

JAPAN WARNS THE LEAGUE AND RUSSIA

Given Blunt Notice to Keep Their Hands Off Manchuria.

WARNING ENDORSED BY GOVERNMENT

General Araki, in Issuing Statement, Calls Attention to Russia's Massing of Troops.

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TOKYO, April 22 (AP)—A blunt warning to the league of nations and Soviet Russia to keep hands off Manchuria was laid down today by General Sadao Araki, Japanese minister of war.

The warning, issued in a speech at Osaka before the Kokuhakusha patriotic society, nucleus of the Japanese national movement, was later informally endorsed in foreign office and in other government quarters.

Japan's mission, he said, was to make Manchuria a "paradise on earth" for the benefit of all nations. He said the league of nations or anybody else did not have the right to interfere with that course.

After declaring Japan would resist resolutely any attempt by the league to apply the nine-power treaty, he turned to Soviet Russia and called attention to what he said was a threatening situation in North Manchuria due to Russia's massing troops on the frontier and strengthening her air force in the Far East.

"We are unable to understand what the league of nations means by its attitude," he said. "The situation is becoming serious. Russia is concentrating four divisions in Siberia on the Manchurian border. We can only wait and see whether the league will permit her air force in the Far East."

"It is time the Japanese made up their minds to co-operate wholeheartedly with the new regime in Manchuria for the establishment of a great civilization in the Far East," he continued. "The league of nations or Soviet Russia may attempt to frustrate our efforts, since both object to our activities in that region, but they won't be permitted to turn us from our course. It is unnecessary for us to heed what they may say about us."

A certain country is talking about applying the nine-power treaty in Manchuria. Japan will resolutely oppose such an attempt."

In authorizing his statement it was indicated Japan's already badly weakened relations with the league were further strained by the recent resolution of the committee of nineteen on the situation at Shanghai.

The government's determination to cease entirely to participate in the activities of the league whenever it is in conflict with its national interests applied in Manchuria is already an open secret, although it has not been officially announced. Anti-league forces in Japan are now being organized and the committee of nineteen to direct the course of the negotiations at Shanghai.

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NO FROST BUT SNOW FALLS IN THE MOUNTAINS

The predicted heavy frost in Eastern Oregon last night did not materialize in La Grande, with the sky remaining cloudy and rain falling much of the night. The precipitation was .14 of an inch and the minimum temperature was 38 above.

The temperature ranged much lower outside of the city, with snow falling in both the Blue and Wallowa mountains while rain occurred in the valleys.

The weather man predicts freezing temperatures locally in Eastern Oregon tonight with the sky to be cloudy.

So far, with none of the fruit trees in bloom, excepting apricots, no material damage has been done by cold weather, which has held the cherries and other fruits from blossoming during the last week.

E. R. Ringo to Talk At Commencement

WALLOWA, Ore., Apr. 22 (Special)—E. R. Ringo of La Grande has been secured to give the commencement address to the graduating class on May 12, according to the Wallowa Sun. Mr. Ringo is district deputy of the Masonic lodge and is well known in Wallowa county where he has many friends. He is also a candidate for the position of circuit judge. A fine address undoubtedly will be given by this able speaker.

Divorces Gain And Marriages On The Decrease

Government Figures For Union County Issued—State Totals Show General Decrease.

Marriages decreased in 1931 in Union county as compared with 1930, but divorces showed a gain!

The figures on marriages and divorces by counties in Oregon were issued today by the government bureau of census, showing a decrease of 337 or 4.4 per cent in marriages for the state as a whole and a decrease of 408 or 14.4 per cent in divorces for the state as a whole.

The Union county record, therefore, agrees with the state on the matter of marriages but does not on the matter of divorces. Baker, also, disagreed, but in a different way. Marriages increased in that county, while divorces in Willamette county also showed an increase in marriages but a decrease in divorces. Wallowa county was the only one in Northeastern Oregon to agree fully with the state as a whole.

