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AUTO HITS CLIFF; 2 DEAD, 9 HURT

2 OF INJURED IN CRITICAL SHAPE TODAY

Car With 11 Occupants Crashes Into Cliff West of Here Sunday.

MRS. SCHOOLER AND L. COMSTOCK KILLED

Mrs. Comstock Critically Hurt; Seven Others Injured, But Not Dangerously, Report.

Coroner George Walker, after an investigation today, decided a request into the tragic automobile accident would not be necessary.

La Grande counted two dead, one critically injured, and eight less seriously hurt as the result of an automobile accident Sunday on the Old Oregon Trail highway. Louis E. Comstock, 41, driving a sedan with ten other occupants, passed another car and then crashed into a cliff, investigators reported.

The dead: MRS. CHARLES SCHOOLER, 23, fractured skull, crushed chest, head cut.

LOUIS E. COMSTOCK, 41, fractured skull, crushed chest, badly cut face.

The injured: MRS. COMSTOCK, 31, fractured skull, fractured left clavicle, bad face cuts.

VIOLET STILLS, 18, left wrist hurt, CHARLES SCHOOLER, 29, head injuries, injured left hand and shoulder, neck injury, possible fractured skull.

IMOGENE SCHOOLER, 5, badly cut face.

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Tigers Trounce Joseph Quintet Saturday 45-20

A Tiger team that in the third quarter suddenly developed an uncanny eye for basket shooting trounced the Joseph Quintet 45 to 20 here Saturday night in an upset game. Joseph had gone through three games undefeated before coming to La Grande, and on the other hand the Tigers had done no better than break even in two starts.

On the basis of floor work Saturday, the Tigers would have won anyway, although by a smaller margin. But with even the long shots flicking through the hoop, it became an easy matter to roll up points.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter, with La Grande leading 45 to 11 after a 25-point spurt in the third frame, Coach Ira Woodie sent in his entire second team. During the last period, with the second team unable to score, Joseph rolled up nine points to make the score not quite so lop-sided.

As an example of the Tigers' flash (Continued On Page Four)

HUGH COLEMAN CHAIRMAN OF DISTRICT BOARD

Hugh Coleman, superintendent of the Baker schools, is chairman of the basketball board of district No. 1, which includes Union, Wallowa, Baker and Malheur counties. In a story Saturday concerning the annual district championship basketball tournament the Observer incorrectly said that A. L. Gralapp, principal of La Grande High school, is chairman.

LESS SUNSHINE LAST YEAR THAN NORMAL

Although 1933 was one of the rainiest years in recent history in La Grande, there still was plenty of sunshine.

A check of the official weather record for 1933 reveals that there were 134 clear days, and 107 partly cloudy days, making a total of 241 sunny days for the year. There were 124 cloudy days, but on some of these the sun undoubtedly appeared for short periods but not enough to list the days as partly cloudy.

Two hundred and forty-one sunshiny days is somewhat below normal for La Grande, but considering the rainy year, local observers believe it

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 7 — Poor old France and Japan are about in the same fix. France don't know whether it would be better to jump on Germany and lick 'em while they can or "will I sit here and wait till they are ready to pounce on me."

Japan is on the same spot. They feel they can lick Russia now, or will she wait until Russia is able to come pounce on them?

This thing of living in an ambitious nation is not what it's cracked up to be. We are glad Mr. Roosevelt announced we had all the country we wanted. In fact, he suggested that if we could get a decent offer he would let some of it go. Yours,

Will Rogers
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OUTLOOK FOR LIVESTOCK IS FAVORABLE

R. L. Clark Discusses Situation at Meeting of Blue Mountain Association Saturday.

Four directors of the Blue Mountain Livestock association were re-elected late Saturday and, with the members of the board already in office, will meet next week to elect officers.

A large number of farmers were in La Grande Saturday for the annual (Continued on Page Four)

DR. G. L. BIGGERS RE-ELECTED GUN CLUB PRESIDENT

Dr. G. L. Biggers was elected to serve another term as president of the La Grande Gun club yesterday at a meeting at 10:30 o'clock at the club house. A. J. Gloy was chosen as vice president, Floyd Lanning, secretary; treasurer; G. C. Headley, range officer; George Kinkaid, assistant; Nate Zweifel, Oscar Poarch, J. H. Peare and Roy Parrin, members of the legislative committee.

