

# ORIENTAL S. NAVY TO PACIFIC AREA

## Peace Movement Is Gaining Headway

### CHINESE AND JAPANESE TO ENTER TRUCE

Sir John Simon Informs League of Nations Council of Agreement.

### JAPANESE TROOPS GAIN AT CHAPEI

Chinese Fall Back Slightly — Nanking to Order Punitive Expedition Against Manchuria.

GENEVA, Switzerland, Feb. 29 (AP)—Representatives of both China and Japan tonight accepted a proposal by the League of Nations council for an armistice in the fighting at Shanghai and a conference of the principal powers to restore peace in the east.

### Housewives Are Urged To Dine Out Once a Week

SHANGHAI, Feb. 29 (AP)—There was a feeling amounting almost to optimism here today despite the roar of an artillery battle which went on along the Chapei front all last Monday night.

### VARIETY OF WEATHER HERE OVER WEEKEND

After soaring to 62 above Saturday, the mercury started a downward course that brought it to 32 above early this morning, representing a range of 30 degrees over the weekend.

### Telegraphic Shoot To Begin Sunday

Trapshooters of the La Grande Gun club engaged in their final practice shoot yesterday in preparation for the opening of competition in the Oregonian telegraphic shoot, beginning next Sunday.

WEATHER FORECAST  
Oregon: Cloudy in the west and fair in the east tonight and Tuesday; moderate temperature; fresh west winds offshore.

### Tigers Defeat Joseph Team In Closing Contest

La Grande, Joseph and North Powder Win Right to Play in Union Tourney Mar. 3, 4 and 5.

La Grande, Joseph and North Powder will represent Union and Wallowa counties, along with Union, at the district basketball championship at Union Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

The La Grande Tigers, in the final game Saturday night, in the way of an exhibition contest for the tournament, defeated Joseph 20 to 15.

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### U. P. System To Seek Permit To Unify Operations

NEW YORK, Feb. 29 (AP)—It was reported in Wall street today that the Union Pacific Railroad Co. is seeking the interstate commerce commission's approval of a plan for unifying operations of the Oregon Short Line Railroad Co., the Oregon & Washington Railroad and Navigation Co., the Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad Co., and the St. Joseph and Grand Island Railroad Co.

### Making Plans For L.D.S. Honor Day

Plans for ward and stake honor days, at which time the winners in five events will be selected, were made today at the annual district annual meeting of all the auxiliary organizations of the Union stake was held at 1 o'clock at the L. D. S. church, Honor day will be held during the latter part of March in the wards when the winners in drama, public speaking, retold stories, the contest dance and music will be selected.

### HONOLULU IS EXCITED AT NEW ASSAULT

Mrs. Kathleen Hope, Wife of U. S. Enlisted Man, Latest Victim.

### POLICE SEARCH FOR ASSAILANT

Results in Renewal of Charges That Local Authority Inadequate to Handle Situation.

HONOLULU, Feb. 29 (AP)—Tense excitement which gripped Honolulu in recent months during a wave of attacks upon women and an attendant lynching, was renewed today following an assault upon the wife of a United States enlisted man.

### ANNUAL BANQUET TUESDAY NIGHT

B. F. Irvine to Speak — Mrs. A. T. Hill to Install Incoming Officers.

Annual Meeting in Epitome  
Music: High school orchestra of 40 pieces; brass quartet; Blue Moutain; Wranglers; vocal solo, Bob Ward.

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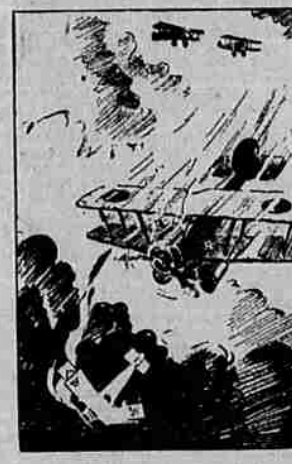
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### JAPANESE SHOOT DOWN YANKEE



Three Japanese battle planes shot down Robert M. Short, 27, shown above, as he was flying a U. S. biplane of the Chinese aviation section over Soochow the other day.



The \$28,000 plane in which Short was shot down is also pictured above.

### 100,000 Russian Troops Stationed At Vladivostok

Fortifications Are Being Strengthened — Soviet Believe Russo-Japanese Clash Likely.

TOKYO, Feb. 29 (AP)—Japanese Consul Yamaguchi at Vladivostok telegraphed the foreign office today he was informed from a reliable source 100,000 Soviet Russian troops are stationed in Vladivostok and along the Usuri railway near the northern Manchurian border.

