

Hunt's Washington Letter

(By HARRY B. HUNT) WASHINGTON (NEA Special). Last but not least of the key-notions who will sound their clarion calls for the political battle of 1924 comes William H. Johnston.

Maybe you don't place Johnston. He isn't a senator, nor a representative, nor a governor, nor even an assemblyman. He isn't, as the phrase goes, "in politics." That is, he doesn't aspire to any office. He isn't running for anything. Naturally he is interested in things political, as we are told all good citizens should be, but his interest centers around policies, not parties.

Johnston is the man who will call to order, in the B. of L. E. auditorium in Cleveland on July 4, the meeting which will launch the independent candidacy of Robert La Follette of Wisconsin.

The Cleveland meeting, it should be remembered, starts off as a "conference," not a convention. Theoretically, it is called as an occasion on which individuals and organizations who believe that both old parties have gone to seed and hold no hope for future growth, can talk things over and decide what is to be done about it.

Actually, it is a meeting called to endorse as an independent candidate, opposing both old party tickets, the fight progressive senator from Madison, Wis. No organization which will send delegates, and no individual representative who will attend expects any other result. The elements of which the "conference" will be composed are of one accord as to the identity of their leader.

La Follette's dominance over the July 4 gathering will be more complete and comprehensive even than the dominance of Coolidge over the Cleveland convention of June 10.

The meeting will be called to order by Johnston, president of the International Machinists union, in his capacity as chairman.

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AUTO BANDITS HOLD UP TRAIN

FLARE-BACK OF BIG GUN TAKES TOLL

Three Officers and 41 Men Swept into Eternity by Explosion

ACCIDENT OCCURS ON DREADNAUGH

14-Inch Shell Explodes Prematurely on Mississippi, Off San Pedro California.

SAN PEDRO, Calif. (By the Associated Press) — Forty-five enlisted men and three officers of the battleship Mississippi are dead as the result of a premature explosion in turret No. 2 yesterday during a sham battle practice.

Still another unexploded charge is reported lodged in one of the Mississippi's great 14-inch rifles, but naval officers ashore say that virtually all danger of a repetition of yesterday's tragedy is past.

A court of inquiry is being held today in an effort to determine the cause of the disaster. No one in authority will venture a definite opinion why turret No. 2 ran amok.

Ensign H. Donald Smith, of Spokane, Wash., was today acclaimed the hero of the Mississippi explosion. He was the first to crawl into the gas filled turret in an effort to rescue the victims. He suffered some from the gas.

SAN PEDRO, (AP)—Three officers and 41 men of the battleship Mississippi were swept into eternity Thursday on the San Clemente fleet drill grounds off this port, when a shell in one of the turret exploded prematurely, according to semi-official information given out from the U. S. S. New Mexico, flagship of division 4 of the fleet.

Nearly a score more were injured by the flareback that carried the terrific charge backwards thru the breach of the gun instead of out through the muzzle.

Partial List of Dead. A semi-official death list issued at 7 o'clock gave the following:

Ensign William G. McTea, Reno, Nev.
Lieutenant Charles Ragan, seaman second class, Joplin, Mo.
Norman Lee Barber, coxswain of San Francisco.
Farris Carlton Hopkins, seaman

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BOYS PAROLED BY THE JUDGE

Robert Hand and Marvin Sloop, found guilty yesterday by the jury of larceny of an automobile were given a five year sentence which was modified to a parole by Judge Knowles this morning. The boys will be required to report to the court the first of every month during the next five years and with any violation of the law they will be required to serve the full term in the penitentiary.

With the sentencing of Hand and Sloop the court adjourned until Monday when the trial of Wone Sing and Mary Sing, charged with the possession of narcotics is scheduled.

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CHARLES G. DAWES IS SECOND CHOICE

Dawes



Charles G. Dawes, last night accepted the Republican nomination for vice presidency after Lowden, first nominated, positively refused the honor.

INSANITY TO BE DEFENSE

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Preparations for the trial on August 4 of Nathan E. Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb, milk-boned sons, confessed kidnapers slayers of Robert Frank, school boy, are being made by prosecution and defense with insanity expected to be the issue.

