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Hunt's
Daily
Letter

(BY HARRY B. HUNT)
WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—Army and navy officials are, unofficially, having no little fun out of the "horns" most stirred up by Rear Admiral Charles Plunkett, commandant of the Third Naval district at New York, in seeking to censor a Broadway play in which certain marines indulge in language and discuss situations so startling as to cast doubt on the efficacy of the marine corps as a medium of moral uplift.

The "old tars" and "devil dogs" about the navy building are getting a lot of studies out of Plunkett's efforts, particularly, to expurgate the profanity in the play.

They concede that as an officer of long experience, Plunkett probably is an expert judge of profanity; but most of them were under the impression that he had lost his sensitivity to strong language, even by men in uniform.

That profanity is not unknown in the service, and that it is even indulged in, under provocation by high officers, is asserted by one officer who recalls that when Admiral Plunkett was in command of the big naval guns which Uncle Sam sent up to the front on railway mounts, shortly before the armistice, he himself was moved to picturesque and expressive expletives on one occasion when one of the big guns wouldn't fire.

"But," observes an officer of marines, "the cussing" done by Plunkett when the gun wouldn't go off wasn't a whisper to the staff or boys ripped out when the thing was fired.

"I was with an outfit of 75 artillery that had its horses parked about a quarter of a mile from where his Naval Nibs had his big roasters lined up, and when those babies cut loose—wow!"

"The concussion blew our pup tents away. It gave us headaches. It woke us out of a sound sleep

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HOME LIGHTS
CONTEST PLAN

The registration for the International Better Home Lighting contest, which will be held in the United States and Canada for the purpose of education in the proper use of electric light, will commence in La Grande October 15. The contest, in which children 10 years of age or older may compete, offers \$20,000 in prizes and will be held in all the communities served by the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company October 15 to November 15.

A medal will be awarded to the winner in each community and the best essays in each community will be selected by the local committee and entered in the international contest. The La Grande Better Home Lighting contest committee is composed of Mrs. H. A. Zurbick, president of the Neighborhood club; Sherwood Williams, president of the Realty board; A. C. Hampton, superintendent of schools; H. E. Williams, W. A. Benham and Frank Robinson of the electrical contractor-dealers and E. L. Crockett of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company.

This committee will also act as the committee of judges for the contest.

Full details of the event are being given to every eligible school student in this community.

ISSUES CALL

WASHINGTON (AP)—The comptroller of currency today issued a call for the condition of national banks at the close of business Friday, October 10.

Most Heroic of World
War Is Now Carpenter

PORT THOMAS, Ky. (NEA Service)—Six years ago today a little company of American soldiers pressed forward at Canal, France.

The lieutenant in charge went ahead through a rain of machine gun bullets. He crawled to the side of the first "nest."

Three of the enemy started toward him. But the lieutenant was quicker on the trigger than they were. He got all three of them and grapple with a fourth.

In the struggle the fourth went down, too, and the Yank officer regained his revolver.

He pushed on to the next nest. Under fire, he killed several more of the Hunns and captured three.

"Failing to kill them with his revolver," reads the official citation, "he seized a pick lying nearby and killed both of them."

Today that lieutenant—Samuel Woodfill—whose exploit on October 12, 1918, caused General Per-

NINE MEN LINED UP AND SHOT

BORAH CALL
FOR PROBE
NOW ISSUED

Special Senate Committee to Hold Meeting in Chicago

TO INVESTIGATE
CAMPAIGN FUNDS

Idaho Senator Sends Call to Three National Committee Chairmen to Present the Expenditure Facts.

BOISE, Ida. (By the Associated Press)—A special senate committee to investigate the political campaign expenditures will meet in Chicago Wednesday or Thursday of next week, according to Senator Borah, committee chairman, who wired three chairmen of national committees.

The wire requested: "That all facts touching on contributions, both as to the contributors and amounts, be available to the committee."

35 INJURED WHEN
INTERURBAN CARS
COLLIDE IN FOG

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (By the Associated Press)—Thirty-five persons were injured, ten seriously today when the Youngstown-Newcastle interurban cars collided in a fog near Steubenville, Ohio.

Slomp Says Coolidge
Attitude Is Known

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—President Coolidge's attitude toward the Ku Klux Klan has long been known to those in touch with him. C. Bascom Slomp, the president's secretary, wrote in a recent letter to James E. Deery, of Indianapolis.