Figures for the state by counties follow:

County	1931	1930
Per 1000	7.0	8.0
Baker	130	125
Benton	150	154
Clatsop	233	222
Clatsop	115	117
Columbia	117	111
Coos	233	266
Crook	37	25
Curry	68	53
Deschutes	214	217
Douglas	218	262
Gilliam	17	29
Grant	38	52
Harney	31	65
Hood River	77	69
Jackson	170	160
Jefferson	21	17
Josephine	349	362
Klamath	335	374
Lake	24	33
Lane	43	47
Lincoln	66	59
Linn	197	222
Malheur	428	478
Marion	428	478
Multnomah	1882	2189
Polk	99	116
Sherman	5	14
Tillamook	88	91
Umatilla	128	128
Union	124	135
Wallowa	45	60
Washington	191	171
Wasco	78	84
Wheeler	18	19
Yamhill	153	151

Band, Two Plays In Entertainment Set For May 12

The dramatic season will be closed at the La Grande High school on May 12 with the presentation of two plays, under the direction of Miss Catherine Sartain, dramatic coach. The High school band, which placed second in the recent state high school band contest at Corvallis, will furnish half of the evening's entertainment under the leadership of their director, W. W. Nussbaum.

"Romeo of the Rancho," and "The Romancers," by Edmund Rossand, have been selected for presentation. "Romeo of the Rancho" is a take-off on Shakespearean drama in which an old actor, Mansfield Forrest, and his daughter Rosalind, are stranded in a small western town. In the town they meet Lucky Lorimer who enters their lives in a rather melodramatic manner. Leni Pierson is cast as the actor, and Lyle Bennett Cooper is his daughter, Rosalind. Donald Culp portrays the role of Lucky Lorimer, and Robert Zweifel takes the role of Tipper, the bellboy.

The author of "Cyrano de Bergerac," the dramatic production in which Walter Hampden played the title role recently in Portland. Although the play is set about 1650, the production on May 12 will be in modern costume. The author writes, "The action takes place anywhere provided the costumes are

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Kiddies Prepare Their Pets For Parade Saturday

For the second time in two weeks the pets of the city are being bathed, combed and festooned for the second annual pet parade, scheduled for tomorrow at 1 o'clock, rain or shine.

Reports on the year's activities were made during the meeting, and Mr. Hart gave a very interesting talk on "The Petroleum Industry."

Matthews Funeral Will be Tomorrow

The funeral of Mrs. Julia Matthews will be held at the chapel of Walters funeral home Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Rev. W. H. Hertzog, pastor of the Methodist church, in charge of the service. Burial will be in the family plot in the Masonic cemetery.

Men's Club Elects Officers for Year

Thurman Hart was elected president and Eldridge Huffman was re-elected secretary-treasurer at last night's meeting of the Presbyterian Men's club, held at the home of R. A. Wilkerson. Mr. Hart will succeed Lee Reynolds, outgoing president. Reports on the year's activities were made during the meeting, and Mr. Hart gave a very interesting talk on "The Petroleum Industry."

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Wilkerson, assisted by Mrs. John Bennett and Mrs. E. A. McEachran. More than 20 men were in attendance.

FARM BOARD RECOMMENDS MONETARY PLAN

Favor Move to Use \$100,000,000 to Market Wheat and Cotton Abroad.

ALLOTMENT FARM RELIEF PLAN UP

Wilson, Originator of Scheme, to Hold Conferences With Congressional Leaders.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 22 (AP)—Enactment of the McNary resolution to use \$100,000,000 for reconstruction corporation funds for marketing wheat and cotton abroad was recommended today by the farm board.

In a letter to Chairman McNary of the senate agriculture committee, Chairman Stone said the board believes "controlled foreign sales on credit would be to the benefit of domestic foreign markets in wheat."

The board said also that the move would improve the cotton situation because part and mill stocks in Europe are 800,000 to 1,000,000 bales below what they should be because of credit conditions.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 22 (AP)—The allotment plan of farm relief, backed by a number of agricultural economists and mid-western and eastern business men, was brought here today by M. L. Wilson, dean of the University of California at Berkeley.

Believing the plan offers an entirely new idea and reaches the basic fundamentals of the farm problem, Wilson planned conferences with administrative officials and congressional leaders.

He called on Chairman Stone of the farm board but did not discuss the proposal in detail. Farm board economists will examine it. Wilson holds another conference with Stone.

Under the allotment plan, wheat farmers would receive allotment certificates worth 42 cents a bushel, the prevailing tariff rate, on all wheat used in domestic consumption with millers buying the certificates on all other wheat.

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2 BIRCH WILLOW TREES PLANTED

Neighborhood Club Donates Trees For Beautification of City Park

Two birch willow trees, which were donated to the city by the Neighborhood Club, were planted yesterday afternoon at the Fifth street entrance to the Triangle city park at a fitting ceremonial. The trees will not have white bark, a characteristic of that type of tree, until after they have been planted sometime, Mrs. S. B. Morgan, president of the Neighborhood club, said in answer to several questions.

