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STABILITY IN GOD—I have set the Lord always before me, because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Psalm 16:1.

## RUSSIA PEEVED AT ITALIAN MOVE

### Ratification of Treaty Draws Fire From Soviet Government

MOSCOW, Mar. 10 (AP)—Italy's ratification of the treaty recognizing the annexation of the former Russian province of Bessarabia to Romania provokes bitter outbursts in the Soviet press and will probably bring a vigorous note from the Moscow government.

The newspaper Izvestia, mouth-piece of the government, terms the Italian ratification an act openly unfriendly to Soviet Russia, and a menace to the friendly relations between the two countries.

It suspects that the recent visit to Italy of Winston Churchill, British chancellor of the exchequer, had something to do with expediting the ratification and "influencing Mussolini against the Soviet."

#### Says Treaty Worthless

The treaty, it adds, is worthless and will never be recognized by Russia in any way binding.

The treaty of Paris of Oct. 28, 1920, recognizing Rumania's annexation of Bessarabia became effective with Italy's ratification, as it has previously been approved by Great Britain and France, and only three ratifications were stipulated as necessary to give it force. Japan, another signatory, has not yet ratified it.

Reports that Great Britain had influenced Italy's ratification were circulated in Geneva Tuesday after announcement of the Italian action. In response to these, the British foreign secretary, Sir Austen Chamberlain, who is attending the league of nations council sessions, called the correspondents together and categorically stated that Britain was not trying to form a bloc against Russia. Reports that it had been inspired from the same source, implying the Soviet union, he accused Moscow of pursuing a policy openly hostile to Great Britain.

His government he said, continued to maintain diplomatic relations with the Soviet rather than introduce an element of instability into the European situation. He admitted that there had been some mention of the Bessarabian treaty at his recent meeting with Premier Mussolini.

#### Exchange of Notes

The present incident follows closely an exchange of tart notes between London and Moscow, the British accusing the Soviet of anti-British propaganda and the Soviet charging the British with similar activities against the Moscow government.

### Fine Truck Driver \$5 for Overloading

Wesley Churchill, truck driver, was fined five dollars and costs in the justice court yesterday afternoon for exceeding the load limit, which has been placed on the Old Oregon Trail highway between La Grande and Pendleton.

The load limit is 6,500 pounds, including the vehicle, and Churchill had 10,910 pounds, officers say. The load restriction was placed on the highway by the state highway commission to prevent becoming rutted and the surface broken during the spring season as the heavy loads on the ground. Officers are making every effort to enforce the restriction, and while the first fine was slight, the next one is liable to be heavier, according to officers.



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## Where Men Are Skyscrapers



New York has her tall buildings, but Texas and Kansas claim the honors for grownup men. Young Jacob Erlach (left), 8 feet 6 inches up, is one of the high spots you ought to see when you get to El Paso, Tex. In the center is Miss Florence Klein, of El Paso, a state American Legion Auxiliary officer. To the right is State Senator H. W. Behrens, of Lincoln, Kas. He is 6 feet 7 inches above soil and one of the reasons why the Kansas legislature is trying to have all hotel beds made nine feet long.

## Sinclair Lewis' Latest Novel Is Disappointing to Kansas Ministers

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Mar. 10 (AP)—Kansas City ministers generally expressed disappointment on reading Sinclair Lewis' latest novel, "Elmer Gantry," which appeared today. The book is described as a satire on commercialized religion. Much of the material was gathered here.

"Gantry" is portrayed as a country youth who attended a theological seminary where he appeared in the role of a hypocrite, thief, liar and seducer. After being expelled he led a nomad life, but finally sought to atone for his sins through the church.

Novel "Overdrawn"  
The Rev. I. M. Hargett, pastor of Grand Avenue Methodist temple here, described the novel as "overdrawn and preposterous."

"Lewis doesn't know what we preachers are working for in our churches," Dr. Hargett declared. "They say I'm 'Elmer Gantry.' I'm not offended personally. I don't think the book amounts to enough for that."

The Rev. William L. Stidger, of Linwood Boulevard Methodist Episcopal church, who introduced Lewis to many ministers here, said he was disappointed because the book failed to cover ministerial problems.

"We were looking for some criticism of the fundamental problems of the church—of its capitalistic ways," Dr. Stidger said. "Instead, we get this story of a little perverted minister, an altogether impossible picture, entirely unreal, not even a good caricature."

Lewis is now on a walking tour in Europe with the Rev. Earl Blackman, assistant to Dr. Stidger. William Allen White, Emporia Kansas, editor and author, branded the story as a "punch and Judy."

## Three on Trial In Portland in Conspiracy Case

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 10 (AP)—Trial of Joseph Harry Drulliner, John C. Davies and Robert A. Hildell, charged with conspiracy to defraud the government through taking timber illegally from a homestead site in Coos county opened in federal court today.

Deputy District Attorney Helgeson declared that Davies and Hildell had entered into conspiracy with Drulliner to buy certain amounts of Port Orford cedar from a homestead site filed on by the latter. He further declared that Drulliner had actually sold some 59,000 feet of the timber for approximately \$2,000.

J. T. Brand, for the defendant, maintained that Drulliner did not know and had never met Davies and Hildell at the time the government alleges the conspiracy was



## Hot Dog--Bowser

We guess Abie Pumper-nickle's prices of Linsseed Oil, etc., are causing some little discussion. One farmer yesterday told us that he hadn't bought Pure Balled Linsseed Oil for \$1.09 since before the war. The way it is starting out it looks like we might have to buy a carload of Linsseed Oil to supply the demand. If we do we might be able to make a little better price.

Another farmer told us a farm back that one sheep on a farm would make a farmer more money than an acre of wheat. The new price of 42c a red on No. 726-6 American Field Fence sure ought to help some of our farmers get these sheep. A few boxes on the side might also be included. The carload of fence we have coming next week includes some of the lighter field fence like Mail Order Hensses' features. It's the same weight fence but made with the regular American look. Abie's price on that will make even Montgomery Ward Co. sit up and take notice.

Speaking of paint, Abie has a big shipment of Acorn house paint in to-day. Acorn is a pretty good paint, made by the Acme White Lead and Color Works, the people who make the Acme Quality Paint. Abie doesn't claim the Acorn paint is the best paint made but he does claim that it is better than a lot of other paint. If you don't believe it read the formula which is printed on the cans. Abie says this paint will cost you \$2.25 per gallon in either white or colors. All you want, but he sure is being the cash. Abie can't make these prices unless the money is on the bar. If you need any fine Kalamine to do the inside you don't have to get off the pavement to get it and it will only cost you 45c for a 5-lb. package. All colors in stock. Nails \$1.35 keg base, Eureka Harness Oil 75c gallon, Standard Cream Separator Oil 55c gallon.

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entered into by the three. Brand further explained that Drulliner was sincere in his filling the property, and that he had come out from Nebraska or the purposes of so doing.

The case is one of three of its kind the government has in the Coos and Curry Port Orford cedar country. In all about \$20,000 worth of timber is involved in sales the government claims were made illegally.

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