

Mail Truck Driver Robbed Of \$50,000 At Butler, Pa

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MT. HARRIS FOREST FIRE SPREADING

CREW OF 95 WORKING TO HALT BLAZE

Started From Grass Fire Late Yesterday Near Pratt Place.

ABOUT 500 ACRES REPORTED BURNING

Some Good Timber in Flaming Area — Look-out Tower Not Menaced So Far, Report.

Ninety-five forest fire fighters were working feverishly today on the west slope of Mt. Harris, east of Elgin, in an attempt to gain control of a blaze that already has covered approximately 500 acres of timberland. Late this morning the flames were still out of control, but the spread was not so fast as during last night.

Fifty-five Emigrant Springs C. C. boys and 40 other firefighters, in charge of state fire wardens, were on the scene this morning, according to reports received here.

In addition to the main burn, several spot fires were reported. Some of the timber is of a merchantable quality, while much of it is reproduction. With the humidity low and the forests very dry, and rocky slopes that make construction of fire guards very difficult, the crews of men are facing a serious situation.

The look-out tower, which last night was believed menaced, was thought out of danger today. The fire is about a mile from the tower and unless a strong wind comes up, it is believed it will escape the flames.

The fire started about 4 p. m. yesterday afternoon in grass near the Pratt place along the road, presumably started by a cigaret thrown from a car, according to reports reaching L. C. Morehead. The fire burned in grass about a mile to the timber, where it caught. About 30 men were put on the fire front early last evening and the others were recruited as rapidly as possible. Early last night about 100 acres were burning and the spread was quite rapid.

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Valley Escapes Full Force Of Coast Hot Spell

While the state as a whole sweated yesterday, the valley escaped yesterday's high temperatures. The maximum here was 91 above, slightly warmer than earlier this week but hardly more than seasonal. The minimum last night was 55 above, four degrees warmer than Thursday's low.

The weather forecast today indicated continuance of fair skies but with cooler weather in the interior of the state.

Maximum temperatures yesterday included Walla Walla 92, Yakima 92, Roseburg 100, Medford 100, Portland 93, Seattle 86, Boise 90, Baker 88 and Spokane 84. The country east of the Cascades was experiencing relatively cooler temperatures than that west of the mountains.

Wholesale Food Prices Gain In The Last Week

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24 (AP)—The highest level of wholesale food prices since August, 1931, was reported today by the labor department for the week ended August 18.

For the same amount of food the retailer had to pay \$1 in 1926, he had to pay 74 cents last week. The department's index for the week was 2.5 per cent above that for the previous week and 15 per cent above that for the corresponding week last year.

WALLOWA LAKE BOYS' CAMP ACTIVITIES

An inter-tent swimming meet was held Sunday afternoon with tent No. 4, headed by Dan Biggs, winning. Noel Stenning of Portland was high point man of the meet. The events and winners are as follows: 50-yard free style (juniors—John Kopp), (seniors—Noel Stenning); 50-yard back stroke (juniors—Bob Allen), (seniors—John Biggs); 50-yard relay—tent No. 4 (Kopp, Allen, Dan Biggs); quarter-mile boat race—tent No. 4 (Harold Weeks, John Biggs, Don Shelton); reading race—Stenning; tower diving—Jack Cox; boat tilting—tent No. 2 and 3 tied. Saturday a meet will be held to determine the winners of the two aquatic medals which are

Russia Is Just Kidding on Sale

CHITA, Siberia, Aug. 22 — Been waiting to reach a town that American readers could pronounce, Chita, that is an old American word. Came up through Korea, then the length and breadth of Manchuria. Was two days on the Chinese Eastern railway. That's the one Japan is trying to buy, but take this tip: Russia won't sell. She is just kidding them.

Tell you some thing about all the military preparations on both sides. I said some time I would tell you. This is the heart of Eastern Siberia. All a beautiful prairie, not a tree, not a fence, just grass up to your stirrups. Tomorrow we pass around beautiful Lake Baikal. Yours,

Bill Rogers
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DRUM CORPS IS SECOND IN 40-8 PARADE

La Grande Legion Active At Astoria Convention; Brady Elected to State Office.

