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Oregon: Fair but with considerable cloudiness tonight and Saturday, temperatures below normal.

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SENIOR PLAY ENTERTAINS LARGE CROWD

"So This is London" Considered One of Best in Recent Years.

REPEAT DRAMA AT L. H. S. TONIGHT

Every Part Well Taken With Plenty of Comedy to Keep Audience in Joyous Mood.

One of the best plays ever presented by a high school cast is "So This is London" by Arthur Goodrich, which held its first performance last evening in the La Grande High school auditorium and was directed by Miss Catherine Sartain.

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Weather Warmer In East Oregon; Cold Wave Ends

Mercury 17 Degree Higher on Average—Water Shortage is Faced in Many Places.

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LIE DETECTOR USED TO GET CONFESSION

Seattle Prosecutor Obtains Results From Device and "Truth Serum"

DEPUTIES DIGGING FOR BODY TODAY

Habitual Criminal Admits Killing—First Regard Use of Machine as Merely a Lark.

SEATTLE, Nov. 22 (AP)—Sheriff's deputies began digging in a plot at the Bethell cemetery, 15 miles northeast of here, early today, in search of the body of James Eugene Bassett, missing since September 5, 1928, after Prosecutor Irving D. Colvin announced he had obtained a confession from Decatur Earl Mayer, in jail as a habitual criminal, that he had slain the missing man.

Colvin said he had obtained the confession through the use of a "lie detector" and injections of "truth serum." Henry Clay Gwyn, attorney for Mayer, yesterday obtained a temporary court order restraining the prosecutor from further use of these methods to obtain a statement from the prisoner.

Arrested in California. Mayer was arrested in California in possession of Bassett's automobile a few days after Bassett disappeared. He was tried and convicted of larceny of the automobile, but authorities were convinced that Mayer could explain the mystery of Bassett's disappearance.

Bassett had come to the state from Baymore, Md. He met Mayer when the latter responded to an advertisement for the sale of Bassett's automobile.

The first digging in the cemetery was over a grave in a plot belonging to an Erickson family. An hour's digging failed to disclose any body and digging was halted temporarily.

The Erickson lot was selected by Prosecutor Colvin for the investigation after a marble slab appeared to have been disturbed.

Aided by Keeler. Colvin said he had employed Leonard Keeler, assistant state criminologist of Illinois, to assist him in solving the mystery of Bassett's disappearance on the recommendation of August Vollmer, former chief of police of Berkeley, Cal., and a consultant of President Hoover's crime commission.

Mayer, the prisoner, regarded use of the "lie detector" as a lark at first, Colvin said. Use of the contrivance began November 14 and for seven days Mayer, accompanied by Keeler, was questioned about the whereabouts of Bassett's body. All questions were answered with a bald "I don't know."

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New Theater To Be Opened Here January First

George Ray Takes 10-Year Lease on Old Colonial—Will Build Modern Sound Theater.

George Ray, a theater man of 25 years experience, has taken a 10-year lease on the old Colonial theater here and plans to open a new sound picture theater here about the first of the year, he announced today. Mr. Ray is an independent owner and at present successfully operates theaters in Grants Pass, Medford and Eugene.

After announcing his plans, Mr. Ray left here for Portland, where he is contracting for some of the biggest pictures for showing here. It is his plan to make his La Grande theater a first run house.

The building will be completely remodeled and redecorated. Mr. Ray announces, and the latest and most modern sound equipment will be installed. New chairs, new carpeting, etc., will be installed, and he plans to erect a 24-foot Neon sign, the largest in eastern Oregon.

Will Rename Theater. Mr. Ray anticipates renaming the theater, but this will be announced at a later date. His son, Alfred, will move to La Grande to operate the theater here, although Mr. Ray will keep it under his close supervision.

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Jim Houk Hurt In Auto Wreck East of Elgin

Jim Houk was seriously injured last night, sometime between 8 and 9:15 o'clock, when the new car he was driving went off of the road in the Wallowa canyon east of Elgin, and plunged 150 to 200 feet down the steep incline. He was found later about 30 feet from the car in a semi-conscious condition, but it is unknown whether he was thrown from the machine or whether he crawled from the wreckage.

