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SUSPECTS EYED BY POLICE

Hunt's
Washington
Letter

(By Harry B. Hunt)

WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—Not the least of the considerations entering into the pre-convention maneuvering of Democratic chieftains are the ages of the respective candidates for the presidential nomination.

For the purposes of these leaders, the individuals considered as "possibilities" are merely pawns in a game, to be advanced or withdrawn as the exigencies of the play proceed. Neither sentiment nor personal loyalty is permitted to stand in the way of making the play that promises to bring success to the particular interests or groups behind the game.

For there are special interests desiring to control the selection of the Democratic nominee, just as there are interests which seek to shape affairs in the G. O. P.

This matter of age enters into the plans of the play through the coolly considered possibility that the man put at the top of the ticket might not live out his term.

Falling to get across the particular man or set of men they desire as the nominee for president.

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HARVEST WAGE
SCALE GIVEN

A harvest wage scale was adopted recently at a meeting held at the Moro Experiment station by farmers representing Wasco, Gilliam, Sherman, Morrow and Umatilla counties, and by a representative of the United States Bureau of Labor, according to notification sent H. G. Avery, local county agent.

According to the government representative present at the meeting, 15,000 men exist in the Pacific northwest at this time, based on this fact, as well as the low prices for wheat, and that the work will be light because of a short crop, the following wage scale was adopted:

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A. R. SITTON
LEAVES SOON

Tomorrow will mark the farewell appearance of A. R. Sitton in his official capacity as pastor of the local Baptist church. Mr. Sitton has been located in La Grande for the past four years and during that time has made many friends not only of his own denomination but throughout the city generally.

He has had several offers from various churches throughout the state since the notice of his resignation was announced several weeks ago but has not so far definitely accepted a position.

Mr. Sitton has spent nearly a quarter of a century in church work. His career in service of the church has covered many varied experiences. He was state evangelist for the Baptist church in the state of Missouri for ten years. He came to Oregon six years ago and took charge of the church at Gladstone. After two years in various locations in the Willamette valley he came to La Grande where he has served for the past four years.

Yesterday afternoon the ladies of the church surprised Mrs. Sitton with a farewell shower. Many lovely gifts were given of various sorts. Refreshments were served later in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Sitton expect to spend next week with their son, L. R. Sitton, a merchant in Enterprise, before leaving.

The Odd Fellows will hold their annual memorial service at the Baptist church at 11 o'clock Sunday and Rev. A. R. Sitton will deliver the address. Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are asked to be present by the committee.

Coolidge Moves To Put
Bonus Into Operation

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Directions for administration of the bonus law, despite the failure of congress to appropriate funds for the purpose, were given late Friday by President Coolidge in orders to the government heads affected.

Director Hines of the veterans' bureau was instructed to apportion his appropriation for salaries and expenses during the fiscal year 1925 so as to make available for the first six months commencing July 1 amounts for the administration of the law to be used by the war and navy departments.

Letters to Weeks.

In a letter Friday to Secretary Weeks reciting that the bonus became a law over his protests the president said:

"I am not willing, however, to

PROBE INTO
EXPLOSION
UNDERWAYForty-Eight Men Perish
by Tragedy Mystery
Yet Unsolved.OFFICIAL LIST
OF DEAD GIVENNo Oregon Men in Near-
Half Hundred—Who
Met Death on Battle-
ship Mississippi.

SAN PEDRO, Cal. (By the Associated Press)—Cold, scientific investigation, in the quiet of the ward room of the U. S. S. Mississippi, Friday replaced the tumult of disaster that Thursday struck down three officers and 45 men of the United States navy in gun turret No. 2 of the battleship, seriously injured five men and less dangerously hurt seven others.

Grouped about a green-topped table, an admiral, two captains and two gunnery experts sought the cause of the tragedy, which, if undetermined, again might take toll of the men who work the guns.

Friday night no conclusion had been reported. The facts remained as they were Thursday, when the Mississippi headed at full speed for port with her dead and injured.

Mystery Unsolved.—A fierce heat and a suffocating smoke had choked the life from 48 men, and sent 12 more to the hospital, but the answer to this particular riddle of death was still unfound.

The Mississippi herself Friday night was like a quarantined ship, isolated from her sisters in battle-ship row, approachable to none but those with official business aboard, and holding all her own company from contact with shore or other craft.

The great gray giant of battle, built to lead death to the enemy, but who had turned on herself, was a thing of mystery, almost suspicion. Her seared turret held a secret, and still the five members of the board of inquiry solved it, she was taboo, a craft apart.