Between now and the time of the trial, fixed Wednesday, a corps of alienists and psychiatrists in charge of Dr. James Whitney Hall of Chicago, will examine the youths in their cells without attendance of jail guards or prosecutors by permission of the sheriff.

Although defense attorneys declared they had been given insufficient time to prepare for the trial, they will begin at once to lay the groundwork for its insanity plea. It was indicated. Meanwhile the prosecution continues to question witnesses relative to the mental status of the accused.

An investigation of charges of brutality by the police in questioning Walter Wilson, private-school instructor, first questioned after young Frank disappeared, has been ordered by the city council. Wilson charges he was beaten with a section of garden hose.

Mayor Dever and Morgan Collins, chief of police, said they welcomed the investigation of the charges.

Strange Beetle Found.

OAKLAND, Cal. (AP) — E. L. Knowlton, a rancher at Hayward Health, has found a weird beetle which experts a human skull. Loeb carried the beetle and it has been sent to the University of California for further study. It is the size of a man's thumb nail and in shape as well as in general appearance is like a skull.

BASEBALL

Table with columns for Pacific Coast League teams and scores.

(By the Associated Press) Senators 3, Reds 2. At Sacramento—R. H. E. Salt Lake 2, 10 9. Sacramento 2, 7 2.

Sons 3, Angels 1. At Los Angeles—R. H. E. San Francisco 3, 16 1. Los Angeles 1, 8 3.

Yerkes 1, Oakland 2. At Oakland—R. H. E. Vernon 4, 8 9. Oakland 2, 4 1.

Beavers 9, Indians 8. At Portland—R. H. E. Seattle 3, 5 1. Portland 3, 10 6.

NOMINATION ACCEPTED BY GENERAL

Republicans First Named Lowden Who Refused to Take Honor

BUTLER FAILS IN HOOVER ATTEMPT

Supports of "Hell and Maria" General Then Rump Away With Victory.

MARIETTA, O. (By the Associated Press) — Brigadier General Charles G. Dawes Thursday night accepted the nomination for the vice presidency.

"I accept the nomination by the Republican party for the vice presidency," he said in a formal statement, when informed of his nomination by the Associated Press. "I deeply appreciate the honor conferred upon me."

CONVENTION HALL, Cleveland, O. (By the Associated Press) — Charles G. Dawes of Illinois, the "Hell and Maria" general, was nominated for the vice presidency by the Republican national convention Thursday night after it once had nominated Frank O. Lowden, former governor of Illinois, and he had refused to accept the place.

In a brief and spectacular fight in which William Butler, President Coolidge's campaign manager, had said to Senator Reed of Pennsylvania: "It must be Hoover," the Dawes supporters, after the declaration of former Governor Lowden of Illinois, marshaled their forces and put the general across for the nomination.

Lowden Refuses. Earlier in the day Mr. Butler's (Continued on page 5)

Robert Aiken Will Be Grand Junior Warden

Robert Aiken left for Portland last evening where he will be installed as grand junior warden of the A. F. and A. M. grand lodge, now in session in the Rose City.

George T. Cochran, of this city, is now finishing his term as grand master, which will very likely be conferred on Mr. Aiken two years from now.

Late News Flashes

LA GRANDE WINS THIRD. PORTLAND (AP)—The American Legion state convention is holding business sessions today. Last night in the drum corps competition the Roseburg post won first prize, Eugene second and La Grande third.

SCHOOL BILL APPEALED.

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Attorney General Van Winkle today forwarded to District Attorney Meyers of Multnomah county, a notice of appeal to the United States supreme court from the federal court decision against the compulsory public school law.

TO PRESS TRIALS.

EBENSBURG, Pa. (AP)—Charges of murder and manslaughter against alleged klansmen and residents of Lilly under arrest for alleged participation in the affray at Lilly, which resulted in the death of three persons, are to be pressed for immediate trial, District Attorney Weimer announced. The jury yesterday found 31 of the defendants guilty of affray and unlawful assembly but not guilty of riot. Eleven klansmen and two Lilly residents were cleared of charges by an instructed verdict.

PRIMARY OPPOSITION VOICED.

SEASIDE, Ore. (AP)—Opposition to the state income tax law and the direct primary system for the nomination of candidate was voiced today by Edgar H. Sensenich, president of Oregon Bankers' association, in his annual address at the opening of the convention today.

