

## League Tackles Manchurian Problem

### JAPAN'S USE OF MILITARY IS CONDEMNED

Group Turns Thumbs Down on Japanese-Advised Regime of Pu-Yi.

REPORT WILL BE TAKEN UP NOV. 14

Japanese Displeased With Lytton Report — Most Other Nations Satisfied With Findings.

By P. I. Lipsey  
GENEVA, Oct. 3 (AP) — The league of nations was definitely at grips today with the Manchurian problem—perhaps the greatest test it has faced out the history following publication of the report of the Lytton investigating commission which inferentially condemned Japan's military occupation and turned thumbs down on the Japanese-advised regime of Henry Pu-Yi.

The commission, in an exhaustive analysis of the situation which began with the opening of the Japanese army's drive in September of last year, found that the military campaign was unjustified and that the new state of Manchukuo is not supported by the Manchurian people.

Proposes Special Regime  
It proposed a special autonomous regime for the territory, with China retaining full sovereignty over the three provinces, and suggested a special Sino-Japanese conference to work out the basis of a permanent settlement, with the provision that the league council take a hand if the Chinese and Japanese themselves fail to agree.

Because of the delay requested by Japan and granted last week by the league, consideration of the report will not be taken up until November 14. It was signed and approved by the five members of the commission, Lord Lytton of Great Britain, General Frank McCoy of the United States, Count Luigi Albertini of Italy, Dr. Hermann Schreier of Germany and General Henri Claudel of France.

Most Nations Pleased  
Generally speaking, it was hailed in all quarters here today, except by the Japanese, with satisfaction. The more the Chinese studied it, the more they seemed to like it.

The report scouted Japan's contention, so often repeated while the military campaign was at its height last winter, that her soldiers were fighting in self-defense.

After giving the conflicting Chinese and Japanese versions of the events which provoked the outbreak of hostilities at Mukden on Sept. 18, 1931, the committee said "the military op-

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**THREE THEFTS ARE REPORTED OVER WEEKEND**

Three more thefts were reported to police over the weekend.

The Willow grocery was entered between 7 and 9 o'clock last night and a 12 gauge shotgun, four packages of cigars, a box of candy bars and about \$3 in change were stolen.

Saturday a report was received that Page's blacksmith shop on W. was entered and a pair of trailer wheels and tires and some tools were stolen.

Del Turnbow reported his car robbed of some meat and groceries, a hat and sweater. The automobile was parked on Adams avenue in the business section when the theft occurred.

**Samuel Swanson Will Speak Here**

District Superintendent Samuel Swanson, of the Northwest district Assemblies of God, will speak at the Gospel Mission at 2201 North Fir street tomorrow night at 7:45 o'clock. It was announced today. The public is invited to attend. Mr. Swanson is declared to be an outstanding speaker. He is making a visit through Oregon, Idaho and Montana, stopping here for just one night.

**WEATHER FORECAST**  
Oregon: Fair tonight and Tuesday; continued warm; gentle to moderate east and northeast winds offshore.

**WEATHER TODAY**  
7 a. m.—60 above.  
Minimum 50 above.  
Condition: Clear.

**WEATHER YESTERDAY**  
Maximum 83; minimum 45 degrees.  
Condition: Clear. Range: 38 degrees.

**WEATHER OCT. 3, 1931**  
Maximum 62; minimum 39 above.  
Condition: Clear. Range: 23 degrees.

### Club Women Of East Oregon To Convene Oct. 5

La Grande Will Be Host at Fourth Annual Convention of Fifth District of Federation.

The fourth annual convention of the Fifth District of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs will open at the La Grande hotel at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning with Mrs. E. D. Towler, of Astoria, president, in charge of the session. Mrs. Charles N. Blyeu, president of the state federation, of Dallas, will be among the delegates at the two-day session.

Delegates from eight Eastern Oregon counties are expected to attend the session, the counties represented being Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Baker, Malheur, Harney and Grant.