Her fatal turret Friday was jammed tight by the heat that accompanied the explosion, and all day her mechanics worked over the spot where the mates Thursday were swept to death by the blast of T. N. T.

Blast Declared Small.—And it was such a little blast, compared to the loss of life and injury it caused, according to at least one man who was there in the turret and who lived to speak of it, Boatswain's Mate R. J. Macavay of San Francisco.

"Just a small explosion like a match being touched to a pile of celluloid," said Macavay, "just a puff, then a little flame, then a bigger one, like a continuous streak of lightning, with hot, suffocating smoke."

These two score words were the story of the passing of more than 40 men.

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"Quorum of Twelve"
Member Will Speak

James E. Talmadge, a member of the quorum of twelve, will be the principal speaker at ten and two o'clock tomorrow at the D. D. S. quarterly convention which is now being held in La Grande.

let the administration of this law be held practically in abeyance until congress again convenes simply because I would be justified under existing conditions in so doing."

He added that the law, in his opinion, imposed certain obligations upon the executive branch of the government "which do not permit of delay in performance."

"If this law is to be carried into effect," the letter continued, "so as to permit of the cash payments being made within a reasonable time after March 1, 1925, as contemplated by it, and if the other provisions of the law are to be given reasonably prompt administration action, it is essential that the application forms and instructions pertaining thereto be placed in the

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On Trial

BARON COPPEE
(By Milton Brommer)

BRUSSELS (NEA Special)—Belgium is having the greatest sensation it has experienced since the Germans invaded the little state. Baron Coppee, the Rockefeller of the country, the great captain of industry, the multi-millionaire, has been haled into court on a charge of treason.

Fancy it—this man who lives in a palace, who has thousands upon thousands of employees, is sitting upon the bench of the accused in the Assizes Court of Brussels!

"Prisoner stand up! What is your name?" demands the stern judge.

"Eugene Narcisse Joseph Coppee, Baron Coppee."

"Your profession?"

"Business man."

"Your residence?"

"Brussels."

"Sit down, Coppee."

Thus begins the first act of a court drama, expected to last two months, so many are the witnesses, so multiple the documents to be gone through.

Shortly after the arraignment, accusations were formulated against Coppee but they were dropped for want of proof.

Then the Socialist newspapers took up the cry and just when Coppee was getting ready to quit them for libel, the state itself took new action against the magnate.

It was claimed that new documents, left behind by the Germans when they evacuated Belgium, had given the government damaging evidence.

The act of accusation in the present trial consumed three days of solid reading. It consisted of:

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DELEGATION TO
CLEVELAND FROM
OREGON LEAVING

CLEVELAND, O. (Special)—

Charles H. Carey was the first of the Oregon delegation here to leave the Republican National convention. He headed Thursday night for Chicago and from there goes directly home.

E. S. Ivanhoe left for a visit East Wednesday, leaving Mrs. Lulu D. Ivanhoe, alternate, to act for him at the final sessions of the convention. Others are taking their departure.

The members of the delegation generally expressed satisfaction with the selection of Dawes, although they voted for Hoover.

(By the Associated Press)

Senators 6, Bees 1.
At Sacramento—R. H. E.
At Lake—4 3 1
At Sacramento—6 3 2
Batteries: McCabe, Hulvey and Peters; Prough and Schang.

Seals 10, Angels 1.
At Los Angeles—R. H. E.
At Los Angeles—10 17 9
At Los Angeles—9 14 1
Batteries: Mitchell, Sney, and Yelle; Annew, Root, Hayne, Ramsey, Dumovich and Jenkins.

Tigers 7, Oaks 4.
At Oakland—R. H. E.
At Oakland—7 13 6
At Oakland—4 12 3
Batteries: Nenner and D. Murphy; Labord, Harris, Malls and Read.

Portland 8, Seattle 4.
At Portland—R. H. E.
At Seattle—4 8 0
At Portland—8 9 0
Batteries: Sutherland and Tobin; Winters and Query.

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REDMEN ASK
LANDS NEAR
ENTERPRISENez Perce Indians Want
15-Mile Square Tract
in Wallowa CountyWAS ORIGINALLY
HUNTING GROUNDSPeo-peo-tai-lik, Nez Perce
Chief, Is in Spokane
Pressing Claim of His
Tribesmen.

