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## GOVERNMENT WILL FIGHT BAKING TRUST

### Suit Begun in Federal Court at Baltimore to Prevent Huge Consolidation.

Washington, D. C. — The federal courts were asked by the government Monday to prevent formation of "A huge combination in the baking industry" by the Ward interests and others.

It was charged in the petition that the companies named already had violated both the Sherman and Clayton anti-trust acts and it was asked that the defendants not only be prevented from further amalgamation but required to dissolve any combinations already entered into.

The department of justice, in a statement, declared the action had resulted from investigations which began with the first rumors of important mergers in the baking and related fields, and continued against the baking concerns as soon as the Ward Food Products corporation received its charter in Maryland last week.

Announcement of plans for a \$2,000,000 organization was claimed by the department to have confirmed its findings that foundation stones for a huge combine were being gathered together. It charged in court papers that the control proposed by the defendants extended both to local and interstate competition.

## 11,737 BILLS IN CONGRESS; 3 PASSED

Washington, D. C.—The difficulties congress encounters in trying to keep its head above the flood of proposals by its 531 members is strikingly illustrated by the cold statistics of what has been accomplished in the two months of the present session.

Since opening day on December 7 exactly 11,737 bills have been introduced and just three were passed through all the stages necessary before they become the law of the land.

The only piece of legislation of importance to reach President Coolidge is the joint resolution appropriating \$50,000 to defray the expenses of American participation in the preliminary disarmament conference at Geneva.

The senate has spent most of its time considering the resolution of adherence of the United States to the world court, which was adopted last week.

The house has been going ahead faster, but with new proposals coming in every day congress cannot hope to consider a third of them.

A great bulk will find a final resting place in the waste paper basket after this congress expires.

## COAL STRIKE AID REFUSED

### Coolidge Reaffirms Non-Intervention Policy in Face of Senate Request.

Washington, D. C.—The senate appealed to President Coolidge to seek a solution of the anthracite controversy, but the request was answered almost immediately by a reiteration at the White House of the president's policy of non-intervention.

The senate's action, it was said officially, had not convinced Mr. Coolidge that there was any change in conditions which would justify a change in his policy.

The senate's action was taken by the adoption of the Copeland resolution, which it twice voted down last week.

Its adoption followed a flurry of debate in which administration leaders characterized the move as "futile," and sought to prevent its passage as an embarrassment to the administration, but the democrats rallied around the resolution and, supported by insurgent republicans, it went over 55 to 21.

## Oregon State Bank Assets Increase.

Portland, Or. — State banks and trust companies of Oregon increased their assets \$14,000,000, their deposits by a like amount and there were only two failures of state banking institutions in 1925, according to the report of the state superintendent of banks.

## Mississippi House Bans Evolution.

Jackson, Miss. — An anti-evolution bill, prohibiting the teaching in state-supported schools of the theory that man ascended or descended from a lower order of animals, passed the Mississippi house of representatives. The vote was 76 to 22.

## CONFESSES TO MURDERING TWO AT MOUNTAIN RANCH

Confessing to officers that he shot and killed Orville Townsend, better known as "Shorty" Saunders, and Fred Knowlton, at Knowlton's mountain ranch, west of Meacham, Friday morning, January 29, Joe Perry farm laborer is being held in the county jail.

Perry in his statements to the officers said that he shot Townsend in self defense. Townsend "pitched onto" him in a drunken brawl, Perry said, and blackened his eye. Perry ran toward the barn and Townsend followed and fired at him. Perry ran into the barn, and when Townsend entered the barn door, Perry said he fired and killed Townsend. He also killed Knowlton when the owner of the place rushed out at the sound of the firing.

With the bodies of the two men in the barn, Perry set fire to the structure, mounted his horse and rode away. Later, Townsend's wife, who is an Indian, discovered the charred remains of Townsend and Knowlton and rode to Meacham, where she reported it. After her husband, who with Perry, had left Cayuse Thursday, Jan. 28, had not returned home Wednesday of last week, she drove a team hitched to a buggy from Cayuse over the Oregon Trail and then took the ridge road in the mountains. The snow was at least two feet deep on the level, and before she had gone far from the highway her buggy broke down. She rode one of the horses into the Knowlton place and discovered the ruins of the barn Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. She gave the alarm Wednesday night after having ridden through the snow back to Meacham.

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Perry who is 27 years old, stated in his confession to the officers, that he and Townsend left their homes at Cayuse Thursday, January 28, to go to Fred Knowlton's place to get some liquor. They bought some, drank it up, and then got some more the next morning, Friday.

