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OWEN GOES ON TRIAL IN MURDER CASE

Legal Battle of Definitions Indicated By Questioning of Jurors.

ONE EXCUSED DUE TO FIRM OPINION

Eight Selected Subject to Peremptory Challenges During Morning Session of Trial.

Twelve men had been passed for cause by 2:30 o'clock this afternoon in the Owen murder trial, but neither prosecutors nor defense had exercised peremptory challenges as yet, of which the fomer has six and the latter 12. John Lewis and Lewis Laird, of Cove, were excused, and Conrad Nelderer and S. H. Richards, of Elgin, took their places. Franklin Hawkins and James R. Jones, both of Union, were passed for cause. How quickly the jury is selected depends upon how many peremptory challenges are exercised this afternoon.

The trial of John Owen, accused of the slaying of Amos Helms, state policeman, which opened this morning at 10 o'clock at the circuit court, promises to be a battle of definitions, the outcome possibly depending on the jury's interpretation of the terms "malice" and "premeditation," the questioning of the veniremen today would indicate. District Attorney Carl Helm, of La Grande, and District Attorney Leland Finch, of Baker, in questioning prospective jurors in each case asked if they had preconceived ideas of the meaning of malice and premeditation, and asked if they would change their opinion in accordance with the definition made in the court room if it were proved to be true "beyond the shadow of a reasonable doubt."

A large crowd was assembled for the opening of the trial.

George T. Cochran has been appointed by Judge J. W. Knowles, of the court, as the attorney for the defense, and conducted the questioning for the defense.

Owen, who is the son of Rev. J. E. Owen, retired Methodist minister of Springfield, Mo., drove to La Grande on Oct. 18, accompanied by Keith Crosswhite, son of the Spring-

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JOHN GINTHER ESCAPES TWO HOLDUP MEN

John Ginther, North Powder school teacher, escaped from holdup men a mile and a half east of Union Sunday night about 10 o'clock, although they fired at him as he drove away, he reported to local police here shortly before 11 o'clock last evening. He said two men, their faces masked with handkerchiefs, attempted to stop his car and then fired as he drove on. There was one bullet hole in one fender on his automobile.

The state police investigated but no clue as to the identity of the two men could be found.

Fugate Funeral To Be Tuesday at 2:00

The body of W. L. Fugate, who died Friday at Walla Walla, will arrive here on No. 20 this evening and will be taken to the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Summerville chapel with the I. O. O. F. lodge in charge.

Forum Luncheon To Be At Imbler

H. G. Avery will speak on some farm problem Tuesday noon, when the Union county chamber of commerce holds its annual chicken dinner at Imbler at 12 o'clock in Wade hall. For transportation, H. C. Boone, secretary, urges that members call the chamber of commerce office by 11:30 on Tuesday.

Ballots to select 12 members of the board of directors from a list of 24 candidates were sent out Saturday, and will be counted this week.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Fair tonight and Tuesday, not quite so cold in the east portion tonight; fresh north and northwest winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—9 above.
Minimum: Zero.
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 23, minimum 4 above.
Condition: Clear. Range—19 degrees.

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Maximum 42, minimum 34 above.
Condition: Cloudy, rain .15 of inch. Range—18 degrees.

Winter Sports Lure Hundreds To Meacham, Ore.

La Granders Take Fair Share of Honors in Tournament—Hot Dog Stands Have Rush.

More than 500 people from Meacham, La Grande, Pendleton and way points gathered at Meacham yesterday to witness and take part in the tournament in which Meacham entrants won a majority of the events. Hot dog stands and lunch counters enjoyed the most rushing business since 1923 when President Harding entered the town on the occasion of the Old Oregon Trail celebration.

The town was alive with business throughout the day, with quantities of coffee and hot sandwiches consumed by the mobs of hungry skiers and spectators which thronged in from early morning, leaving only at sunset when the winter air became uncomfortably cold. Sunday's minimum is reported to have been 26 below zero.

Both skiing and tobogganing were popular, and the Meacham ski club members believe that their winter playground will some day rank with Mount Hood as a resort for snow sports.

While many arrived at the scene of the tournament in automobiles, a few went on motorcycles, and John Miller, of La Grande, who placed first in the ski jumping contest with a jump of 22 feet, went the distance from his home to the winter playground on skiis. He left La Grande

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American Legion Relief Plan To Begin Functioning

The action which may prove to be the decisive factor in determining the future course of business and aid in putting the nation on a sound economic footing, providing it receives the support it is held deserving of, is the nationwide appeal of the American Legion and its confederates through its nationally organized "War on Depression."

