

LOCAL BRIEFS

Engineer Here— S. J. Dickson, engineer of the National Gas corporation, is in the city for a few days in connection with improvements that are being made in the gas system.

Fined— Buster Clark and Victor Knapp, charged with drunkenness, were fined \$25 each, yesterday in municipal court, according to the police. Both were in jail this morning as the fines had not been paid at that time.

With Orchestra— Seville Pratt, freshman in commerce at Oregon State college, appeared recently with 60 other members of the Oregon State college symphony orchestra, when it opened its seventh season with a concert. Miss Pratt plays a violin in the orchestra. This was the first concert of the orchestra under the baton of Albert Creitz, assistant concertmaster of the Portland symphony orchestra. Mr. Creitz now head of stringed instrument instruction in the department of music, was praised on his first year's work with the orchestra.

From Pendleton— Joe Purdy, ticket agent of the Union Pacific, came over to La Grande from his home in Pendleton last night and is transacting business here today.

Attend Hotel Meet— C. D. Trotter and E. P. McFadden, of the La Grande hotel, are attending the meeting of the Inland Empire association at Baker today. Hotel men from the Inland Empire, Eastern Oregon and Idaho, attend the meeting to discuss problems. They expect to return this evening.

Visits Uncle— John Wunderlick, of Portland, is visiting his uncle, Dr. J. A. Wunderlick, in La Grande for a few days.

Trim Trees— The branches of the trees around the postoffice are being pruned. The sidewalk on Adams avenue is obstructed by the fallen limbs, but will be clear in a short while.

To Baker— Mr. and Mrs. A. Harrison spent yesterday in Baker. They drove over, and spent the day in the morning business. When they started home, Mr. Harrison had sold the automobile in which they drove over, so another car was sent from La Grande and they returned last night.

Game warden— W. A. Cornell, game warden, returned this morning from Pendleton and vicinity, where he has been working with W. H. Albee, Pendleton warden, on game cases. Game wardens are preparing for fishing season which opens April 15, he states.

New Son— Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnston are the parents of a boy, born March 10. The child is named Frank. Mr. Johnston is employed by the Western Union company and has lived in La Grande for a number of years.

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BERLIN (AP)—To make night flying possible on the most important routes in Germany, the ministry of transportation plans ground lighting of these routes, in addition to those already lighted.

The lighting on the Berlin-Halle-Leipzig-Nuernberg route will be extended to Munich, starting point for the international lines to Vienna, Zurich, Milan, Geneva and Barcelona. The ground lighting on the Berlin-Hanover-Cologne route will be carried on to the German border, connecting with the French line to Paris. The route from Hanover to Hamburg will also be lighted, giving night connection with Amsterdam.

EDITORS TO MEET
SALEM, Mar. 14 (AP)—The annual meeting of the Oregon Editorial association, which will be held in Salem, has been set for June 25, 27 and 28. It was announced after a session of the committee on arrangements last night. A program for daily and weekly papers is being worked out, as well as different entertainment features. Several of the sessions will be held at the state house.

SEAPLANE CLASSIC IN FALL
LONDON (AP)—The Schneider cup race, world seaplane classic, is scheduled to be held some time in the fall between the dates of August 24 and September 19.

JOIN RADIO CIRCLE
LONDON (AP)—Forty-four thousand children in the London and vicinity district are members of the British Broadcasting corporation's Radio Circle. Members of the circle pay about 18 cents a day and are entitled to birthday greetings. Out of the subscriptions last year the B. B. C. endowed three hospital cots for children.

AMBULANCE CARRIES RADIO
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. (AP)—It is possible to ride in comfort in a new ambulance in Winston-Salem. The ambulance is equipped with a radio set, electrically heated blanket, hot and cold running water, electric fan and baby bassinet. The radio is for entertainment of those in the patient's compartment.

Street Car Jumps Track; Many Injured

YONKERS, N. Y., Mar. 14 (AP)—A woman was reported killed, the motorist probably fatally injured, and at least a score of persons were hurt when a trolley car ran away here yesterday, jumped the track and crashed into a building.

The motorist, Frank Murphy, stuck to his post. It required almost an hour to extricate him from the wreckage. A woman apparently of about middle age was believed killed in the crash.

The trolley car plowed through a store almost its entire length and so weakened the building that fear was expressed that it might collapse.

PARIS LIKES NIGHT VISTAS
LIT BY YELLOW GAS LAMPS
PARIS (AP)—The pale, yellow light of street gas lamps has so many advocates in Paris that the French capital still uses 44,588 such lights nightly.

