

# Peace Move Made Here, America, Others

## FOUR POWERS MAKE MOVES TO END WAR

British and Americans  
Submit Proposals to Chi-  
nese and Japanese.

## FRANCE, ITALY TO FOLLOW SUIT

Decision Reached at Geneva Session Today—  
Joint Conference Held  
in Tokyo Tonight.

ROME, Feb. 2 (AP)—Italy is sending the cruiser Trentino and the destroyer Espero to cooperate with the forces of other powers at Shanghai. It was announced today.

SHANGHAI, Wednesday, Feb. 3 (AP)—Commenting today on the efforts of the great powers to terminate the conflict here, Chinese municipal officials said they would welcome any move to restore peace in the Far East without infringement upon the national sovereignty and dignity.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (AP)—Ambassador Debutch of Japan told Under Secretary Castle of the state department today Japan has no present intention of sending land forces to Shanghai.

The ambassador said he believed no reinforcements were now en route to Shanghai.

## SUBMIT PROPOSALS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (AP)—The United States and Great Britain submitted to the Japanese and Chinese governments today detailed proposals designed to end hostilities.

France and Italy were expected to do likewise.

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## Last-Half Rally By Sons Fails To Defeat E. O. N.

Mountaineers Score 30-28  
Victory in First Conference  
Hoop Game of Season.

Normal School Conference  
W. L. Pct.  
Eastern Oregon ..... 1 0 1.000  
Ashland ..... 0 1 .500  
Monmouth ..... 0 0 .000

Game tonight: Eastern Oregon and Ashland at L. D. S. Recreational hall at 8 p. m.

Coach Bob Quinn's Mountaineers opened their conference season here last night with a victory over the Sons of Ashland, 30 to 28, and for the last minute of play the crowd almost held its breath!

With the score 30 to 21 with four minutes to play, Stewart, Ashland center, went on scoring spree, hitting three field goals in as many minutes, adding another point on a free throw. Then, with 27 seconds to go, a fourth personal was called on Belts, blue and gold center, but Stewart missed the free throw and the E. O. N. squad managed to freeze the remaining seconds of the game.

Sons Set Fast Pace  
The first half found the Sons hitting a hard pace, holding a lead until the last few minutes when the Mountaineers tied the count at nine.

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## La Grande High Students Make Better Records

That students of La Grande High school are making much better marks in some phases of education, more than are those of some Oregon high schools, is revealed by figures issued this week by school authorities.

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## Mr. J. Augustus Groundhog Gives Up In Disgust!



Mr. J. Augustus Groundhog, generally known as weather prophet in these parts for many years, today quit his job in disgust, although this is the day he is supposed to do his job.

"I'm through," said J. Augustus. "What's the use of trying to make predictions in a year like this when the weather has gone completely haywire? With mid-winter sunstrokes in the east and snow in 'sunny' California, it's a lot to be asked.

"Anyway, this Groundhog Day stuff is all a lotta bunk. If I peeked out of a hole in New York to look for my shadow this year, I'd probably run the risk of getting my nose sun-burned; in California, I'd probably run the risk of getting it frost-bitten. And that would never do."

However, Mr. Groundhog probably has other reasons for quitting. As a matter of fact, his predictions in the La Grande area haven't been so accurate the last two or three years, anyway!

## SIX BELOW ZERO IN SPOKANE TODAY

Winter Tightens Grip  
Over Pacific Northwest;  
La Grande Has Sun.

If one can depend upon Mr. Groundhog for weather predictions, winter will extend at least two weeks into March. Anyway, Mr. Groundhog had all the opportunity in the world today to see his shadow, with the sky clear and a bright sun beaming down on the Grande Ronde valley.

The minimum last night was seven above, one degree colder than on Monday morning. Yesterday's maximum was 32 above, with traces of snow falling during the day. Many Northwest cities reported sub-zero weather early today.

The official forecast promises continued cold with probable cloudy

## BURNED PLANE LOCATED NEAR RIO VISTA, CAL.

RIO VISTA, Cal., Feb. 2 (AP)—John W. Sharpnack, pilot of a Pacific Air Transport mail plane, was killed when his plane, en route from Oakland to Reno, crashed near here early today.

The burned wreckage of the plane of John W. Sharpnack, United Air Lines pilot, was located seven miles north of Rio Vista, in the Sacramento valley of California, air line officials reported here today.