Under the active leadership of the American Legion a national commission has been formed known as the "War on Depression Commission." This commission will have charge of the direction of a nation-wide attempt to secure pledges from business and the public to put men and women back to work. Those who have the power to co-operate and the moral and patriotic courage to risk their part in an endeavor to restore prosperity will be given the opportunity.

To the men and women of America, to all who may have a job to give, to all groups that can by joining together make a job for a man or woman, to all who can point to a job unseen, the American Legion makes a plea in the hope and faith that every American will rise to the great need of our time.

"There is money, work needs to be done, while millions of our people are idle in the tragedy of depression." The president has launched a war against the hoarders and has made an appeal that they place their funds in circulation. If this is done much can be accomplished if those who do so will also heed the appeal of the American Legion and join with them in a worthy cause, in their attempt to restore the country to a sound economical basis.

No promise of results has been made by the Legion. They can only accomplish results in so far as the American public to whom they will appeal is willing to co-operate and put across a deserving enterprise. Whether one million, three million or

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Drum Corps To Play Selections At Band Concert

The complimentary concert to be given by the La Grande band this coming Friday evening, Feb. 19 at the L. D. S. tabernacle will feature several special attractions in addition to the fine program to be rendered by the band.

The American Legion drum and bugle corps, which is extremely popular throughout the Northwest, will be featured in two especially written numbers for this corps by the best known of drum and bugle corps composers, Rudy Schultz. The corps will appear in full uniform under the drum majorship of John Garity and the instructor, Andrew Loney. The advancements made in music for these organizations the past few years has been nothing short of marvelous which fact will be easily detected in the overture the corps will play at Friday's concert.

Women To Sing

Another feature of this concert will

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Bankers to Speak At the High School

A series of talks on banking, which are given annually before the student body of the La Grande High school, will open Wednesday morning, when H. A. Zurbrick gives an introductory talk on the story of money and credit.

Other speakers in the series which will continue weekly for three weeks will be Paul Meyers, C. L. Thompson and L. H. Bramwell, all of whom are connected with local banks.

HANLEY AND AINSWORTH QUIT POSTS

Governor Meier Confirms Already Known Fact of Resignations.

EXECUTIVE URGES RECONSIDERATION

Both Highway Commissioners Refuse to Serve if Spaulding Remains as a Member.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15 (AP) — Governor Julius L. Meier, today in a talk with newspaper men confirmed the already known fact that J. C. Ainsworth and William Hanley have resigned from the state highway commission.

The resignations were turned in because of friction with the third member of the commission, Charles K. Spaulding. It is known the governor is attempting to persuade Ainsworth and Hanley to reconsider. They have declared they will, in no case, continue to serve on the commission if Spaulding remains, and there is said to be grave doubt whether they can be persuaded to continue on a reorganized board in event Spaulding is removed.

Governor Meier said he had no formal statement to make. He expected to leave Portland for Salem during the afternoon.

E. O. N. DEBATERS SCORE SIX WINS

Reach Semi-Finals in Intercollegiate Tournament in Western Oregon.

After a successful tour of several Western Oregon colleges, the Eastern Oregon Normal school debate team returned last night to La Grande.

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 5 and 6, they entered the intercollegiate tournament at Linfield college, at McMinnville, winning four debates and

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OWLS WIN AT WALLOWA WITH SCORE OF 38-28

The Jack Allen Owls added another victory to their impressive string Saturday night when they defeated the Wallowa town team at Wallowa, 38 to 28.

At half time the Wallowans were in the lead, but the Owls began finding the basket with such regularity in the final quarters that the home quintet could not match their stride.

Incidentally, four members of the Owls are former Wallowans — Jack Loyd, Mennon Crabtree, Glen Crawford and Cecil Posey.

Elks Ball To Be Held on Feb. 23

Elks and their ladies will be entertained at the annual ball on Tuesday, Feb. 23, according to plans made yesterday afternoon at the Elks temple by Robert Carey, general chairman, and his committee. Departing from the usual custom, a banquet will not be held preceding the ball, but a buffet supper will be served after 10 o'clock, and dancing will be enjoyed from 9 to 1 o'clock.