VARIED PROGRAM AT LIONS LUNCH

The Lions club, during the luncheon hour today at the Sasaajawes Inn, enjoyed a varied program.

Norman Press, who has just returned from a trip to the south, told of his experiences in the Southern California flood and also of the Boss Bowl game at Pasadena New Year's day won by Columbia 7 to 0 from Stanford.

Dr. Fred Jones announced an attendance contest to begin next week in which the club will be divided into four teams.

Fred Henning reported on the distribution of Christmas toys by the Lions and city firemen to needy children at Christmas time. He said that more than 500 children received gifts, and expressed appreciation from the Lions and firemen to business men and individuals who donated toys.

R. O. Williams, in charge of the program, presented the L. H. S. girls' set, which sang three numbers, all of which were vigorously applauded.

Walter A. Bean was introduced as a new member and H. A. Rasmuson, of Boise, was a guest at the luncheon.

PROGRESS OF CHURCH LAST YEAR SHOWN

Central Church of Christ Holds Annual Meeting — Elects Officers.

The annual business meeting of the Central Church of Christ was held yesterday at the church. A potluck dinner was enjoyed at noon and the business session was conducted at the tables. There was a large attendance and very favorable reports from all departments of the church. O. C. Pleshman, chairman of the church board, presided.

Reports from all departments showed all bills paid and balance on hand. During the past three months an especially noticeable increase was made in attendance and financial receipts. The Bible school showed an interesting growth with an average attendance of 265 for the last quarter of the year. There were 400 members reported, representing about 225 families. The missionary and benevolent reports showed that a considerable sum has been given for these purposes during the past year.

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The election of officers resulted as follows:

Elders elected were: W. S. Price, O. C. Pleshman, Elmer Miller, G. W. Roberts, E. O. Draper and Henry Winburn.

Deacons: H. P. Greer, A. J. Pyle, Charles Smutz, D. Smutz, George L. Anderson, C. W. Bunting, L. R. Purdy, O. W. Helvey, Vernon DeLoe, Fred Roberts, Carl Stoop, John Winburn, Clem Wallace and Andrew Mullenburn.

Deaconesses: Mrs. Henry Winburn, Mrs. Nellie Harrison, Mrs. Ed Ebel, Mrs. O. W. Helvey, Mrs. Clem Wallace, Mrs. Faye Yeske, Mrs. Lucy Creaman, Mrs. Carl Stoop and Mrs. (Continued on Page Two)

Circuit Court Opens Trial Of Collins' Case

The adjourned session of the October term of circuit court opened this morning with the case of the state vs. Tom Collins being tried before Judge J. W. Knowles, circuit judge. Collins is charged with making false statements to the state industrial accident commission to receive money from that body.

Albert B. Hunter, a member of the commission, and Victor Griggs, from the attorney general's office, are in La Grande in connection with the trial.

Judge Knowles has set the case of the state against Louis May, charged with non-support, over until the February term of court.

Educational Work Thrives in Forest Army Camps



All is not reforestation and road work in the Civilian Conservation Corps camps in the far west. Maj. Gen. Main Craig has instituted educational work in the camps within the Ninth Corps Area. Here are some of the forest army youths from several camps attending an evening class in automotive mechanics at the Fortuna, Calif., high school. Elementary studies, commercial subjects, manual training and advanced mathematics are among the courses offered.

OREGON LIQUOR STORES NOT TO OPERATE UNTIL COURT CASE IS DECIDED

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 8 (AP) — Organization of Oregon's liquor control administration, will get underway today under direction of George L. Sammis and Aaron Holtz, named administrator and organizer, respectively, by the state liquor control commission late Saturday. At the same time, appointment of Arch J. Tourtelotte as manager of the accounting system was announced and appointment of George Neuner as attorney for the commission were affirmed.

Actual operation of the state liquor control system will not begin until after the court test of the Knox law by the city of Klamath Falls is settled, organizer Holtz warned Sunday. He said he expected settlement of the test case — in favor of the state — to come within two or three weeks.