George T. Douglas, missing pilot for the Varney division between Boise, Idaho and this city, was last heard from over Stevens, near the Utah-Idaho line about 1 a. m. (M. S. T.). Douglas left Boise last night and was forced down at Mountain Home, Idaho, by bad weather. He resumed his flight a few days later. He was believed to have been forced down again north of Great Salt Lake.

## Two More Fliers Disappear In Storm

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2 (AP)—Ninth Air Corps headquarters of the United States army here received word from Sequoia national park today that Lieutenant William A. Coker Jr., one of the two army fliers missing since yesterday, had been found in the park alive and well except for exposure to the elements all night.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2 (AP)—Two more fliers, well known army pilots, disappeared into the storm which has raged over the Tehachapi mountains yesterday. Army officials said they declared negotiations were continuing as to the date for the postponed Lausanne reparations conference.

Germany, he declared, was bound to make reparations to the United States, and therefore could not renounce them.

At the same time, he said, "It is clear that Germany is not in a position to resume fulfillment of those conditions. It is obvious that when the creditor countries come to consider these obligations that fact must be taken into account."

## Hundred Attend Grange Banquet Monday Evening

Event Follows First Day  
of Sessions in Two-Day  
Meeting Now Under  
Way Here.

More than 100 people were guests last evening at the grange banquet held in connection with the fifth annual grange lecturers school which has been holding in this city, continuing through this afternoon.

In the group were officers and members of the grange organizations from Union, Baker, Willows and Umatilla counties together with prominent guests, J. H. Farmer, national grange lecturer, of New Hampshire, C. O. Hulet, master of the Oregon state grange, Mrs. Marie Flint McCall, lecturer on the grange program, Walter M. Pierce, member of the state executive committee, Miss Claribel Nye, representing the extension service in Oregon state college, co-sponsor with the grange, of the school, and Mr. Parsons, of the University of Oregon.

The guests were seated at long tables in the banquet room of the L. D. S. recreational hall, and were served the chicken dinner by members of the seven grange subsidiaries of Union county. Mrs. Frank Wright, of the Blue Mountain grange, as Pomona home economics chairman, was general chairman of the banquet committee and she was assisted by several similar committees.

Wranglers Play  
During the banquet the Blue Mountain Wranglers were present and gave a half hour of their characteristic singing. This was the beginning of an interesting program which was transferred to the tabernacle as the basketball games at the gym were called off by the program.

For speakers during the evening, Miss Holman introduced Prof. Parsons, professor of applied science at the university, who talked along the line of the future of rural life in America; A. R. Shumway, of Free-water, who discussed the activities leading up to the recent operations of the national bank; and J. H. Farmer, who gave an intensely interesting talk on "The Call of the Mountains," and then she introduced the special visitor who responded very briefly.

Musical numbers which added to the day's program yesterday included songs by the High school boys' double quartet, directed by W. W. Nusbaum; songs by Kermit Ruckman, accompanied by Clark Ruckman; the Blue Mountain Wranglers; the old-time singing school, with Miss Lydia Hug assisted by nine La Grande fiddlers.

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## This Woman Knew The Value Of Silence!

CHICAGO, Feb. 2 (AP)—Mrs. George Ward's silence was golden.

She and her husband were in a furniture store last night when three robbers entered.

While his companions menaced the store manager and a clerk, Mrs. Ward, who was wearing a \$10,000 diamond necklace, she kept her mouth shut. It was in connection with the regular drill at the army, under the direction of range officer, Lieut. Jesse V. Andrews.

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## Maurice York High In Indoor Shoot

Maurice York, private first class, was high point man in the record scores completed last night in the regimental indoor rifle match of Company E, 180th Infantry. The match was held in connection with the regular drill at the army, under the direction of range officer, Lieut. Jesse V. Andrews.

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## Finger of Suspicion Is Pointing To Former Deputy Commissioner

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 2 (AP)—The investigation into the tangled affairs of the W. B. Fosbury company took a new turn today, reaching across country to Oregon, after testimony of a former Fosbury employe that he had given \$2000 in cash to a Portland attorney within a few minutes after the Oregon corporation commissioner had granted the company a permit to sell \$225,000 worth of securities in the state.

The witness was G. E. Shrader, at one time in charge of qualifying Fosbury securities before corporation commissioners. He named J. G. Arnold, attorney of Portland, as the man to whom he had paid \$2000 in four

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## GANG SLUGS SLAY THREE IN NEW YORK

Gunmen Murder Woman  
and Two Men and  
Wound Three Others

## CHILDREN VIEW FATAL ASSAULT

Police Believe That  
"Dutch" Schultz-Vincent  
Coll Gang War Has  
Broken Out Again.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (AP)—Once more the dogs of gang war are barking in the Bronx.