The program has been arranged so that all the main business will be completed the first day. Installation of officers, department programs and working plans for the coming year will be in order on the second day.

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### Normal School Defeats Baker Eleven 27 to 0

Using 26 men — more than two full teams — the Eastern Oregon Normal school piled up a 27 to 0 score against the Baker Independents at Baker Saturday afternoon.

Although the score indicates that the Mountaineers will have something on the ball this year, Coach Bob Quinn said that the Baker group was unorganized and that several weak points on the La Grande team will need a lot of polishing up during the weeks to come.

Friday morning the Mountaineers will leave here for Caldwell, Idaho, to meet the College of Idaho in a night game that evening. Coach Quinn scouted the Coyotes last Friday night and reported that Anne Cornell's team is fast and tough, probably strong enough to make a good bid for conference honors.

Roe Scores Twice  
At Baker Saturday the Mountaineers marched 60 yards in the first quarter for a touchdown, with Roe carrying the ball over and Hanks place-kicking the extra point.

In the second quarter Roe slipped away on a reverse for 30 yards and a second touchdown, Hanks again converting.

The second team went in for the third quarter and was unable to score, although in the fourth quarter it

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### Washington Lets Contract For 2.7 Miles of Highway

By W. L. Flower  
OSPREY (Special) — An announcement made last Thursday from Olympia, Wash., to the effect that a new contract for construction of 2.7 miles of Blue Mountain highway south of Anacortes, Wash., had been let to the Colonial Building Co., of Spokane for \$61,405, brings realization to Wallowa county people that their long cherished dream of a highway to Spokane by way of the north route was getting nearer and nearer to a reality.

The completion of this stretch of highway will bring the road to within two miles of the state line and it is anticipated that another contract will be awarded before a great deal of time has elapsed that will bring the road to the line and then it will be up to Oregon and the county of Wallowa to connect on thus making complete a modern loop highway that will connect this part of the state with the great Inland Empire around Spokane and will provide an additional scenic route to Portland.

The next question is naturally going to be which route the road will

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### Dehydrating Plant May Be Operated

The Ross Packing company will operate its apple dehydrating plant this fall if from 12 to 15 tons of apples can be secured under contract, company officials announced Saturday while transacting business in La Grande. Fifty men will be employed for 90 days if a guarantee sufficient to justify the opening of the company which has been leased for the past two years, can be obtained.

### Boone Winner Of Golf Sweepstakes

Harold C. Boone won the sweepstakes at the La Grande country club yesterday with a score of 83-13-70, and Lawrence Bay and Dr. J. E. Woodell tied for second, the former shooting an 81-10-71, and the latter, 97-27-71. Net scores for the other players were John Theisen, 73; Dan R. Tanner, 74; Ken Siegrist, 76; M. L. Nelson, 78; Dr. W. K. Ross, 78; Arthur Hodge, 78, and Fred Spaeth, 78.

### HOOVER WILL OPEN DRIVE IN MID-WEST

President to Speak at Des Moines Tomorrow on "Issues of the Day."

FARM STATES TO SEND DELEGATES  
Committee Estimates That President and Mrs. Hoover Will Be Welcomed By 150,000.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3 (AP) — Carrying his campaign for reelection personally to the west, President Hoover left in mid-afternoon aboard a special train for Des Moines, where he will speak tomorrow night.

By Nathan Robertson  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 3 (AP) — President Hoover leaves Washington for Des Moines, Iowa, where tomorrow he will make his "opening campaign speech," with the day on which the American people will decide whether he shall have another term little more than a month off.

In his speech tomorrow, President Hoover will discuss the issues of the campaign at length for the first time since his acceptance speech in Washington, Aug. 11. Since that time, his Democratic opponent, Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, has expressed his views on many of the problems of the day.

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### 72 UNION COUNTY MEN ARE ELIGIBLE

Appointment of the number of unemployed men that each county of Oregon will be called upon to provide for highway work done with federal relief funds in this state was announced over the weekend in a statement made by Leslie M. Scott, commission chairman, in Portland.

