

# U.S. Willing To Grant Nations Hearing On War Debts

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# SHORT WHEAT CROP IS FORECAST

## 8 WEEKS OF PLAYGROUND SEASON HERE

Summer Activities to Extend From June 17 to August 11.

### GREENWOOD AND CENTRAL CENTERS

Directors Outline Plans For Summer; All Money Must Be In By the Last of May.

June 17 to August 11 have been set as the definite dates for the summer playground activities in La Grande. It is being announced today by the board. This will give the young of La Grande, and the adults, too, eight full weeks of supervised, constructive recreation.

Miss Marguerite Horton and Harvey Carter, who are to be in charge of the project assisted by corps of volunteer workers, have outlined their plans and set up their organization. The program includes activities for all from the primary children up to the adults—a program of considerable latitude. It is seen. There will be two centers—Central school and Greenwood school.

In addition to regular and usual playground activities, there will be possibly two or three indoor baseball leagues; there will be handcraft at both centers, basketball, racquetball, Indiancraft, dramatics, festivals, and others.

Also, there will be special weeks, kiting week, shooter week, etc. week and kindred events. In addition to a vast number of supplementary activities there will be the swimming pool and the variety of recreation and

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## School Children To Hold Flower Show on Friday

The children of Miss Margaret Carstairs' room in the J. H. Ackerman Training school are sponsoring a flower show to be held Friday afternoon, May 11. They have invited each child in the training school to enter two bouquets. The entries which may belong to any two of the following five classes will be entered on Friday morning, beginning at 9:15. Classes of entries:

- A—Best arranged low bowl.
- B—Best arranged vase.
- C—Best arranged basket.
- D—Best arranged hanging vase.
- E—Best arranged wild flowers.

The entries must be arranged absolutely by the child. Adult assistance will disqualify any entry. The fourth and fifth grades have decreed.

They have selected three members of the E. O. N. faculty to act as judges, Miss Mildred Hawksworth, Miss Thelma Whaley and Mrs. Elmo Stevenson. These judges will award the ribbons upon the following points:

1. Distinction.
  2. Relation of flowers to container.
  3. Color harmony.
  4. Proportion.
  5. General arrangements.
- Besides the ribbons a grand prize will be given for the best entry in any class.

Parents and friends are invited to view the flower exhibit at any time between the hour from one to two o'clock, Friday afternoon in the E. O. N. auditorium. From two until three the children of the fourth and fifth grades will serve refreshments to their mothers in Miss Carstairs' room, No. 16.

## SCHOOL DISPLAY AT CENTRAL ATTRACTIVE

By Kathryn Moran  
Although the proverbial reading, "writing" and "rithmetic" are not exactly out of date, one is more or less inclined to say that they are a little sugar-coated in these days of exhibits which are shown by the children of the various schools. The exhibit Tuesday afternoon and night of the grades of Central school was no exception and work of the students was neatly displayed in all the rooms as well as in the lower hall.

Of the art work done by the students an explanation should be made. This is the first year in which there has been no art supervisor for the several grade schools, and the only materials furnished to the pupils are left-overs from the years past

## It's Insull And Silver Now



SAN FRANCISCO, May 8 — The big news in the papers this week is Insull and silver. Before he went away it would have been Insull and gold.

They say it would be "inflation" to make silver a money. Well maybe it would be, but it wouldn't be exactly like taking a perfect stranger into the family. You would be surprised at the things it will buy now.

This is a silver town. Everything under five dollars is all silver. That's how they can tell a "dude," is they will ask for dollar bills.

Arguing the money question sounds learned but it's never made anybody any money yet. Yours,

Phil Rogers.  
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## PLANS SURPRISES FOR SECOND DAY OF KITCHENEERING

Page Sherlock Holmes!  
"And he'd better bring an apron and a measuring cup," smilingly added Mrs. Marian Rogers Spencer, personal representative of Julia Lee Wright, director of the Safeway Stores Homemakers' bureau, as she prepared for the second day of "Kitcheneering" at the Sacajawea ballroom which is to feature a number of "mystery" dishes.