Drive For November Victory On

Republicans at Cleveland Perfect Organization to Work Behind Coolidge and Dawes.

CLEVELAND. (By the Associated Press) — Ralph Williams, of Oregon, was reelected today vice chairman of the Republican national committee.

CLEVELAND, O. (By the Associated Press)—A campaign to elect Coolidge to succeed himself and Charles G. Dawes, of Illinois, vice-president got formally underway today, with the organization of the Republican national committee.

Dawes was nominated on the third ballot last night after Lowden refused the nomination, which he received on the second ballot.

Hodges is Treasurer. William V. Hodges, of Denver, was today elected treasurer of the Republican national committee.

President Coolidge's selection of William Butler, of Massachusetts, to be national chairman, was ratified.

The thrilling last act of the Republican national convention was enacted last night before many empty seats. The crowds that left after the Lowden nomination, thinking the show was over, missed the surprise ending that was brought about by Lowden's refusal to accept and the subsequent nomination of Dawes.

OBSERVE FLAG DAY TONIGHT

The Flag Day service will be held tonight at eight o'clock in the Elk's building instead of tomorrow, which has been officially designated as Flag Day in order to avoid the inconvenience to the merchants and others who work late on Saturday nights.

The program is given under the auspices of the local Elk's lodge but the entire public is urged to attend. A number of out of town people are participating in the program as well as most of the Elks.

The services have been arranged not only with an eye to the features tending to incite greater love for the flag in the minds of all true Americans but also from an entertainment standpoint.

Russians Preserve Aurochs. MOSCOW. (AP)—About 200,000 acres in western Caucasus, where the auroch or European bison still survives, have been declared a national preserve. The purpose is to afford these animals adequate protection.

Five Hits Helped.

Clifford, first up, went to first, hit by a pitched ball. Peterson, second on the batting order, connected with one of Fozy's groovers for three bases, scoring Clifford. Davis went to first on Bates' fairly handling of a grounder and Peterson came home on a battery error. While Peterson was up Davis stole second and went to third on Peckham's single. Knight contributed a single scoring Peckham after Davis had made home on Woolfson's error. Thelson gained first on a fielder's choice that sent Knight back to the bench and then Helms, with a lusty two-bagger, scored Thelson. Helms reached third on a passed ball and came home on Arnold's error. Gardner.

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Sixteen Cars Leave

Track at Kuna, Ida.

KUNA, Idaho. (Special) — One "hobo" was slightly injured Thursday morning at 7:20 o'clock when a broken journal piled 16 cars of Union Pacific extra 2559 over a 20-foot embankment about one mile east of here. Wooden box cars and steel coal cars were splintered and twisted and some of them stacked like jackstraws in a pile three deep. The injured man, with two other transient men, were in a car that was turned bottom-side up and beneath two others.

Traffic on the main line was held up more than nine hours, while two working crews and scores of workmen cleared the track of the debris and repaired approximately 1900 feet of track torn up by car No. 1 when the broken journal let its bed drag along the ground.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Live-stock, eggs and butter steady. Butterfat (Portland) steady. Butterfat (San Francisco) 14 1/2 cents.

Settling Marble Title



Final game in national marble championship at Atlantic City in which George Lenox, Cantonville, Md. (at right) came out victor, Thomas Wright, Springfield, Mass., is taking his defeat good-naturedly.

PIRATES DOWN VISITING TEAM

(By SCOOP) Baker has a good baseball team and they proved it here yesterday in every inning but the first. During the last eight innings, Fosbury, pitching for the visitors, allowed the Pirates three hits and one run. The lone run was mostly due to inside baseball. Davis singled, first-up in the fifth, Peckham sacrificed him to second base, a little teasing on the bases caused a passed ball that let Davis reach third and then, with Knight at bat, a squeeze play brought Davis across home. Davis started ten feet from the sack as Fozy started to wind up and Knight tried to hit it. The ball was wide. Knight missed out, so did Arnold. Baker catcher, and as a result the piffing of home was an easy matter.

After the Baker boys had tried to get a few runs in the first half of the ninth the game ended, La Grande 7, Baker 2.