H. A. Zurbick, representing the park board, expressed the appreciation.

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Track Athletes Hoping For Good Weather at Union

Although all indications at present are for cloudy weather and possibly a somewhat cold day, track and field athletes in this county are hoping that the sun will break through the overcast predictions tomorrow afternoon. The reason for the hopeful attitude, of course, is the annual county meet at Union, to begin at the stock show grounds at 1:30 o'clock.

Fourteen events will be run off, all of the usual events customary in Eastern Oregon competition. Besides La Grande and Union, entrants are expected from Imbler, Elgin, North Powder and Cove, although some of the towns may not be represented.

La Grande is expected to win with ease on the basis of its previous victories in Pendleton and over the state last spring. Coach Ira Woodie today said that he expected to have his entire squad in competition. The chilly weather has handicapped training work the last week, and the meet will give him another chance to see just how the Tigers are coming.

Empire Holding Salesmen Tell Of Their Work

All Declare at Trial They Had Not Been Told to Make Any False Representations.

DALLAS, April 21 (AP)—P. R. Atwood, held, testified he was the first witness for the defense in the trial of Frank J. Keller Jr., former Empire Holding company official on charges of devising a scheme to defraud. The defense witnesses opened their testimony yesterday following a refusal of Judge Arlie G. Walker to grant a motion for a dismissal of the indictments against five former officers of the corporation.

Atwood said he became a salesman for the Empire Holding company in March of last year, working in the Medford and Grants Pass fields. He testified that he was not told to make any false representations and that moderate salaries were being paid. He stated he had known Keller for 23 years and had assisted him in selling stock in California and Utah. He further stated he had made five sales of empire stock amounting to 230 shares for which he drew \$2500 in commissions.

F. C. Woodward, salesman in Coos and Curry counties, testified he had received about \$1000 in commissions in seven months he worked for the company. Sam Graham, who worked in the Galloway district, declared he was paid but \$315 in commissions although entitled to twice that amount.

C. F. Thompson, son-in-law of O. P. Coshaw, former president of the company and one of the defendants, testified he received \$900 in commissions. C. H. Christner said he received \$400 for his services and F. M. (Continued on Page Five)

CAPONE ASKS FOR A REVIEW OF HIS CASE

WASHINGTON, Apr. 22 (AP)—Al Capone filed in the supreme court today a petition asking a review of the action of the seventh circuit court of appeals affirming his conviction and penitentiary sentence on the charge of evading federal income taxes.

In his petition Capone asserted he had not been informed by the indictment filed against him of the nature of the crime for which he was being held in general terms which, he said, was contrary to a rule of the supreme court.

The information said by the United States attorney that Stanton had appeared distraught and had not driven to work since the accident.

The two men killed were Daniel Tull, 52, and Mike Hennessy, 40.

Miss Lalocoma was held under \$1000 bail as a material witness.

Police said Stanton's car last November was driven by an elderly man at Aurora. Stanton said the man stepped onto the roadway from between two parked cars. He was held responsible for that accident, he told officers.

Robinson Favors Trade With Soviet

ATLANTA, Ga., April 22 (AP)—Senator Joe T. Robinson, of Arkansas, Democratic, today said he favored trade relations with the Soviet republics.

He made the statement here last night. "Such a course in my opinion does not involve approval of the political policies of the Soviet republics," he said. "It means the application of well established principles of international law as well as the recognition of the significance of export trade to the problem of unemployment, now the most acute of all our difficulties."

Firebug Active In Eugene Last Night

EUGENE, Ore., April 22 (AP)—Attempts to raise five Eugene industries today by a fire which was suspected here today as Fire Chief W. Nussbaum announced that evidence showed firebugs had attempted to destroy the Eugene excelsior plant, the Eugene Fruit Growers' association building, the Copeland lumber yards, and Walters-Bushong Lumber company and the Farmers' warehouse.

The flames broke out in the interior of the excelsior company plant early today, sweeping through the warehouse in which excelsior valued at \$10,000 was stored.

Veteran, Aged 103, Dies in California

SANTA MONICA, Cal., 22 (AP)—Worthing A. Butterfield, Civil war veteran who said he was 103 years old and a veteran of the Mexican war, died here yesterday.