"Generally speaking, our program for tomorrow is to be devoted to cakes and dishes for entertainment," explained Mrs. Spencer. "The much discussed 'mystery' portion of the program is the result of two special dishes which were developed in the

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## MONTHLY DAY OF RECOLLECTION IS HELD ON TUESDAY

Tuesday the Church of Our Lady of the Valley was the host to the clergy of the La Grande Diocese at a solemn high mass at 9 o'clock and solemn benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Rev. Thomas J. Brady officiated at the morning mass assisted by Rev. Father Timothy P. Casey, pastor of the Catholic Cathedral in Baker as deacon and Rev. Father John T. Curran, the well known La Grande priest, as subdeacon. A large congregation assisted at both services. Conferences were given to the clergy by Father Brady. Presiding at the morning mass was Very Rev. John D. Lee, administrator of the diocese of Baker, pending the return of Most Rev. Joseph F. McGrath, who is on his canonical visit to Rome.

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## NEW IMPROVED SOUND EQUIPMENT AT THE LIBERTY

Arrangements for the installation of a remarkable new "High Fidelity" sound reproducing system which promises to revolutionize all previous conceptions of realism in sound motion picture reproduction, have been completed by J. D. Meyers, manager of the Liberty theatre, with the

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## Mate Doesn't Like Her Type



Olive Hatch, southern California swim star, above, liked to pound her typewriter at night, while her husband, Hubert L. Voight, preferred to pound his ear. So they naturally disagreed. Charging that his sleep was ruined, Voight, studio publicity manager, has filed a divorce suit in Los Angeles.

## M'COLLOCH TO JUDGE TRIAL

Chief Justice John L. Rand of the state supreme court, yesterday assigned Circuit Judge C. H. McColloch, of Baker county, to substitute for Judge J. W. Knowles, in Wallowa county, in the case of Schnoor vs. Wallowa National bank, a damage suit. Judge Knowles was disqualified in this case.

## J. W. OLIVER, CIVIL WAR VETERAN, DIES

Death Comes to Former Commander of G. A. R. Post Last Night — Funeral to be Friday.

John Wilson Oliver Sr., veteran of the Civil war, died at his home at 1418 S. avenue last evening, and with his death only one G. A. R. member remains in Union county — Mr. Anderson of M. avenue.

Funeral services are to be held at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Rev. B. M. Godwin, of the Baptist church, officiating and with the Woman's Relief Corps assisting with the services.

Mr. Oliver was a retired Baptist minister and had made his home in La Grande for the last 40 years. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Emily Oliver, and the following children: John W. Jr., 9; Ruth, 12; Lofton, and Deadrick, of California, and Mrs. Lou Harris, of Tillamook, Ore.

Born in Granger county, Tennessee on March 27, 1845, he was 89 years, one month and 11 days of age.

He enlisted in the service when a lad of 16 years and served as a private in Company F, Fourth Regiment, Tennessee Infantry. He was honorably discharged on August 2, 1865.

Mr. Oliver was the last adjutant of the Oliver P. Morton post of the Grand Army of the Republic here, and a former commander of the post. He was very active the last several years, in spite of his age, and frequently took part in patriotic meetings.

Although many knew of his illness, his death today was a sad shock to the entire community.

## LODGE GROUP TO FROLIC HERE ON SUNDAY, MAY 13

The Ore-Wash Legion, an organization of the Loyal Order of Moose, will hold a meeting and frolic in La Grande Sunday, it was announced today by Wallace Cass, dictator.

The Ore-Wash Legion meetings about four times a year, in either an Eastern Oregon or Eastern Washington city, and Sunday about 30 candidates will be initiated. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p. m. and be followed by the frolic. At 5:30 o'clock a banquet will be served.

