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GERMANY'S SHOWDOWN

There are two ways of looking at almost everything, and the current war scare in Europe is no exception. If you like, you can consider Germany's withdrawal from the League of Nations a calamitous step, a threat to the peace of the world and harbinger of exceedingly stormy weather just ahead. It certainly looks like that, on the surface; certainly it has produced more war talk than anything that has happened since 1918.

But it is also possible to see in it one of those sudden shocks which occasionally jar a chemical solution into crystallization. For there is this about it; into a meeting of statesmen who came to talk disarmament without having any very solid intention of doing anything concrete about it there stalked one man whether you like him or not, with nerve enough to toss a put-up-or-shut-up proposition on the table.

What Herr Hitler said, in effect, was simply this: We're here to discuss arms reduction and under the Versailles treaty all hands are pledged to do a little reducing. Since you don't seem to be doing anything about this, Germany is out. It was, in other words, something very like the calling of a bluff. Whether this was Hitler's motive in taking that step may not be clear; that, however, is what it seems to amount to. If the Allied nations are shocked and worried by this drastic action, they have only themselves to blame.

They devised, in the Versailles treaty, a sure-fire means of keeping Germany's mind on the gains that could be had through a successful new war. They pledged themselves to cut their own armed forces, and then refused to do it. They held arms conference after arms conference and let each one fizzle out in a froth of empty words.

During the years since the war Germany had a succession of very "moderate" governments which were devoted to keeping the peace. Concessions on treaty revision or arms reduction could have been made to those governments with safety. They were not made, although they were requested over and over again.

Now Germany has a jingoistic government which proposes to have a showdown. Menacing as the situation appears, it may be that this showdown will, in the long run, help to clear the air and remove the sense of unreality from the whole disarmament question.

TODAY IN BRIEF, IN AND AROUND OREGON

AS CHRONICLED BY THE DAILY LEASED WIRE OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BUS PASSENGERS HURT

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 3 (AP)—Eight passengers in a fully-loaded Cramer auto stage were injured when the bus, operated by William Lorimer of Seattle, collided with a gasoline tank truck here today. Lorimer said he did not see the truck in time to stop on the wet pavement.

Passengers in the stage were thrown forward against the seats. None was severely hurt, physicians said.

The injured were taken to the emergency hospital for treatment.

MARION COUNTY 'REVOLTS'

SALEM, Nov. 3 (AP)—Following other "revolting" Oregon counties, the Marion county budgeters refused to include one cent in the proposed 1934 budget for payment of old age pensions, "white elephant" gift to counties from the 1933 state legislature.

An item of \$105,000 submitted in the preliminary estimates was rejected late yesterday.

WOMAN BELIEVED SUICIDE

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 3 (AP)—The body of Mrs. Henry Crass, about 60, widow of a former mayor and well-known attorney of Vancouver, was found in her home here today. Physicians said she had taken poison.

CAR MEN MAY STRIKE

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 3 (AP)—Portland street car men were today balloting on a proposal calling for a general walkout until such time as the Portland Traction Company agrees to submit appeals for a wage increase to the national labor board of the NRA for arbitration.

The decision to vote on the matter was reached after midnight today following meetings of the Street Car Men's union.

J. M'LACHLEN, EX-SHERIFF, PASSES ON

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He was 83 years, one month and 20 days of age.

He came to Oregon in the year 1887, locating in La Grande where he lived, continuously except for eight years at Union while serving as sheriff of this county.

The major portion of his life saw him connected with law enforcement work, and for several years he was chief of police in La Grande.

At the age of 70 he headed the posse which captured the slayers of Tim Taylor, sheriff of Umatilla county, several years ago.

Mr. McLaughlin had a wide circle of friends throughout Eastern Oregon who were saddened by news of his death. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary McLaughlin, a daughter, Nell; a brother, Archie, of May Park; a granddaughter, Mrs. Ed Donohue of La Grande; a grandson, Archie McLaughlin of Boise, and five great-grandchildren.