Strengthen Forts  
The consul said his informant told him the fortifications at the entrance of Vladivostok harbor and also on Russian island were strengthened by the Soviet government.

The eastward movement of the troops from Europe, he said, has been (Continued on Page Six)

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### WALLULA CUT-OFF ESTIMATES ASKED

Pendleton People Make no Protest Against Completion of Road.

PENDELTON, Ore., Feb. 29 (AP)—After an all-day inspection of the Wallula-Umatilla cut-off highway, Leslie M. Scott, chairman of the state highway commission, announced last night that highway engineers will be asked to submit estimates on constructing the unfinished portion at a grade above the crest of the proposed Umatilla rapids dam.

Building the Wallula cut-off at a higher grade safeguards not only the proposed Umatilla development but also possible dams at Arlington, John Day, and The Dalles.

### TO DECIDE MARCH 12

PORTLAND, Feb. 29 (AP)—Definite decision will probably be made by (Continued on Page Four)

### HAL HOSS IS CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED SELF

SALEM, Feb. 29 (AP)—Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state, today formally announced he would be a candidate for re-election, and officially filed his declaration in his own office.

### Young Matricide Is Given Her Freedom

SAN QUENTIN PRISON, Cal., Feb. 29 (AP)—Free after serving 8 1/2 years in prison for shooting and killing her mother in a quarrel in San Francisco over a party, Dorothy Ellington, 23, left prison today.

### Fighting Breaks Out In Finland; Fascists Rebel

HELSINKI, Finland, Feb. 29 (AP)—Fighting broke out 25 miles from Helsinki today between Finnish government troops and several thousand fascist citizens marching on the capital.

The fascists, who call themselves the League and who profess objective in the destruction of communism in Finland, sent a message to the president demanding the cabinet resign and a new one be chosen whose members would pledge themselves to destroy communism.

The commander in chief of the army and other high officers met with the president tonight, and President Pehr Edvin Scheinin, who had planned to go into the country tomorrow, postponed his trip.

All roads patrolled  
Newspapermen who tried to reach Mantala by automobile, an exchange of telegrams said, found all roads leading to the town guarded by armed patrols who declared "There is a war. Only arms will speak."

Before dawn this morning the troops moved out to strategic points along the capital and detachments of artillery garrisoned outside the town moved in to prepare to defend the city if necessary.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 29 (AP)—The first three casualties among the American defense forces participating in the Shanghai crisis were reported today.

### Warren Raps Hyde For His Tactics

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29 (AP)—Representative Warren said today in a statement it was a "policy of unprincipled" call for Secretary Hyde to uphold the Democrat House for passing the \$132,500,000 emergency road bill to give people jobs when the Republican party "was impotent and suggested nothing."

### ONLY A FEW SHIPS STAY IN ATLANTIC

Order Provides For Participation of Warships in Maneuvers.

### AMERICA OPPOSED TO JAP BOYCOTT

Major European Powers Tend to Agree With the United States in This Position.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29 (AP)—Orders have been issued by the navy department which will place the entire United States navy in the Pacific ocean.

The training squadron of the fleet base force at Guantanamo, nine submarines at New London, Conn.; sixty vessels of the mine sweeper and tug type distributed among the naval districts and the three battleships New Mexico, Mississippi and Idaho are undergoing "modernization."

### 20 BODIES ARE REMOVED FROM VIRGINIA MINE

POCAHONTAS, Va., Feb. 29 (AP)—With 20 bodies recovered, searches delved into the inner passages of the Beltsville coal mine today for 18 other bodies believed to have been killed in an explosion early Saturday.

Working in relays, rescue crews pushed their way through earth, splintered timbers and debris to recover the first body and mangled bodies last night. Eight were immediately brought to the surface to the improvised morgue where 37 coffins were lined up.

### Power Rate Rule Upheld By Court

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29 (AP)—The order by which the lower court prohibited the public service commission from charging rates lower than those prescribed by the commission was affirmed by the supreme court today.

### Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Feb. 29 (AP)—Lowest prices of the day in wheat developed during the late transactions, after announcement of 80,000 bushels enlargement of the United States visible supply total.

Private estimates of domestic farm reserves of wheat will be issued at 10 a. m. tomorrow, and were expected to prove bearish. Reports of a decline in the Southern Alberta and Saskatchewan, Canada, failed to bring about price rallies.

PORTLAND, Feb. 29 (AP)—Slight slip was reflected in the wheat market for the day. Due to heavier farmers' offering on account of tax time as well as the higher cost of freight to go into effect, buyers were bearish. However losses were small for cash wheat.