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Daily
Letter(By HARRY B. HUNT)
WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—Here's a problem for our experts on the advance of civilization:

Washington, capital city of "the most advanced nation on earth," the seat of America's law-making power, center of educational and social culture, having in its population a higher percentage of "college" folk and a lower percentage of illiteracy than any similarly large city, is close to the top of the list in per capita average of arrests made for violations of law.

Figures just compiled for the year ending July 1 show that, on an average, one inhabitant out of six was arrested for some form or other of lawlessness during the last 12 months.

That, it must be admitted, isn't a very good record. Certainly it is not a good record for the city whose chief business is the making and administering of laws for the rest of the nation.

It represents an average of almost one arrest per family, on the basis of five persons to a family.

With such an example on the part of the capital city, which might be expected to set the pace in the observance of law and recognition of the responsibilities of citizenship, how can the population of less "advanced" cities, where laws and patriotism and civic duty are not so constantly stressed, be expected to regard seriously their obligations to walk punctiliously within the law?

Analysis of the statistics of these arrests show that automobiles and booze are at the root of the increase.

Total arrests for violation of the liquor laws were 12,921. For dis-

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STONE WOULD
CANCEL LEASE

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The government last Tuesday developed another phase of its efforts to clear up the oil lease situation.

Attorney General Stone issued orders for the filing of a suit to cancel an oil and gas prospecting lease applying to a reservation created by executive order for the Navajo Indian nation in southern Utah.

If the government is successful in this suit, it will take similar action to invalidate more than 20 other such permits, 18 of which were granted by former Secretary Fall of the interior department, and which apply to Indian lands in a dozen different western localities.

Two Oil Concerns Involved—The suit ordered filed is against E. M. Harrison, the Midwest Oil company, and the Southwest Oil company, and is based on an opinion recently submitted by the attorney general to the president, in which he held that Mr. Fall's construction of the general leasing act of 1920 was in error when it applied the oil leasing provisions to reservations created by executive order.

Mr. Fall's interpretation of the provisions was given upon application for a lease by Mr. Harrison, said here to be an official of the Midwest company, and under that construction of the law the other permits also were granted.

Since the present attorney general placed a different construction on the law, the interior department has rejected all pending applications for permits on such

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Divorces Growing More
Popular In This State

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special to the Observer)—The department of commerce announces that according to returns received, there were in Oregon, for the calendar year 1923, 7122 marriages performed and 2594 divorces granted. For the calendar year 1922, 6528 marriages and 2,552 divorces were reported.

The increase in marriages reported for 1923, over the number reported for 1922, is 294 or 9.1 per cent.

The divorces reported for 1923 show an increase of 372 or 14.8 per cent over the number reported for 1922.

In Union county 172 couples were united in the holy bonds of matrimony during 1923. And during the same year 62 marriages were rent asunder by divorces.

In 1922 a total of 188 couples were married in Union county and 54 divorces were granted.

Marriages decreased 7.9 percent

SMOKING IS
STOPPED IN
FOREST NOWWallowa Forest Fire
Menace Responsible
for Move.MAY USE NICOTINE
IN CAMP, HOWEVERFire Situation West of
the Cascades in Oregon
Is Rapidly Growing
More Hazardous.

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special to the Observer)—By order of the district forester, smoking has been prohibited in the Wallowa National forest.

As a violation of this order constitutes trespass, forest service officials are requesting all companies to please notify their employees at once.

In Camp Only.—Smoking will, however, be allowed in camp, but in camp only. Smoking away from camp will not be tolerated.

Camping will be allowed, by the public, only at the following designated camp grounds:

Pole Bridge, on Bear Creek.
Camp Ground above Bear Creek Ranger Station.North Minam Ranger Station.
Old Burn Camp Ground on Minam River.Minam Ranger Station.
Minam, Steamboat, John Henry and Bear Lakes.Pole Bridge and Williamson Cabin, on Lostine River.
Aneroid Lake Camp Ground.Meadows at Horseshoe Lake.
Meadows on West Fork, Wallowa River.O'Neil Ranger Station, on Harrison Creek.
Mirror Lake.The Sheep Crossing, on Lick Creek Road.
Camp Grounds, above and below Lick Creek Ranger Station.Covadale Ranger Station, on upper Imnaha River.
Summit Spring.Box Spring, on Billy Meadows-Buckhorn Road.
Forest Fire Menacing.

This action has been taken owing to the increasing forest fire hazard in Eastern Oregon. No rain and warm weather has resulted in further drying of the forests with the condition not regarded by authorities as highly menacing. A fire started in the woods, very inflammable now, might easily assume proportions that would result in great loss of property and possibly life.