The counties will share in the work according to population, with Multnomah to furnish 1398 workers com-

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### FISHERMAN IS STRICKEN WITH HEART DISEASE

Eugene Sixbey, who lived on the old Anthony place near Bondova, was stricken by heart disease about 8 o'clock yesterday morning while fishing on the Grande Ronde river about a half mile from Bondova.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary with Rev. J. George Walz officiating. Interment will take place in the Island City cemetery.

Mr. Sixbey was born in New Mexico Jan. 6, 1885 and was 47 years, eight months and 26 days of age. He enlisted in the Canadian army at the beginning of the World war and served as a gunner in the 68th Depot Battery. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Clara Sixbey (formerly Miss Clara Shafer of near Island City) besides other relatives.

### Death Toll May Reach 40

Walla Walla Wins From La Grande Eleven 6-0 In Season's Opener

Walla Walla won a close one on La Grande here Saturday, 8 to 0, in the opening football game of the season locally, but nevertheless the Tigers showed promise of making a serious bid for district honors before the season is over.

Defensively, the La Grander played a strong game, and except for one of those early season fumbles, the contest probably would have ended in a scoreless tie. The break that gave Wa-Hi a touchdown came a few minutes after the fourth quarter opened.

Standing on the 50-yard line, Dietz punted to the La Grande 13-yard stripe. The ball fell clear, took a freak bounce, and in the excitement with players swarming in from all sides, a La Grande player nabbed and lost the pigskin, only to have Wa-Hi recover on the 18-yard line.

Bill Metz, driving Blue Devil full-back, smashed the line five times and Dietz came to make a first down on the five-yard line and then go over for a touchdown, Metz carrying the ball two yards on the scoring play. An attempt to kick for extra point went wide of the goal posts.

Wa-Hi threatened two other times during the game. In the second quarter the Blue Devils contributed the only sustained march of the day, moving to La Grande's three-yard line from their own 32, with one long gain resulting from an 18-yard pass, Dietz to Metz, which put the ball on La Grande's 31-yard stripe. Dietz and Metz hammered the line and skirted the ends and tackles for two more first downs, putting the ball on La Grande's 7-yard line. There the Tigers bucked up and four plays made only as many yards. Munsell punted out of danger.

The other scoring threat was stopped by the final gun, and was due to another of those early season fumbles. Reynolds was substituted for DeBoise with La Grande in possession of the ball on its own 29-yard line. After a three-yard gain by Munsell, Reynolds called for the ball on a lateral and gained four more yards, only to lose the pigskin on a hard tackle, Wa-Hi recovering.

Eight plays and a five-yard penalty gave the Blue Devils two first downs and they had the ball on La

### Wallowa County Fair Will Open Thursday, Oct. 6

Splendid Racing and Bucking Program Announced — Caravan May Go From La Grande Friday

With the Wallowa county fair to begin Thursday and continue for three days at Enterprise, it was announced today that plans are under way to send a caravan from La Grande on Friday, Oct. 7. The fair association extends a hearty invitation to all of La Grande to not only attend the fair on Friday, but on Thursday and Saturday as well.

Indications are that the fair will be one of the most interesting in years, with a fine racing program and bucking contest scheduled by way of entertainment.

Exhibits are reported to be better than ever, with hundreds of farmers to display their choice products and livestock.

The racing and bucking program for the three days follows:  
First Day  
1. 1/4 Mile Saddle Horse, \$7.50, \$5.00, \$2.50.

2. Pony Express — purse each day, \$16.65, \$10.00, \$5.65.  
3. 1/4 Mile 2 year olds, \$6.00, \$4.00, \$2.00.

4. Grange and business men relay, 3 horses, 3 riders.  
5. 3-8 Mile free for all, \$12.00, \$7.00, \$5.00.  
6. 3-8 Mile 3 year olds, \$7.50, \$5.00, \$2.50.