In the meantime, stores will not be delegated as agents of the state for liquor sales, Alex G. Barry, member of the commission, stated. "A permanent set-up is what the commission wants to effect," he said. "However, if it develops that this cannot be expeditiously done, if it is found that to achieve this would necessitate the lapse of, say, several months, then I believe that the idea of a temporary set-up to bridge the gap would be worthy of the serious consideration of the committee."

Holtz, former Portland department store executive, said Sunday that Sammis and he were chiefly concerned about "a place to hang our hats." Actual administration of the (Continued on Page Two)

CANNON TO STAND TRIAL COURT RULES

Supreme Court Upholds Validity of the Corrupt Practices Act Also.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP) — The supreme court held today that Bishop James Cannon Jr., and his secretary, Ada L. Burroughs, must stand trial on an indictment charging them with failing to report contributions received in the churchman's 1928 fight against Alfred E. Smith for president.

The court upheld the validity of the corrupt practices act, requiring reports to the clerk of the house, which had been challenged by the Southern Methodist churchman.

The right of Nebraska to regulate the weight of loaves of bread was upheld today by the supreme court, which sustained the state's bread loaf law.

The right of a state to suspend (Continued on Page Four)

FRANCE INCREASES AMERICAN QUOTAS

PARIS, Jan. 8 (AP) — France agreed today to increase threefold the quotas on American products as announced for the first year.

The United States embassy announced the conclusion of this arrangement whereby the United States will be exempted from the French policy to reserve three-quarters of its import quotas for bargaining purposes as announced at the first of the year.

While the announced arrangement does not give full satisfaction to American business interests, it restores the quotas as they affect the United States to the figures of 1932.

The automobile imports still are hit as the quota is based on 1932 figures which were smaller than the 1933 imports.

Apples and pears were not included in the agreements as these two American products already had been provided for in a separate arrangement by which France agreed to import 20,000 metric tons (approximately 44,000,000 pounds) of these fruits before March 31 in exchange for an increased American wine quota.

CHICAGO'S MILK DELIVERIES STOP

CHICAGO, Jan. 8 (AP) — Milk deliveries were halted here today as violence flared over a 100-mile area in (Continued on Page Two)

England Worries At Strange Drouth LONDON, Jan. 8 (AP) — Anxiety is spreading through rural England over the strange phenomenon of a mid-winter-drouth. Villages in the Chilterns which are only about 30 miles from London are on water rations. In Northamptonshire districts the scarcity is acute. Lakes, such as Hudyard in North Staffordshire, have sunk to hitherto unknown levels.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

- PINE PRACTICE PROHIBITED
- MORGENTHAU IS CONFIRMED
- CHACO WAR IS RESUMED
- TWO MEN ELECTROCUTED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP) — An order of the federal trade commission prohibiting the Algoma and eleven other lumber companies from selling Ponderosa pine as "California white pine" in interstate commerce was sustained today by the supreme court.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP) — The nomination of Henry Morgenthau, Jr., as secretary of the treasury was confirmed today by the senate.

ASUNCION, Paraguay, Jan. 8 (AP) — The Paraguayan government announced officially today that its army occupied three abandoned Bolivian forts Sunday following the expiration of the Christmas Armistice with Bolivia.

BELEFONTE, Va., Jan. 8 (AP) — Frank Stabinsky and Anthony P. Trelorey were electrocuted today for the slaying of 18-year-old Mary Malinowski during a robbery in her home near Wilkes-Barre more than a year ago.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8 (AP) — Fay Webb Vallee filed suit here unexpectedly today for divorce against Rudy Vallee, the singer-orchestra leader.

BASSFIELD, Miss., Jan. 8 (AP) — Two children were killed, one was critically injured, and more than 20 others suffered injuries today when a Mississippi Central passenger train crashed into a school bus at a crossing near here.

OFFICERS ROUND UP ALL BUT FOUR OF OUTLAW GANG

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 8 (AP) — Wilbur Underhill, outlaw, died with 13 bullet wounds. Elusive Elmer Inman, a reputed confederate, is again behind the bars. And only four of the southwest's major criminals remain at large as "the law" continues its relentless roundup.