SPOKANE, Wash. (By the Associated Press)—Peo-peo-tai-lik, chief of the Nez Perce tribe of Indians, is here in an effort to interest federal officials in his tribesmen's claim to have returned to them a tract of land in Wallowa county, Oregon, about 15 miles square, near Enterprise, the tribe's original hunting ground.

The land was opened to settlement about 15 years ago and has been much settled.

If the government is unable to return the land the Indians will seek an additional sum of money.

They are expected to send a delegation to Washington next fall, the chief said.

TRAILMEN TO
ATTEND FETE

Arrangements have been completed whereby the Trailmen, of the Union County Chamber of Commerce, will attend the Strawberry festival to be held at Cove Monday evening, beginning at 6:45 o'clock.

In addition to the Trailmen and the business men, a large gathering of La Grande people is expected to be present. Cove extends a hearty welcome and invitation to all local men and women to take part in the entertainment.

POWER LINE IS FINISHED

FREEWATER, Ore.—The last of the pipeline on the flume of the Pacific Power & Light company powerhouse, about eight miles above here, has just been completed after six weeks' work. Local labor was largely employed for this work, which gives the company all new pipe, the first half of the line being replaced about a year and a half ago. The approximate cost of the 36,000 feet of 18-inch barrel flume material and labor is estimated at about \$100,000.

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Legionaires to Meet
In Prineville in 1925

PORTLAND (AP)—

Prineville has been selected for the 1925 Oregon American Legion convention. After Marshfield withdrew the convention voted as follows: Prineville 53, Medford 49.

Late News Flashes

MAY DEFER SECOND PAYMENT.

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—On account of litigation pending to test the state income tax act, the second installment payments, which are due under the act June 20, may be deferred until July 20, Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner, has announced.

FIRE LOSS \$100,000.

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)—Loss estimated at \$100,000 occurred in a fire which early today destroyed the warehouse of the Seattle Grain company with 40,000 bushels of wheat; S. B. Larrabee's hardware store, two residences and other property at Edwall, 34 miles west of here on the Great Northern.

CLOUDBURSTS TAKE TOLL.

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. (AP)—Terrific cloudbursts in the mountains near Johnson City early today caused heavy loss of life and large property damage. With 13 known dead unconfirmed reports from the edge of the flood swept area said the number might reach two score. The towns of Carden, Stoney Creek and Hunter are reported destroyed. Concrete bridges were tossed aside and highways washed out. It is difficult to penetrate the mountainous region. Communications are cut.

A Verbatim Report



FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE TIME TO READ THE NEWS-PAPERS WE HAVE SUMMED UP THE RESULT OF THE SPEECHES DELIVERED AT THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION IN CLEVELAND

MOOSE CIRCUS
OPENS MONDAY

Everything is reported in readiness for the big show of the Moose Circus, which will begin Monday for a six-day stay, and the committee in charge claims that the venture will surpass anything that has ever been staged in La Grande.

All the attractions and features engaged are of the highest caliber and surprisingly clean. "It is the show that any one would delight to take a wife or mother and rest assured they were simply going to be entertained without the least suspicion of what happens sometimes," a member of the committee stated, continuing "the committee has investigated every act engaged quite thoroughly."

The advance ticket sale has been

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Guardsmen Sore in
Spots—But Happy!

(By a Guardsman)

CAMP LEWIS, Wash. (Special to the Observer by Mail)—June 13—Well, this is the second day of soldier life for me of the National Guard. Most of the La Grande boys went down to Greene Park last night to get a little of town life.

They have two or three cafes there and a moving picture house.

The boys are a little sore in places but they all say that it is the only life.

Five-Ton Granite
Monument Planned

EUGENE, Ore. (AP)—A five-ton granite monument has been purchased by a committee of Linn county citizens to be erected on the site of the pioneer church established in the territory between the forks of the Santiam river in 1852, east of Albany, in memory of Elder Jacob Powell, pioneer minister; and 19 charter members of the historical Providence church that figured largely in the history of the Willamette valley in the early days.

A number of prominent Oregonians will be invited to take part in the program of dedication of the monument, the date of which has been set for June 15.

Amy C. Powell of Prineville, Ore., who is now 92 years of age and a daughter of Elder Powell, is the sole surviving charter member and she and A. T. Powell of the Providence church, are the only survivors of the original Powell family.

PLAN BANQUET
TUESDAY EVE

Announcement has been made of a banquet which is to be given in the basement of the Presbyterian church next Tuesday evening at seven o'clock by the Chamber of Commerce.