Opponents of the electric lights assert that the gas burners cast a much more agreeable color over the landscape.

But modernism has invaded the field and almost banished the lamp lighters. Twenty years ago there were 1,000 men and women who trudged the streets at night, turning lights on at dusk and off at dawn. Now there are only 100 for most of the lights are operated automatically.

THAD SOWDER DEAD
JULESBURG, Colo., March 14 (AP)—Thad Sowder, famous cowboy and bronco rider of a quarter century ago, died here last night after a short illness.

Sowder won the Denver festival in 1900 and 1901 and his name was engraved on a belt still held in Denver, awaiting Sowder's third victory. But in 1902 the champion went to Europe with "Buffalo Bill" Cody and did not compete for final ownership.

GREAT CHURCH BURNED
ALBANY, N. Y., Mar. 14 (AP)—The Trinity Methodist Episcopal church was destroyed by fire early this morning. The loss was estimated at \$300,000.

In Portland—Mrs. J. Neiderer is in Portland attending the convention of the Northwest Beauty Culturists being held here this week. She has been in the Boise City since Sunday and plans to remain until Monday.

Leaves Hospital—Barbara Smith, the 17 months old daughter of Hiram Smith, was able to be taken home from the Grande Ronde hospital today.

Improving—Alfred Matson and Jim Nelson were among those who recently left the Grande Ronde hospital.

Enter Hospital—Mrs. Bertha Proffitt and Mrs. Verda Schreckhise were admitted to the Grande Ronde hospital early this week and are both doing nicely.

Ill—E. C. Herzinger has been ill with the flu for the past ten days. He is confined at his home.

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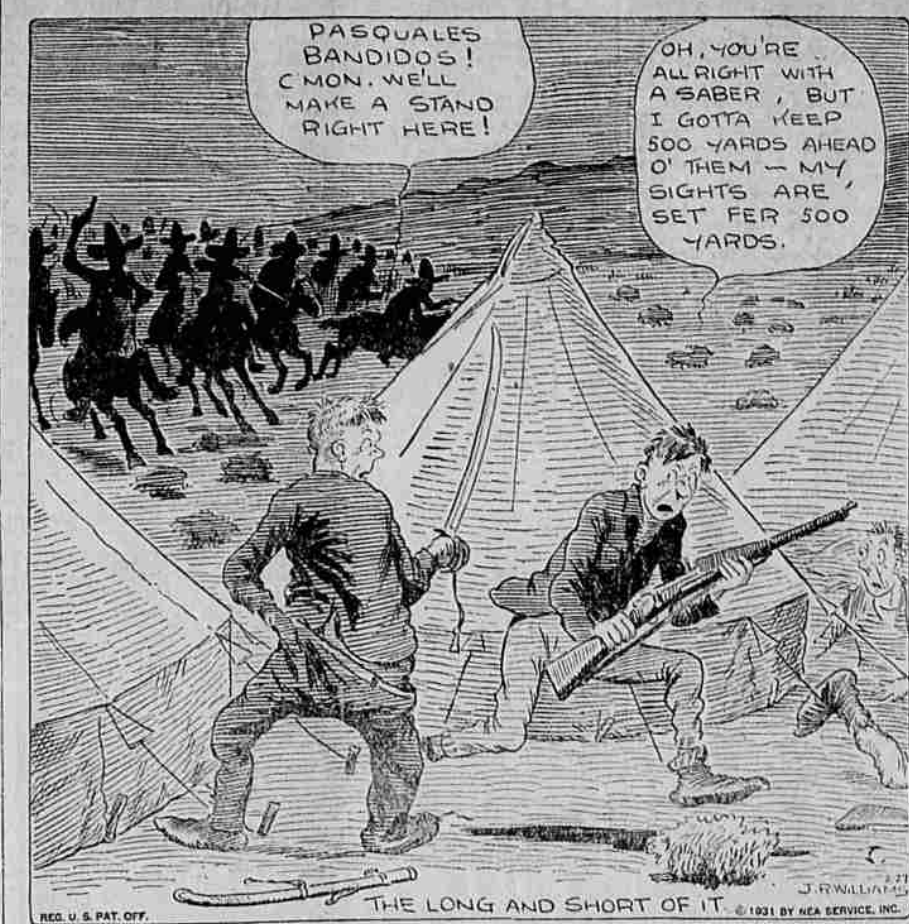
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OUR OUR WAY



Vast Soviet Russia Crop Haunts Wheat Market of The Entire World

By Frank I. Weller
(Associated Press Farm Editor)

WASHINGTON (AP)—The specter of the grain-soviet grain machine stalks the consciousness of every wheat-producing country in the world.