Deery inquired of Slomp concerning the recent statement that the "president repeatedly stated he was not a member of the order and not in sympathy with its aims and purposes."

SCORE KNOCKOUT

LEWISTON, Ida. (AP)—Lloyd C. Deless, of the Idaho State Normal school here, was found unconscious in the basement of the administration building today by a night watchman. The office in the building was in a disordered condition, and the safe was open. Deless suffered from a wound at the back of his head, apparently by a blunt instrument but was semi-conscious today. Police believe he was attacked by burglars.

MOTORMAN CONFESSES

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—C. C. Amos, streetcar motorman, pocketed \$25 to help meet a payment on an automobile and then reported to the police he had been held up by a six-foot red-headed bandit. He admitted today after a grilling.

Entire City
Will Assist
Celebration

Gangloff Park, Scenic Highway and Both Entrances to Adams to Be Dedicated.

The chamber of commerce, one of the leading figures in the securing of the scenic highway and the rest park, called Gangloff Park, immediately at the west of La Grande, has issued a general invitation to the people of this community to attend the celebration that will mark the dedication of both the highway and the park.

The dedication is to be held on Tuesday, October 21, and in addition to the formal ceremonies marking the completion of the two projects mentioned above, the east and west ends of Adams avenue will also be dedicated.

The program that day commences with the chamber of commerce luncheon at the I. O. O. F. hall at twelve o'clock sharp and will be continued into the afternoon with the unveiling of the monument at the new park west of town.

"We feel that on the completion of this construction work that La Grande will be excelled by none in the state and sincerely trust that all will be able to be present at the meeting," states the chamber of commerce.

Entrance Completed. According to Earl Woods, superintendent of the Warren Construction company, the East Adams paving will be open to traffic today and the West Adams work is expected to be finished by next Friday.

DEMOCRATIC
CLUB MEETS

The Davis-Bryan club of La Grande held its first business meeting last evening in the sample rooms of the Foley hotel. Hereafter meetings will be held regularly every Friday evening, according to Robert E. Bradford, president of the club.

Being the first meeting the session last night was devoted mostly to the preliminary business occurring in line with the organization of the club.

Principal talks were made by Charles Hiley, Democratic candidate for state senator and John Hodgins, state committeeman. The speakers were introduced by Mr. Bradford.

COLON EBERHARD HEARS
LA FOLLETTE DEBATE

"From my observations throughout the state, I would predict that Coolidge will carry Oregon by a good majority," said Colon Eberhard, local lawyer, this morning on his return from Portland where he attended the political debate last evening between Judge Wallace McCann and Ernest Kroner, La Follette's manager in the state.

Mr. Eberhard said that although much sentiment was shown for the La Follette ticket at last evening's meeting he would judge that it will offer no serious opposition to the Republican candidates.

The Portland debate was an open affair in which no decision was given but was stated merely for the benefit of the public. Judge McCann attacked the La Follette record and it was in turn defended by Mr. Kroner.

In describing the debate Mr. Eberhard said that it was "more exciting than a circus."

The speakers were continually interrupted by the audience a portion of which would walk out when an opposing speaker took the floor.

John Hodgins to Speak
At Men's Forum Meet

"Evolution and the Christian Faith" is a theme of present day importance in church and scientific circles that will be discussed at the Men's Forum of the Methodist church tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. John Hodgins, deep student of the question, will be the speaker. The public is invited.

"Mr. Hodgins has devoted several years of research work and reading on this question and we consider ourselves fortunate in being able to announce him as the forum speaker for Sunday," declared the spokesman of the program committee this morning.

FIRST FROST

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—The first frost was experienced here last night. A minimum temperature of 28 above zero was registered.

CROPS FAIR
IN OREGON
THIS YEAR

Favorable Harvest Season Compensates for Season's Drouth

SPRING WHEAT
PROSPECTS UP

State's Hop Crop Proves Surprising—Actual Harvest Better Than Last Year.

PORTLAND, Ore.—A very favorable harvesting season, beginning about two weeks earlier than usual, compensated somewhat for the great shortage of rainfall during the growing season of 1924. Some rain fell during harvest but there was no continued damp, cloudy weather and the early showers were a benefit rather than an injury even to such crops as prunes and hops.

Licenses per acre were generally better than pre-harvest indications. Perhaps the biggest surprise was the hop crop, which right up to harvest looked like about 75 percent of last year, with the actual harvest now indicating an increase of 15 to 20 percent over last year, states P. L. Kent, statistician.

