

LULL OCCURS IN SHANGHAI BATTLE ZONE

Fighting Reported at
Liuho and Near Nanzhang
Saturday Morning.

JAPANESE READY TO CEASE ATTACK

Willingness to Halt Battle
Expressed After Chinese
Retreat to 12 1/2
Mile Border.

SHANGHAI, Friday, Mar. 4 (AP)—The Chinese government at Nanking notified the league of nations assembly today that the 19th route army had been instructed to cease hostilities in this area unless it were attacked.

At 1 o'clock this morning, despite the Chinese report of fighting at Liuho, the silence of an undisturbed armistice had settled upon the battle front.

The Japanese were establishing a permanent line of defense and only on occasional rifle shot cracked along the 20 miles between the Yangtze on the north and the Nanzhang region on the south.

By Morris J. Harris
(Associated Press Staff
Correspondent)

SHANGHAI, Friday, March 4 (AP)—Chinese army headquarters said early this morning that a detachment of the 19th route army at Liuho had been engaged by a Japanese force in the night and fighting was still going on.

There also was an engagement near Nanzhang, the communique said. The Japanese denied there was any fighting.

The Chinese statement charged the Japanese had attacked after the military and naval commanders had ordered cessation of hostilities in the whole Shanghai area.

So far as the Chinese were concerned, the movements to restore peace were making little headway.

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CITY REPAIRS WATER BREAK IN MOUNTAINS

Angus McAllister, city manager, reported at last night's city commission meeting that a break in the Beaver creek pipeline on Whiskey creek was repaired at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. The break occurred late Saturday night and the men had trouble getting to the scene because of the heavy snow in the mountains.

He reported also that no gravel hauling is being done this week because of lack of funds, and that he has hopes of putting a crew to work again Monday morning.

Cash on hand at the close of the week follows: La Grande National bank \$4792.76, U. S. National bank \$3627.97, cash \$156.29, total \$8577.12.

The salary list for February, amounting to \$5004.61, was ordered paid by warrant.

Lenten Mid-Week Service Tonight

Miss Helen Schilling will sing a solo, "The Silent Voice," by Carlo Roma at the Lenten mid-week service at the Lutheran church this evening at 7:30. She will be accompanied by Miss Juanita Stutzinger at the piano.

The pastor will speak upon the theme, "What Is There In It?" This is the fourth Thursday evening service during Lent leading up to the Easter season. The attendance has been steadily increasing at these short services of worship, which interrupt the busy activities of the week for prayer.

There will be three more services in the remaining weeks of Lent. The sermon subjects are: March 10: "Water"; March 17: "Can a Poor Man be a Christian?"; March 25: "Come Unto Me." All are invited to attend these meetings and take from them the inspiration of God's word.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Fair in the east portion and increasing cloudiness in the west portion tonight and Friday; rain in the coast Friday night; warmer on the coast tonight; gentle changeable winds offshore, becoming southerly and increasing Friday.

WEATHER TODAY

7 to 19 above.
Minimum: 17 above.
Condition: Clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 35, minimum 23 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy, snow 3 inches, moisture .60 of an inch. Range: 7 degrees.

WEATHER MAR. 3, 1931
Maximum 52, minimum 29 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.
Range: 33 degrees.

Annual Report Shows Work Of Club Last Year

Chamber of Commerce
Completes Active Season—Detailed Program
For 1932 Announced.

The annual report of the Union county chamber of commerce was mailed to members today. The report was not given at the annual banquet Tuesday evening, but was prepared in pamphlet form so that each member could have a copy.

Actual Construction Of The Emily Road

The actual construction of the Emily road started in the fall of 1930, the road bed was completed during the summer of 1931 and the turnouts will be finished the early part of 1932. The total cost of the project was to be \$10,000, the government to pay \$8000, the county to pay \$2000, and the city of La Grande to pay \$4000. To date the government has spent more than their allocated \$8000. La Grande has raised by popular subscription \$2500 of the \$4000 leaving \$1500 yet to be raised.

The view from the top of Mt. Emily is unequalled anywhere in the Pacific Northwest. From this vantage point one may see the whole valley stretched out at his feet. The many fields look as if a giant checkerboard had been placed on the valley floor.

As far back as 1915 plans were discussed by the forest service, stockmen and the chamber of commerce for a road to the summit of 2 Emily. In February 1930, an agreement was reached with the forest service whereby La Grande would join with others in financing the construction of the road. The plan provided for a 12-foot roadway eight miles long, with numerous turnouts.

The road is now an actuality. It is up to the citizens of La Grande to take advantage of this scenic road and use it to the fullest extent possible.