Unofficially it was an influence behind the meetings in Paris of representatives from 37 nations gathered to discuss means for disposing of Europe's wheat surplus.

It will be a large factor in a similar conference at the international institute of agriculture in Rome in March.

The sessions, theoretically, are to consider such commonplace things as tariff rates and import restrictions, but the deliberations are secret and limited to members of the league of nations. Russia is not a member of the league.

Except for Danubian states, the countries of Europe do not produce as much wheat as they consume. Yet almost every importing country has a surplus of wheat.

They have not been getting the wheat from the United States. American prices are 17 cents above the world level. No large part of it is Canadian wheat, because the prairie product is purchased only in quantities that European millers need as high protein wheat to mix with inferior stock.

Imports of Australian and Argentine wheat never have been sufficiently large to keep European mills running without use of native grain.

There is another source of supply—Russia. Whereas the soviet union exported little more than 6,000,000 bushels of wheat a year ago, it now

has placed some 100,000,000 bushels on the world market.

The Paris meeting was called "due to the gravity of the crisis through which Balkan countries are passing."

Trade reports show that Russia has opened new accounts with Europeans for the export of wheat up the Danube in competition with Balkan countries.

Over all is the threat in Russia's planting intentions for 1931. Plans call for 180,000,000 acres of wheat. The vast grain empire of the United States does not exceed 45,000,000 acres.

Russians do not compete with the rest of the world on an export basis. There the government handles the business and if it prefers to underbid other countries on one commodity to obtain cash to conduct other lines of export in which there is more profit, it does so.

Old imperial Russia at its height never exported more than 200,000,000 bushels of wheat. — and Russia dominated the wheat export market before the war. In a year's time the soviet export of wheat has sprung from almost nothing to half the size of the former trade.

Government, or "collective" wheat farming in Russia is comparatively small. The bulk of the rich wheat country is still in the hands of the peasants and unexploited, but the Russian 5-year plan calls for more collective farms.

Plans for the new German airship, LZ-128, have been altered to increase its capacity from 5,075,000 to 8,000,000 cubic feet.

CHICAGO, March 14 (AP)—An old man sat on a sidewalk on a busy Chicago street with head bowed, legs sprawled, and his back propped up against the wall of a building.

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A man dropped a dime into the hat. Others came by, tossing nickels and pennies in as they rushed on their way.

Then there came the last of the gifts—a woman. She too dropped a coin, but she was more interested in the man himself than in the money.

In the man's hand, which they invaded the negroes were frightened away by an accidental revolver shot.

J. A. Russell Is Called Beyond In Baker Today

J. A. Russell, who is about 65 years of age, died suddenly this morning in Baker, his death coming as a complete surprise to every one who knew him.

Mr. Russell was the founder and owner of the Grande Ronde Meat company until 1923 when he sold his business to E. A. Epling and moved to Baker to operate a branch of the company there.

He is well known in La Grande, having been one of the prominent business men and property owners until going to Baker.

At the time of Mr. Russell's death, Mrs. Russell and Miss Inogene Russell were in Eugene, where Mrs. Russell is studying at the University of Oregon. Mr. Russell came to work as usual this morning but a short while after complained of feeling ill and went to his room which was near his business house.

A few minutes after he left the store one of the employees went to his room and found him dead. The exact cause of his death was not determined in the telephone conversation, which George Birnie had with his son-in-law, W. C. Cox, of Baker, but it was thought that he died of heart failure.

Mr. Russell is survived by Mrs. Russell, Miss Inogene Russell, of Eugene, and a former teacher in the La Grande school; Mrs. E. W. Cox, a daughter, of Baker; and Ralph Russell, a son.

Mrs. Russell is expected in La Grande from Eugene immediately, and funeral arrangements will be made at that time.

STATE COLLEGE BAND IS COMING

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activities, the band, in cooperation with Kappa Kappa Psi, national and honorary fraternity, sponsors an annual high school band contest. This year makes the seventh annual contest for the state of Oregon by headquarters at New York City.

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NEGROES COMMIT CRIMES
EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., March 14 (AP)—Two negroes forced their way into three homes last night, criminally attacked two women and a 16-year-old girl, bound and gagged a number of men, including husbands of the two women, and stole an unestimated quantity of jewelry and money.