FIRES UNCONTROLLED
PORTLAND, Ore. (Special)—High winds and low humidity are giving fire fighters in the forests of Eastern Oregon and Washington much concern. East of the

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Third Party Strength
To Be Given Big Test

WASHINGTON, (By the Associated Press)—Labor Union supporters of Senators La Follette and Wheeler in their campaign for president and vice president were preparing today for a trial of their strength inside the American Federation of Labor.

The executive committee of that organization, meeting Friday at Atlantic City, will lay down the policy to govern the attitude of its subordinate bodies in the approaching contest.

In all the counties in Oregon only Clatsop county had more divorces in 1923 than marriages. One hundred forty-six couples were wed and 203 couples were divorced.

Sherman county had only one divorce in 1923 and only 5 in 1922. Wheeler county had the least marriages, with only 14 in 1923 and 2 in 1922. In 1922 the divorces matched the marriages in Wheeler.

From the table given by the department of commerce, it will seem that Clatsop county is the most unhappy and that Sherman

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WHEAT SITUATION IS
FAIR IN UNION COUNTYHarvesting Condition Is
Ideal, States the
County Agent

On the whole the Union county wheat is coming out better than had been expected, according to a statement made today by County Agriculturalist H. G. Avery. Conditions for harvesting are ideal and the dry weather has added also in the threshing that has been been done so far.

Most of the wheat in the valley has already been cut and is in the shock. Combine threshing has been well started on many of the larger ranches in the valley and will be completed in a short time. Threshing is expected to be on in full swing in a few days.

The largest yield so far to the acre that has been reported was that from the Loren Tucker ranch which harvested 40 bushels to the acre. Other farms in the valley are producing almost as much.

Spring Wheat Hurt Most.—The spring wheat in the valley has been injured more than any other crop, continues Mr. Avery's report. Although it is too early in the season to make predictions it seems likely at this time that the

spring wheat yield will fall below average.

Spring barley has been injured less than the spring wheat and chances for a fair crop are much better. The oats crop seems likely to be light and at the present time it seems probable that the fields will only produce about one fourth of a normal crop.

In general the irrigated districts have escaped many of the bad effects of the dry weather and the North Powder and Union ranches have been particularly fortunate in this respect.

Hay, Fruit Fair.—As for the hay and fruit crops both are fair. The wild hay is being produced in about half a normal quantity. The potato crop is about average as to yield but a great amount of disease has spread among the plants this year and the potato raisers will be compelled to import seed for next season's use.

The cherries have been harvested and although no official figures are available as yet it is estimated by authorities that the crop is below normal.

Pears and apples are both giving indications of a good yield but rain is needed in order to give size to the fruit.

MAKE HAY AS
SUN SHINES

COVE, Ore. (Special to the Observer)—The weather here has been exceptionally hot for the last two weeks and the farmers have been busy engaged in making hay while the sun shines.

In some instances the hay crops have been slightly above the average, but in most cases the reverse is the rule, due to the drought.

The farmers' favorite meeting place after the day's work is finished is the swimming pool, and every night a crowd can be found enjoying a plunge in the waters.

Airmail Successful:
To Continue in Future

WASHINGTON, (By the Associated Press)—The performance of the New York-San Francisco air mail service and the quantity of mail offered for transmission has been so highly satisfactory that Postmaster General New has decided to continue the service indefinitely.

The original order called for a 30 days trial.

Plant 45,000 Trout.
LEWISTON, Idaho.—Forty-five thousand trout from the state fish hatchery were taken to Mason creek on Craig mountain today and planted. By closing streams alternate years and by systematic planting the fishing in all central Idaho streams is gradually being improved each year.Walla Walla Grain Crop Fair.
WALLA WALLA, Wash.—Three weeks more will see grain harvest in this county nearly completed, grain dealers said. They estimate that the crop will run from 3,500,000 to 4,000,000 bushels compared to 4,200,000 last year.

Some districts where harvest is later will not be through before September 1. Figures of railroads today show that 519,000 bushels of wheat have been shipped since July 1. Most of this grain was held over from last year, but much was this year's crop.

BASEBALL
PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE.

Club	W.	L.	Pct.
San Francisco	65	49	.570
Seattle	61	54	.525
Sacramento	59	54	.522
Oakland	58	58	.500
Vernon	57	58	.496
Salt Lake	55	58	.487
Los Angeles	55	62	.452
Portland	49	65	.429

Salt Lake at Seattle, postponed; teams traveling.

Tigers 6, Angels 4
At Los Angeles: R. H. E.
Vernon 6 14 1
Los Angeles 4 7 1

Batteries: Christian and Hamann; Crandall, Weisner, Hamann and Jenkins.