He is at the Grande Ronde hospital today. This afternoon he was in a stupor, with injuries to his left shoulder, a broken right wrist and right elbow, and a scalp wound over his left eye. His condition is not believed to be dangerous.

Wilmer Shumate drove the car to the Houk place last night to attempt to sell the machine, and the accident occurred. It is reported, while Mr. Houk was trying out the car without Mr. Shumate's permission. As soon as Wilmer discovered the wreck, he summoned help and the injured man was brought to La Grande.

CLEMENCEAU DYING, REPORT FROM FRANCE

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ALL READY FOR THANKSGIVING



Thanksgiving day isn't here yet, but it seems that pretty Isabel Brown of Miami, Fla., isn't taking any chances, for here she is with her Thanksgiving dinner already. The ribbon, Miss Brown says that's just as important as the turkey, serving to distract the turkey's mind from the next step to the meat block. Rather nice of her to be so considerate, don't you think?

Recognition Of Soviet Russia Brings Protest

LONDON, Nov. 22 (AP)—A vitriolic attack on Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald, as the result of his recognition of Soviet Russia, was made by Commander Oliver Locker-Lampson, conservative member of parliament, at today's session of 4,000 conservative party delegates.

A resolution introduced by the commander protesting against recognition of diplomatic relations with Russia was adopted by the conference with but one dissenting vote.

In introducing his resolution Commander Locker-Lampson, who has long been a persistent advocate of the expulsion of Soviet agents from Great Britain, said: "Crooks, eads and bobbie bouncers from Moscow would not enrich our stock. They have much degraded and debauched our standards. Soviet Russia is a moral outrage, she is a moral leper and the cry, unclean, unclean, ought to go up as long as she refuses to pay up."

The commander declared that Premier MacDonald was a "very vain and very weak man and king of the quacks." He said that he was "fed up with MacDonald and his bleating about peace and parity with America. How dare MacDonald talk about peace when he is bringing war into England and the empire. We already have lost Egypt and we will lose India if MacDonald has a free hand and now he has sold the post of the British empire to these alien enemies in Moscow."

No Progress Is Made On Tariff Measure Today

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 (AP)—Unable to make any progress with the tariff bill, the senate recessed at 12:22 p. m. today until 9:45 o'clock tonight, 15 minutes before the special session adjourns sine die.

Chairman Smoot of the finance committee made several attempts to obtain action on amendments to various schedules, including those affecting wool, silk, papers and books, but each time indications pointed to extensive arguments.

CHICAGO, Nov. 22 (AP)—Winter has pitched his snow-frosted tent on the plains of the northwest and has sent his soldiers, armed with icicles, bayonets, to the northern fringe of Dixie.

Chief River Falls, Minn., stole whatever distinction there was yesterday in being pre-occasionally cold, having a temperature reading of 16 below zero. The red line, however, dropped below the zero in many other thermometers in Minnesota, the Dakotas and Wisconsin.

The southwest and the Rocky mountain regions did not escape the cold. Temperatures went below zero in Montana.

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LAURENCE MOODY, 29, was in a hospital today suffering from a scalp wound and George Baskett and "Red" Johnson were in jail following an altercation in a rooming house here late last night.

No formal charges have been filed against Baskett and Johnson and police had not discovered the cause for the quarrel. Moody will recover.

OREGON GROWERS MEET C. S. WILSON

Member of Federal Farm Board to Confer With Hood River Fruitmen

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 22 (AP)—Charles S. Wilson, member of the federal farm board, and James B. Howard, organization specialist of the board, were to confer with growers associations at Hood River, Ore., today. They were to meet first with the Hood River Fruit Growers' association and later with representatives of the North Pacific Council of Apple Growers' cooperatives, which includes associations from Yakima, Wenatchee and Okanogan, Wash., as well as Hood River.

Yesterday Messrs. Wilson and Howard conferred with some 137 representatives of this state's organized agriculture. Mr. Wilson subsequently declared he had obtained the direct contact with Oregon growers he had anticipated.