Underhill, co-leader of the escape of 11 prisoners from the Kansas state penitentiary on Memorial day, 1933, and wanted for the slaying of four officers and their convict prisoner in Kansas City last June, died late Saturday night in the Oklahoma state prison at McAlester. After seven months at large following the prison break, the slayer and robber was captured at Shawnee, Okla., December 30. A few hours before his capture, he fled a raided house under fire, receiving his fatal wounds.

Two alleged survivors of the Underhill (Continued on Page Four)

SERGE STAVISKY ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

CHAMONIX, France, Jan. 8 (AP) — Serge "Handsome Alex" Stavisky, alleged \$40,000,000 swindler, shot himself in the head today when police surrounded him in a hidden villa. He was at first thought to have died instantly but a hastily summoned physician found a sign of life.

A battle immediately was begun to save Stavisky from death in order to turn him over to trial.

Application of restoratives brought an apparent consciousness to the man who had been sought for two weeks following the collapse of the Bayonne pawnshop which he founded.

Later, however, he lapsed into a coma and the doctor said he feared the wound was mortal.

HOUSE MAIDS TALK ABOUT MISTRESSES

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 8 (AP) — A group of house maids, meeting under the banner of the Household Workers Welfare association, had a fine time Sunday telling each other what their mistresses want for very little money.

One lady whose name is in the blue book borrows her maid's street car pass to go shopping. Another woman has the bed sheets changed every day and rinsed eleven times so that all the soap is out.

A Shaker Heights (Cleveland's aristocratic suburb) woman, whose husband makes \$15,000 a year, bought only four pork chops one day—a pork chop for each member of the family. When the cook mentioned that she had none, her mistress said:

"Why, Hilda, you must eat like an elephant."

SHARP WORDS EXCHANGED IN THE SENATE

Robinson, Indiana Republican, Launches Attack On F. R.'s Message.

BOURBON LEADER JUMPS INTO FRAY

Woodin Described As "Money Changer" As Arm-Waving Indianan Goes Into Action.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP) — A Republican attack on President Roosevelt's annual message as one that contained "nothing but glittering generalities" drew a quick Democratic defense today in the first senate debate of administration policies. Senator Robinson, Indiana Republican, opened the attack on the president, and was quickly charged by Robinson, of Arkansas, Democratic leader, with making a "gratuitous, unjust and unfounded attack on the president."

Citing President Roosevelt's budget message predicting a deficit of more than \$7,000,000,000, Robinson of Indiana said the president previously had either "misrepresented the facts" to the American people or had been "ignorant" of the facts.

This drew from the Democratic leader an assertion that "No one who is familiar with the fiscal affairs of the government can contemplate them without a measure of concern and anxiety."

The Indiana Republican, his arms waving, and his voice raised, attacked the results of the "new deal" and said that instead of "driving the money changers from the temple" as the president had promised, he actually had "given them a front seat."

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Prince Mdivani In Oregon After Dodging the Law

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 8 (AP) — While his bride, the former Barbara Hutton, a \$40,000,000 heiress, rested in San Francisco, Prince Alexis Mdivani, of a once royal family of Georgia, Russia, paused in Portland today after evading a California process server who had temporarily blocked a round-the-world honeymoon the couple had planned.

Alexis was to continue to Seattle during the day, there presumably to sail for the Hawaiian Islands where it was believed he would meet his wife.

