

CALL OUT GUARDSMEN TO HALT 'WAR'

19 NATIONS ASK PEACE IN CHACO ZONE

Call on Bolivia and Paraguay to Cease Hostilities Today.

PARAGUAY STIRRED WITH PATRIOTISM

Hundreds of Women Eager to Fight—Hopes For Peace Rest on President-Elect Ayata.

GENEVA, Aug. 3 (AP)—The league of nations secretariat disclosed tonight that Paraguay had agreed to arbitrate its dispute with Bolivia over the Gran Chaco in response to the league's invitation to adjudicate the trouble.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (AP)—A statement calling on Bolivia and Paraguay to cease hostilities in the Chaco will be signed late today at the state department by representatives of 19 American nations, and dispatched immediately to the governments of the disputing countries.

WOMEN EAGER TO FIGHT
ASUNCION, Paraguay, Aug. 3 (AP)—Hundreds of excited Paraguayans—men and women—society belles, debutantes and farm wives—bestirred the government today, demanding the right to go to war.

They came by dozens, hanging on trucks and wagons, crowding out of the stadium and rushing for the stadium where recruiting activities looking toward war with Bolivia were centered. The unexpected rush perplexed the government, already overwhelmed after President Guggiaro signed the decree last night mobilizing the country's armed forces.

Demand Active Service
The women demanded active service on the battlefield. This the government regarded as impossible, as in the deep Chaco wilderness even the mildest non-combatant service is considered too severe for women.

CITY TENNIS TITLES TO BE DECIDED SOON

City tennis championships will be decided this weekend when the annual La Grande Tennis club tournament will be played. Bob Oesterling, club president, announced this morning.

Play will begin Friday, will continue through advanced matches Thursday, and will reach the climax on Sunday when all finals will be run off.

Drawings for the annual racquet event will be made tonight at the J. H. Peavey & Sons jewelry store. No players will be seeded.

Defending champions are Bob Oesterling, men's singles; Margaret McAllister, women's singles; Roy Nelson and Oesterling, men's doubles; Bea McKinney and Oesterling, mixed doubles; Bea McKinney and Margaret McAllister, women's doubles.

These four will be among some 15 entries in the five events this year. There will be no admission charges for the matches and benches for spectators will be provided. The Eastern Oregon tourney will not be held this year, it is understood.

Rumors of Coal Price Jump False

In spite of persistent rumors heard locally and elsewhere that the price of coal would increase sharply this fall, investigation by the Observer reveals that there apparently is nothing to the story, local dealers seeing no reason why coal should advance or having any notification of such advances from outside sources.

Many believe that the rumor is the result of the 10 cents a ton tax which has been placed on imported coal. There is no tax on coal mined and sold in the United States.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Fair tonight and Thursday; fog on the coast and high temperatures in the interior; moderate north wind offshore.

WEATHER TODAY
7 a. m.—62 above.
Minimum: 50 above.
Condition: Clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 91, minimum 48 above.
Condition: Clear. Range—43 degrees.

WEATHER AUG. 3, 1931
Maximum 94, minimum 52 above.
Condition: Clear. Range—32 degrees.

W. P. Blanchard, Builder, Dies During Morning

Funeral Services Will Be Arranged Later—Contractor's Death Follows Two-Year Illness.

William Perry Blanchard, contractor and builder, died at his home this morning after an illness of two years. Funeral services will be announced later.

Mr. Blanchard, who erected many of the finer homes in La Grande during the 1924-30 period, was very well known throughout this district. He was born May 22, 1868 and was 64 years, two months and 11 days of age.

He is survived by his widow, Mary Blanchard, a daughter, Effie; two sons, William and Milan; three sisters, Bell Kennington and Lovina Lee, of Union, Wyo.; Ella McBride, of Logan, Utah, and five brothers, Don, of Nevada; Frank, of Idaho; Jess, of Freewater, Ore.; and Roy and Eugene, of Bar View, Ore.

Friday Concert Program Lists Many Favorites

Each year the La Grande band devotes one of its summer evening concerts to the playing of numbers which have proven most popular with La Grande audiences. This program will be given next Friday evening at Triangle park starting at 8 p. m.

