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NAZI PROPAGANDA PLOT CHARGED

CHANCELLOR GIVES TALKS TO STUDENTS

Encourages Students to Go Ahead With Work Despite Obstacles.

TRAINING SCHOOL OUTLOOK BRIGHT

Hopes Work Will Begin Here Soon on New Building—To Speak at Chamber Meet Tonight.

An educator, long in the service of education in Oregon addressed the student body of Oregon's newest state owned institution this morning. Dr. W. J. Kerr, chancellor of the state system of higher education, received the acclaim of every student this morning at the assembly at the Eastern Oregon Normal school and in turn gave the young men and women encouragement to continue their education in spite of obstacles and adverse conditions conducive to discouragement and possible failure.

Dr. Kerr is in La Grande not only to meet the students and faculty members at the Eastern Oregon Normal school but also to address the residents of the city this evening at the annual banquet of the La Grande chamber of commerce at the La Grande hotel at 6:30 o'clock.

Education in Eastern Oregon has been brought into the limelight especially within the past few weeks because of the proposed erection of a training school at the Normal school. Dr. Kerr told the students this morning that obstacles have been encountered and surmounted, and it is hoped that work on the training school will be started soon. He also is expected to touch on the erection of the proposed new unit of the E. O. N. tonight at the banquet.

"Education is a very important part of the national program," said Dr. Kerr, who believes that training for teachers is as important as in

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Snappy Dances, Lyrics, Fun In Musical Comedy

"Jewels of the Desert" is a musical comedy in every sense of the word, with snappy dances, lilting lyrics and high comedy, according to Andrew Loney Jr., musical director, and Miss Kathryn Sartain, dance and dramatic director of the production, to be presented March 22 and 23 by the La Grande High school. Tickets will go on sale Thursday, March 15, while reserved seat tickets will be on sale Wednesday morning, March 21, at Glass Drugs.

Dress rehearsals will be held this weekend and two matinee performances will be given next Tuesday and Wednesday for the school children.

RAE TO MEET WITH PRINTERS, EDITORS HERE

Arne G. Rae, one of the regional administrators for the Graphic Arts code, will meet with Eastern Oregon newspaper publishers, commercial relief printers, and newspaper publishers with commercial relief printers plants next Monday evening in La Grande. The meeting has been set for 6:30, opening with a banquet at the Sacajawea Inn. Those attending the banquet will be members of group A-1 and A-2.

Railroads Waking Up, Will Says

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 12 — Well, just as the air mail stopped that famous new streamlined train pulled into our village. It looks like more than an ad. It looks like a fact.

Railroads are speeding up and giving great service and getting their rates down, finally competing with the bus and truck now instead of just cussing 'em.

Trouble with American transportation is that you can get somewhere quicker than you can think of a reason for going there. What we need now is a new excuse to go somewhere. Yours,

Will Rogers.

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ALLEN, GRETTUM ARE SPEAKERS AT FORUM SESSION

The possibility of developing power from the Bonneville dam through a state commission was discussed at the second of the Lions club's open forum meetings, held last night at the Sacajawea Inn with a fair-sized audience.

Rep. W. F. Allen, a member of a state committee of seven now investigating the matter, gave the first talk of the evening, explaining how the state was attempting to learn whether it would be justified in going into the

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WARM DAYS BRING APRICOT, PEACH TREES IN BLOOM

Each day the last week has seen the mercury going a little higher in the official tube, and yesterday's warmest period in La Grande came in the afternoon when the reading showed 74 above. It was the warmest day since last fall.

With the maximum two degrees higher, the minimum followed suit, with the lowest last night 36 compared with 34 the night before.

The weather prediction calls for continuance of the fair, warm weather tonight and tomorrow.

Apricot trees are coming into bloom generally over the valley, and some peach trees are blossoming. Also, there have been isolated cases reported where cherry and apple trees have bloomed, but these trees in the main are not coming into the "white" as yet, although a continuance of the present warm wave will bring this about, orchardists say. Most orchardists view the early blossoming

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SPEAKERS OPPOSE SALES TAX PLAN

Senator Henry Hess and Rep. Victor Eckley explained the sales tax before a group of schoolmen who attended the monthly Union County Schoolmasters' club meeting at Imbler last night. Both speakers opposed the tax, which is to go before the voters soon. A short program of music was furnished by Imbler High school students.