The Blue Mountain Wranglers will furnish the special novelty feature during the intermission, dressed in their cowboy costumes.

Committees are: Harley Richardson, Clyde Smith, Earl Lester, decorations; Dal Hudspeth, Clive Moore, L. L. Snodgrass, lunch; L. Wissler, Stanley Mills, music; Raymond Gray and Dal Hudspeth, punch; J. G. Ormand, Ed Mayberry, H. G. Dow, Dr. Webster K. Ross, L. L. Snodgrass, E. F. Walden, J. B. Shanks, of Union, and C. L. Thompson, ticket and floor committee.

The admission fee has been reduced, the committee states. Final arrangements will be made when the committee holds its next meeting Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the Elks temple.

Game Heads Ask Interpretation Of Police Act

Commission in Meeting in Portland Today—Some Fishing Restrictions Are Adopted.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15 (AP) — The state game commission, at a meeting here today, announced it will ask the attorney general for an interpretation of the state police act as related to the game division of the state police department.

The attorney general will be asked for an opinion covering the constitutionality of the measure and the legal authority or lack of authority by which funds are diverted from the state game protective fund to the state police department.

Dissatisfaction of some sportsmen's organizations with the enforcement of game laws by the state police department resulted in the action.

The game commission will confer with Governor Meier and Charles Pray, superintendent of state police, on administrative problems in game law enforcement.

The commission agreed to conform to the state board of control order fixing a 5-cent per mile allowance for operation of state-owned cars under direction of the commission. All staff members will submit itemized statements of cost to ascertain if the charge is in accord with actual expense.

The commission will, however, point out to the board of control its inability to require members of its executive personnel to operate between the hours of 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. on week days and exclude operation from Saturday noon until Monday morning.

Fishing Area Decreased

Most of the morning session of the commission was taken up in the annual procedure opening and closing streams and lakes in accordance with recommendations of sportsmen's associations and hatchery and research departments of the commission. Today's orders decrease rather than increase the total closed fishing areas. All previous closing orders of former commissions have been rescinded. A few new areas were restricted while restrictions were removed on other areas.

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Cold Wave Here Sends Mercury Down To Zero

Zero weather paid its second visit to La Grande this month around midnight last night when the mercury touched a low of even zero. The present cold spell started Saturday, with the temperature falling to four above, although the absence of wind over the weekend made the frigid weather much easier to remain comfortable

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280 View Pageant At L.D.S. Church

More than 280 enjoyed the impressive pageant, "The Light and Life of the World," which was presented last night at the L. D. S. tabernacle by the First Ward primary, under the direction of the president, Mrs. G. R. Williams.

The program was a series of musical numbers and tableaus in which a large group of children took part. Chrissy Lester sang "The Children's Friend." A duet, "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go," was sung by Chrystal Lamb and Miss Lester; and Morris Bruce sang "I'm Not Too Young for God to See." Vern Baxter sang the children's morning song, and Donald Kohler sang "I'll Strive While Young to Tune My Voice." John McManus presented "Oh Jesus, the Giver of All We Enjoy." David Geddes gave the response, and the pageant closed by songs by the entire primary and the congregation, and a closing prayer by Dale Theissen.

VANCOUVER CHILD KILLED

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 15 (AP)—June Brown, seven years old, was fatally injured here last night when struck by an automobile near her home here. Donald Witzel, 23, was held in the city jail on hit-and-run charges in connection with the death.

Witnesses said Witzel was traveling at high speed when his machine struck the child and that he failed to stop.

House Committee Approves Measure For $10,000,000 Revolving Fund

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP)—Legislation to set up a $10,000,000 revolving fund to assist in financing agriculture credit corporations was approved today by the house agriculture committee.

The bill, drafted by Chairman Jones is designed to make available additional credit to farmers from the intermediate credit banks.

The secretary of agriculture would make loans from the fund up to 75 per cent of the capital stock of credit corporations with at least $10,000 capitalization.

Funds of intermediate credit banks are available to farmers only through such corporations.

The secretary of agriculture has the supervision of the fund and must pass on the financial set-up of corporations receiving loans.

Government Will Appeal Cannon Case

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP) — The government notified the District of Columbia supreme court today it would appeal from the last Saturday's decision which invalidated corrupt practices act indictments against Bishop James Cannon jr., and Miss Ada L. Burroughs.

RESCUE MANY FROM FIRE

PORTLAND, Feb. 15 (AP) — Fire which broke out in a restaurant here Sunday spread to a rooming house and all but trapped several residents before firemen and police led them to safety.