Starkey-Ukiah Road: This road still seems to be as far off as ever. With the numerous changes in the state highway commission, prospects for an early completion of this road are not bright.

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Dr. C. T. Hockett Elected to Head Enterprise Club

Joint meeting of the commercial clubs in Wallowa county was held in Enterprise Tuesday evening. A. M. Thomas, of Klamath Falls, and N. H. Robinson, of Portland, representing the independent merchants association, were the outstanding speakers of the evening. The program consisted of cornet and vocal solo by

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Political Bee Buzzing Loudly In Wallowa Co.

By G. C. Meek
(Observer-Commentator)

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—The political bee has begun to buzz quite loudly in this county, even though winter-like conditions still prevail. During the past two weeks a large amount of interest has been manifested in some of the county offices. From recent reports the sheriff's office appears to be the most popular, and the list of who will be elected is being made in close touch with the matter that at least six men had signified their intention of coming out for nomination for this office. These included A. B. Miller present incumbent, who will seek re-nomination on the Democratic ticket. T. G. Johnson will seek the Republican nomination. Charles Stagg, of Enterprise, is a candidate on the Democratic ticket and two or three others from the upper end of the valley are

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Interest Gains In Services At Car

The evangelistic meetings which are being held every evening in the chapel car at the first railroad crossing are stimulating steadily increasing interest. Last night Rev. C. W. Cutler discussed the relationship of feeling to salvation.

Declaring feeling is an all-important factor, he stressed four different kinds of feelings: desire for God, feeling of danger, (Christ spoke more often of Hell than of Heaven), feeling of one's own insufficiency, feeling of decision. He illustrated these points with vividness and force.

A special musical number at last night's meeting was a whistler solo by Mrs. Marjorie Arant. The subject for tonight's sermon is "The Man Who Can't Believe." Miss Jeanie Nielson will play a violin solo.

Frank E. Holm Is Dead In Seattle

Frank E. Holm, of Seattle, a former prominent citizen of La Grande, died Tuesday at his home in Seattle, and funeral services were held today, according to word received here.

He was a local business engineer on the railroad for many years in La Grande, and in 1910 was transferred to Seattle, following the establishment of the Shasta Limited, which Pacific coast train. He has been retired now for a number of years after serving as engineer on the Shasta.

NORTHWEST SEEKS FARM BOARD PLACE

Resolution Passed Here
Today at Two-Day Marketing Conference.

R. W. WARD GIVES MORNING ADDRESS

Meetings Sponsored by O. S. C. Extension Service, Granges, Chamber and Co-ops.

A resolution asking that the existing vacancy on the federal farm board be filled by a Northwest representative was passed at the opening session of the two-day marketing conference held this morning at the Sackajawa Inn. The resolution was introduced by Walter M. Pierce, of La Grande, following the address by R. W. Ward, of Portland, of the Pacific West Growers Co-operative. Copies of the resolution will be sent to Oregon's congressmen at Washington, D. C. and others.

The conference opened this morning at 11 o'clock with about 25 representatives.

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MUNSELL LOST TO LA GRANDE SQUAD

Death of Mother Removes
Guard From Play—Tigers
Play This Afternoon

La Grande's chances at the district basketball tournament at Union received another jolt today when it was announced that Percy Munsell, guard, would not be able to play because of the death of his mother. Her funeral is to be held Friday in La Grande.

Munsell, ranked as third best guard on the Tiger outfit, will be replaced on the squad by Fox, a forward, when La Grande lines up at 4 o'clock this afternoon at Union against the Boys.

Paul De P. Mortimore, pastor of the Church of Christ, has been selected to lead the band. Before coming to La Grande, Mr. Mortimore had considerable experience in this line. He directed a number of school and junior bands. He states that the Scout Band will take in business as well as experience. The players, and urge all boys who would like to play in the band to be present at 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

Those who have instruments are asked to bring them, and those who do not have instruments but who wish to play are asked to come also and plans will be outlined for securing instruments. Parents of boys interested in trying to attend if they care to do so. Regular rehearsals are planned for Saturday mornings. Boys who are not scouts will be admitted to the band on the condition that they take membership in some scout troop.

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Mrs. O. Holmes Is Stricken By Heart Disease

Mrs. Orson M. Holmes passed away suddenly at her home at 1303 Jackson avenue early Wednesday evening. Heart disease caused her death. She had been ill for only a few hours and her passing was a sad shock to her relatives and large circle of friends. She had been a resident of La Grande for the last 20 years and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Hup.

The body is at the Walker Funeral Home and arrangements for services will be made later.