The concert will include such well-known favorites as Strauss' "Blue Danube" waltzes, a medley of famous old songs entitled "Songs of the Old Folks" and a selection of Victor Herbert's best-known operatic works. Andrew Loney will play two favorite cornet solos, "Trees" and "Somewhere a Voice is Calling."

The attendance at this summer's concerts of the band has been more than at previous summer series for a couple of years.

The band members are busy preparing themselves for the Poppletton Round-Up and Happy Canyon shows where they have appeared for the past nine years as official band.

Girls At Cove Find Camp Life To Their Liking

Camp Fire activities at the summer camp at Cove were in full swing yesterday and today, returning visitors reported this morning. The day began with the entire group sunning out in bathing suits for morning exercises, followed by cold showers. The prospect of a "shower" honor, given to those who take a cold shower every day of the week, had no small part in promoting the popularity of the showers where a great deal of "squealing" and protesting was heard, visitors related.

Every minute of the day was full with swimming classes, nature study, first aid, camp trails and handicrafts started.

Mealtime when the 52 campers assemble eagerly at the long tables, is (Continued on Page Five)

Survey of E. O. N. Campus Under Way

G. V. Skelton, professor of high-way engineering at Oregon State college, in Corvallis, is in La Grande this week directing a survey of the Eastern Oregon Normal school campus and plant. This and similar surveys of Oregon educational institutions were authorized by the state board of higher education, department of properties. Mr. Skelton and his staff of assistants are outlining the general boundaries of the campus and surveying all improvements on the land—buildings, walks, sewer lines, water lines, etc. They expect to finish their work some time this week.

Smith, Bramwell Tell Rotarians Of Labor Exchange

H. T. Smith and Lester Bramwell related and explained many interesting phases of the Union County Labor Exchange at the weekly meeting of the Rotary club this noon. They emphasized the need of co-operation of farmers and business men in making the plan work, and urged every employed person to use at least one day's pay each month to buy labor certificates upon which the success of the program depends. Rotarian Angus McAllister, who was chairman of the program today, and added a few remarks, and a general round table discussion followed.

A. W. Nelson also attended the meeting and gave the Rotarians a glimpse of the program being conducted at the boys' camp at Wallowa lake at present. He complimented the leaders of the camp upon their efficiency and splendid organization, and expressed his belief that the camp is a supremely worth while activity.

WEARY B. E. F. MARCHERS TO RETURN HOME

Walter W. Waters, Veterans' Leader, Advises His Men to Break Camp

RITCHIE REFUSES TO GIVE WELCOME

Plan Now is to Establish Camps in Each of 48 States; Definite Details Due Later.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Aug. 3 (AP)—Officials of the bonus expeditionary force announced today the veterans will evacuate their camp here about noon tomorrow. The announcement said government tents brought from Washington would be returned "with thanks."

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (AP)—The weary and unwanted B. E. F. is figuring out today how far it is to home.

Returned from the District of Columbia, barred from Maryland and Virginia, received with scant welcome (Continued on Page Five)

MANCHURIAN RAIN BRINGS DISASTER

Huge Area Converted Into Lake; Life and Property Loss is General.

By James A. Mills
HARBIN, Manchuria, Aug. 3 (AP)—Twenty-one days of uninterrupted rains have converted North Central Manchuria into a vast lake and brought about a national disaster.

Tens of thousands of square miles of rich harvests have been destroyed and enormous stocks of grain and soy beans lost. Thousands of farmers and other residents have lost their homes and are flocking to the cities.

Material damage is estimated at several hundred million Mexican dollars (a Mexican dollar is worth approximately 21 cents) and the floods threaten to rival even those of 1914, the worst in Manchuria's history.

Harbin is isolated from the rest of the world by rail and mail. All three branches of the Chinese Eastern railway are paralyzed and all communication with Siberia is cut off.

It is possible to travel by boat from Harbin to Tzitsihar, 200 miles, over a route much of which was once land. Considerable loss of human life and livestock has been reported from many districts.