7. Relay race, \$33.35, \$20.00, \$13.20.  
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### Mexico Throws Down Gauntlet To The Vatican

VATICAN CITY, Oct. 3 (AP) — The newspaper *Osservatore Romano* published a telegram from Mexico City today stating that President Rodriguez had ordered the closing of churches in which the priests conformed with the pope's encyclical protesting against Mexican laws regarding the church.

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 3 (AP) — The Mexican government threw down all gauntlets to the Vatican today over last Friday's encyclical in which Pope Pius XI protested against what he called "the new and legal persecution" of the church and Catholics in the country.

"If the insolent, defiant attitude shown in the recent encyclical continues," President Abelardo L. Rodriguez said in a statement, "I am determined that the churches will be converted into schools and shops for the benefit of the nation's proletariat classes."

The national chamber of deputies will meet late today to consider the encyclical.

Luis Leon, who is expected to lead the debate in the chamber of deputies

### 36 Union County Men Work on Roads

Thirty-six Union county men are employed at present in road construction and several others have occasional odd jobs helping in a slight measure to relieve the unemployment situation in this county, Judge U. G. Couch, county judge, announced today. More than 1100 men are registered with the county judge for work.

Eleven men have been sent to Baker county where the Lane-Huntington road is being constructed under contract and 25 are working on the Mt. Emily road.

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### F. R. RETURNS HOME AFTER 3-WEEK TRIP

No Sign of Fatigue as Gov. Roosevelt Quits Train at Albany, N. Y.

NON-POLITICAL TALK AT DETROIT

Democratic Candidate Plans to Campaign in South and New England Before the Election.

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 3 (AP) — Governor Roosevelt returned to Albany at 9:07 a. m., today after a three-week campaign tour that took him to the Pacific coast.

The governor was met at the train by a small group of delegates to the Democratic state convention, which opens here at noon. After leaving his special train, Governor Roosevelt was driven to the executive mansion.

One of the first to greet the governor was Lieutenant Governor Herbert H. Lehman, who is favored by Mr. Roosevelt for the gubernatorial nomination. The governor was expected to take a prominent part in the party councils later in the day in advocating the nomination of Mr. Lehman.

No Comments  
As the governor, with Lehman and Mrs. Roosevelt sitting beside him, was driven away from the station, he said

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### OREGON FAIR SHOWS PROFIT, GEHLHAR SAYS

SALEM, Oct. 3 (AP) — Receipts at the state fair, which closed Saturday night, totaled \$99,000 as compared with receipts of \$48,000 a year ago, Max Gehlhar, director of the fair, announced today. Despite this reduction, the fair will make a profit, due, he said, to the reduction in operating costs.

The exact profit of the fair had not yet been computed. Criticism of the fair has been on the gambling games conducted by concessionaires during the fair this year, with reports that as much as \$15,000 were lost by patrons of these games. The criticism was directed at the city police and the state fair management.

The fair board has been requested to refuse any such concessions at the state fairs in the future.

### Ministers Oppose Moving of Schools

Rev. J. George Walz was appointed as a member of the Citizen's committee opposing the Zorn-macheperson school moving bill this morning when the La Grande Ministerial association met at 10 o'clock at the Baptist church. Harold Finlay, editor of the *Observer*, discussed the opposition to the measure.

An executive committee was appointed to plan the year's work, members of which are Rev. B. M. Godwin, president of the association and pastor of the Baptist church; Rev. W. H. Herzog, secretary and pastor of the Methodist church; and Rev. Edwin Bronner, of the Zion Lutheran church.

A luncheon meeting to be held in the near future to which the Wallowa Ministerial association will be invited also will be arranged by the executive committee, it was decided.

Rev. Paul De F. Mortimore, of the Christian church; Rev. Clarence A. Kopp, of St. Peter's church, and Mr. Walz, of the Presbyterian church, were authorized to formulate plans for social activities for the Christian young people of the city.