Mrs. Holmes is survived by her husband, two daughters, Adeline Flexer and Genevieve, of La Grande; one sister, Mrs. Grace Spivey, of La Grande; three brothers, Ray Hup, of Summerville; Glenn Hup, of Elgin, and Arnold Hup, of La Grande; her mother, Mrs. Barbara Hup, of La Grande, and other relatives. She was a member of the Christian church.

Interest In Kitchen Chautauqua Running High—Starts on March 8

among culinary-minded housewives throughout the west during the past year of conducting cooking schools.

This year's cooking schools are called the "Kitchen Chautauqua" by Miss Heath. "The name 'Chautauqua' may be a little confusing to a great many women when applied to cooking schools," Miss Heath says, "but I think the comparison between the old-time chautauqua and present-day cooking schools is very apt."

"The chautauqua brought all sorts of interesting music, lectures and educational features to the towns on its route and the modern day cooking schools should be called home extensions because a great many items of general home interest besides cooking alone are covered in cooking schools nowadays."

"I intend to present a few of my own ideas, to housewives here, on home decoration, budgeting, marketing and my own little hobbies and likes and dislikes in use of my leisure time."

"We are going to make the 'Kitchen Chautauqua' a real round table of woman-to-woman gossip and you know that when women get together

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67 Bids Opened By Commission On Highway Jobs

Reduction in Construction
Costs, Urged By New
Member, Reflected in
Many Offers.

PORTLAND, Mar. 3 (AP)—The reduction in construction costs which the new state highway commission has urged, was reflected in bids opened on three state projects at the regular meeting of the commission today. Many contractors bid on the work and prices offered were in many instances far below the engineers' estimates.

Earl McNitt, of Eugene, was low bidder at \$93,000 for grading 8 miles of the Umpqua highway between Elkhart and Paradise creek. Thirty bids were submitted.

Hilsum Bros., of Marshfield, was low at \$72,750 for constructing 15 miles of the McKenzie highway between Nimrod and Doyle hill. On this project 33 bids were received.

The bid of Harham Bros., of Salem, at \$17,462, was low among the 14 proposals for construction of a viaduct over the Southern Pacific railroad north of Klamath Falls.

One Delegation Heard

Only one of the many delegations present was heard before the noon adjournment. This was from Washington county, headed by County Judge Templeton and E. J. Meier of

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Boy Scout Band Will Be Formed Here Saturday

A new musical enterprise will be started in La Grande with the organization of a Boy Scout Band next Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at the Church of Christ, corner of Seventh and Pennsylvania. There are a large number of scouts in the various troops who play instruments, and it is believed by scout leaders that the organization of a band will stimulate interest in the scout program. If sufficient interest is shown, a drum and bugle corps will be added as well as the band.

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Hit and Run Driver Kills Portland Man

PORTLAND, Mar. 3 (AP)—Police here today were searching for a hit-and-run driver whose automobile last night struck and fatally injured Noah Walker, 80 years old.

Two passersby found the limp body of the man on an east side street. He died as they tried to aid him. Walker suffered a fatal bruise on the right side of the head.

Cabinet Members To Aid Committee

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3 (AP)—All cabinet members except Secretary Hyde have promised cooperation to the special economy committee set up by the Democratic house to investigate means of decreasing government expenditures.

Chairman Brynes expects an answer from the secretary of agriculture shortly.

Nut Growers Face Good Year, Belief

PORTLAND, March 3 (AP)—Words of cheer to Oregon and Washington growers of walnuts and filberts were brought here today by W. H. Bentley, general manager of the North Pacific Nut Growers' association, and R. B. Eust, president of the association.

The two returned from an extended trip through the western and midwest territory and declared recent business is in sight for Oregon growers for the coming season, providing the nuts are available.

Bentley said the better class eastern trade has discovered the merits of Oregon walnuts and filberts.

Utah Is Breaking Market For Eggs

PORTLAND, March 3 (AP)—Latest messages from New York indicate that the Utah association is breaking the market for white eggs as a result of dropping the asking price on its specials to 23 1/2c New York, while Pacific Coast associations are adding 2 1/2c. Usually the Utah stock brings a premium on account of its freshness, being nearer to New York.

SCHIEFFELSTEIN APPOINTED

SALEM, March 3 (AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier today appointed A. J. Schieffelin, of Klamath Falls, on the state board of barber examiners to succeed C. D. Winston. Corvallis, where term has expired. The new appointee will serve until March 3, 1935.

TRUCE PLAN FAILS, YEN SAYS TODAY

Chinese Regard Japanese
Demands as "Absolutely
Unacceptable."

ANNOUNCES STAND AT LEAGUE MEET

Chinese Spokesman Adds
That Continuation of
Hostilities Appears as
Unavoidable.