TWO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS GIVE VIEWS

Fish, of New York, Opposes Cash Payment of Veterans' Bonus.

RAPS COMMITTEE FOR NERVE LACK

Lea, of California, Favors Payment of Present Value But Not of the Face Value.

WASHINGTON, April 22 (AP)—Representative Fish (N. Y.) an opponent of full payment of the bonus, turned upon the House ways and means committee today and charged it with a lack of nerve and leadership in not bringing out legislation to meet the economic crisis.

He urged a billion dollar bond issue for a two-year program to keep people employed.

Legislation to allow veterans to cash bonus certificates at their present value was urged before the committee by Representative Lea.

Hit-Run Driver Admits Causing Death of 2 Men

PORTLAND, Ore., April 22 (AP)—Police said they learned today that driver who killed two men in the highway with Stanton and Mrs. Lalocoma. They had met at the amusement park at Forest Grove.

Police said Stanton had information that Stanton had been drinking before the crash.

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 22 (AP)—Held for involuntary manslaughter under \$5000 bond, Allan Axel Stanton, 31, has admitted to the murder of two men in an automobile which before dawn Wednesday struck and killed two men at the west approach of the Burnside bridge.

His arrest last night culminated one of the most intensive searches of its kind Portland police ever conducted. They said Stanton told them he drove the group of four pedestrians, two of whom were struck and fatally injured by his speeding machine. Stanton said he "must have been asleep." He sped away without stopping.

He was arrested at his furniture manufacturing plant, and police said that although he admitted the facts he refused to sign a statement. Police said Stanton and Mrs. Erma Lalocoma, an employee in his shop, were in the car, returning from an amusement park here. Stanton said he had not seen the men nor did he feel the impact. The girl told him, he was quoted, that he had struck a man. He said he was too frightened to stop and by a round about way, drove to his home, left his car without awakening his wife or children, and then took a street car to Mrs. Lalocoma's home.

The information that led to Stanton's arrest was given by an acquaintance who told police that Stanton had appeared distraught and had not driven to work since the accident.

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MIAMI, Fla., Apr. 22 (AP)—Mrs. Jessie M. Keith-Miller, Australian Alier and Captain W. N. Lancaster, her husband, in flying adventures of the past five years, remained incommunicado in prison today while officers sought to determine whether Haden Clarke, 31, her accused kidnaper, was slain at her home yesterday.

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SHE'S PERFECT



Arizona State Teachers' college students dispute claims that there is no perfect woman. They point to Sima Sinalho, 18, sophomore, whose physical measurements meet the most exacting requirements, and who also is high in studies, an all-around athlete and a school leader.

BAKER TRIAL TO BEGIN APRIL 28

Portland's Mayor, Two Commissioners and City Engineer Accused.

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 22 (AP)—Mayor George L. Baker, under indictment for alleged malfeasance and negligence in office, will go on trial Apr. 28 under an agreement between the district attorney's office and defense attorneys.

Named in the same indictment with Baker and to be tried jointly with him are City Engineer Olaf Laurgaard and City Commissioners Earl Riley and John M. Mann. C. Lee Wilson, indicted as an alleged accessory in the malfeasance and negligence case, also will be tried at the same time, if present arrangements are carried out.

The trial date and arrangements for the joint trial were announced yesterday by George Mowry, chief of the district attorney, following a conference with defense attorneys.

PRUNE TARIFF IS INCREASED 100 PER CENT

PARIS, April 22 (AP)—An increase of 100 per cent in the tariff on prunes, such as representatives of the American chamber of commerce warned would make importation of American prunes into France practically impossible, was incorporated into the French tariff law today.

The rate was increased from 30 to 160 francs per 100 kilograms on one category and from 60 to 120 francs on another.

The bill has passed both the senate and the chamber of deputies and now becomes a law without any provision for shipments on the way.

Ninety-six per cent of all the prunes imported in France came from the United States heretofore.

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Policeman Robbed Of Purse and Car

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 22 (AP)—The crime situation was brought to a face with Patrolman H. W. Green last night when he encountered a bandit and escaped with only his uniform and his police star.

Green was sitting in his parked car. The door was suddenly thrust open and the possessor of a pistol pressed it to his side. The bandit took the patrolman's revolver, his wallet containing \$10, and his car and escaped. The automobile was recovered later.