He was a charter member of the La Grande Lodge of Elks and a member of the Oddfellows lodge.

ITALIAN FASCISTS PUT OR ON INTELLIGENT VIOLENCE

LEAVE ITALY (AP)—Antonio Danesi of this city, has been cited by local fascist headquarters because he soundly smacked a neighbor who made a slighting allusion to the fascist regime.

"Danesi has instituted the principle of intelligent violence to silence, to the tune of slaps, the voicing of any residue of anti-fascist opinion," the fascist secretary said.

The blackshirt press explained that it was the duty of any comrade thus to resent slurs on the regime.

The Weather

WEATHER FORECAST Oregon: Fair tonight and Saturday but local fogs in the west portion; colder in the east portion tonight; moderate northwest wind offshore. LOCAL WEATHER Thursday: Maximum 51, minimum 32 above, Rainfall .22 of inch. Cloudy. Today: Cloudy, Minimum 39, 7 a. m.—39 above.

SEEKING RELIEF FOR APPLE MEN OF UNION COUNTY

Hoping to bring some relief to apple growers in Union county who are unable to finance the expense of picking and boxing the fruit on their own, Karl J. Stackland, of Cove, has written the following letter to Washington:

Nov. 1, 1933. Mr. Robert M. Littlejohn, Chief Special Commodities Section, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Littlejohn: I reply to your considerate letter of the 26th, ult. I wish to express my gratification of your plans for the neediest apple growers and the millions of destitute.

There does not seem to be any valid reason for procuring all the apples you will take on from Washington, only, as our district here is badly in need of help, as a score or more of the apple growers in the Imbler district particularly are too poor to get their apples picked, not having been able to borrow any of the government apple money, because several years of bad markets and little or no income has put them in bad with the "Seed Loans," so that now there are fifty or more thousand boxes of good apples unpicked, mostly of good quality, but generally of medium to small sizes, (export sizes), and these are owned by the hardest pressed growers to be found anywhere.

We are well acquainted with these people, as we have been operating here for over thirty years, and now the only firm in the field trying to find a market for these apples, residing in the county and could help your agricultural agent, Mr. Avery, or act for him, but in any event something should be done quickly, perhaps to authorize Mr. Avery to finance the expenses of picking and boxing so these apples and their owners may be saved, as we have only a couple of weeks to figure on in which they still may be on the trees.

These apples may be had, I believe at 40c per bushel and filled boxes, consisting of our Oregon Three Grade Combination, 2 1/2 inches and larger—in Rome's mostly, some lovely "Schoolboy" Jonathans and a few others, as well as a quantity of "C" grade. I think all or any of them should be purchased at 40c per bushel or 40c per crate, I believe 100 carloads can be easily be gotten here, if action not delayed.

Apples are too cheap and plentiful in the Pacific Northwest to be contemplated for local distribution, out side of the larger cities, while Los Angeles could stand 500 cars or more of the half million people on relief, but the larger portion should go east of the Rockies—Missouri river cities, etc., while Eastern supplies ought to be of the cheaper lines of Commercial apples, so as to relieve the pressure on the markets.

Trusting you grasp the urgency of action here and will take immediate steps to act accordingly, I remain, at your service.

Respectfully yours, (Stackland Fruit Co.) Per Karl J. Stackland.

Apple Purchase Plan Is Up To The R. F. C.

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with which to finance the purchase of the apples, which, he said, could be sold in Brazil at approximately 25 per cent above the United States market. The drawback at present, he pointed out, is that Brazilian government will not permit money to be shipped from the country in a lump sum.

At present, "C" grade apples are withheld from commercial channels under the Pacific Northwest fruit code, but it was hoped the A.A.A. would make an exception under conditions which would open such a market to Pacific Northwest fruit growers.

IMBLER PERSONALS

A Halloween party was given by Claude Melba and Larva Western skow Monday night. A number were present. Refreshments were served at the close of the party.