By P. L. Lipsey Jr.
(Associated Press Staff Correspondent)

CHINA, Mar. 3 (AP)—Negotiations for an armistice at Shanghai have broken down. Dr. W. W. Yen, the Chinese spokesman, told the league of nations assembly this afternoon. Simultaneously Dr. Yen's office presented a report to Secretary General Sir Eric Drummond of the league, asserting that Japanese armistice terms as presented to Vice Admiral Sir Howard Kelly of the British Atlantic fleet, were "absolutely unacceptable." He added that continuation of hostilities was unavoidable.

Fifty member states of the league of nations met today to consider the Sino-Japanese conflict in an extraordinary session of the league assembly which many expected to be one of the most important meetings since the league was founded.

China Calls Meeting

China called the meeting under an article of the league covenant by which the powers undertake to apply economic sanctions in conflicts such as this in the Far East. She resorted to that last appeal only after the league of nations council had failed to end the fighting.

The council is composed of twelve member states and is dominated by the great powers. The assembly is a committee of the whole in which the small countries have equal voice.

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PIE WINS \$500

Fifteen-year-old Olive Charbonneau, a 4-H club girl from Vesper, Wis., won \$500 awarded by the cherry industry for the best pie in a nationwide contest closed in Chicago on Washington's birthday. Here she displays the winning pie, made from her mother's recipe.

SLAYER OF TWO WILL GET LIFE

Cecil Beckley Convicted
in Roseburg in Third
Trial For Murder.

ROSEBURG, Ore., March 3 (AP)—Imprisonment for life was recommended for Cecil Beckley by the circuit court jury which convicted him here last night of the first degree murder of his wife and stepdaughter. It was Beckley's third trial for the same crime. The jury deliberated about nine hours.

Time for passing sentence will be set today. The sentence recommended by the jury is mandatory upon the court.

Beckley shot and killed his wife, Alma Beckley, and his stepdaughter, Margaret Glicker, last July 2. Following the murders he drove to Southern Oregon and in a deserted cabin attempted to kill himself with a rifle after writing a note telling what he had done. He was found, unconscious, by forest rangers who took him to a hospital where he recovered.

At each trial Beckley admitted he killed the two women but said they had coerced him to desperation. The first jury deliberated 72 hours and was discharged, unable to reach a verdict.

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LARGE EAGLE ATTACKS DEER EAST OF UNION

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Seeks Relief From Strain
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By Robert J. Cavanaugh
(Copyright, 1932, By The Associated Press)

WERTSVILLE, N. J., Mar. 3 (AP)—Seeking relief from the strain of helpless waiting for word of his kidnaped baby, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh left his home for a time this morning and plunged aimlessly through the woods.

At his heels scrambled the little short-legged white dog which sleeps outside the door of the baby's nursery.

Seen plowing through dense undergrowth a mile from the house, they were a pair to arouse sympathy in the hardest heart, the man's face drawn and white, the little dog dashing to one side and then the other as though hunting for its lost playmate.

The colonel was completely oblivious to all around him, his inner turmoil apparently blinding him to everything. He was dressed in high boots and rough muddied clothing and seemed the maddest of men as he strode right through tangled brush.

When he was first seen it was believed he might possibly be keeping some secret appointment with the kidnaper but this theory was soon abandoned, because the colonel was quite evidently merely seeking relief in action and was apparently scarcely aware of the direction he was traveling.

After about an hour he returned

BABY SEARCH WIDENING IN EAST STATES

Post Card Declares Lindbergh Baby Is Held in
New Jersey Town.

POLICE COMBING WASHINGTON, D. C.

Rum Runner's Story
Gives Officers Another
Lead—But No Definite
Developments Yet.

THRENTON, N. J., Mar. 3 (AP)—A second letter demanding \$50,000 ransom for the return of the Lindbergh child was made public by police authorities stationed at the Hopewell home today. The letter, received by Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, was postmarked New York and unsigned.

The note read:

"You read this and keep your mouth closed. Don't open your trap to a living soul. If you do it will be your last tale. Your father has plenty of money so do as you are instructed. If you do no harm will come to you. You know the fate of the Smith girl, who received a similar letter and did contrary to our instructions by making it known to her friends and her father. She was dropped out of the picture and just so will you if you tell anybody about contents of this letter."

"We want \$50,000 and will forward instructions for the delivery of same."

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Jack Kentworth Still at Large; Murder Charged

PORTLAND, Ore., March 3 (AP)—A message stating that Jack Kentworth, accused slayer of Johnny Hansen, Portland boxer, is in custody in Klamath Falls, was received by police here today from Sheriff L. L. Low of Klamath County.

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