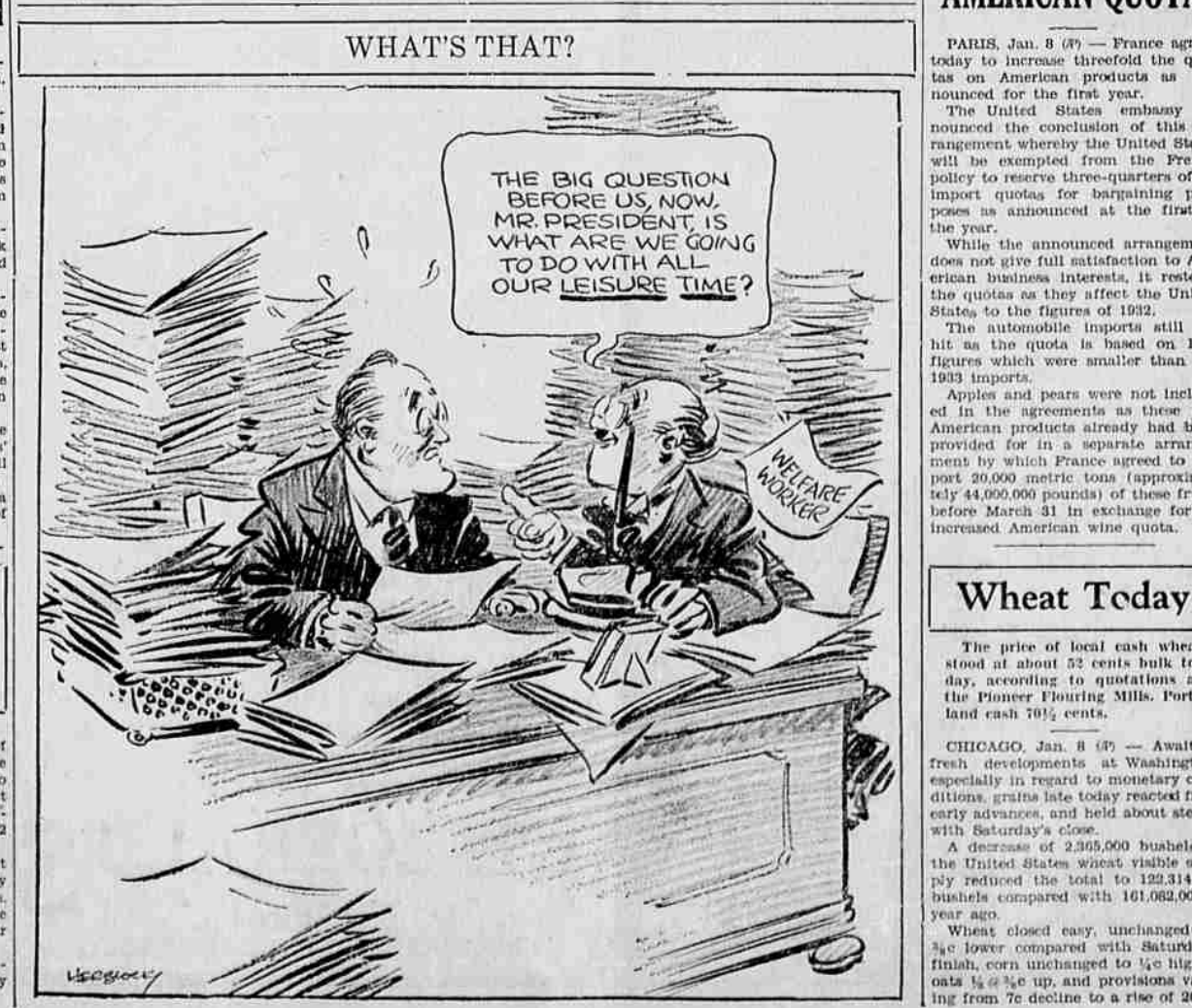
The couple had engaged passage on a liner sailing Thursday from San Francisco for the Orient.

Neither Alexis nor Hubertich would discuss the events which led the Georgian scion to circle widely around California, where a process server waited with a subpoena for the prince as a witness in the grand theft trial in Los Angeles Jan. 15 of his two brothers, Serge and David, accused of manipulation of oil company stock.

Roosevelt Gives Positions to Two

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP) — President Roosevelt today nominated Walter M. W. Spawen, former president of the University of Texas, to the interstate commerce commission.

The president also advanced William H. Howes, of South Dakota, to be first assistant postmaster general and named Harlee Branch, of Georgia, to succeed him as second assistant postmaster general.



Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 52 cents bulk today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 70 1/2 cents.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8 (AP) — Awaiting fresh developments at Washington, especially in regard to monetary conditions, graine late today reacted from early advances, and held about steady with Saturday's close.

A decrease of 2,365,000 bushels in the United States wheat visible supply reduced the total to 129,314,000 bushels compared with 161,662,000 a year ago.

Wheat closed easy, unchanged to 1/8c lower compared with Saturday's finish, corn unchanged to 1/8c higher, oats 1/8c up, and provisions varying from 7c decline to a rise of 20c.