

Fair in the west portion of the state; fair and warmer in the eastern portion tonight and Thursday.

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Hunt's Daily Letter

(By Harry B. Hunt) WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—To the born fighting man, years or occasions do not count. At any age, under any circumstances, he is ready for battle.

Nelson A. Miles, for instance, who at the age of 25 was a brigadier general commanding an army corps, and at 26 a major general, cited for conspicuous gallantry at Reams Station, Chancellorsville and Spotsylvania Court House, at the age of 35 still instinctively reaches for a gun when the occasion seems to demand.

General Miles, retired from the army for now a score of years, lives in an apartment house midway between the War Department and the Army and Navy club. But 20-odd years of theoretical retirement has not dimmed his fighting spirit.

Early on the morning of August 6, just two days before Miles' 85th birthday, the watchman in the apartment house heard the sound of running water in the general's apartment. Thinking a pipe had burst, they first tried to repair the occupants of the apartment by ringing the bell and pounding on the door. This failing, they decided no one was at home, and proceeded in an attempt to force the door.

They hadn't proceeded far in this, however, when they got the shock of their lives.

The muzzle of a couple of business-looking guns suddenly protruded through the transom and a coldly business-like voice informed them: "One more step out there and I'll blow your brains out."

General Miles, the man who rounded up Sitting Bull, Natchez, Crazy Horse and Geronimo, was on the other end of the guns.

He had been sleeping soundly, and the bell ringings and rappings had not awakened him. But the attempt to force the door did. No fort he ever held had ever been taken by storm, and he called to the defense in true military style.

The real reaction of a real fighting man!

The "girl with the pull" is the bone of the government's bureau chiefs.

These young ladies, normally among the more puerile, usually land their jobs largely on the recommendation of senators or representatives who know them or their families "back home" and who are interested in seeing their taken care of on the government pay roll.

In many cases girls so placed prove efficient and valuable. In many others, however, the official pull that has helped land them in a job is counted on to save the job for them, no matter whether they work or play.

It is among this group that the larger number of "A. W. O. L." workers are found. They go on the theory that the "boss" won't

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PICNIC TO BE AT CITY PARK

Members of the Knights of Columbus of four counties, with their friends, will disport themselves at the city park next Sunday afternoon according to an announcement by the local committee which has completed arrangements for the picnic.

Immediately after the church session in the morning the picnicers will repair to the Riverside park, there to partake of a picnic lunch, play games and have a general good time. Coffee will be served on the grounds but individual members are asked to bring their own lunches.

Many Enter in Labor Day Queen Contest

In point of numbers the Labor Day queen contest which started this morning is the most ambitious held in La Grande for some time. Nine enthusiastic young ladies set forth upon their way this morning carrying great quantities of pastebards which will admit the purchasers either to the ball game which is to be held in the afternoon at the park, or to the dance at the Zuber hall in the evening or the old time dance which will be given at the same time.

The Misses Verda Hale Smith, Wilma Neiderer, Helene Janssens, Edna Carpenter, LaBella Halght, Florence Grant, Dorothy Plank, Irene Spencer and Evelyn Cullen have all officially entered the contest.

Three prizes will be given, the first of the approximate value of \$50 and the honor of winning, the second worth \$15 and the third

DAWES ACCEPTS IN PLAIN LANGUAGE

ECONOMY IN GOVERNMENT IS SIGHTED

"Brass Tacks—Not Bombast" Is Nature of This Campaign

THREE ISSUES ARE HANDLED

Jeffries Says La Follette Eloquent When Delivering His Notification Speech.

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP)—General Charles G. Dawes delivered his address officially accepting the republican nomination at his home here before a crowd of many thousand people. Albert W. Jeffries of Omaha delivered the notification address.

PLYMOUTH, Vt. (AP)—President Coolidge today wired congratulations to Charles G. Dawes on his speech of acceptance delivered last night.

EVANSTON, Ill. (By the Associated Press)—The campaign of 1924 was declared to be a clash between the republican, democratic and socialist parties by Albert W. Jeffries of Omaha in his speech of notification to General Charles G. Dawes, republican vice presidential nominee.

"Straight thinking democrats," he said "are deciding it impossible for them to ride at the same time two horses going in opposite directions."

La Follette, he asserted, "climbed with the socialist party."