A joint session of the Baker and Union county clubs will be held next month at North Powder.

LA GRANDE'S GUEST TODAY

Chancellor W. J. Kerr, of the Oregon state system of higher education, is La Grande's guest today. This morning he spoke at the Eastern Oregon Normal school at an assembly open to the public, and this evening he will be the main speaker at the annual chamber of commerce banquet.

WINTER TERM WILL END ON FRIDAY AT E. O. NORMAL SCHOOL

Students at the Eastern Oregon Normal school entered the final week of the winter quarter Monday, and tomorrow will begin examinations which will continue until Friday afternoon, when the term will come to an official close.

The spring term at E. O. N. will begin Monday, March 26, according to President H. E. Inlow, the school enjoying a week's spring vacation between quarters. The J. H. Ackerman Training school also will have a week of vacation, with no school from Friday afternoon until Monday morning, Mar. 26.

SCHOOLS TO TAKE VACATION

The annual spring vacation period in the La Grande High school and Willow, Central, Greenwood and Riveria grade schools will begin with the closing of school Friday afternoon, March 30, it was announced today. The city schools will reconvene classes on Monday morning, April 9.

During the spring vacation period, many of the faculty members in the city schools will go to Spokane for the annual convention of the Inland Empire Education association, to be held April 4, 5 and 6.

Laura La Plante Sues For Divorce

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LONDON, March 13 — Laura La Plante, motion picture actress, said today she is suing her husband, William Seiter, film director, for a divorce and that she has filed the suit in Riga, Latvia.

At the film studio here where she is being starred in an English picture, Miss La Plante said:

"The proceedings have been taken on the ground of incompatibility. There is no other reason and we still are very good friends."

WHY NOT GIVE THEM A MEDAL?

TAX OFFICE BUSY; MONEY POURING IN

County Property Owners Form Big Line in Tax Collecting Department This Week.

Probably the busiest office in Union county at present is the tax collecting department at the court house. With the first quarter of the 1933 taxes which are payable this year, due on March 15, Thursday, a steady stream of taxpayers has been in evidence at the court house for the last several days.

Six or seven are at work in the tax collector's office accepting the money now pouring into the county treasury, and they have been so busy that it has been impossible to spare time to check on the amount received as compared with last year, but there is a general feeling in the office that collections are heavier than usual.

The office also reports that quite a large number of taxpayers are paying their taxes in full, in order to save the three per cent discount which is offered by the state to all who pay taxes in full on or before March 15.

"Pay your taxes now and save," seems to be the watchword not only in Union county, but over the state as a whole.

Many payments, of course, are in quarterly amounts, but there also are quite a few paying half and some three-quarters of their tax bills for

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Utah Earthquake Causes Death Of Man and Woman

SALT LAKE CITY, March 13 (AP)—The second death attributed indirectly to the earth quake which shook Utah and Southern Idaho yesterday occurred today when Charles Bithell, 55, died in a local hospital of injuries suffered in a waterworks trench cavein.

Bithell was buried when the six-foot trench under construction in the southern part of this city gave way shortly after the heaviest of the several tremors which shook this city. Waterworks department officials said the trench banks were weakened by the quake.

Mrs. Ida Venable Atkinson, 21, of Ogden, Utah, died of fright yesterday while her home was quivering from the earth movements.

Damage caused by the quake consisted of cracked walls, toppled chimneys, broken windows and falling plaster.

'9 O'clock Doris' Wins Divorce

Because she was just a nine o'clock girl and didn't like night clubs, her marriage failed after 54 days, Doris Kenyon, actress, pictured here in a Los Angeles court, testified in winning a divorce from Arthur Hopkins, wealthy Syracuse, N. Y., realty man. She said he was jealous, too, and called her names.

CANCELLING OF AIRMAIL IS DEFENDED

Democratic Leader Upholds F. R. — In Meantime, New Schedule For Flying is Planned.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 13 (AP) — Replying to a Republican charge that President Roosevelt was attempting to "shift responsibility" for a "tragic blunder" in cancelling the airmail contracts, Senator Robinson, the Democratic leader, told the senate today the chief executive had been justified in his action and assumes full responsibility for it.

President Roosevelt was charged with responsibility for the death of

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3 RESCUED FROM FLOATING COFFIN

By Glenn Babb

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SASEBO, Japan, March 13 — With three men rescued out of the 113 trapped in the hull of the capsized torpedo boat Tomozuru, rescue workers cut doggedly at a steel wall late tonight in the hope that eight more men might be found alive.