At a fourth home, which they invaded the negroes were frightened away by an accidental revolver shot.

STEINER HONORED
WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP)—Senator Steinier of Oregon and Senator Pass yesterday received honorary commissions as colonels of the marines. The commissions were conferred by Col. J. J. Staley, 20th division, a reserve regiment stationed at the capital. The commissions carry membership in the advisory staff of the regiment.

CLOSING TONE FIRM
NEW YORK, March 14 (AP)—Bears took the moderate profits afforded by a four day downward drift of prices in today's weekend session of the stock market, and their repurchases jacked up the list one to three points.

Speculators for the rise again put forward some of their favorites in the utility division, and gave Radio Corporation a whirl in the last few minutes, getting it up 2 points, one of its widest gains of the year. Trading in the two hour session aggregated 1,000,000 shares. The closing tone was firm.

By J. R. Williams



Ralph Collier, Ex-La Grander, Killed Friday

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 14 (Special)—Ralph Collier, 54, 1025 Caruthers street, a truck driver for the Nordic Baking & Importing company, 50 East Seventh street, was fatally injured shortly after noon yesterday when the truck he was driving was struck by an automobile driven by Helen Code, 22, daughter of Mrs. M. L. Overton, 1485 East Eighteenth street, at East Eighteenth street and Bybee avenue.

An ambulance was called and Collier was taken to Coconino hospital, where he died shortly after his arrival. He sustained a fracture of the skull. According to the statement made by Max Gansman, Multnomah, to Chet Wiles, police traffic investigator, both automobiles were traveling at an excessive rate of speed.

The young woman was driving south on East Eighteenth street, and Collier west on Bybee avenue. The truck was knocked 24 feet from the intersection to the sidewalk and Collier, who was thrown out, was pinned beneath it.

Collier was born April 7, 1900, in Kansas City, Mo., the son of William R. and Nora Collier, both deceased. His parents moved soon after his birth to Hood River, Ore., where he spent his childhood and early youth. He attended high school in La Grande, Ore., where he was a star on the football and basketball teams, graduating in 1918.

He enlisted in the United States army at the entry of this country in the world war and was assigned to the quartermaster corps, reaching that rank of sergeant. He spent nine months overseas with the 314th bakery company, and five months in the army in this country.

WELL KNOWN HERE
Mr. Collier, killed in Portland yesterday in an automobile accident, was well known in La Grande and had many friends here who mourn his passing.

To Aid L. A. Branch Of Oregon C. of C.
Word has been received by the local chamber of commerce concerning the need of additional funds to carry on the work of the Los Angeles office of the Oregon state chamber of commerce. The fiscal year ends on April first, and no funds are available to continue the work after that date. Oregon chambers are therefore asked to pledge toward this worthwhile activity. The expense of the chamber for 1930 was approximately \$12,000, more than half of which was used for advertising and literature. The result of this expenditure was secured by the work of the Los Angeles office, which has been a total capital of \$1,000,000, which means that for every dollar expended, \$140 of new capital was secured for the state, and that at least \$450,000 annually was added to the buying power of Oregon families.

In addition to permanent settlers secured by the work of the Los Angeles office has greatly stimulated tourist travel, which is proved by an increase in north and south travel last year against a decline in general registrations.

The local chamber of commerce is planning to have a meeting in the near future for the purpose of deciding the amount of the pledge to be made toward this work.

FIVE HURT IN ILLINOIS PRISON RIOT
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The remainder of the 1,100 more passive, were herded into their cell blocks but refused to allow themselves to be locked into their own cells. Shots fired over their heads sent them to cover, however, and one prisoner was wounded by a ricocheted bullet.

The three score, after smashing everything in the kitchen, returned to the dining hall and demolished tables, chairs and fixtures, throwing furniture through windows.

Mobile guards finally subdued the ringleaders and 43 men were locked up in solitary confinement, pinned to iron bars by arms and legs.

Lofty Tree
The Karri tree of western Australia has been known to attain a height of 278 feet.

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FRISCH SIGNS CONTRACT
BRADENTON, Fla., March 14 (AP)—After a 5 minute conference with President Sam Bradenton, Frankie Frisch, captain and second baseman of the St. Louis Cardinals, today signed his 1931 contract. Terms were not made public. Chick Hefey, outfielder, is now the only unsigned player.

Now is the time to install a new GAS RANGE
Don't cook over an old fashioned coal or wood stove this Summer!

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