The screams of children echoed last night as gang gunners, bursting into a Commonwealth avenue apartment, slew a woman and two men, wounded another woman and two men, and fled even as one of the children was panicking her story of murder to the corner policeman.

Police said today it was the "Dutch" Schultz-Vincent Coll gang war again; that Schultz gangsters were hunting Coll and succeeded only in sending death to three others.

Those killed were: Pasquale Del Greco, 32, a Coll confederate who has been arrested five times in as many months; Florio Basile, 40, an ex-convict whose record dates back to 1912; and Mrs. Emily Turzillo, 35, whose connection with the others was not entirely clear to police today.

The wounded: Mrs. Lena Vinciguerra, 28, mother of four children and sister of the slain Florio; Louis Basile, brother of Florio, and Joseph Parrone, 19, Louis Basile was critically wounded. A bullet lodged near his heart.

POLICE SOLVE SLAYINGS  
CHICAGO, Feb. 2 (AP)—The police said today they have solved three baffling slayings, including one of a woman, through a confession of Paul Harrison, an auto mechanic, who claims he is slowly dying from poison he took to exact justice and laughs at medical experts trying to save his life.

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## DOCTOR TESTIFIES FOR WINNIE JUDD

Psychiatrist Believes Woman  
Was Insane at Time  
Crime Was Committed

COURTHOUSE, Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 2 (AP)—The defense rested at 1:47 p. m., today in the murder trial of Winnie Ruth Judd.

COURTHOUSE, Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 2 (AP)—Dr. Edward Huntington Williams, eminent Los Angeles psychiatrist, took the witness stand today to declare that in the opinion of Paul Ruth Judd, on trial for murder, was insane when she killed Agnes Ansel Lerol and Helvig Samuelson last October.

In answer to a question by Paul Schenck, of the defense counsel—"In your opinion did this defendant know the difference between right and wrong when she committed the crime. If she committed it?" Dr. Williams said:

"I think that she did not know the difference between right and wrong."

Dr. Williams classified Mrs. Judd's insanity as of the "dementia praecox type."

She has had a mother complex—a baby complex—since she was very young," he added.

## MOONSHINERS KILL MEMBER OF RAIDERS

GULFPORT, Miss., Feb. 2 (AP)—Federal prohibition authorities of two states today led a man hunt along the Mississippi golf coast section for moonshiners who last night killed one member of a dry squad raiding party and gravely wounded another.

R. M. Buck, 43, operative with the federal prohibition office here for the past four years, was slain, and Odis Williams, 25, a special agent, was shot in the breast and left arm as three agents surprised a party of moonshiners at a still 300 miles north of Gulfport.

Smith D. Robinson, the third agent, escaped without injury. He reported to authorities that the still attendant opened fire as his party approached and then fled.

Bloodhounds were sent to the scene of the shooting to take up the trail.

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## World Disarm Conference Is Opened Today

Statesmen of Three-Score  
Nations at Beginning  
of Sessions; Henderson  
Urges Action.

GENEVA, Feb. 2 (AP)—The world disarmament conference, attended by the statesmen of three score nations, opened this evening after having been delayed for an hour while the league of nations council considered the problem in the Far East.

Arthur Henderson, the former British cabinet minister, who is acting as chairman, opened the session with an outline of its problems.

"I refuse to contemplate even the possibility of failure," he said, "for if we fail, no one can forget the evil consequences that might ensue."

Urges Action  
He called upon the delegates to "take this opportunity—while it is still ours—to lead the peoples of the world one step toward the high table land of peace and cooperation."

"I feel bound to refer to the tragic fact that at the moment when this conference begins its work we are confronted with a situation of such extreme gravity as that which now exists in the Far East," he said.

"It is imperative that all signatories of the league of nations covenant and of other international treaties should make it their business to insure the strict observance of those great safeguards against acts of violence and war."

Atmosphere Encouraging  
The conference opened in a more encouraging atmosphere than had been expected because of the united stand of the great powers against the hostilities in China.

Henderson said this conference had three important objectives:

1. To reach a collective agreement on a practical program for substantial reduction and limitation of armaments.
2. To determine that no armaments may be made outside the scope of that agreement.
3. To hold similar conferences in the future at reasonably short intervals of time.

Henderson reviewed the steps of the league of nations toward disarmament, including the creation of a permanent advisory committee, the draft treaty of mutual assistance in 1923, the Geneva protocol of 1924 and the Kellogg-Briand pact of 1928. He called for similar conferences in the future at reasonably short intervals of time.