The La Grande American Legion post continued to hold the limelight in the state convention at Astoria yesterday and last night, according to Associated Press reports. In competition last night the La Grande drum corps was second to Portland Post No. 1 in the prize for the corps including the most 40 and 8 members. Tonight La Grande will defend its state championship in annual competition.

In the 40-8 society election yesterday, Hugh E. Brady, of La Grande, was elected avocet, one of the state officers of this organization. The Corvallis American Legion drum corps took first honors for the best appearance in the convention parade last night. Portland post No. 1 was second with Roseburg third.

The annual colorful drum and bugle corps competition will be held tonight with the La Grande corps attempting to defend its state championship. Awards also will be made.

ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT BEGINS ON CITY COURTS

Drawings for the annual city tennis tournament were completed last night at the offices of Charles Reynolds and matches were being played today.

FLOWER SHOW IS OPEN TO COUNTY

The Neighborhood club annual Fall Flower show, to be held in the La Grande hotel large ballroom Aug. 30, will be open to exhibitors from any part of Union county. It was emphasized today, and the club will welcome out-of-town blossom displays.

All flowers must be entered by August 24.

TO BE GIVEN TO THE BEST ALL-ROUND SWIMMERS IN CAMP

Two axes are to be given to the two scouts who show the most work and advancement in scouting. Two cups will be given for the best all-round campers.

DAM SITES IN THIS COUNTY ARE VIEWED

Three On Grande Ronde, Including Meadowbrook, Inspected This Week; Contract Received.

With the contract arriving here last night, and with a preliminary checking of dam sites affected the middle of the week, work is being rushed on the Meadowbrook dam site survey, George T. Cochran, secretary of the Grande Ronde Reservoir Co., announced today.

The reclamation service allotted \$10,000 to this survey with the understanding \$4,000 would be supplied locally. Mr. Cochran said the company expected no difficulty in providing this sum, and that the work was going ahead immediately, with expectations that some of the preliminary work would be completed by the time everything is ready for the actual beginning of the survey proper, which will include drilling into foundations, etc. to determine underground conditions.

Wednesday Foster Towle, in charge of the Umatilla river survey and the federal rehabilitation of the Stanchfield project, accompanied by Mr. Cochran started a general survey of the Grande Ronde river, Meadowbrook and Catherine creek dam sites, and viewed the valley from an irrigation standpoint. The project at Meadowbrook is primarily a flood control project, but the government also is viewing it from a drought preventative phase, also, which would en-

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Dan Cupid Must Go On 'National Basis' In Germany

BERLIN, Aug. 24 (AP)—The nazis government has decided to put marriage on a "national basis." Eugenics officials issued today a list of 10 commandments for the guidance of German youth when approaching the complex business of marriage.

"It is all right to 'marry for love,' but first the young couple must consider whether their marriage 'helps the nation.' 'Seek a mate—not a playmate—for matrimony,' says one commandment.

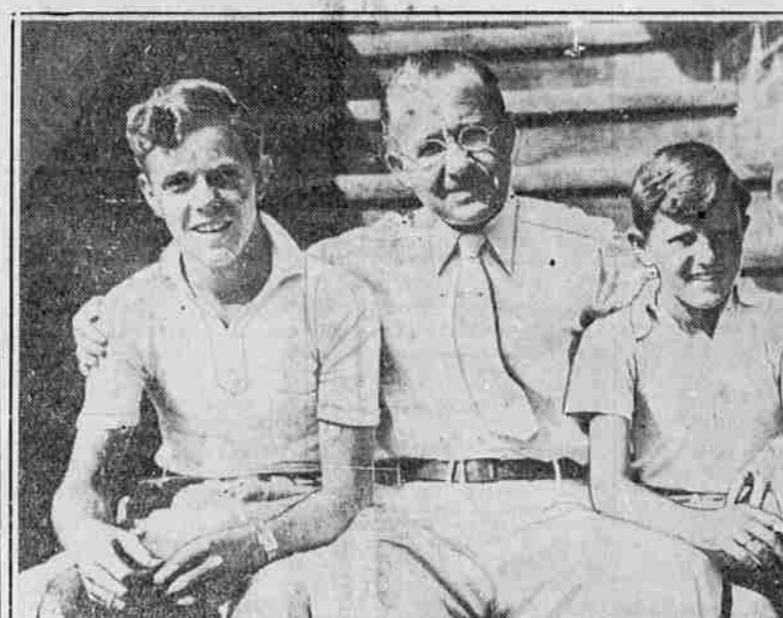
It is also undesirable, warns another commandment, for anyone in good health not to marry. Not to do so would break "the chain of the generation."