Officers said, 40 hours after the heavily-armed little ship turned over during maneuvers, that it would be impossible to cut through that hull before midnight to find what lay inside.

They were spurred on in their work by a story from the rescued men that eight of their companions were still alive in the engine room when they escaped through a hatch under water.

The disaster was regarded as likely to become a serious national issue.

The navy appointed its distinguished admiral, Kichisaburo Nomura as chairman of the board of inquiry, which includes other admirals.

Wheat Today

The price of local wheat stood at about 54 cents bulk today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Export bid 78 cents. Portland cash 73½ cents.

CHICAGO, Mar. 13 (AP) — Dust storms over a large area of Kansas and Nebraska, as well as sections of South Dakota and Iowa, led to late rallies in wheat prices today. Upturns, though, failed to go above yesterday's finish, and the close was easy.

Trade attention was largely directed to Washington and for the time being no advices from there concerning grain gave much encouragement to friends of higher prices.

Wheat closed unsettled, ⅛-¼ ¾c under yesterday's finish, May 88⅜ ½c, corn ¼ ½c down, oats ¼ ⅜c off, and provisions unchanged to 5c decline.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

TOUHY GANGSTER SLAIN

JOE E. DUNNE ENTERS RACE

IOWA BANK ROBBED TODAY

SEATTLE OILERS WIN 36-32

CHICAGO, March 13 (AP)—Charles "Ice Wagon" Connors, one of the Touhy gangsters long hunted for the kidnaping of John Factor, was found shot to death in a remote section of the southwest side today.

PORTLAND, March 13 (AP) — A formal announcement will be made tomorrow by State Senator Joe E. Dunne of Portland, that he will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor, it was said here today. An outline of the platform on which he will seek the nomination will be made at the same time.

MASON CITY, Ia., March 13 (AP)—The First National bank was held up this afternoon by machine gun robbers who carried away several bank employes as hostages. R. L. James, in the street at the time of the holdup, was struck in the leg by a bullet. The amount of money taken was not immediately ascertained.

KANSAS CITY, March 14 (AP)—Second round national basketball tournament results: Gilmore Oilers, Seattle, Wash., 36; Warrensburg, Mo., Teachers 32.

WASHINGTON, March 13 (AP)—Walter S. Gifford, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, testified to the senate interstate commerce commission today that the pending bill to set up a federal communications commission would "so largely place the power to manage in the commission as to set up a regime of public management of private property."

FEDERAL INCOME SHOWS BIG GAIN; EXPENDITURES LAG

By William L. Beale

WASHINGTON, March 13 (AP)—The government's income for the fiscal year—it ends July 1—today passed the $2,000,000,000 mark while expenditures stood at $4,444,687,000.

Receipts from last July 1 through March 10, the latest day available were $2,001,959,165 as compared with $1,293,522,909 in the same period last year.

The biggest items in the increase were miscellaneous taxes—swollen by new levies and distilled spirits revenue.

Agricultural processing taxes, not in effect last year, have supplied $230,818,000.

Customs receipts climbed from $175,707,000 to $233,228,000.

Income tax payments continued to lag behind last year with comparative figures of $382,822,000 and $393,612,000, but March payments have shown a sudden spurt.

Government expenditures, which climbed steadily from July through

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FIVE ARE FACING KIDNAP CHARGES

ST. LOUIS, Mar. 13 (AP)—Mrs. Nellie Tipton Muench, wife of Dr. Ludwig O. Muench, a physician, and four men were indicted at suburban Clayton today on a charge of kidnaping Dr. I. D. Kelley for ransom April 20, 1931.

The men indicted are Felix McDonald, former convict, Bart Davit, Angelo Rosegrant, salesman, and John C. Johnson, negro tenant on a farm where Dr. Kelley was held captive after he was lured from his home on a fake sick call.

The indictment followed an alleged expose of the kidnaping by Adolph Fiedler, a 300 pound former justice

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PARIS PAPER SAYS SECRET DRIVE OPENS

Accuses Hitler's Agents of Conducting Huge Campaign Abroad.

GERMAN CONSUL DENIES CHARGES

Uneasy Europe Also Centering Attention on Conferences Concerning Danube Basin.