He said he hoped those who attended the meeting had a better understanding of the scope and policies of the board.

No Help For Small Groups. Mr. Wilson told the group that small, competitive cooperative associations in this state or elsewhere can expect no direct financial aid from the new farm board.

He added, however, that the farm board will make every effort to assist in organizing and federating marketing groups. This, he explained, will put marketing associations in a stronger position both with the board and as regards handling their financial problems through existing agencies.

State Senator E. J. Wilmer, of Rosalia, Wash., explained to meeting organization work in connection with the newly formed north pacific grain growers cooperative, which is to serve as regional body in the national cooperative grain organization through which the farm board will deal in its stabilization and marketing efforts.

Ward M. Buckles, director of the Intermediate Credit bank at Spokane, likened the farm board to the federal reserve system, pointing out that the latter "was not established in a day."

SOVIET BOMBS FATAL TO 1000 IN MANCHURIA

TOKYO, Nov. 22 (AP)—Refugees arriving at Khabarovsk from Eastern Manchuria today said 1,000 Chinese troops and civilians seeking protection from air raids in a coal mine at Delainor perished in a Soviet bombing attack.

The report was contained in a telegram from Asahi's Harbin correspondent, who said the bombs dropped by the Soviet planes caused parts of the mine to cave in.

The same authority said Chinese troops had evacuated Manchuria and had retreated in the direction of Delainor, in the vicinity of which Soviet irregulars were said to be active.

Soviet forces were said to have occupied the two Chinese villages, Kier and Arzun.

MINNESOTA TOWN Reports 16 Below

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Resignation Of McEwan Due To Renewal Refusal

So Says Oregon Grid Mentor—Talks Between Him and Dr. Hall Given in Statements.

EUGENE, Ore., Nov. 22 (AP)—Differences between Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president of the University of Oregon, and Captain John J. McEwan, head football coach, over the request for renewal of McEwan's contract were held responsible today for the announced resignation of the coach yesterday.

McEwan's announcement stated the resignation would be effective at the expiration of his present contract, December 31, 1930. The coach said he would fulfill his contract next year "to the letter."

Two statements, in which Dr. Hall and Coach McEwan set forth their conversations and communications, were issued today after McEwan said he had discussed the renewal of his contract with the university's prexy.

"I didn't want to wait until my contract expired," McEwan said, "because it is always too late in a case like that to apply elsewhere if the contract is not renewed. I don't want a renewal now so I would not be left in a predicament."

Renewal Refused, McEwan Says. McEwan declared Dr. Hall refused him a renewal, but Dr. Hall expressed surprise at the coach's resignation and issued the following statement in part:

No statement from Captain McEwan regarding his intention has been communicated to me or to my office, so far as I have been able to discover, or to the athletic department. My information has been received from the press, to whom he apparently made his communication.

The prexy's statement continued to give him an immediate answer. Dr. Hall said he would not definitely reply. Three other visits to Dr. Hall's office by Coach McEwan were recounted in the president's statement.

"He came to my office on November 21 and insisted again that I give him an immediate answer," Dr. Hall's statement said. "My answer to all these requests has been the same, that I had been unable to communicate with the athletic committee or the Oregon state board of higher education."

Offered to Coach Situation. It is noted to the effect that Captain McEwan said he would canvass the entire situation, discuss it with the state board, with the athletic committee and the executive council of associated students, and attempt to reach a decision early in the winter.

"Finally, as I suggested to Captain McEwan today, we are giving serious consideration to changing the status of our coaching staff from that of contract to a professional status on indefinite tenure with a possible reduction in salary," Dr. Hall's statement continued. "No decision has been reached on this important change, but I assured Captain McEwan that as soon as a decision was reached he would be notified."

McEwan's reading Dr. Hall's statement, based another communication in which he said he had visited Dr. Hall relative to a renewal of contract, and that he had asked the prexy whether his work had been satisfactory and would want him to continue his coaching.

The coach released a letter he had written to Dr. Hall in which he said he had decided to make football coaching his profession and that he was looking toward the economic end of his family in asking for a decision on whether his contract would be renewed.