"Remember, always, thou are German," says commandment one.

A VICTIM OF THE NEW DEAL



DOCTOR MAY EXPERIMENT ON OWN SONS



"I would not hesitate to use the vaccine on my sons," Dr. John A. Kolmer, professor of medicine at Temple University in Philadelphia, asserted in announcing that he had discovered a preventive vaccine for infantile paralysis. If further laboratory tests of the new discovery verify his claims, Dr. Kolmer may inject the devitalized virus of the disease into the systems of his boys, John Jr., 15, and Daniel, 11, with whom he is pictured above.

MUSSOLINI SEES WAR IN AIR — SAYS ITALY MUST BECOME MILITARISTIC

BOLGNA, Italy, Aug. 24 (AP)—The "idea of war is floating in the air" of Europe, Premier Mussolini told 5,000 officers today as he said it behooves Italy to become a "militaristic, even a warlike nation."

"No one in Europe wishes war," he said as he addressed the men from the turret of a heavy assault tank at the close of Italian army maneuvers. "But the thought of it is still around us. "At the end of July an unforeseen situation developed which was similar to that which prevailed in 1914. If we had not sent our divisions to the frontier complications might have resulted that could not have been resolved except by the voice of the cannon."

"It is not necessary to be ready for the war of tomorrow, but for the war of today."

While his officers cheered him vociferously Mussolini continued: "We must become a military nation. We might even add — a warlike nation."

"The political, economic and spiritual life of the nation ought to be based on its military necessities. Because certain nations rise and others decline it develops that despite good will conferences and treaties war will accompany the fortune of nations throughout the centuries."

The entire Italian people, he added, today is ready to respond at a single unit in case of need.

Torture Bandits Active In Europe

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Aug. 24 (AP)—Roasted alive by torture bandits, Dmitri Radjovitch, a farmer of Chutubata was at the point of death today in a local hospital. In an effort to save his father from the horrible torture Radjovitch's son, who was bayoneted in cold blood by the bandits and seriously wounded, finally revealed the secret of the hiding place of his father's money. The family hoard totalled \$140.

TURN UPWARD DURING WEEK IN BUSINESS

Farming Districts in Cheerful Mood; Retail Business Shows Gain.

JUST BEFORE PRES TIME

JOHNSON TO HEAD NRA
DROP 2 ROAD PROJECTS
STATE POLICE CHANGE URGED
WOMAN ACCUSES TAYLOR

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24 (AP)—President Roosevelt is formulating with aides a legislative program for making permanent certain phases of the emergency national recovery act and he announced today he expected Hugh S. Johnson to continue as administrator.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 24 (AP)—The state highway commission today eliminated two projects from its federal fund program to provide \$100,000 for extension of the Wilson River road as an aid to timber salvage operations in the burned area of Tillamook county. They were the proposed bridge across the Molalla river, \$58,000, and the reconstruction of the Columbia river highway at Cascade Locks, \$50,000.

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 24 (AP)—Transfer of state police control from the governor to a commission was recommended in a resolution introduced today at the state American Legion convention today.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 24 (AP)—Harold Taylor, accused by police of the murder of Faye New, Howard college co-ed, today was charged with assault with intent to ravish Mrs. Clara Coet in a warrant sworn out by the woman.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24 (AP)—President Roosevelt was described today as favoring the recently organized American Liberty league so far as it goes in its principles for support of the constitution.

DILLINGER GANG GUNMAN KILLED BY POLICE FIRE

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 24 (AP)—Once more a woman has led a Dillinger gangster to the end of the outlaw trail.

Homey Van Meter, John Dillinger's ace partner, walked into a police trap last night and fell, full of lead, in an alley.

Dillinger himself was similarly slain July 22, baited to his death in an alley, too—by a woman.