The floods show no signs of abating. Three thousand cars of grain and 1000 cars of timber were flooded at Puchiatan, a suburb of Harbin. The Sungari here is nine feet above its normal level.

JOHANSSON, OF SWEDEN, WINS IN WRESTLING

OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM, Los Angeles, Aug. 3 (AP)—Pinning Robert Hess, Iowa State college star, in two minutes and 10 seconds, Ivar Johansson, Sweden, won the 1932 Olympic middleweight wrestling championship today.

The Hess-Johansson match became a championship battle after Kyoosi Luukko, Finland, had thrown Joseph Tunyogi, Hungary, in the opening bout of the final day of catch-as-catch-can grappling.

KANSAS VOTE IN TUESDAY'S PRIMARY DRY

Wet Candidates Out of Luck With Kansas Supporting Prohibition.

M'GILL, WOODRING ARE RENOMINATED

Paulsen Selected By Republicans For Gubernatorial Race—Missouri Counting Votes.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 3 (AP)—It's still dry Kansas. After yesterday's primary in which wet candidates sought the favor of voters of the pioneer prohibition state for the first time in two decades.

While prohibition was not the major issue, taking a supporting role to the more lively questions of taxation and economy in government, it was clearly demonstrated that Kansas voters haven't changed their views on liquor.

Returns today revealed the renomination of Senator George McGill and Governor Harry H. Woodring by the Democrats.

Ben S. Paulsen, Independence banker and former governor, took a 10,000-vote lead early in the race with Joe H. Mercer, for the Republican senatorial nomination.

Alfred M. Landon, oil man and fellow townsman of Paulsen, outran a field of three for the right to meet Governor Doording in November.

Senator McGill, Paulsen and Landon are listed as dry.

BODY OF GIRL IS FOUND IN VACANT HOUSE

LUDINGTON, Mich., Aug. 3 (AP)—The body of 17-year-old Evelyn Sanford, who disappeared last Saturday, was found buried in the basement of a vacant house in the rear of the home of Francis Nash in Freesol today.

Nash was taken into custody for questioning yesterday.

The body was found by Corporal Colburn Munger, of the state police, and Harold Pfeiffer, of Manistee.

A spade at the bottom of outside steps leading to the basement led to the discovery. The body had been buried in about 18 inches of sand. Part of her clothing had been torn off.

Coroner Rupert Stevens of Mason county reported the girl apparently had been assaulted and strangled.

Scott Not Ready To Make Decision

PORTLAND, Aug. 3 (AP)—Leslie M. Scott, who recently resigned as chairman of the state highway commission, was today still considering the advisability of returning to the commission, he said today.

"I'm sorry I can't say anything definitely now," he explained, "but I wish to consider the matter further."

IRISH TIMBER-TOPPER WINS 400-METER EVENT



Ireland was victorious in the 400-meter hurdles final. The time was 51.8 seconds. Left to right, G. Hardin, U. S. A., second; Lord Burghley, Great Britain, defending champion, fourth; Facelli, Italy, fifth; Taylor, U. S. A., third; Tisdale, Ireland, who was first.

PREFERENCE FOR EMPIRE GRAIN IN ENGLAND URGED

(Associated Press Staff Writer)
OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 3 (AP)—Bilateral agreements between the dominions and preference rates for Empire wheat in Great Britain were set up today as two of the most important possible results of the Imperial trade conference.

This program, which includes four other major items, appeared to have grown out of an interview granted by Premier Bennett, of Canada, yesterday and a session of the British delegation which lasted well into last night.

The four objectives are:
1. A curb upon Russian trade with Great Britain.
2. Creation of an Empire bank to clear Empire trade balances.
3. Freer dominion markets for British products which do not compete with home industries.
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Some observers interpreted Premier Bennett's interview, which was something of a surprise, as an indication that he might have given the British delegation, which went into its conference almost at the same time, the direct reply it has sought for two weeks as to how much of an opening Canada is willing to give British steel and cotton manufacturers for a market in Canada.