"I thought the letter a fair one," McEwan's statement said, "and I still think so. In the interview he clearly indicated he had no intention of retaining me as coach. When I visited him in connection with the trip of the Oregon football team to Florida, I asked him

Toll of Tidal Wave Believed To Be About 36

ST. JOHN'S, N.F., Nov. 22 (AP)—Toll of the tidal wave which lashed an isolated section of the south coast of Burin peninsula after last Monday's earthquake, was believed today to be close to 36 lives with property loss of great extent in many small villages.

With land communication severed for three days preceding the storm, the first word of the destruction the tidal wave wrought was wireless yesterday from steamers which had put into the port of Burin.

Message flashed last night from the Burin telegraph station listed the names of 26 men, women and children as dead, but these did not include fatalities in his own crew, the largest on the peninsula, whose other dispatches had reported nine dead.

The toll of lives thus arrived at 25, or one less than the 26 reported in the "Newfoundland Weekly" at Boston yesterday by Sir Richard A. Squires, Newfoundland premier. The premier reported 18 dead at Lord's Cove and Lamaline, nine at Burin, seven at Kelley's Cove and two at Stepaside.

NO WAGE CUT PLANNED BY STEEL HEADS

Hoover Gives Assurance That Present Conditions Will be Maintained.

RAILROADS WILL GIVE UTMOST AID

President, Pleased With Results of His Conference Agreements, to Meet Builders.

IN BUSINESS WORLD

New York—Wall street has old-fashioned trading market. Youngstown, O.—No reduction planned in wages of workers in steel industry. Washington—Federal rediscount rate reduced to 4 1/2 per cent.

Chicago—Executives of railroads pledge aid to Hoover. Washington—Hoover, pleased with conference to date, will meet building men.

CHICAGO, Nov. 22 (AP)—Executive heads of 145 class one railroads of the nation today pledged themselves to give the utmost aid to President Hoover's program for maintaining business conditions on a normal basis. Meeting in annual conference the railway leaders formulated a report to the president but announced that any specific statement of the report would come from the white house.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 (AP)—Wall street witnessed an old-fashioned trading market today in which the general list failed to make much progress in either direction. Several of the recent speculative favorites sold down 1 to 7 points, while a fairly long list of public utilities, rails and specialties were marked up 1 to 12 points.

Trading was fairly heavy in volume.

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Nov. 22 (AP)—J. A. Campbell, president of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube company, declared today there would be no reduction in wages of workers in the steel industry. Mr. Campbell, who has been in conference with business and industrial leaders in New York, said that from all reports received general business conditions are sound.

Campbell's declaration was taken as an answer to widespread rumors that wages in the steel industry might undergo a revision downward.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 (AP)—Pleased with the far reaching agreement entered into by industrial and labor leaders to maintain wage stability during the present business situation, President Hoover today turned to representatives in the general building field for co-operation in the nation-wide program for promotion of economic progress.

More than a dozen spokesmen for contractors, manufacturers, and real estate boards were in Washington for an afternoon conference at the white house, the last to be held this week and the fifth in the series of seven which Mr. Hoover has arranged with a view of offsetting any general effect of the fall in stock prices.

On Monday the chief executive will meet with Secretary Hyde, Chairman Lege of the farm board, and representatives of farm organizations. The conference with spokesmen for public utilities, set

SNOW BLANKET COVERS EAST STATES TODAY

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 (AP)—A white blanket covered much of New England, New York and Pennsylvania today as a result of the first general snowstorm of the season in the east.

The storm, which swept in from the Great Lakes yesterday, brought with it a sharp drop in temperature and in some cases assumed blizzard proportions. The heaviest fall occurred along the south shore of Lake Erie, 15 inches having fallen at Dunkirk, N. Y.

A fall of several inches occurred in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Western and Northern Pennsylvania had a heavy snow.

Many automobile accidents due to heavy snow clinging to windshields and obscuring the vision of drivers were reported. At Erie, Pa., four persons were killed when two automobiles were struck by a Pittsburgh-Buffalo passenger train of the New York Central, traveling 45 minutes late. The accident occurred during a heavy snow storm and the watchmen failed to see the approaching train.