Mr. Walz led the devotions.

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### EASTERN TEAM NOT TO PLAY PORTLAND NINE

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 3 (AP) — Tom Turner, president of the pennant winning Portland baseball club, said he received a wire today from the Newark, New Jersey and Minneapolis clubs declining his invitation to play Portland here for the "little world" championship of the United States.

The two clubs, the former champion of the International League and the latter champion of the American Association league, are now playing a post season series.

### Announce Heads Of Loan Banks

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3 (AP) — Franklin W. Fort, chairman of the home loan board, today announced the chairmen, vice chairmen and presidents of seven of the 12 regional federal home loan banks.

The officials, who will gather here Wednesday to determine the methods of operation and other matters pertinent to getting the banks opened October 15, include:

District 11 — Portland, Oregon: chairman, Frank S. McWilliams, Fidelity Saving and Loan association, Spokane, Wash.; vice chairman, J. Phillip Weyerhaeuser, Potlatch Forest, Inc., Lewiston, Idaho; President, L. H. Hoffman, Portland, Oregon.

## Grand Jury Indicts Eight

### Auto Plunges Into Coos Bay; 2 Bodies Found

Four May Have Been in Car When Accident Occurred; Authorities Seek Additional Clues.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Oct. 3 (AP) — A broken cable on the end of a ferry slip early Sunday bore mute testimony of the way in which at least two Portland men lost their lives sometime during the night when their automobile plunged into the waters of Coos Bay.

The car, a sedan, was found in 20 feet of water beneath the ferry approach on the Oregon Coast highway from the north.

The body of Karl B. Meeker, 45, of Portland, was washed ashore at 2 1/2 miles down the bay from the ferry slip, and that of Paul A. Smith, 38, of Portland, was removed from its watery tomb behind the steering wheel of the submerged machine.

Four May Be Dead  
The car, raised by a barge derrick, was found to contain a dunnage bag bearing the name of Edward R. Joplin, 39, Portland apartment manager who, police were informed, was a third member of the party, bent on a hunting trip in Curry county. Fear that even a fourth person may have been in the car was expressed when women's clothing floated from the car as it was being raised.

Meeker and Smith bought hunting licenses in Albany Saturday. Two

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### Norman Thomas Asks Socialists Be Given Chance

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 3 (AP) — Norman Thomas, Socialist candidate for president, urged Socialists be given a trial to supplant "the bread-line system of government now in use."

"It is not a question of which president we use," the candidate declared, "but which system we need."

"There are 13 million unemployed," he said, "and there probably will be 20 million next winter. . . . Never before in history were there tribes of men perishing in sight of food."

Socialization of industry, he said, "is the answer to the problem."

The first step toward this goal he proposed the government take over all public utilities, monopolistic and semi-monopolistic enterprises and the banking system.

"These should be operated not by appointees of the president, but by a national planning and supervising board responsible to the people," he said.

He professed to see a great shifting of political sentiment from the two established parties, especially from the Republican party.

"People are voting Democratic because they are mad," he said. "The best thing they can think of to do is to vote their rage. They are mad at Hoover and therefore are going to vote for Roosevelt. I'd just as soon be squashed by an elephant as kicked by a donkey."

About 5000 persons sought seats in the Lewis and Clark high school auditorium, which seats 1800. Immediately after his speech Mr. Thomas left for Tacoma. He was accompanied by Mrs. Thomas.

### Speaker at G. O. P. Convention Calls Al Forgotten Man

BUFFALO, Oct. 3 (AP) — Former Governor Alfred E. Smith, Democratic candidate for president in 1928, was characterized by the keynote speaker, Congressman J. Hamilton Fish, as "the man with perhaps the largest personal following in the United States," as the Republican state convention opened today.

A moment later the delegates lauded and applauded as Congressman Fish referred to former Governor Smith as "the original forgotten man with Governor Roosevelt" and as "still a Democrat and up to the present moment a very still one."