HARMONY NO LONGER SUNG BY DEMOCRATS

Clear-cut Rift Now Exists Between Important Elements of Party.

SHOUSE, RASKOB START FIREWORKS

Non-instruction Plan Believed Designed to Throw Monkey-Wrench Into Roosevelt Boom.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP) — A clearcut rift now exists between important elements of the Democratic party, and the prospect for harmony in the year of presidential election has faded to a shadow.

Definite statements of opposing positions over the instruction of delegates now stand between Franklin D. Roosevelt and his supporters on the one hand, and that section of the party leadership which agrees with the views of Jouett Shouse, director of the Democratic national headquarters under Chairman John J. Raskob.

Shouse has advocated that delegates not be instructed, but be left free to choose their candidate in the light of conditions at the moment the convention is held and the ballots are cast. Governor Roosevelt saw in the plan disfranchisement of the party's rank and file with the decision thrown to the dickering of powerful leaders, nothing more than a backroom nomination.

Shouse and Raskob disclaim any intention to stop Roosevelt or any other candidate with the non-instruction plan, but Roosevelt's candidacy, now rolling up a mounting total of votes all over the country, is the one most threatened before convention time, having most to lose. Yet the New York governor has not questioned the sincerity of the Shouse-Raskob disclaimer.

His supporters, however, are working intensively to roll up the kind of snowball that will travel from its own momentum. They are striving for that wholesale dash for a ride on the bandwagon which well defined prospects of success can and do bring. The immediate aim is to bring into a militant, well-coordinated campaign the somewhat scattering spontaneous local movements in his behalf.

COLUMBIA U. TEAM PLAYING HERE TONIGHT

If comparative scoring counts for anything, two very closely matched college teams will play a two-game series in La Grande beginning tonight when Columbia university of Portland meets the Eastern Oregon Normal school at the L. D. S. Recreational hall. The games both tonight and Tuesday will begin at 8 o'clock.

The Mountaineers have gone through a strenuous January-February season with only three defeats, one by Whitman and two by Monmouth. Columbia won from Albany college by about the same scores as did the E. O. N., and other comparisons put the two quintets about on par.

Bob Quinn's team is in good condition and the regular lineup is expected to start the game, Belts, center; Medcalf and Baxter, forwards, and Bredow and Carden, guards.

The Columbia starting lineup had not been announced this morning.

Stocks React In Exchange Today

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (AP) — Stocks reacted under profit-taking today, although the decline was checked before last week's gains had been seriously impaired.

Most of the selling came in the first half hour when leaders backed up $1 to $5. Prices then rallied as new buying orders were uncovered, but sagged again when the upturn failed to approach the vigor of Saturday's finish. However, trading became very dull on the second dip and quotations generally held above the early forenoon lows.

United States Steel, after dropping $2.50 to $46.50, recovered most of its loss before easing again. American Telephone was down $5 to $127.58 at the lowest but strengthened substantially. American Can, Union Pacific, Santa Fe railroad, New York Central and DuPont showed maximum declines of $2 to $3 which were subject to intermittent reductions.

Oregon Teachers May Get Preference

SALEM, Feb. 15 (AP) — Special consideration to employment of Oregon teachers in filling vacancies for the coming school year was urged by State Superintendent C. A. Howard in a letter addressed to Oregon school officials today.

Howard said that under normal conditions there is something to be said from some exchange of teachers from state to state, "but these are not normal times."

During the past year 265 teachers from other states secured Oregon teachers' certificates.

TRIES MOVIES

Gurle Andre, above, a charming blond and the most photographed and highest-priced artist's model in America, has accepted a lower salary in Hollywood, Cal., on the hope that she will develop into a film star. She has been called the "perfect model."

AMERICAN TEAM OLYMPIC WINNER

Billy Fiske Defends Four-Man Bobsled Championship Today.

OLYMPIC BOB RUN, Mount Van Hovenberg, Lake Placid, N. Y., Feb. 15 (AP)—Billy Fiske, American living abroad, successfully defended the four man Olympic bob sled championship today, by beating off the final drive of Harry Homburger and

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Pendleton High Defeats Tigers In Extra Period

Succumbing before a spirited attack launched by Pendleton High in the third quarter, the La Grande first stringers with the exception of Torrence, guard, were called to the bench in the final period of the basketball game here Saturday. And after the substitutes went in a game that seemed hopelessly lost, suddenly was tied up and went into an overtime period, with the Buckaroos coming out on the long end of a 25 to 23 score because Galloway caged a field goal in the extra three minutes of play.