The High School Interclass Dramatic contest is slated for Nov. 17. All the classes have picked their plays and a variety is promised with farces, comedies and dramas. The freshmen have selected "Uncle Dick's Mistake", sophomores, "Thanks Awfully", juniors picked, "Box and Cox", seniors, "The High Heart."

Couch King will make the first call for basketball next week. There are only three letters from last year's squad and the task of replacing them will not be easy. Students who have been working in the apple grain and hay harvest have returned to school.

With many of the main players absent on the High school girls' volleyball team the Union girls proved to be too strong for them in the first game of the season played Friday on the Imbler floor. Union won 42 to 20. A large crowd gathered at the Imbler Cash Store last Friday afternoon to see the mechanical man. Mr. Robot stayed only a few minutes but he made use of the time by giving many stunts for his audience.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hazen and family who have been living in Enterprise where Mr. Hazen was railroad agent returned to Imbler last week.

Among the successful local elk hunters are Ross Perry and Claude Woodell who brought home 850- and 500-pounds respectively from Chick on creek near the head of the Grande Ronde river.

William Furman is seriously ill of heart trouble at his home.

Grande Ronde Valley News of Interest

W. A. McNeill Gets Mammoth Buck On Last Hunting Day

COVE (Special)—W. A. McNeill, of Mill creek canyon, brought out a buck weighing 284 pounds the last day of the season, the largest buck weighed in for the Warner prize last Friday evening. Mr. McNeill had with him James Brooks and Elmer Warner, both of Lafayette. These men each got their deer as did also Dr. Downs and Mr. Ray, of Portland, who were with Marvin McNeill and Guy Silla. All the deer taken by these men weighed over 200 pounds. The 284 pounder did not include the lungs, liver and kidneys which were all in the weight for prizes, as the deer could not be gotten out of the mountains for about 24 hours after it was killed, and it had been entirely dressed to prevent the meat from spoiling.

Another hunting party which left Cove included Jay Breshears and Son, Raymond, each of whom got their deer, Mrs. Will Cruikshank, of Haines, and Pat Ballard, of La Grande. These people hunted on Elk flat but failed to bag any elk.

JOSEPH PERSONALS

William Cameron is confined to his bed with an attack of flu.

Mrs. Margaret Head, of Eugene, who has been visiting her sisters, Mrs. Homer Hayes, Mrs. Harry Mays, and brother, William Warnock, and her son, Otho Head, left for her home Sunday.

The ladies Aid tea held at Mrs. McKinley's was well attended, about 35 women being present. The hostesses were Mrs. McKinley, Mrs. Gault, Mrs. Gould and Mrs. Wittman. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hamblen, of Ontario, visited their son and family, Mr. Hamblen, who went elk hunting. Hamblen was successful in getting an elk.

Elva Makin, of Nyssa, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Ed Purdin.

Mrs. Frank Keener had a narrow escape from serious injury when her car overturned as she, with her two children and Mrs. Ira Waterman, were coming in from Little Sheep creek.

Mrs. Keener turned out and got into loose gravel. None of the party was injured and the car only slightly damaged.

Mrs. Lawrence Putter gave a party in honor of her husband Monday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Thompson, who live on Little Sheep creek. Three tables of pinocle were at play. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Seary came in Saturday from Hillsboro, leaving Tuesday. Mr. Seary is yet in charge of liquidating the Joseph State bank and came on business. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred McClain and daughter Marjorie.

James McAllister, of Portland, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gillispie over the weekend. Mr. McAllister and Mr. Gillispie are cousins.

Tuesday The Toggery and Beth's hardware store changed locations. The Toggery is now in the old McCully mercantile building and the hardware store in the Schuler building.

Jeff Stickney, who is very ill at his home is reported not so well.

Mrs. W. C. Fitzpatrick and sister came Saturday to visit their sisters, Mrs. Elmer Morgan and Mrs. Jeff Stickney.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Eben had Mr. and Mrs. John L. Seary, of Hillsboro, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred McClain and Miss Marjorie McClain, Mrs. Daisy Rumble and Mrs. Maida L. Stevenson as their guests for dinner Tuesday.