In a tribute to President Coolidge, Mr. Jeffries said: "The people now know that Calvin Coolidge knows the value of the taxpayer dollar better than they do themselves. Countless thousands of men and women earnestly wish they possessed the courage to say 'No' and thus protect the family pocketbook as the president has protected the treasury of the United States."

Mr. Jeffries outlined General Dawes' career and said: "It was no wonder General Dawes, that the republican convention called you again to duty"

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BANDITS MAKE DAYLIGHT HAUL

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Three unmasked bandits today held up the Corn Exchange bank here and escaped with approximately \$15,000.

The contest will close and winners will be announced at 10 o'clock Saturday evening, August 26 at the Zuber hall.

With the queen contest off to a good start the Labor Day committee is turning its thoughts to the other arrangements for the occasion.

The athletic contests under the direction of Pete Kingsley are rapidly being signed up. Young Benton will fight the main bout of the day and is scheduled to go six rounds against a strong contender. A wrestling match with a preliminary boxing fracas or two thrown in for good measure are also scheduled.

The Pendleton Buckaroos will send a baseball team and a strong representation of fans to La Grande for a nine inning baseball game to be played with Hector McMillin's all stars at the baseball park in the afternoon.

CAMPAIGN TO BEGIN SOON

WASHINGTON (AP)—Active campaigning for the La Follette-Wheeler ticket will probably begin Labor Day with an open air address on the Boston Commons by Wheeler. La Follette plans to wait until the middle of September before delivering his first speech, probably in New York city. His headquarters may issue a Labor day message.

STAGE DARING JEWEL THEFT

BOSTON (AP)—Four men robbed the store of Carl H. Skinner, diamond merchant here today and escaped with jewelry and diamonds valued at \$150,000. One man remained in an automobile parked outside the store and the others covered the three clerks with revolvers while a fourth bandit picked up the jewelry cases which had just been removed from the safe.

CURB REBELS SUCCESSFULLY

MADRID (AP)—Spanish operations against the rebels of Africa in the eastern zone of Morocco have been successfully terminated, says an official communique. The rebels are known to have suffered a loss of 28 killed and 25 wounded.

TINY HERMAN WINS FIGHT

SEATTLE (AP)—Tiny Herman of Omaha, formerly of Astoria, won a decision over Floyd Johnson in a six round main event of a heavy weight card last night. Rocco Sframaglia of Portland, knocked out Eddie Huffman of the navy in a scheduled six round bout.

Brazilian Troops Drown Many Rebels in River Clash

BUENOS AIRES (AP)—Brazilian troops stationed on the banks of the Parana river sank a steamship carrying rebel forces which were proceeding from Thibaria. Many of the rebels were drowned.

BASEBALL

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE table with columns for Club, W, L, Pct. Rows include San Francisco, Seattle, Oakland, Vernon, Sacramento, Salt Lake, Portland, Los Angeles.

At Salt Lake table with columns for Club, R, H, E. Rows include Salt Lake, Los Angeles, San Francisco.

Oaks 3, Indians 2 table with columns for Club, R, H, E. Rows include Oakland, Seattle.

At Sacramento table with columns for Club, R, H, E. Rows include San Francisco, Sacramento.

Beavers 6, Tigers 3 table with columns for Club, R, H, E. Rows include Portland, Vernon.

BAD WEATHER HALTS FLIERS

Gale Spoils Plan of Army Aviators to Hop Off on Way to Greenland.

REYKJAVIK, Iceland (AP)—The American round the world fliers had made all preparations to start this morning on the long hazardous hop to Fredericksdale, near Cape Farewell, East Greenland but unfavorable weather conditions again forced them to abandon their intention. A gale delayed the arrival here of the steamer Richmond which is bringing spare parts with which the two damaged machines can be repaired.

CHARGED WITH GRAVE OFFENSE

Accused of Tampering with Mail, Bound over to Federal Grand Jury.

Eugene Nemitz, address unknown, was arraigned before Federal Commissioner Will Church this morning charged with interfering with the mails. His bonds were set at \$1000, an amount which he was attempting to raise today. He will be bound over to the federal grand jury.