They had trouble and Perry was struck by something on the left cheek bone that rendered him unconscious, he said. He stated that he lay on the bed for some time and that when he regained consciousness he heard Shorty Saunders say that they, Saunders and Knowlton, ought to kill Perry and get rid of him.

Perry said he immediately left the house and started towards the barn where he had a 22 special rifle. Just after he left the house a rifle was fired, whether at him or merely to frighten him he said he did not know. We went into the barn, got his rifle and waited. Within two or three minutes Saunders entered the right hand door of the barn and came toward him. Saunders had no gun. Perry shot him twice when he was a few feet distant. Shortly afterwards, Knowlton, entered the barn, and Perry killed him. Knowlton had no gun with him.

Perry said he then went back to the house and got his coat and hat. He saddled his horse, threw Knowlton's body in the manger, touched a lighted match to the hay in the barn and started home across country.

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## CHAPLIN COMING

Charlie Chaplin will be at the Standard Theatre Wednesday and Thursday nights, February 24 and 25, when he will appear in the "Gold Rush," his latest big super-comedy. The Standard is considered to be fortunate in securing the "Gold Rush" for showing at this time, following its recent appearance in the big theatres. By contracting for two other big pictures, Fairbanks in "Don Q" and Mary Pickford in "Little Annie Rooney," three of United Artists leading productions are booked for showings at the Standard. "Don Q" comes March 17 and 18, and "Little Annie Rooney" comes April 2 and 3.

## WILL HAVE TEAM

George Wilson, all-American half-back, of the University of Washington, has decided to follow the footsteps of "Red" Grange in organizing and managing his own gridiron eleven next season.

## Changed Methods in Handling Milk



Where proper sanitary measures are neglected the bacteria in a drop of milk look like this. Where sanitary precautions are taken there are few harmful bacteria in milk. The white specks are bacteria.

How much do the farmers and dairymen of the United States pay in toll to bacteria in milk? In process of arriving at the answer to this question, representatives of leading milk and dairy products companies of New York recently met with officials of the State Agricultural Experiment Station, with the Department of Farms and Markets and the College of Agriculture at the Experiment Station, Geneva.

The bacterial count is being used more and more as a basis for determining how much per pound a farmer is to be paid for his milk. Getting the bacterial count under a given figure means millions of dollars annually to Uncle Sam's dairymen.

Dairymen, themselves, are alive to this question, and where the milk produced is a material part of the income from the farm, complete sanitary precautions are being taken to insure a low bacterial count in the milk.

Precautions start at the beginning of milk production and continue clear through until the time the milk is in the hands of the consumer.

To begin with, properly ventilated, easily cleaned stables are provided; plenty of bedding is given the cows; platforms are built the right length to accommodate the particular breed of cows that are kept; the gutter is built wide and deep; the animal is clipped about the udder and flanks periodically.

## FREEWATER GIRL DROWNS IN RIVER

Tragedy occurred at Freewater Sunday evening when Gladys Massie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Massie, of that city, was drowned in the Walla Walla river. The accident occurred about 7 o'clock when Miss Massie accompanied by her father, was crossing a foot log over the river. Her foot slipped and she fell into the stream below. Her father, who witnessed the accident, attempted to save the girl but his efforts were in vain. He immediately spread the word, and watchers were posted along the stream. The body was recovered about an hour later, being located some distance below the point where the accident occurred.

Miss Massie was 16 years of age. She is survived by her parents, an older brother and a sister.

## CRUEL KILLING OF DOG

A cruel named Jack Hilary is charged at LaGrande with the wanton destruction of personal property, and will be tried in the circuit court. The complaint grew out of the alleged burning of a valuable Llewellyn setter several weeks ago by pouring oil on the dog's body and then setting it afire.

## PUBLIC SALE

Harold Barnett and Will Kirk, who recently purchased the farming layout of Ralph Allen, will hold a public sale at the Forrest place, eight miles southeast of Athena, at the head of Thorn Hollow, next Thursday, February 18, as announced by posters and an advertisement appearing in today's Press.

## THE COMMISSION REVISES GAME FISH BAG LIMITS

Game fish bag limits have been revised by the state game commission, state wide limits for lakes and streams being set. The maximum catch for all lakes in the state is now 30 fish or 15 pounds and one fish for one day, and 60 fish or 30 pounds and one fish for any seven consecutive days.

The Chinese pheasant season for all districts having open season, except Malheur county, was changed to October 17 to 24, inclusive, in order to give two Sundays of hunting. The Malheur season is from October 15 to 21 inclusive.