A large part of any such advantage would be at the expense of United States steel and textile interests.

Although he was somewhat evasive as to whether he preferred a wheat quota, or a preferential tariff on wheat the Premier was regarded as having made it quite clear the Canada expects one or the other in the British market. He said both had been discussed, but no conclusion reached.

UPTURNS FOLLOW SLUMPS IN JUNE

Experts Recall End of Previous Deflations Chronicled in Similar Fashion

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (AP)—Business, says the commerce department, is looking up.

This does it summarize improved bond prices, increases in what a number of important commodities bring, an ending of foreign gold withdrawals and a stop in stock market liquidations.

In July, the department says, these things among others "contributed to an improvement in sentiment," that improvement necessary to a full restoration. The favorable factors were considered especially interesting since they followed further recessions in June.

In the latter month, for instance, factory payrolls were off another 7.8 per cent; exports declined; 200 commodity prices changed.

But in July, after allowances for seasonal changes, several industries showed increased activity. Among these were automobile, textile, cement and tobacco.

The department did not say so, but (Continued on Page Five)

MINE SIEGE CONTINUING IN INDIANA

Sixty Non-Union Workmen Hemmed in By Ring of Union Pickets

SNIPING TACTICS FOLLOWED BY BOTH

One Killed and Eight Wounded—State and County Authorities Unable to Cope With Case.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 3 (AP)—Governor Harry G. Leslie today ordered Indiana national guard troops into Vigo county where union pickets have besieged 60 non-union miners in the Dixie Bee shaft.

The governor said he had ordered troops into the mine field because the situation "has gotten beyond the control of anyone but the state."

"I cannot permit this guerrilla warfare to continue in our state," he added.

A force of 1000 will be ordered out.

SIEGE CONTINUES
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Aug. 3 (AP)—The siege of the Dixie Bee mine in Southern Vigo county was continued today with desultory firing.

Sixty non-union workmen, hemmed in by a ring of union pickets, continued bursts of fire at daybreak and then the attackers and defenders settled down to cautious sniping tactics.

The siege began late yesterday. One picket has been killed and four wounded. Four defenders of the mine have been wounded. The latter are still at the shaft without medical attention. Pickets last night turned back ambulances sent to bring out the wounded miners.

AUTOGIROS ARE USED TO SPOT FOREST FIRES

BAKER, Ore. (Special)—Major John D. Guthrie of Portland, assistant regional forester of the United States forest service, and one of the 13 authors who wrote "The Loop," a story of the Oregon county, said here Tuesday that the forest service will use autogiros airplanes this year in its reconnaissance work.

Major Guthrie, who is with the public relations division of the forest service, said that the autogiro planes were tested last spring and proved satisfactory in the location of fires. The new type of plane can be flown slow and at a low altitude, making it possible for a pilot or forest official to sight fires easily. The autogiro is also adaptable to landing in a small space.

The forest service expects to enter a contract with a commercial concern to supply the planes when needed.

Digs Own Grave And Finishes Monument

ANSONIA, Conn., Aug. 3 (AP)—Neketa Radzevich Sutkovoy, who last year dug his own grave, is now putting the finishing touches on a sepulchre and monument built with his own hands.

Sutkovoy, 67, claims friendship with the late Czar Nicholas.

He was employed in a brass foundry for 25 years, and retired on a pension about five years ago. Being in poor health, his thoughts turned to the grave and he decided to prepare his own resting place.

Contemplating his handiwork today he said, "at least I'll be buried like a millionaire."

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Aug. 3 (AP)—Aggressive buying that came largely from eastern sources gave a brisk boost to wheat prices last today.

There was talk of strong interests accumulating wheat on scale orders because the market had been on the downgrade for five successive days. Assertions were also current that private crop estimates of 273,000,000 bushels for domestic spring wheat were too high and harvest returns would turn out around 250,000,000. Wheat closed unsettled, 1 1/4 @ 1 1/2 above yesterday's finish, corn 1 1/4 @ 1 1/2 up, oats 1/4 @ 1/2 advanced, and provisions unchanged to a rise of 2 cents.