In the western part of the state there has been sufficient rainfall beginning about Sept. 22, to pit the soil in the working condition, and considerable seeding has been done. Eastern Oregon has had very little fall rain and fall seeding has been delayed. Some wheat was sown about October 1, and by October 15 seeding will be pretty general, even should the dry weather continue. The fall rains to date have been of very little benefit to the Eastern Oregon ranges.

Forecast of production for the season of winter wheat, corn and hops in Oregon, and December

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HONOR ROLL
LISTS MANY

An honor list, composed of high school students who were neither tardy or absent during the 1923-24 term, has been prepared and mentions 17 girls and five boys.

The list follows: Wesley Brown, Harold Cochran, Jack Durand, Russell Lund and Donald Patten; Thelma Brown, Gwendolyn Buchanan, Marjorie Condit, Alice Hoffmann, Elsie Kiddle, Velma McCall, Lucile Metcalf, Margaret Morrison, Donaline Oaner, Alice Scott, Beulah Schroeder, Mahel Stover, Marian Wagner, Helen Williams and Jean Williams.

The enrollment in high school to date totals 498, as follows: Freshmen 150, sophomores 92, juniors 84, seniors 72 and specials 16.

Seven Candidates for
City Marshal Position

ELGIN, Ore. (Special)—According to a local newspaper there are now seven candidates in the field for the office of city marshal. The latest two mentioned are Bert Higgins and William Hasselwood.

Next Tuesday is the day to decide the matter of nonresidence. The meeting will be held in the city hall.

NAVY DAY OCT. 27

WASHINGTON (AP)—Plans for the observance of October 27th as Navy Day with ceremonies in various cities at tombs and monuments of the nation's naval heroes were announced.

The address and other features are to emphasize the significance of the day, said the Navy League of the United States.

TO HELP FRIENDSHIP

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary Wilbur today characterized the projected Australian cruise of the American navy as "another step toward cementing the bonds of friendship between the two countries."

SARAZEN WINS
RACE TRACK, LATONA, KY.

(AP)—Sarazen won fifty thousand dollars in the International special number three today, defeating Epitaph, which finished second in two minutes four fifths seconds. Mad Play was third.

Rumanian Government Makes
Old Contract with Iron Works

BULHAREST (AP)—A contract containing unique provisions recently was entered into between the Rumanian government and the Bethlehem Iron Works. The latter undertakes to clear 250 miles of government-owned railroad track from scrap iron and discarded rolling material, the accumulation of war and after-war years.

Gov. Davis
Will Speak
in the City

Idaho's Former Chief Executive to Be Here Tuesday Evening at Star Theater.

The first political speaker for the Republican party in Union county has been arranged and Honorable D. W. Davis, ex-governor of Idaho, will deliver a political address in the Star theatre on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

He comes to La Grande under direction of the Republican National committee to discuss the live political issues of the day. His address will be interesting to all and it is anticipated that a large crowd will greet the governor.

FORTY-NINERS
SHOW NEARING

"The days of old, the days of gold, the days of '49." Characters and scenes of which Bete Harte loved to write will live again in La Grande when the Elks give their annual representation of the "fabulous fables" in the Zuber hall, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week.

The '49 show is an annual event which is looked forward to with much interest by the entire city. The proceeds are used to give the children of La Grande a joyful Christmas.

Here are presented all sorts of amusements, dancing, games of chance and other forms of diversion popular in the days when California was the center of the gold rush.

"Bones" issued by the lodge are the medium of exchange. On the closing evening the possessor of the greatest number of bones will receive a prize. A prize is also offered to the lady who accumulates the greatest amount of synthetic wealth.

Dancing will be in order all four evenings and will begin at eight-thirty o'clock each night. Music is to be furnished from the pick of the local musical talent and a good dance is sure to be the result.

Door prizes will be given away each evening. The prizes will all be displayed in the Elks' Clothing Window next week.

The Elks will hold a parade from the lodge building to the Zuber hall each evening. The band will assist in the parade and also at the show. The drum corps, pride of the American Legion, will also be out on Wednesday and Saturday evenings.

OPERETTA IS
SUCCESSFUL

The high school auditorium was crowded to capacity last evening when the Greenwood and Riveria schools gave two operettas, "The Indian Princess," given by the Riveria students and "The Toy Shop" given by members of the Greenwood school, under the direction of Mrs. Dallas Green, supervisor of music in the schools and republican nominee for the office of county school superintendent.