The commission decided to line up with sportsmen in an attempt to make steelhead strictly a game fish, as Washington has done.

## NEW YELLOW COACH

One of the new yellow coaches that are to take the place of the Blue Line coaches on the run between Walla Walla and Lewiston, passed through Athena Saturday evening. The yellow coach is manufactured by the General Motors company. It is of the parlor type, with a seating capacity for 17 passengers, with four emergency seats. Chairs are of wicker, with leather cushions and the interior is finished in mahogany. The car is electric lighted, and has provisions for heat and light according to the season.

## SLOAN IS PRESIDENT

At a meeting of the Wenaha Wool Growers Association, held at Walla Walla, last Friday, Frank Sloan of Stanfield was elected president of the association, to serve during the ensuing year.

## HEAVY RAINFALL GROOVES DEEP DITCHES IN FIELDS

The heavy rains of last week, while being of great benefit in supplying moisture for growing crops and stock ranges, did considerable damage to the grain fields of the Athena wheat belt.

Soil washing is reported by many farmers, and the slightly rolling and hill lands in many instances are scarified with ditches of various depths, from the narrow and shallow seams following the drill rows, to yawning crevices cut through the soil.

Friday and Saturday streams were roaring at flood tide. The snow left the lower mountains and foothills with a rush, and combined with the rain, the banks of Dry Creek and Pine Creek, could not retain the waters.

Jesse White, who was raised on Pine Creek, north of Athena, reported that the water reached the highest stage Saturday, he had ever seen it.

Landslides and heavy winds held up travel on the highway in the Columbia river gorge, Saturday, and a gale did considerable damage at White Salmon, Washington.

## K. OF P. SOCIAL MEETING

The K. of P. lodge will hold a social evening for members and their families February 18th. A good time has been assured all who attend and the program committee have submitted the following program for the entertainment of the evening. Opening address, Mr. Clark; Vocal solo, Jeannamae Read; Piano solo, Lois Johnson; Selection, Jolly Joy-Makers orchestra; Dance, Marjorie Douglas; Vocal solo, Kathryn McIntyre Musical reading, Mrs. C. M. Eager; Selection, Jolly Joy-Makers orchestra; Vocal solo, Marjorie Montague; Piano duet, Mrs. Lawrence Pinkerton and Mrs. Max Hopper; Vocal solo, Edna Pinkerton; Vocal duet, Miss Merle Best and Mrs. I. L. Michener; Selection, Jolly Joy-Makers orchestra.

## QUESTION OF CONSOLIDATING MILTON-FREEWATER IS UP

According to Howard Evans, who was a business visitor in Athena, Wednesday, the long mooted question of consolidating the towns of Milton and Freewater into one corporation and under one municipal government is at last up for settlement. A sufficient number of signers to petitions praying for a special election have been secured, said Mr. Evans.

To the outsider it has long appeared to be a needless waste of municipal and civic effort expended in the maintenance of two towns side by side, with divided interests, when consolidation would bring unity of interest and purpose in the building of one real good town.

Mr. Evans was pleased with the outlook in securing consolidation at this time, and said the people of both Milton and Freewater were readily signing the petitions calling for the election.

## THIRD DRAWING OF PRIZES AT STEVE'S TOMORROW NIGHT

For the third time since "Steve" began giving tickets with each dollar cash purchase, or each dollar paid on accounts, a drawing for prizes will take place tomorrow night at 10 o'clock at the Pure Food Grocery. At that time there will be three prizes awarded to holders of the three lucky tickets drawn from the glass jar, by some young lady, blindfolded.

At this drawing, the first prize will be a Pendleton blanket; second prize, 41-piece set of dishes, third prize, basket assorted Heinz products. The drawing will take place at 10 o'clock, or immediately after the show at the Standard Theatre

## EASTERN OREGON WHEAT CONFERENCE IN SESSION

The Eastern Oregon Wheat conference went into session at Moro, yesterday with addresses by F. B. Ingels, chairman, and Paul V. Maris, director of the college extension service, explaining the purpose, scope and method of the meet. The five subcommittees went into executive session to iron out their problems. W. B. Spillman, consulting specialist of the federal bureau of economics, will speak tonight on the world wheat situation as it affects the Oregon farmer.

Investigations of the five big problems will continue all day today, and Walter M. Pierce, governor of Oregon, will deliver an address in the evening on Abraham Lincoln. The report of the five groups will begin Saturday, when final action will be taken on the co-ordinated recommendations, and printing and distribution of the findings authorized.