The Reclamation and Land Settlement Committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, headed by Whitney L. Bolse will be the honorary guests of the evening.

Members of the committee will give talks and a special effort is being made to get a full attendance of farmers as well as business men for it is said that the delegation has a message of real importance and great value to both.

The Reclamation and Land Settlement committee is a department of the Portland Chamber of Commerce which has for its duty the development of Oregon. Oregon's progress is uppermost with them and it is to this end that they are working.

Japanese Police Chief
Against Chaotic Riots

TOKYO (AP)—A statement squarely opposing the anti-American demonstrations was issued today by Masahito, the new chief of the Tokyo police bureau.

Ota is a political appointee and the statement was his first since installation under the new ministerial regime. It is regarded as an enunciation of the new cabinet's policy regarding the anti-American agitation.

Elks Paid Tribute To
Old Glory Last Night

Homage was paid to the American flag yesterday evening when La Grande Lodge No. 433 presented its annual and ritualistic flag day exercises. Except for the quality of people in the auditorium, the event was exceptionally pleasing and inspiring, perhaps more so than the average annual event of this sort. There was a happy blending of inspirational ritual, music and oratory.

Under the direction of Exalted Ruler Lester H. Brainwell, the exercises took up at 8 o'clock. Men, women and children, other than Elks had gathered for the occasion, and when the lodgesmen marched to their places, the La Grande band played "Stars and Stripes Forever."

The "Star Spangled Banner," played by the band, and then began the ritualistic exercises, pe-

BULLETINS

HEARINGS OPENED
PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Circuit Judges Tazewell, Stapleton and Hewitt, sitting on banc today, began hearing arguments attacking indictments returning in the bridge investigation. Defense attorneys declared that the attorney general in stepping in ahead of Multnomah's district attorney violated the constitution, rendering everything accomplished illegal.

PRUNE BODY ENDORSED.
SEASIDE, Ore. (AP)—Resolutions endorsing the plans of organization of an Oregon Prune Growers association and approving the state authorities action in enforcing the quarantine against the California foot and mouth disease were adopted today by the Oregon Bankers association.

MINERS ACTIVE.
MEDFORD, Ore. (AP)—Miners have staked mining claims on 17 miles of Rogue river between Towns Goldhill and Rogue River, and are mining sites. Owing to extreme low stages of the river, bedrock is easily reached and mined for gold. The river is the lowest in the memory of inhabitants.

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Live-stock steady. Eggs firm. Butter cubes one-half cent higher, prints firm, extra cubes, city, 40 cents, standards 39 cents. Buttermilk firm.

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FIVE MAY BE
INVOLVED IN
TRAIN HAULWounded Man, Giving
Name as J. H. Wayne,
Under SurveillanceFOUR OTHERS ARE
BEHIND THE BARSWayne, Who Avers He
Was Shot by a Woman,
Has Several Large
Bills in His Possession.

CHICAGO. (By the Associated Press)—Five men and one woman are in custody, including the wounded man, and were delivered today by Chief of Police Collins, as involved in the daring holdup of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul train Thursday night. The chief declared some of the robbers had been identified.

CHICAGO. (By the Associated Press)—A man, shot five times and having in his possession several new bills of large denominations is being watched by police here in a hospital as a suspect in connection with the mail train robbery Thursday night.

He gave his name as J. H. Wayne, and said he had been shot by a woman.

Four other suspects were seized at a house in front of which Wayne was found wounded.

The value of the loot obtained was still undetermined late last night, estimates ranging all the way from \$100,000 to more than \$1,000,000. A. E. Gerner, chief postal inspector, said he did not believe the bandits secured more than \$100,000, but officials of the federal reserve bank at Minneapolis said Liberty bonds valued at \$150,000, consigned to that institution, were missing and federal bank officials here said that the loot in-

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SCHOOL VOTE
TO BE MONDAY

The annual school election for District No. 1, which consists of La Grande, will be held Monday afternoon in the Central Grammar school building on Fourth street between the hours of two and seven o'clock.

Two members are to be elected to the board of education, both for three year terms. Colton B. Elbert is seeking reelection and G. S. Hurne is the only candidate for the position left vacant by A. T. Hill, who refused to be a candidate again.

Herriott Invited to
Form French Ministry

PARIS (AP)—Edouard Herriott, leader of the radical party victorious in the recent parliamentary elections, today accepted the invitation of President Doumergue to form the ministry.

Premier Herriott expects to go to London next Saturday to confer with Prime Minister MacDonald.

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