Baker Sky-High in First

Although the Idaho-Oregon league team played excellent ball, as I mentioned above, in the last eight innings, they went sky-high in the first. Not only did Fosbury charter an airplane and do a rapid climbing stunt but Arnold, Woolfson and Bates also joined him in his ascension.

In that order the home team scored six runs and put the game on ice.

Gaston Doumergue Is President of France

VERSAILLES (AP) — Gaston Doumergue was today elected president of France by the national assembly here.

Japanese Capital in China.

TOKIO. (AP)—About \$750,000,000 of private Japanese capital is invested in Manchuria and Mongolia, according to statistics published by the colonial affair bureau of the Japanese government. This figure does not include the vast enterprises of the South Manchuria Railway company, in which the Japanese government is the principal shareholder.

English Vicar's Daughter Held

Six of His Parish Offices. PETERBOROUGH, Eng. (AP) — Rev. John H. Trott, 76 years old, really cannot continue to manage his vicarage and village of Newborough now that his daughter has married. He will have to resign and has told the bishop so.

Dr. Trott's daughter was organist, choir-master, district visitor, Sunday school superintendent, deputy sexton and churchwarden, and the prospect of all these duties falling on 16 his own shoulders is too much for the aged vicar.

Company E Enjoying Life At Camp Lewis

(By a Guardsman) CAMP LEWIS, Wash. (Special to the Observer by Mail)—June 11.—We arrived in Camp Lewis at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. There were four special trains of guardsmen to leave Portland for camp and ours was the last of the quartette. Each man was given a tick which we took and filled with straw and we were also given single army cots. We are quartered in one of the barracks with Company A, 186th Infantry, of Medford, Ore. We were called out at 5:20 o'clock this morning and took ten minutes setting up exercises and then made ready for chow. The boys grab their mess kit and fall in for the "feed" in beautiful manner. We had tomatoes, spuds, peaches, ham, bread and butter and army coffee for breakfast and spuds, pineapple and beef for supper. A few of the boys have been able to draw K. P. duty so far but they come alphabetically. Everyone slept like logs last night after the night-before on the train. They have several counters in (Continued on page 5)

DARING GAS ROBBERY IS A SUCCESS

About \$100,000 Worth of Registered Mail Taken Near Chicago

ONE BANDIT IS BELIEVED HURT

Officers of Several Counties Searching for Four Automobile Loads of Criminals.

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press) — Authorities of several counties are watching all roads today for trace of four automobile loads of bandits, who robbed the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul express and mail train last night, carrying away registered mail estimated not exceeding \$100,000 in worth.

The officers have found a pair of goggles and a blood print near the robbery scene, confirming reports that one of the robbers was wounded.

The robbers overcame the mail crew and guards by breaking the car windows and throwing in chlorine gas bombs.

ROBBERY IS DESCRIBED. CHICAGO. (AP)—Forty pouches of registered mail containing bonds and securities were stolen from a Chicago Milwaukee train by bandits at Roundout, 18 miles north of Chicago at 10:30 last night Central time.

The train stopped at Buckley crossing two miles this side of Roundout. Before it came to a stop two robbers covered the engineer and fireman with revolvers. In the meantime three members unaccounted for the locomotive. The robbers then forced the engineer to drive the locomotive to Roundout, two miles down the track.

The train was enroute from Chicago to St. Paul and the first stop was Milwaukee.

The bandits passed just back of the tender of the train according to Lawrence Benson, chief of the railroad special agents. "As the train approached Roundout the robbers pulled the airbrakes which brought the train to a stop," he says.

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WHITFIELD IS HANGED TODAY

WALLA WALLA, Wash. (By the Associated Press)—George Edward Whitfield, convicted of the murder of Anna Nesko, near Vancouver, Wash., was hanged here this morning at 4:35 o'clock. He was dead at 4:44 o'clock.

Whitfield slept part of the night and had breakfast at 4:15 o'clock then walked to the gallows with a firm step.

He left a statement for publication declaring he had no bitterness toward anyone and absolved from blame all who took part in his trial.

Many Congratulations Sent To General Dawes

MARIETTA, O. (By the Associated Press)—General Dawes, in his first public address since his nomination, today told 5,000 neighbors and friends he gratefully accepted the nomination and would do his best.

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