DOORN, Holland, March 13 (AP) — Former Kaiser Wilhelm may return to Germany as the result of a Hohenzollern family council held in his castle here today.

PARIS, March 13 (AP) — The newspaper Petit Parisien today reiterated charges that German Nazis were conducting a huge, secret propaganda campaign abroad, and published what it described as a copy of a pamphlet of confidential instructions sent to Nazi propaganda agents.

The text, as printed by the Petit Parisien, instructed the agents to withdraw advertising from newspapers which used anti-German news agency dispatches and declared that it had proved to be "impossible" to establish relations of any sort with the Associated Press.

"The Associated Press," the text, as published, declares, "shows toward the new evolution of Germany and the National Socialist government's demands in the matter of foreign policy a lack of understanding which must be considered as deliberate hostility.

'It is recognized that the managerial posts of this news agency are

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Bonus Bill Not Likely To Reach F. R., Leaders Say

WASHINGTON, Mar. 13 (AP)—Democratic leaders expressed confidence today that the $2,200,000,000 "greenback bonus" bill will never reach President Roosevelt's desk.

Although the house passed the measure late yesterday by the "humping margin of 295 to 125, the administration chieftains said the senate will kill it. The president plans to veto the bill if it gets to him.

Backers of the bill, which calls for new currency to pay the ex-soldiers, were firm in their predictions that the senate will approve it.

Today the senate was less worried about the bonus issue, than about the St. Lawrence treaty, which President Roosevelt favors. Even Democratic leaders conceded the president might suffer a major defeat when the ballot is called tomorrow.

Despite its actions of yesterday, the house still had a veterans problem on its hands today. This is the independent offices bill, laden with senate amendments calling for $354,000,000 expenditures for veterans and federal workers.

Flames Fatal To Six In The East

INDIANAPOLIS, Mar. 13 (AP) — Mrs. Edna Finch, 28, the mother; Carol Jane, 9; Frances, 6; and Ernestine, 4, her children, were trapped in an upstairs room and burned to death in their home today.

NEW YORK, Mar. 13 (AP) — An early morning tenement house fire brought to 17 today the number of victims of tenement house fires within the last month. Two women, Mrs. Mary Blake, 53, and her daughter, Mary, 17, leaped to the sidewalk from the fifth story and were instantly killed.

STORES STAY OPEN TO 8 P. M. SATURDAYS

Practically all the retail merchandise stores in La Grande which have been closing at 5:30 p. m. on Saturday nights during the winter, announce today that beginning Saturday, Mar. 17, they will remain open until 8 p. m. until further notice. This 8 o'clock closing hour is effective only on Saturdays, of course.

The early winter closing hour has been in vogue for some time, with the merchants returning to regular spring, summer and fall hours early each year.

Stores which have announced they will remain open until 8 p. m. Saturdays hereafter are:

Stevens Van Engelen, Trotters, Montgomery Ward, J. C. Penney Co., New York store, The Toggery, Nortons Kiddy shop, Falk's La Grande store, Burnett's Shoe shop, Sprouse Reitz 49-cent store, F. W. Woolworth's, C. J. Breier Co., Dora Vi shop, Cinderella shop.

Roy Farnam Supply Co., Radio & Music Supply Co., H & S Electric, Melville's, Pittsburg Paint store, Noah's Paint store, Birnie's Jewelry, Guthrie's Jewelery, Peare & Son, jewelers, Wagner's Hardware, Richardson's Art & Gift shop, Claude Wright Implement Co., W. H. Bohnenkamp Co., Fitzgerald Furniture Co., Hackman's Hardware and La Grande Book & Stationery Co.

Grocery stores of the city have been remaining open until 8 p. m. Saturdays during the winter.

FATHER OF GIRL NOT TO HANG 3 NEGROES

JACKSON, Miss., Mar. 12 (AP)—Three negroes will be hanged Friday; but the father of the white girl they attacked will not be their hangsman if one Mississippi legislator has anything to do with it.

"There will be no legalized butchery in this state," said Walter Sillers, chairman of the judiciary committee of the house of representatives.

The state senate has passed a bill which would make it possible for Clyde Collins, father of the white girl, to act as hangsman for her attackers.

The "negro hanging bill" has been referred by the house to Representative Siller's committee. Sillers pocketed the bill yesterday and stated there would be no meetings of his committee until after Friday — the execution day.