WITHDRAWAL OF JAPANESE ARMY BEGINS

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artillery and machine guns into the neutral zone to fight bandits—thus constituting a police military body capable of controlling the area.

Despite the withdrawal of troops from the so-called demilitarized zone, however, China's great wall from Shanghai to Kopeiko remains in the hands of the Japanese who do not intend to evacuate, a Japanese military attaché declared today.

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF LA GRANDE IN THE STATE OF OREGON, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON OCT. 25, 1933

Table with financial data: Assets: Loans and discounts \$504,475.37; Overdrafts 898.55; United States Government securities owned 176,500.00; Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned 87,272.25; Banking house, \$400,000.00 Furniture and fixtures, \$10,000.00 Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank 45,736.43; Cash in vault and balances with other banks 151,853.07; Outside checks and other cash items 1,758.97; Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treas. 5,000.00; TOTAL \$1,023,495.64

Annual Fall Rally Held By Grande Ronde Baptists

COVE (Special)—The annual fall rally of the Grande Ronde Baptist association was held in Cove Friday. It was an all day meeting with pot-luck dinner and had an attendance of about 70 members. The Baptist churches of La Grande, Baker and Haines were represented and a delegate, who gave the report of the Burns Baptist church and also one from Ontario, was present, Mrs. C. E. Happerst, of Portland, president of the association, gave a splendid inspirational talk in the afternoon. Among those who thoroughly enjoyed the meeting was Mrs. Nellie R. Grace, who is unable to meet with the organizations to which she belongs, but who keeps abreast of all their enterprises.

UNION PERSONALS

Dr. and Mrs. George Hoffman and Jeanne are spending a couple of weeks at Berkeley, Cal., visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Tex Knight entertained the bridge club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Hall Wednesday evening with five tables at play. Outside guests were Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Cook, Mrs. Jennie Davis and Sam Benson. High scores for the club were made by Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Terrill; guest score, Mrs. T. T. Cook and low, Ralph Hutchinson. A delicious lunch was served at a late hour.

After a visit of a couple of weeks with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. McKennon in La Grande, Mrs. Bell Wright returned to her home here Saturday.

W. V. Connor and Alice Gamble entertained the members of their Sunday school classes at the home of the former Tuesday evening. Many unique Halloween costumes furnished entertainment and prizes were given to James Withycombe, Charles Castor, Darrell Irwin and Betsy Jo Bell for the best costumes. Doughnuts and cider were served.

The Epworth League held their party at the Women's club house Tuesday evening. Many appropriate decorations were in evidence, and pumpkin pie and cider were served. Mrs. Louise Burwell, Mrs. Lulu Ackley and Miss Mildred Soper helped with the entertainment.

The home economics classes were given a Halloween party at the Union hotel by their teacher, Miss Mildred Soper, Tuesday afternoon. A lunch was served.

Mrs. Murray Jensen and two little daughters, Barbara and Patricia, returned to their home in Purdy Wednesday after a ten-day visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. S. E. Miller and Mrs. G. A. Schird were hostesses to the Missionary society Wednesday afternoon at the home of the former. Mrs. Worth Halsey led the devotions and a short program was followed by a lunch.

Will Vogel will go to Portland the last of this week with a shipment of lamb.

A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hudson on Wednesday of last week.

A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alta Phillips, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Edith Fry and Miss Alice Cadwell returned Friday from Salt Lake, having made the trip down on the preceding Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Kingsley of Copperfield, were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell Sunday.

Mrs. C. E. Lawson and her mother, Mrs. Mary Woodruff left Tuesday morning by car for Portland where they will visit relatives for a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cook and Mrs. Martha Ford will drive to Yakima this weekend to take Mrs. Sarah Caspar who will make an indefinite visit with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Robinson.