The session will be held in the I. O. O. F. hall and approximately 150

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## BROUGHT BACK FROM FRANCE



Seized by American detectives in France, Stewart Donnelly is shown (left) under the watchful eye of Detective Frank Hall, as he arrived in New York to face a charge of swindling a retired shipping man of \$10,000 in a confidence game in 1931. Donnelly, who once was mentioned in connection with the Lindbergh kidnap ransom money, had just served 15 months in a Paris jail on a swindling conviction.

## Rotarians Hear Explanation Of Talking Pictures

Explanation of the development of sound in motion pictures was given to the members of the La Grande Rotary Club this noon by Fred Norman, representative of the RCA Victor phonophone sound system. Mr. Norman is at present in the city supervising the installation of new sound equipment at the Liberty theater.

Sound in motion pictures was first not intended except for short reel subjects, said the speaker. The condition held for a few months after first presentation, some seven years ago, until a full length picture featuring a noted star was put out by one of the major film companies. From then on, one company after another went rapidly into sound with full length pictures until in a short time manufacturing companies were seven months behind in orders, Norman said.

First pictures were a combination of the photoplay and records or plates operating simultaneously with the action. Now, however, the entire work is synchronized on the film as it passes through the projection machine. Specially constructed photo cells transform the beam of light from the edge of the film into electric signals which when amplified

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## AMERICA TO INSIST UPON DEBT PAYMENT

President Roosevelt Makes Present Policy Clear in Statement

WASHINGTON, May 9 (AP) — President Roosevelt emphasized today that the United States stands for collection of war debts but will grant a hearing to nations in distress who ask for reduced payments.

Whether taken payments, which have been made in the past by Great Britain and some other debtors, will be accepted in June, will be decided upon the merits of the individual case, the president said at his press conference.

Debtors nations which have made token payments — a part of the obligation owed — have been exempted so far from the rigid terms of the Johnson bill barring financial transactions with the United States by defaulting debtors.

The president said that no negotiations have been entered into with foreign nations for payments due next June 15.

No applications have been made for a hearing for reduced payments.

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## WOMEN INVITED TO EAST NORMAL

On Saturday from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon the Associated Women Students of the Eastern Oregon Normal school will be at home to all of the women of La Grande and Union county. Invitations have been sent to the various women's organizations of the county but in case some women were not reached by these invitations, the officers of the Associated Women Students wish to remind them that they are invited to be their guests at that time.

Officers of the A. W. S. will receive the guests in the auditorium of the school. These are Marian Draper, president, Virginia Wetzel, vice presi-

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## Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat remained at 33 cents bulk here today according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills, Portland cash 32½ cents, Export bid 37 cents.

CHICAGO, May 9 (AP) — Soaring today to about 9 cents above last week's low, the wheat market ran into big sales to realize profits, and underwent numerous sharp setbacks. Fractional net losses were the rule at the last.

Veteran observers said it was seldom the wheat trade this time of year had experienced such a flood of unfavorable crop reports as today.

Wheat closed nearest 1½¢ under yesterday's finish, July 83½¢ to 84¢, corn 1½¢ to 1¾¢ down, oats 1½¢ to 1¾¢ off, and provisions unchanged for a rise of 2¢.

## JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

KIDNAPERS ON THE RUN  
MATT GORMLEY SUICIDES  
INSULL WINS POINT  
ECONOMIC PACT APPROVED

CANANEA, Sonora, Mex., May 9 (AP) — Harried by Mexican police, their former hide-outs betrayed by an informant—a Mexican in technical custody in Arizona—revealed to have implicated himself as their "contact man," three asserted kidnappers of six-year-old June Robles were believed fleeing through Sonora today, the child with them.

SEATTLE, May 9 (AP) — The body of Matt H. Gormley, veteran port of Seattle auditor, who was to have been charged with grand larceny today as a result of an alleged \$70,000 shortage in port commission funds, was found in underbrush near his parked car north of the city here this morning. He had shot himself through the head.

CHICAGO, May 9 (AP) — Judge Will M. Sparks of the U. S. circuit court of appeals granted a habeas corpus writ for Samuel Insull this afternoon and agreed to hear a petition at 9:30 a. m. tomorrow for the reduction of his \$200,000 bond.