Clearing Gateway To National Park

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 22 (AP)—Work was started today on clearing the gateway to Crater national park. It was announced by the state highway department. Snow plows have been put to work on the highway from Astoria to Crater. The work is within the park and operated by the national government. It was not stated when the road was expected to be open to travel. The road from Klamath Falls has been open for some time.

Lindbergh Home After Two-Day "Mystery" Trip

Colonel Confers With Persons Helping Him in Attempts to Get His Kidnaped Son.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 22 (AP)—The Syracuse Herald after two hours of investigation today announced that it had proven to its own satisfaction that a child picked up near Brewster today and described as a "dead ringer" for the kidnaped son of Charles A. Lindbergh, was not that child.

HOPEWELL, N. J., Apr. 22 (AP)—Back from a mysterious trip, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh conferred early today with persons helping him in his attempts to get his kidnaped son back.

The flying colonel, absent two days during which he apparently tried to establish contact with the kidnapers, drove into his Soudan hill home about tonight.

Immediately lights shone from many windows in the home and activity was apparent. An automobile owned by Edmund Bruce of Elmira, friend of John H. Curtis of Norfolk, drove into the estate. Witnesses said the driver resembled Bruce. Two men sat on the rear seat.

Mr. Curtis, one of three Norfolk intimates assisting Lindbergh, has conferred frequently with the flier. A man traveling under the name "H. Pearson" but believed to be Dean H. Dobson-Pescok, colleague of Curtis, arrived last night at Newark airport by plane from Washington.

He departed from the airport with the announced intention of "losing" his baby in New York so that he could carry on his work to strengthen his contact with the kidnapers. He has said he believes he, Curtis and Rear Admiral Guy H. Burrage of Norfolk are in touch with the kidnapers.

There was no announcement as to the purpose or destination of the trip that Col. Lindbergh made. Shortly before he got back a car identified as that of Mrs. Day Morrow, his mother-in-law, discharged a woman passenger at his home.

Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., was born 22 months ago today. He was kidnaped on June 23, 1931, and to the world knows, his whereabouts are as deep a mystery now as they were then.

Police of New Rochelle, N. Y., disclosed yesterday they had sent word that they considered a promising clue to New Jersey state police. It consisted of a set of torn photo of photographs of a child, resembling the Lindbergh baby. They were found on a floor of a New Rochelle restaurant where a man and woman dropped them. Police were told the two had quarreled while in the restaurant.

Famous General Of Civil War Is Dead at Age 96

SPRINGFIELD, O., April 22 (AP)—One of the last Civil war generals, J. Warren Keifer, 96, died at his home here early today of infirmities of advanced age.

General Keifer, formerly speaker of the national house of representatives, lapsed into a coma yesterday, and never recovered consciousness.

Keifer, of Springfield, and Joseph W. Keifer Jr., of Bostwick, Neb., prominent for more than half a century as a soldier and statesman, General Keifer was known as Springfield's foremost citizen.

He was nominated for a brigadier generalship by President Lincoln, and came out of the conflict as a major general. He fought 27 battles and was wounded severely four times.

Although famed in the pursuits of war, General Keifer was an advocate of peace, and as a member of the International Union of Peace, attended and addressed that organization at Brussels, Aug. 30, 1910.

He was elected to congress in 1877 and served two terms. He was being speaker of the house in the 47th congress, 1881-1883. In 1904 he again was chosen a congressman.

Seven Salem Boys Will Face Court

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 22 (AP)—Warrants charging assault and battery on criminal information were issued yesterday for seven high school students allegedly involved in the kidnaping of a student. The council of the city, 17-year-old athlete, late Tuesday. Sheriff O. B. Bower announced the boys would be arrested today and given a hearing.

The seven defendants, the first four of whom yesterday were suspended from high school for the remainder of the year, are James and Charles Reed, Frank Cross, Glen Moody, James Nicholson Jr., Kenneth Flisinger and Loren Blaisdell.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Apr. 22 (AP)—Stop loss selling gave a lively tumble to grain prices today, with corn and oats both reaching new bottom records for the season.

HOOVER AND ROOSEVELT FACE ISSUES

Wet or Dry Stand by President is Sought by Party Leaders.

HEAVY PRESSURE BRINGS NO WORD

In Meantime, Democrats Anxious to Find Out How Roosevelt Would Halt Depression.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 22 (AP)—A lull in the furious spring drive of delegate-