said.

FIVE BODIES RECOVERED

SEATTLE (AP)—Five unidentified bodies were recovered at Friday Harbor this morning from the wreck yesterday of the steamer T. W. Lake, in Ross Sea straight, in which 15 were reported dead.

LATE NEWS FLASHES

Abandoned Altitude Record Attempt.

DAYTON, Ohio (AP)—After remaining in the air one hour and 28 minutes, Lieutenant John A. McCrady was forced to abandon an attempt for a new world altitude record today, owing to mechanical difficulties.

State Hotel Men Meeting.

PORTLAND (AP)—The State Hotel Men's Association opened its annual convention here today with a two-day program touching many problems of hotel business, to act upon.