ADOPTION OF POLICY URGED

WASHINGTON (AP)—Adoption of a carefully planned policy for colonization of irrigation projects to be constructed in the future was urged by Doctor Elwood Mead, commissioner of reclamation, in a special report submitted to Secretary Work today on his return from a 2900 mile inspection trip in the west.

Fate Unkind After Hardships



Without money and anxious to fulfill his wife's dying request that he take her three-year-old baby, Roy, to her husband's parents in Norway, George Hansen of Pueblo, Colo., set out on foot for New York. Kindly motorists aided him, but in bad road regions he carried the child in his arms. He found he could work his way to Norway, but they wouldn't take the child. Now Hansen is walking back to Chicago where he hopes to work and save for passage money for the child.

Judge Calvert Urged to Give Full Penalty

CHICAGO (AP)—Urging the extreme penalty of the law upon Leopold and Loeb for kidnaping and murder, Thomas Marshall, assistant state's attorney resumed argument today before Judge Calvert.

CHAMPION FAT, FORFEITS TITLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Johnny Dundee today forfeited the world's featherweight boxing title because he can no longer make the 126-pound limit.

INDIANS ARE ENFRANCHISED

HOOQUIAM, Wash. (AP)—Every Indian within the territorial limits of the United States was granted full fledged American citizenship by the act approved June second of this year, said Congressman Albert Johnson today. All such Indians are entitled to vote this year, according to Mr. Johnson. They will also be required to assume the obligations of citizenship, including the payment of income taxes.

BOOTLEGGER IS SENTENCED

Dick Fisher plead guilty of the charge of selling liquor, in the city court this morning and was sentenced by Police Judge J. B. Slater to 20 days in jail.

Boys Must Go to Work

ASTORIA, Ore.—Delmer Dietzman, 17, and Elmer Neumaier, 18, Portland boys, who were charged with forging checks here to the amount of \$112 were committed to the reform school for an indefinite period by County Judge Cornelius. The boys were then paroled to Deputy Sheriff Hansen, with the understanding that they work on the county roads here until school starts, when they will be paroled to their parents.

Slayer



Norman Selby, the famous "Kid McCoy" veteran of many ring battles, he accused of having shot and killed Mrs. Theresa Mors, at Los Angeles. He then went on a shooting rampage and wounded another woman and two men while robbing six customers in an antique shop. The "Kid" was expected to make Mrs. Mors his tenth wife, she having been divorced by her husband recently.

CHEMIST TESTS CITY PAVING

Materials for Streets Are Subjected to Many Laboratory Inspections

In order to avoid a recurrence of the spring street sinking south of town Glen Campbell, head of the science department of the high school in conjunction with the city engineering department is making extensive tests of the materials to go into the paving of the La Grande streets.

The various types of concrete are cast into briquettes which are placed in a variety of tests. After being mixed according to specifications the briquettes, which are small blocks an inch in thickness and an inch wide at the center, are exposed to the air for 24 hours after which they are soaked in water from seven to 28 days. Upon being taken from the water they are put into a specially constructed machine which tests the tensile strength of the different mixtures.

The cement itself is tested as is also the sand and gravel which is to go into the construction of La Grande's paving. The sand tests are all made on the basis of what is called Ottawa Sand, which is a pure granite sand considered standard by the construction engineers.

The sand is run through screens varying from four meshes to 200 to the inch. Screens for gravel are also used, varying in size from two inches to one-fourth of an inch.

LUCY PAGE PASSES ON

CHICAGO (AP)—Miss Lucy Page, founder of the National Anti-Cigarette League, died in a hospital here today.

XTRA

CATTLE MARKET STEADY PORTLAND (AP)—The cattle market remained steady. Hogs dropped from a quarter to a half a dollar lower with the top grade selling at from \$10.50 to \$11.00 and sheep varied from steady to weak. Eggs are still firm at one-half to one cent higher and are now selling at from 32 to 34 cents. The butter market is steady showing a rise of one cent. Butter is now selling at from 26 to 28 cents. Butterfat remained firm at from 37 to 38 cents.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Butterfat reached 46 1/2 cents here today.

M'COY PLEA IS POSTPONED

Boxer's Ex-Wife Gives Testimony; Asserts "Kid" Left Apartment Before Firing of Fatal Shot.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—When McCooy was arraigned before the superior court today and the indictment read charging him with the murder of Theresa W. Mors, his eyes flashed and he cried "I did not." His formal plea, at his attorney's request, was postponed until Monday.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Dagmar Dahlgren, dancer and eighth wife of Kid McCooy, today volunteered the testimony that she was spying on McCooy the night Mrs. Mors' apartment before the fatal shot was fired.