ROME, May 9 (AP) — An Italo-Austro-Hungarian economic agreement was reached today and will be signed probably Saturday.

LE BOURGET, France, May 9 (AP) — Four Frenchmen and two Englishmen were lost today when an "Air France" trimotor passenger plane disappeared on a flight across the English channel between Dieppe, France, and New Haven, England.

## NATIONALIZATION OF SILVER NEAR—F. R. FAVORABLE

WASHINGTON, May 9 (AP) — President Roosevelt is favorably canvassing the desirability of nationalizing silver, but is withholding final judgment on legislation until it is drafted.

He regards a bi-metallic proposal put forward yesterday at the White House conference as both permissive and directory legislation and, apparently, is willing to go that far.

In other words, a declaration of policy by congress for a 25 per cent silver backing for the monetary system will be regarded as a mandatory declaration of policy, but the president

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## MID-WEST HEAT WAVE CONTINUES

DES MOINES, May 9 (AP) — The mercury went out to set more new records in the mid-west today, after shattering high readings for the month of May that have stood for 60 years. Scattered local showers failed to produce any visible effect on the drought.

North Platte, Neb., topped the mid-west yesterday with a thermometer reading of 99, the highest of any May in the 60-year records kept there.

Mrs. Ida Kuppelkamp, 30, election worker at Evansville, Ind., dropped dead. Her death was attributed to the heat and excitement.

While abating winds and scattered showers reduced forest fire and crop hazards in Wisconsin, a strong, hot wind continued to sweep over Nebraska, reaching velocities up to 41 miles per hour.

While the midwest suffered under a hot sun and comparatively light winds, a terrific wind swept Plentywood, Mont., wrecking business buildings and damaging houses.

## MAY CHILLY -- BUT IT IS ABOVE AVERAGE!

The first eight days of May were quite a bit chillier than the average for April—the first real setback for the weather this spring. Not only that but it rained six of the eight days and there were none of the eight clear!

The mean temperature for May 1-8, inclusive, was 54.9, compared with April's mean of 56.5, a difference of nearly two degrees. The maximum mean for this month to date is 68.7 compared with 70.1 for April, and the minimum mean so far in May is 40.6 compared with 42.9 for April.

Every month since November, 1933,

## NATION'S '34 CROP LIKELY TO BE SMALL

Drouth Conditions in Mid-west Belt Viewed With Much Alarm

### ACCURATE REPORT IS DUE TOMORROW

Situation Good in Pacific Northwest Where Recent Moisture Has Helped Growth.

### GOOD PROSPECTS HERE

Rain during the last month has aided conditions greatly locally, and present indications are for a better than normal crop in the Grande Ronde valley.

WASHINGTON, May 9 (AP) — Secretary Wallace declared today that from present weather indications the 1934 production of wheat in the United States might be as low as 150,000,000 bushels, compared with the normal crop of more than 800,000,000.

In the interview, he said it was yet too early to estimate with any degree of accuracy what the crop would be, but that abnormal weather conditions might have a serious curtailing effect.

The secretary had informed the weather bureau to call him immediately "if it even looks like rain" in the mid-west, where drouth conditions were reported general from the Ohio valley west to the central and northern great plains.

An accurate report on crop conditions will be given tomorrow in the regular monthly bulletin of the crop reporting board.

In the meantime today's weekly weather and crop bulletin of the weather bureau declared that "abnormally warm and dry weather" prevailed over a large portion of the country.

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## Roosevelt Signs Sugar Bill; Tax Measure Studied

WASHINGTON, May 9 (AP) — President Roosevelt today signed the sugar production control bill. He expects to sign the \$417,000,000 revenue bill tomorrow.

The president proclaimed a reduction of one-half cent a pound in the tariff on sugar. He also declared that the rate of the sugar processing tax "must not exceed the amount of the reduction" in the tariff. "This means," he said in a formal statement, "that the processing or compensatory taxes will not increase, in themselves, the price to be paid by the ultimate consumers."

## Baseball

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