First mention of President Hoover by the keynote speaker evoked a brief but tumultuous demonstration in the convention hall, and the president's name was frequently applauded as the address proceeded.

WAGNER RECALLS HOOVER  
ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 3 (AP) — United States Senator Robert F. Wagner, Democratic state convention keynote, declared in an address today that President Hoover's "record shows that he is willing to use the tariff laws of the United States to pay the political debts of the Republican party without regard to the havoc he plays with the livelihood of the American family."

HEARST UNDER KNIFE  
CLEVELAND, Oct. 3 (AP) — William Randolph Hearst, newspaper publisher, today successfully underwent a minor operation at the Cleveland Clinic hospital, his secretary, M. J. Willcombe, said.

The operation was performed without even the need of a general anesthetic, Willcombe said, and Mr. Hearst expects to be on his way to New York in a few days.

### ONE MURDER INDICTMENT IS RETURNED

Moore and Newman Jointly Accused of Slaying of Eldon L. Smith.

HEARING TO BE THIS AFTERNOON

October Term of Circuit Court Opens With Joe Parent on Trial Charged With Assault.

The grand jury returned eight indictments and two not true bills Saturday afternoon when it reported to the circuit court after a four-day session. The report was received at 4:30 by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles in the court room. Indictments were read by District Attorney Carl G. Helm against Robert "Jack" Newman, who is charged jointly with Fred Moore, who escaped recently, with the murder of Eldon L. Smith, railroad detective, on Aug. 4; Victor Knapp, accused of a statutory offense; Ed Malone, charged with escaping from jail on July 23, 1930, and L. K. Cooley, charged with larceny of a gasoline engine. The remainder of the trip bills were secret.

Fred Christman, arrested on a charge of larceny, and Ben Jory, accused of larceny of a mule, were released from the charges by the action of the grand jury.

The body also recommended to the court that adequate quarters be arranged so that the deputy sheriff can sleep in the court house.

Hearings This Afternoon  
Judge Knowles set this morning at 10 o'clock as the time at which pleas would be heard, but the time was postponed to this afternoon at the request of the lawyers.

District Attorney Helm petitioned the court that Burt Elliott, who has been held in jail on a complaint to keep the peace, be released and the motion was granted by Judge Knowles.

Court Opens  
The October term of circuit court opened this morning at 10 o'clock with Judge Knowles presiding. The first trial of the state vs. Joe Parent, charged with assault and battery, began with Henry Hess representing the defendant and Mr. Helm acting for the state. The case of the state against Walter A. Gover, who is charged with larceny by embezzlement, will open tomorrow.

Mr. Hess was appointed by Judge Knowles to represent Newman, and R. J. Kitchen will act as attorney for Mr. Cooley, having been selected by the court.

### CALIFORNIANS WILL QUESTION P. CALLICOTTE

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 3 (AP) — Captain Charles Goff and Inspector Charles Maher of the San Francisco police were planning this morning to investigate the story by Paul M. Callicotte, 32, of Portland, that he believed himself to be the man who placed the suitcase bomb during the San Francisco Preparedness day parade of 1918.

Mr. Goff, who arrived in Portland last night from their home city, expressed confidence that they would be able to determine the importance of Callicotte's statement after they have questioned the man. They pointed out that they are familiar with details of the bombing which cost 10 lives, injured 42 persons and resulted in life imprisonment sentences for Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings.

Callicotte has been held in jail here since last Tuesday.

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### Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Oct. 3 (AP) — Responsive to weakness of securities, wheat value suffered setbacks today, and showed but little power to rally.

With President Hoover scheduled to deliver an important political address tomorrow, grain traders were generally inclined to go slow until more was known regarding what he would say. Rural deliveries of wheat in Canada continued heavy and export demand disappointing.

Wheat closed unsettled 1/4 c, cents under Saturday's finish, with a 1/4 c down, oats 1/4 c off, and provisions unchanged to 7 cents lower.