Henderson proposed a special meeting for next Saturday to receive these proposals, and announced then adjourned until tomorrow.

## TUSKO'S HIRED MAN ARRESTED; ELEPHANT FED

PORTLAND, Feb. 2 (AP)—The head keeper of Tusko the elephant was in difficulties with police today. At headquarters it was said Bayard (Sleepy) Gray, the trainer, was arrested in an intoxicated condition and charged with drunken driving, and his car run down by a bus.

Police were notified that a winter quarter. There they found the assistant keeper in a quandary. No food and no fuel was the basis of the complaint. The bus was driven at about 8:00. He had been sought from midnight to 3 a. m. after an automobile registered to him had crashed into J. B. Smith's car.

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## Olympic Team Is Injured As Sled Jumps the Track

LAKE PLACID, N. Y., Feb. 2 (AP)—Careening down the icy bob sled run on Mt. Van Hoevenberg today, a German four man sled with Captain Fritz Graf at the steering ropes jumped the slide at Shady Corner, critically injuring the captain and two other members of his team.

The sled was traveling about sixty miles an hour as it rounded the corner when it went out of control and catapulted the four men 100 feet down the rock-strewn, tree-studded slope of Mount Van Hoevenberg.

Graf suffered left arm and possible internal injuries, Helmut Hopman, a fractured leg and severe head injury, and Albert Brubaker, possible skull fracture. Rudolph Krapi appeared less seriously hurt.

## Hoover Calls For National Tribute

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (AP)—President Hoover, in an official proclamation today called upon citizens of the nation to join in celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington.

Praising the first president of the country, the chief executive requested that "all our people" organize themselves to contemplate Washington's courage, patience and genius.

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## SHELLS SENT INTO CHAPEL RUINS TODAY

Bombardment Ceases After  
Chinese Give Way—  
Japanese Claim Victory

## DEFENSE COUNCIL VOICES PROTEST

International Settlement  
Points to Japanese Military  
Action Within  
Boundaries.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 3 (Wednesday) (AP)—Reports early today said the international settlement defense council, composed of various foreign military commanders, had communicated to Japanese authorities a protest over the Japanese independent military action of the Japanese within the settlement.

RUINS OF CHAPEL SILENT  
SHANGHAI, Wednesday, Feb. 3 (AP)—A sudden silence had fallen upon the ruins of Chapel today after a sharp artillery duel on Tuesday during which neither side appeared to have gained any material advantage.

The Japanese claimed a victory in the artillery exchange but the Chinese command only repeated their blunt statement:

"We intend to drive the enemy out of Chinese territory."

Chapel caught fire again from the falling shells and the darkness was pierced by flames licking at the handful of buildings left in the area.

The firing resumed at about 6:30 p. m. when the Japanese opened up with machine guns and what sounded like field artillery. The Chinese replied with machine guns and trench mortars.

It didn't last long, but the Chinese fell back. The Japanese did not pursue. Later the Japanese said they had been firing on strong defense works discovered by their air scouts.

## JAP CRUISER ARRIVES

SASEBO, Japan, Feb. 20 (AP)—The cruiser Tatsuta arrived from Shanghai today, bringing the bodies of 20 Japanese soldiers who were killed in the fighting there and 87 wounded. Solemn Buddhist funeral rites for the dead were held and attended by a large crowd.

## FIERCE BATTLE EXPECTED

NANKING, Feb. 2 (AP)—A fierce battle between Chinese and Japanese forces here was looked for as many of the Japanese troops were reported to be in the city. Local officials to bring about peace seemed to be failing. A Japanese at-

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## Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Feb. 2 (AP)—Lowest prices in grains today came in the final hour.

Sellers of wheat put increasing emphasis on peace gains of leading powers hopeful of a solution of Far Eastern difficulties. Mild weather and relative easiness of securities also were cited as conducive to setbacks in cereal values.

What closed unsettled, 1/4 @ 1/2 c above yesterday's finish, corn 1/4 @ 1/2 c down, and oats 1/4 @ 1/2 c off, provisions receded, closing at 10 to 20 cents decline owing, largely to prospective increased marketing of hogs.

PORTLAND, Feb. 2 (AP)—Reaction set in the domestic wheat market during the Tuesday session. Better, or maybe worse, weather for wheat caused selling pressure in the finals. On the Portland grain exchange May lost 1c, July 3/4 c and September 1