The Tigers showed the effects of the gruelling tilt with Baker the night before and their floor work and basket shooting were both at fault. Also, only three free throws were converted from the foul line out of 14 attempts. On the other hand, the Bucks were playing heads-up basketball and making most of their offensive drives count.

Only one game is on the Tiger schedule this week due to the cancellation of the scheduled tilt at Milton-Freewater next Friday night. On Saturday the Union Bobcats, who defeated La Grande early last week, will invade the L. D. S. Recreational hall for a return game.

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One Death, Three Injuries in Crash

SALEM, Feb. 15 (AP) — Automobile accidents in Salem and vicinity over the past weekend resulted in one fatality and three injured. All received injuries in one crash in Salem late Saturday night.

Miss Frances Monner, 20, of Salem was so badly injured she died on the way to the hospital. J. A. Starker, 21, of Brooks, is still in the Salem hospital with a fractured skull. Miss Agnes Monner, sister of the dead girl, and Paul Bointon of Brooks, the other two occupants of the car, suffered severe bruises and shocks.

NARROW ESCAPE

PORTLAND, Feb. 15 (AP)—Slight injuries to his right arm was the only ill effects Charles Schaefer suffered today when his automobile slipped from the Terwilliger boulevard and plunged over a 250-foot embankment. The car was demolished.

Cardozo To Be Elevated To The Supreme Bench

President Hoover Decides Upon New Yorker as Successor to Oliver Wendell Holmes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP)—Benjamin Nathan Cardozo, chief justice of the New York state court of appeals, was appointed by President Hoover today to the supreme court vacancy caused by the resignation of Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes.

In view of assurances of backing received by President Hoover, early confirmation is expected.

The nomination was forwarded to the senate at 1 p. m.

CARDOZO SELECTED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP)—President Hoover has determined upon Judge Benjamin N. Cardozo, of New York, as successor to Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes of the supreme court.

Cardozo now is chief justice of the New York state court of appeals. He is a Democrat and a Jew.

The name was to be forwarded to the senate some time today.

Confirmation is considered assured.

Favored By Borah

Cardozo has the backing of New York's two senators and is also known to be favored by such leaders as Borah, of Idaho.

The president conferred with Senator Watson, of Indiana, the Republican leader, and other administration senators before making known his choice finally.

Appointment of Cardozo makes the political line up of the supreme court five Republicans and four Democrats.

62 Years of Age

Cardozo was born in New York City in 1870. He studied at Columbia, Yale, New York university, the University of Michigan and Harvard.

He was admitted to the New York bar in 1891, and since then has served both on the state supreme court and the court of appeals bench.

He is unmarried. He has written numerous legal books and is vice president of the American law institute.

League Stirred By Reports From Sino-Jap Front

By Andrue Berding
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GENEVA, Switzerland, Feb. 15 (AP)—China prepared today to call upon the league of nations to authorize an economic boycott against Japan, the most drastic action provided for in the covenant of the league of nations, unless redress is obtained through a special meeting of the league assembly, under article XV of the covenant, which it has invoked officially.

The decision of W. W. Yen, Chinese spokesman, coincided with a report received by the league from its investigating commission at Shanghai in which the commissioners declared "a state of open war exists" there and "the offensive is entirely in the hands of the Japanese, whose declared object is to capture the Woosung forts and drive all Chinese to a considerable distance" from the city.

The report was signed by Count Galeazzo Ciano, son-in-law of Benito Mussolini, of Italy and Italian consul general at Shanghai.

Coupled with the news that Japan had landed 12,000 fresh troops at Shanghai, the report stirred the league to its depths. The general assembly was asked for by Mr. Yen last Friday and he said today he was determined to go on with the appeal if the council decided it would not convene the meeting itself.

His next plea, he said, will be under article XVI of the covenant, which provides for an economic boycott.

Naotake Sato, Japanese delegate, said Japan would oppose the Chinese plea. The Japanese would take exception to the transfer of any portion of the Sino-Japanese dispute to the scope of article XV, he said. Reports were circulated again that the Japanese planned to withdraw from the league if the assembly were convoked, but the Japanese delegation denied this emphatically.