The first report, finance and credit, will be presented at 9:30 by L. Barnum, The Dalles banker, and Fred Bension, agent of Umatilla county. It will consider short-time credit to farmers, and running on borrowed capital.

The report of the wheat handling committee will follow as presented by F. B. Ingels, Dufur wheat grower, chairman, and G. R. Hyslop, farm crop specialist of the experiment station, secretary. It considers federal inspection criticism, charges of rail and water transportation, cooperative selling, and how and when to sell.

The world supply and demand comes next, brought forward by the chairman, A. R. Shumway, Milton wheat grower, and the secretary L. R. Breithaupt of the extension service. How Canada with its cheaper lands, taxes and transportation for wheat production affects the situation is one of the big questions. Prospects and effects of losing the wheat acreage of irrigated wheat, are others.

Managing the big wheat farm is the next subject of report. E. M. Hilden Blalock grower, is chairman, and R. W. Morse, agent of Morrow county, secretary. Does it pay to run sidelines of sheep, dairy cows, hogs or poultry on the big wheat farm, and is production of wheat cost reduced by enlarging an already big farm, are some of the questions.

The report of the tillage and production committee will wind up the business in the late afternoon. The place and kinds of diversification, if any, varieties of wheat, and methods of culture are outstanding problems. Harry Pinkerton, Moro wheat grower, is chairman, and D. E. Stephens, superintendent of the Moro station, secretary.

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## MUSSOLINI WARNING TO GERMANY HOSTILE

### Anti-Italian Campaign Advocated in Bavaria Not to Be Tolerated.

Rome.—Premier Mussolini's speech in the chamber of deputies, in which he warned Germany against the anti-Italian campaign carried on in the Reich, was characterized frequently in political circles as almost equivalent to a declaration of war against Germany.

The fateful words uttered by Mussolini in the thronged Italian chamber were an unmistakable warning to Germany, and had particular reference to a recent speech of Dr. Held, the militant Bavarian premier, who called upon all good Germans to help their fellow countrymen in southern Tyrol, now under Italian sovereignty by virtue of the treaty of St. Germain.

The climax of Mussolini's tirade against Germany came at the end, when he exclaimed: "Fascist Italy can if necessary, carry her flag beyond the Brennero frontier, but never backwards from where it flies now."

"To the German nation, we say, as we say to all peoples, the fascist people want to be your sincere friend, a friend by looking in your eye, a friend with your hands up, a good friend, but outside of 'kulture'."

"I wish I could be understood by all who should understand my words, so that the Italian government need not pass to a more concrete reply. This would be given tomorrow if the German government assumed responsibility for that which has happened and which may happen in Germany."

## GERMAN MINISTER ANSWERS MUSSOLINI

Berlin.—German Foreign Minister Gustav Stresemann Monday repudiated Italian Premier Mussolini's attack on Germany in which Mussolini asserted Italy could advance "beyond the Brenner Pass."

Stresemann declared that Italian oppression of Germans in South Tyrol violates the assurances given by Italy when that mountain region was annexed to Italy under the peace treaty.

Stresemann spoke earnestly before a crowded house, many of whose members had been worked to a high pitch by what was characterized among them as a serious affront from a supposedly friendly neighbor.

Stresemann drew applause when he sternly declared: "Neither the Bavarian nor German government is responsible for the boycott movement in Germany against Italy. Therefore, it seems to be an unheard-of procedure to threaten a rupture of international commercial relations which would also render international relations impossible."

The foreign minister deplored the Italian atmosphere of "political expansion" which, he declared, counteracts the spirit of Locarno.

Italo-German relations, he continued, had been very friendly until 1924, and then the German movement arose in reaction to the Italian course with the South Tyrol Germans.

## QUAIL TO AID FARMERS

### Kansas Imports 5000 Mexican Birds to War on Insects.

Topeka, Kan.—Kansas has found a way to import farm labor without running afoul of the immigration law.

The state has just imported 5000 quail from Mexico to help out the Kansas farmers. They are expected to eat up 125,000 insects during next summer, and, with their brood of young "bobby whites" to destroy at least a quarter of a billion weed seeds by autumn.

The Mexican quail is slightly smaller than the native bob white of Kansas, but the state game warden is assured that the two will interbreed. He estimates conservatively that the purchase of 5000 birds will bring Kansas 25,000 young quail next summer.

Soviet Gems Are in Demand. Moscow.—Gem experts of seven nationalities are contending for possession of part of the famous Romanoff crown jewels, which the soviet government has placed on the market. Americans are the most active bidders, closely followed by French and British experts.

## Footprints