Business Shows Gain in July

Preference For Empire Grain In England Urged

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U. S. Unwilling To Talk Debts At World Meet

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (AP)—The United States is willing to join a world economic conference that will ignore debts and specific tariff rates—but it has left open the possibility of debt discussions with individual nations.

An invitation to the economic meeting sponsored by the league of nations was accepted yesterday. The American note, delivered to the British embassy, was not made public but it outlined reasons for acceptance and said representatives for this country would be named later.

"The request to join the stipulated individual tariff, reparations and debts would not be on the agenda for discussion. It specified that general tariff policy and silver would, and that representatives of the participating nations be designated to three committees—one to arrange the conference itself, one on economic and one on financial problems.

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Black Mountain Child Plays With Two Rattlesnakes

BLACK MOUNTAIN, N. C. Aug. 3 (AP)—Because they allowed themselves to be fondled instead of biting her two-year-old son, Mrs. Lillian Michael Ledbetter is going to keep two large rattlesnakes as a child.

Returning after a brief absence she found the child seated on the ground with one rattler on his lap and another allowing itself to be petted as it lay on the ground beside him.

Bad Dream Gives Man Broken Ribs

MORNING SUN, Ia., Aug. 3 (AP)—Arnold Pugsmeiller, farmer, had a bad dream and has four fractured ribs and a bruised face to prove it.

He went to bed after a hard day in the harvest fields, dreamed of climbing down from a threshing machine, and actually climbed out of a window on the second floor.

He woke up on a cement walk which broke his fall.

DISGRUNTLED WORKERS LAND AT PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 3 (AP)—Three hundred white men and 180 Filipinos, disgruntled workers from Alaska salmon canners, were landed here last night from the steamer North King, under supervision of policemen and members of the harbor patrol.

Widespread dissatisfaction over wages paid by Wong On, Chinese labor contractor, resulted in the policemen being on hand to avert any possible trouble. Advances to police from Astoria before the ship said the men had threatened Wong and a Filipino foreman.

The men struck last May because of a 35 per cent reduction in wages, they said. Not only were they angry about the amount paid them, but they objected to Wong's plan of paying on board and by check.

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Astoria "City Dad" Bound Over To Grand Jury

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 3 (AP)—Accused of attempting to bribe a police officer to "go easy" on liquor law enforcement, City Commissioner William Mannila and Joe Dimitroff, a grocer, were yesterday bound over to the Clatsop county grand jury. Mannila furnished the \$2000 bond required, but Dimitroff, who has a police record on liquor charges, was unable to raise the money and was remanded to the custody of the sheriff.

Carl Wilson, city policeman, presented the only testimony offered at the preliminary hearing in justice court yesterday. He declared Mannila for a year has tried to influence him to prosecute certain liquor dealers and to protect others.

Wilson testified a trap was laid for the city commissioner in the home of Policeman Casper Leding who pretended to agree to "sell out." He said Chief of Police John Acton and the Rev. E. Koven, pastor of the Astoria Finnish Congregational church, listened at the other end of a dictaphone line, the transmitter of which was in the room in which Mannila, Dimitroff and the two officers were talking.

Buffalo Market Is Picking Up

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 3 (AP)—More business cheer; the buffalo market in Portland is on the up grade, although it isn't on a cash basis.

Recently the bureau of parks here announced it planned to reduce its herd of bison in Washington park. Five of the animals will be shipped this week. Sacramento is taking three buffalo in exchange for two lion cubs, and two others will be shipped to Boise for the Julia Davis park zoo, in exchange for other animals.

Shires May Go To The Minors Again

BOSTON, Aug. 3 (AP)—Arthur (The Great) Shires appeared to be riding the sludgeway of baseball today, but whether the belligerent "bad boy" of the majors would plod into the minors or into the prize ring was a matter for conjecture.

Shires was fired by Manager Bill McKeehan of the Boston Braves yesterday but final decision on his immediate future was delayed until today.

Shires got fired when he wrathfully objected to the manager's plan to trade him into the minors whence he came.

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