Van Meter, the sixth of the Dillinger mob to die, was betrayed unwittingly by his interest in a woman. Her name is being withheld. Police said Van Meter had been "going around" with her and that relatives of the woman, suspicious of him, had gone to the police. A check satisfied

10 PCT. CUT IN WHEAT IN 1935

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24 (AP)—The AAA may follow up its latest wheat move by relaxing the government's control over cotton, corn and hogs. It announced last night that wheat production would be cut only 10 per cent in 1935 in contrast to the 15 per cent slash called for this year.

Wheat was regarded as the bellwether, indicating how the official minds are working. Farmers are asked to cut their normal wheat area of 65,000,000 acres down to only 60,000,000. Under average conditions this is expected to produce a crop of 775,000,000 bushels.

Wheat Today

The price of local cash new crop wheat stood at about 68 cents bulk today, according to the Pioneer Flouring Mills, Portland cash 85 1/2 cents. No export bid.

CHICAGO, Aug. 24 (AP)—Distinctly apathy characterized the grain market today and a sluggish trade caused wheat prices to fluctuate narrowly about the previous day's closing quotations. Wheat ended with fractional gains.

PLANE SOARS OVERHEAD AT CRIME SCENE

Police Believe Aircraft Used By Robbers to Make Escape.

UMATILLA MAN IS SHOT LAST NIGHT

Two Suspects Held at Pendleton — Lead in Armored Car Robbery Discouraged by Officers.

BUTLER, Pa., Aug. 24 (AP)—Three gunmen wearing dark glasses held up an unarmed mail truck driver today and escaped with a \$50,000 payroll. Police said it was the richest haul of its kind in the history of the Pittsburgh district.

The money, en route to nearby Lyndora by registered mail, was to meet the payroll of the Standard Car company and the American Rolling Mills plants.

While the robbery was in progress an airplane soared overhead, leading District Attorney Edgar H. Negley, of Butler county, to express the opinion it might have landed nearby and picked up the robbers.

PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 24 (AP)—Allen McMullin, 22, and Henri Diveny, 18, both of Spokane, were arrested here today by state police for questioning in the shooting of Will Shepard, 58, at Umatilla last night. Shepard, a round house mechanic, was shot when he apprised three men at his garage.

The men were charged with carrying concealed weapons, although McMullin had a gun-carrying permit.

Kansas Farmer's Daughter Upsets London

NEW YORK, Aug. 24 (AP)—Word came from London today that a Kansas farmer's daughter, Rosey-checked, dangled Gene Dennis — a figuratively knocking the Britishers for a baby loop.

Gene has been in London since early spring and is known all over England as the American "girl psychic." She has appeared at three London theatres, has given "readings" at the afternoon teas of a big London hotel, has been interviewed on coming events by most of the large newspapers of England, and in addition has written a weekly article for the London Sunday Dispatch at a pay rate of \$250 an article.

An Associated Press dispatch from London today attributed her present fame to her sensational prediction that Windsor Lad would win the derby—which he did.

Mrs. Dennis named Windsor Lad on a London stage when the horse

Baseball

NATIONAL R. H. E.
Boston 2 7 1
Cincinnati 1 7 0
Batteries: Brandt and Hogan; Johnson and Manion.

AMERICAN R. H. E.
St. Louis 2 8 0
Philadelphia 1 5 0
Batteries: Hadley, Andrews and Grube; Cain and Hayes.

WRONG REACTION IS CLUE TO MURDERER

This is the third and last article in a series.
By George Tucker
MT. HOLLY, N. J., Aug. 24 (AP)—In a voice so gentle and reassuring it might have been intended for a child, Ellis Parker said:
"Dear Mrs. Gilberson, you are the murderer of your husband."
"How can you say such a thing?" she asked.
"Then why were these stunning widow's weeds—purchased only last week—concealed in the attic of your home?"
When the chief of Burlington county's detectives produced exhibit A the battle was over. It was the clincher, yet old Ellis knew the woman was guilty long before the new black shoes, dress, veil and hat were discovered.

He knew because it is his practice to study the way men and women reach to circumstances involving murder, and when their reactions are not natural he is hot on the trail.
Story—And sequel
William Gilberson was a wealthy lumberman of Lakehurst, N. J. So far as anyone knew his home life was perfect.
Shortly after 2 a. m. one blistering night Mrs. Gilberson, clad only in a nightgown, staggered out of her