Oaks 7, Seals 4
At Oakland: R. H. E.
San Francisco 4 9 1
Oakland 7 12 6

Batteries: Geary, Griffin and Polle; Kung and Reed.

Beavers 7, Senators 2
At Portland: R. H. E.
Sacramento 2 8 1
Portland 7 11 4

Batteries: Canfield and Koehler; Winters and Daly.

AMERICAN'S
SUGGESTION
IS TAKEN UPReparations Commission
to Leave Paris for
London ConferenceFRENCH GIVE WAY
FOR FIRST TIMENation Indicated Willing-
ness to Surrender, Under
conditions, Right
for Separate Action.

PARIS. (By the Associated Press)—The reparations commission is leaving for London today to take part in the inter-allied conference at the suggestion of James A. Logan, Jr., American representative at the conference.

FRENCH WEAKEN.—LONDON. (By the Associated Press)—For the first time since the inter-allied conference assembled the French delegates Tuesday night indicated a willingness to surrender under certain conditions their right to separate action against Germany in case of a reparations default under the Dawes plan.

If the allies can not agree whether a reparations default has occurred France is willing to let an arbitration board on which there will be experts of the Dawes commission decide the question.

One condition is the German payment in goods be linked with the question of default and France acquire new rights relating to payment in kind which are outside the present reading of the Versailles treaty.

Must Satisfy Bankers.—These and other conditions the French experts embodied in a proposal which they hope will end the 10-day conference deadlock. Since Monday's proceedings which were feathered by the timely intervention of Colonel James L. Logan, the American observer, French delegates have been working to coordinate Colonel Logan's suggestion with ideas of their own in an effort to produce a report which will solve the problem, how default under the Dawes plan will be determined and what penalty the allies intend to inflict there-

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Hughes Places Wreath
On Unknown's Grave

PARIS. (By the Associated Press)—Secretary of State Hughes, in a leisurely walk about the streets of Paris early today, placed a wreath on the tomb of the unknown Polle inscribed simply "from a friend." The incident created much interest owing to the fact that such acts are usually accompanied by a parade and French officials.

Following his visit to the tomb, the secretary went with Ambassador Herriot to the Palace of Elisee where he had luncheon with President Doumergue.

PENDLETON, Ore. (Special)—Dr. W. P. McAdory, of La Grande, was elected president of the Eastern Oregon District Medical Society at the close of their two-day meeting Tuesday at Hingham Springs.

Wallowa lake was decided upon as the place of meeting for next year.

Other officers elected were: Dr. J. B. Gregory, Wallowa, vice president and Dr. C. J. Bartlett, Baker, re-elected secretary-treasurer.

CONTRACTS AWARDED
PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—The highway commission today awarded a \$24,615 contract to J. J. Dadrain, of Spokane, for the construction of a bridge over the Willamette River, Redwood highway, in Clatsop county. C. N. Pierce and Company, of Portland, were given the contract for the erection of a service building at Sekiyon on the Pacific highway.

The commission awarded an \$87,325 contract to the Morrison Knudsen Co., of Boise, for grading R-1-2 miles on Sucker creek, section of the Jordan valley market road in Malheur county and Bowers & Bowers, of Dayton, Wash., were given a \$45,600 contract to grade 6.2 miles (Unit No. 2) of the Paulina Prairie-Lava Butte section of the Dalles-California highway in Deschutes county.

LANCASTER, Penn. (AP)—After a night of disorders and clashes in which scores were injured, a crowd of men who had engaged in hostilities with members and spectators at a Ku Klux Klan meeting in a field near here, were disposed of with the arrival of additional state patrolmen today.

Between 500 and 600 men had engaged in the fighting. The list injured included 20 whose injuries required hospital treatment.

SWEET OPPOSES IDEA
LOVELAND, Colo. (AP)—Declaring he would cooperate with President Coolidge as far as proper, but that he would not order mobilization of the Colorado national guard on National Defense Day, Governor Sweet, in an interview today, went on record in opposition to the idea of observing the day.Needle Penetrates Boy's Eye
HALSEY, Ore.—While playing around the threshing machine, Floyd Steinke, young son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Steinke, ran into the sick sewer and the sick needle was run into his left eye. He was taken to the Northwest hospital at Eugene, where Dr. Guitton dressed the wound.BABE HERMAN BEATS JOE GORMAN.
PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Joe Gorman, of Grants Pass, lost a decision in a 10-round battle with Babe Herman of Los Angeles, here last night.