Mrs. George Baxter and Mrs. Percy O'Neil gave a bonfire breakfast for the Trail Builders boys of the L. D. S. church, above the fish hatchery Saturday morning. Ten boys enjoyed the trip.

Steve Hutchinson left last week for an extended trip through Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Vonne Bingham and two daughters left the first of the week for a visit in Salt Lake.

Announcement Is Made During Party

UNION (Special)—Many Halloween parties were given over the weekend. On Sunday about 16 friends were entertained by Miss Alice Gamble at her home. The table was attractively decorated with Halloween motifs and a dainty lunch served. During the fortunate hunt one of the guests found a note telling of the engagement of Miss Gamble to Alfred Tartar of Little Creek.

CRICKET FLAT PERSONALS

Mrs. Ida Gordon and her pupils of the Hindman school presented a very interesting program at the school house Saturday evening before a good sized audience. After the program a pie social was held when the hands of the ladies were sold with J. E. Witherspoon as auctioneer. The proceeds will go to buy curtains for the school house.

A program and basket social sponsored by the Cricket Flat Group will be held at the Highland school house Friday, Nov. 3. Everyone is cordially invited.

Buford Witherspoon was absent from high school Wednesday on account of illness.

Miss Olive Parsons, a student of the E. O. N., spent the weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Parsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wright and children, Mr. and Mrs. Darse Galner, of Walla Walla, spent Sunday with Mrs. Wright's grandmother, Mrs. Nellie Parsons.

COVE PERSONALS

A number of parties were given in Cove during the weekend among which was the Bridge club's annual Halloween evening party given for the members and their husbands.

Refreshments were served by the hostess and other members and the decorations were in keeping with the Halloween spirit. Miss Besse Kelley won high score among the women and Merrill Conley among the men.

The regular Saturday afternoon Bridge club met with Mrs. J. C. Miller at her home. Mrs. Robert Laird and Mrs. Howard Chaffee were guests. Mrs. Cassie Orton won high score and Mrs. Bernice Miller low. A delicious and unusual luncheon of chicken tamales and baked cinnamon apples was served by the hostess.

The juniors and sophomores of the high school gave a masquerade party at the gym for the other students. The costumes were clever and the ball was beautifully decorated with jack o' lanterns, autumn leaves and virginia creeper. Cider and pumpkin pie were served after an evening of games and fun.

Mrs. Clayton May of Baker, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McNeill Wednesday afternoon. She came with Mrs. Ray Comstock, a sister of Mr. McNeill, who attended Rebekah convention.

Edward Bloom returned from Clayton, Ida, Monday. He has been employed by the Rough Creek Mining Co. at their placer mine in that district and the weather has become too cold there for placer mining now. Mr. Bloom worked for the same company in the Stumptier country before going to Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Evers gave a dinner party Sunday at their home on the La Grande-Cove highway for Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Orton, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart French and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hallmark.

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AT THE LIBERTY



Spencer Tracy in a scene from the new Fox production, "Shanghai Madness," in which he has the featured part.

This is living, this "Shanghai Madness," in the midst of a vibrant coil of slink-eyed Mongols and disgraced whites, fired from their jobs because their spines developed streaks of yellow from tip to top.

Bloody doings in Shanghai where Spencer Tracy plunges into a mob of frenzied Chinese to rescue the angelic Fay Wray from a defeat again with the fingers of a million Orientals pointing in scorn at a man who has no home, neither among yellow nor white men!

As kaleidoscopic and exciting a yarn as Hollywood ever attempted to make is "Shanghai Madness," which John Hyson has so capably directed for Fox and which opened today at the Liberty theatre. Replete with the thrills of a thousand narrow escapes, it is shot through with gun runners, Communist uprisings, fights on the waterfront and multiplicity of feverish episodes calculated to make this production one of the most thrilling ever told about the East.

In this picture Spencer Tracy adds another performance to his long list of capable ones. Fay Wray, too, as well as Ralph Morgan, gives him ample support and brings the picture to a pitch of which even Shanghai would never dream, even in its moment of greatest madness!

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