SEATTLE MAN DISAPPEARS

SEATTLE (AP)—While ill, C. N. Seaborn, formerly manager of the Seaborn shipyard in Tacoma, disappeared last night from a yacht in Elliott bay, off Seattle. Friends today gave him up for drowned. H. K. Scheel, architect of the yacht the Tenico, said he left Seaborn lying with his head on a coil of rope and went to get a robe to place over the sick man. When Scheel returned Seaborn was gone.

Scheel related that he went with Seaborn yesterday to buy supplies for a trip on the yacht. The shipbuilder asked the architect to accompany him explaining later that it was because of nervousness and fear of accident while driving an automobile.

SEATTLE (AP)—Construction work on the Basche-Sage Hardware company's warehouse to replace the building destroyed by fire July 15, at a loss of about \$125,000 including contents, is now under way and will be completed about September 15.

The concrete walls of the old warehouse were found undamaged and will be used in the new building. The roof will be of corrugated iron and fireproof. The reconstruction will cost about \$30,000.

Unemployment in Italy

ROME (AP)—Statistics just issued show that during the first four months of 1924 the number of unemployed in Italy was reduced by 244,000. This means the country's unemployment figure is about half what it was last year.

GOVERNOR AND OFFICIALS CONFER

SALEM (AP)—Governor Walter Pierce, State Treasurer Myers and Edward Cookingham conferred for an hour today gave out no statement concerning the stock and bond deals which ex-Governor West submitted to the governor. West's report dealt with the financing of the King Food Products company. Governor Pierce still refused today to give out an official report.

TO CEASE PICKING PRUNES

SALEM (AP)—Rains and fast ripening of prunes has cut short the shipping of green prunes. Growers gave instructions to cease picking today.

ROSEBURG (AP)—Few prune sales to independent packers were reported today. Buyers contracted for a few select crops, making their own prices and buying only on prunes above 50 in sizes. Prices offered were eight cents for grades 30 to 45, seven cents on 45 to 40's; six and one-half cents on 40 to 45's, and six cents on 45 to 50's. It is estimated that Douglas county which has a normal prune crop of 12,000,000 pounds will produce only about 9,000,000 pounds this year.

TO GIVE SPORTSMEN'S DECISION TOMORROW

Following a hearing which lasted more than two hours, Circuit Judge Bingham today took under advisement the petition of Walter C. Winslow, representing Oregon sportsmen, restraining Governor Pierce from enforcing his proclamation of August 16, closing the deer season until September 20. Judge Bingham indicated that probably no decision will be handed down until his return from Albany tomorrow.

DELINQUENT TAXES SMALL IN COUNTY

Remarkable Conditions Shows in Sheriff's Report

SLIGHT AMOUNTS REMAIN UNPAID

Old Union County, Substantial and Firm, Reveals Envious Record in Payment into Treasury.

While other counties of the northwest are clamoring because it is hard to collect sufficient tax money upon which to operate, old Union county, with her fertile fields, her many in industries, her substantial people housed in comfortable homes, comes to the front with what is believed to be a record in tax paying.

Today Sheriff Warnick issued a report of delinquent taxes which showed as follows:

1920 taxes only 2.127 per cent delinquent. 1921 taxes only 2.524 per cent delinquent. 1922 taxes only 2.500 per cent delinquent. 1923 taxes—only one-half due and of this amount but 4 per cent remained delinquent on July 1st and since that time many payments have been made.

DATES OF TRIP NOW CHANGED

Due to conflicting dates the Chamber of Commerce trip into Wallawa county will be taken on August 25 and 27 of this month. Messages from the various towns along the route have been received by Earl Reynolds, secretary, saying that all is in readiness for the trip.

Canker Killing Butte Trees BUTTE, Mont.—The seriousness of the tree canker situation in Butte is shown in the report of Professor D. B. Swingle and E. Mirros, plant pathologists from the Montana state college at Bozeman. The canker is omnipresent in the city, according to the report and unless checked will kill most of the trees in the city in a few years.

Last Minute News

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