Slayers Giggle In Court

(By NEA Airmail Service)
The noose is dangling before their eyes. Yet to see Nathan F. Leopold, Jr. (right) and Richard Loeb sitting there in Chief Justice John H. Caverly's court, one would think they were at a vaudeville show. They giggle at the embarrassment of witnesses, whose testimony may send them to the gallows, and laugh even when the state's gruesome exhibits—such as the chisel with which they killed Robert Franks, Chicago schoolboy—are paraded before the court.BABY SLAYER
HELD INSANE

BOISE, Idaho (Special)—Mrs. George W. White, who shot and killed her baby daughter, Margaret Thelma White, 18 months old, Monday afternoon at the ranch home situated about three miles southeast of Boise on the bench, is mentally deranged, according to the verdict of the coroner's jury returned Tuesday afternoon.

Following the announcement of the verdict, County Attorney Lauret E. Elmer submitted a complaint charging insanity would be filed against Mrs. White this morning and the hearing will take place in probate court this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The funeral of the little girl, who was shot four times in the head with a .32 calibre revolver, will take place this afternoon from the Jordan valley undertaking parlors at 2:30 o'clock with the Rev. Mr. Johnson of the Lutheran church officiating.

INSTALLING ORGAN
Mr. Green, of the Reed-French Piano company, of Portland, is here installing the new organ in the new residence chapel of the Shogran and Zimmermann Funeral Service company.XTRA
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OVERRULED
BY CAVERLYWrangel in Franks Case
Ended by Presiding
Judge's DecisionSTATE RESTED
AT 10:07 TODAYDr. White First Witness
to Testify in Defense of
Nathan Leopold, Jr.,
and Richard Loeb.

CHICAGO. (By the Associated Press)—The state rested in the Franks murder and kidnapping case at 10:07 o'clock today. The defense then started testimony which is to determine the punishment of Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb.

Frank Sheer was the last witness for the state. He testified he took Loeb's confession on the night of May 30th.

The defense called Dr. William Alanson White as its first witness. Judge Caverly overruled an objection by State Attorney Crowe to the testimony of any defense attorneys.

A long wrangle ensued between attorneys for both sides and Judge Caverly over the question of an insanity plea, the court overruling the request of the state for empaneling of a jury if the question of insanity is raised by the defense.

SPECIAL DUTY
GIVEN WALKER

Gene Walker, Grande Ronde Divisional Manager and Assistant General Superintendent of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power Company, has been assigned to special duty in connection with superintendent's work which will require him to cover all of the company's territory.

Allen C. Wright, who has been with the company for several years in the engineering department and who is well acquainted in La Grande and its tributary territory is now acting manager of the Grande Ronde Division.

It is expected that Mr. Walker will continue to have his headquarters in La Grande.

FLIERS NOW IN
ORKNEY ISLES

KIRKWALL, Scotland (By the Associated Press)—The American fliers arrived here at 4:10 o'clock today.

BROUGH (By the Associated Press)—The American aviators on a world flight hopped off at 10:35 o'clock today for Kirkwall, in the Orkney Islands. They thus began the first leg of their journey over the Atlantic by way of Iceland and Greenland to Indian Harbor, Labrador.

The next meeting of the county council will be held the last Tuesday in October in La Grande.

May Arrange for West
Adams Paving Tonight

Expectations that the West Adams improvement district will be arranged for tonight at the city commission meeting are held to true, authorities here say. Commissioners will convene in the city hall at 7:30 o'clock.

America Outranks Rest
of World In Reserves(By Milton Branner.)
LONDON. (NEA Special)—The United States is destined to become the greatest power in the world. This fact was brought out at the World Conference on Power, held at the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley.

Engineers—British and American—agreed to this destiny. "It is true," they said, "because America has more available hydro-electric power than any other nation in the world!"

Hydro-electric power, engineers concede, is the future power. The United States already has developed more than any other nation in the world. And it can develop greater quantities than any other nation in the world.

An Appreciable Surplus.—Other nations are reaching the maximum production of coal, oil and hydro-electric power. The United States is the only nation with an appreciable surplus. United States has enough to sell to

almost every nation needing it. Thus, in a short time, the rest of the world will become economic tributaries to the United States.

Furthermore, this great power resting in the United States will enable America to outstrip other nations in peace time manufacturing. This great amount of power will be an insurmountable handicap to other nations in time of war.

Maj. Gen. Sir Philip Nash, outstanding British authority, showed that the coal, oil and water supply available in 1920, in terms of millions of kilowatt hours, was divided as follows:

United States	584,000
Great Britain	165,000
Germany	143,000
France	29,950
Italy	10,352
Switzerland	7,512

Of this potential energy, the

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