Much significance is attached in

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Deranged Father Murders Children

CHARLESTOWN, W. Va., Feb. 15 (AP)—Fear that his children might be hungry and cold and that they might not be "saved" if they lived longer in "this wicked world" led a deranged father to kill three of them with a hatchet and to critically injure three others. He then committed suicide.

The bodies were found yesterday by relatives. Bolton E. White, 46, the father, and his two daughters, Louise, 14, and Joan, 4, were dead. James, 11; Kathleen, 9; Malcolm, 7; and Hilda, 2, were cold and bleeding on the floor. Hilda died soon after reaching a hospital.

Double Slaying At Washington Town

SEATTLE, Feb. 15 (AP) — A double slaying or a slaying and suicide was discovered in Auburn, south of here, today.

The bodies of John Case, 50, bus driver, and his housekeeper, a Mrs. Woods, both shot, were found in Case's residence by Roy Dinwiddie, manager of the bus company, who investigated when Case failed to arrive for work.

CHINESE WAIT FOR ADVANCE OF JAPANESE

Fifty Thousand Troops Behind the Trenches of Chapei Area.

25,000 JAPANESE ON THE GROUND

United States and Great Britain Again Protest Against Japan's Use of Settlement.

By Morris J. Harris
SHANGHAI, Tuesday, Feb. 16 (AP) — Fifty thousand Chinese soldiers stood by in the dark behind the trenches of Chapei today waiting for the Japanese offensive which did not come.

At nightfall Monday the Chapei guns opened up but subsided after an hour or so and presumably the concentrations behind the lines were going on while the Japanese completed unloading troops and supplies near Woosung.

Official estimates said 25,000 Japanese soldiers already were on the ground.

Several Japanese cotton mills and other factories and warehouses beyond the city limits were in use as temporary points of concentration. There were reports from Tokyo that the Japanese government, in view of indications that the Chinese are determined to put up a stubborn fight, was considering additional reinforcements.

TWO PROTEST AGAIN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP) — The United States and Great Britain have again protested against Japan's use of the international settlement in Shanghai as a military base for attacking the Chinese outside the settlement.

A message today from Consul-General Edwin S. Cunningham at Shanghai said he had protested against the landing of Japanese troops on docks in Hongkew, the section of the international settlement policed by the Japanese.

Similar action was taken by the British consul general.

Cunningham's move was made under his instructions to act on individual instances which violate the neutrality of the international settlement.

By Morris J. Harris
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SHANGHAI, China, Feb. 15 (AP) — Upwards of 85,000 troops were massed in the Shanghai-Woosung area late

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GRAND JURORS TURN TO LOAN COMPANY CASE

PORTLAND, Feb. 15 (AP) — Grand jury investigation of the Fifth street public market site negotiations were interrupted today when the jury took up investigation of the affairs of the Prudential Savings & Loan association of Portland, recently taken over by the state corporation commissioner.

Three indictments in the market deal have been returned. The latest indictment was that of Leon O. Simms, secretary-treasurer of the Central Municipal Market company, backers of the Fifth street site, who was indicted Saturday night on a charge of "advocating the commission of a felony, namely, bribery." He was accused of conspiracy with Elwood Wiles, stockholder, who was ordered held under $2500 bail as a material witness.

Jack J. Mazurosky, president of the company, and Michael E. Rogoway, secretary of the state board of barber examiners, were previously indicted on a chage of offering a $10,000 bribe to Mayor George L. Baker in an attempt to swing his vote in favor of the Fifth street site.

Black Resigns As C.V.A. President

LEWISTON, Ida., Feb. 15 (AP)—Dr. Carl Black, Portland, Ore., announced his resignation as president of the Columbia River Valley association today at the annual meeting.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Feb. 15 (AP) — Reactionary tendencies had control of grain markets most of the time today, and prices ranged lower.

There was considerable late selling of wheat on account of better weather conditions in the southwest and as a result of Washington reports that prolonged drought had been broken. Profit taking on the part of recent speculative purchasers of wheat also was a bearish influence.

Wheat closed unsettled ¾@1⅛c under Saturday's finish, corn ⅜@1c down, oats ⅝c off to ⅛c up, and provisions unchanged to 20 cents decline.

PORTLAND, Feb. 15 (AP) — With a loss of ¼c for the Monday session, sales of May wheat totaled 5000 bu. on the Portland futures market. There were no sales nor price changes in either September or July.