Between acts Miss Margaret Eschridge sang "Mamma's Lullaby," Carrie Lane Towell and George Sams sang a clever duet entitled "No Sir," Ruth Smalley, assisted by Geo. Robin sang "The Sand Man" and a Spanish dance was given by Miss Rose Nowlin and Gene Metcalf.

The operetta will be given again this evening starting at eight o'clock.

Major Zanni Leaves
Kushimoto, Japan

KUSHIMOTO, Japan. (By the Associated Press)—Major Pedro Zanni and his mechanician, carried the colors of the Argentine republic around the world by air, departed for Kushimokura, the aviation base for Tokyo, at 7:20 o'clock this morning.

MARKETS TODAY

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Livestock nominally steady. Eggs three cents higher, 46¢ per doz. Butter 42¢. Butterfat steady.

FIRST VICTIM

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Gilbert Cornell, 10, died here today of infantile paralysis, the first fatal case reported.

Hero In Kentucky Hills



Samuel Woodfill, "outstanding hero of the World War," at work at his home near Port Thomas. He is pictured above. Below—Samuel Woodfill school near Port Thomas.

ZEPPELIN TO
START FLIGHT

FRIEDRICHSHAVEN, Germany (By the Associated Press)—The flight of the zeppelin ZR-2 from Friedrichshaven to Lakehurst, N. J., scheduled to start today, was postponed at the last minute until 6 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The cause of the delay is believed to be too much weight aboard the zeppelin.

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BANDITS KILL GORMAN

EBENSBURG, Pa. (AP)—Five bandits today shot and killed James Gorman, American railway express messenger and seriously wounded Joseph Davis, bank messenger and escaped with a \$10,000 payroll at a remote spot on the Cambria and Indiana railway near here, after forcing the motorman to stop the train.

TEXAS PRISONERS NOW
ON NEFF HONOR FARM

(By Burton Davis)
Copyright, 1924, NEA Service, Inc. PAT NEFF HONOR FARM, Sugar Farm, Texas (Special). They're on their honor now. The guards and bonds are gone. The bars are down. The doors stand open all the time.

One hundred and fifty convicts here on Texas' first honor farm, are "on their own" today.

And knowing what the old prison hell was like, they are willingly working blisters on their hands to keep from going back.

Texas, in the past, has borne the unsavory reputation of having one of the most brutal penal systems in the country.

Beating of "refractory" prisoners was permitted by the prison board.

Discharged convicts accuse the guards of "pickling" leather

TROOPS IN
PURSUIT OF
MURDERERS

Horrible Act Occurred 41 Miles Southwest of Juarez, at Holdup

B. F. BARKER, OF
EL PASO, VICTIM

Two of Bandit Body Fleeing with Payroll of \$15,000 Believed to Be Americans.

EL PASO. (By the Associated Press)—B. F. Barker, of El Paso, auditor of the Elcupon Mining company, and eight other men were lined up and shot to death Thursday by bandits who wrecked a freight train of the Chihuahua and Oriente railway, 41 miles southwest of Juarez, in a \$15,000 payroll holdup, reports arriving here state.

The customs guard, Manuel Ortega, the only armed man on the train, is missing and is believed also to have been slain.

The men were required to sit with their backs against the embankment. Each was shot through the forehead, except Juan Medina, assistant roadmaster.

The bandits used large calibre rifles, fitted with explosive bullets which mutilated the heads of their victims.

Note to Found. The man apparently leaped from the train and connected a field telephone before he was seized.

A blood stained note to his wife was found near the scene, reading "Go to your mother. I am about to die."

The body of Medrano was found near the caboose, shot through the chest.

Troops in Pursuit. Federal troops are preparing to start in pursuit of the bandits, two of which are thought to be Americans.

MANY ATTEND
IMBLER SHOW

All of Imbler and a large number of people from other points turned out last evening for the opening of "Apple Jack Gulch" at that place. This is an annual affair given by the Imbler post of the American Legion for the purpose of raising funds to give the Imbler kiddies a Christmas tree at Christmas time. This show is similar to the '49 show given each year here by the Elks lodge and dancing and games made up the evening's entertainment.

Previous to the opening of the amusement hall the La Grande American Legion drum and bugle corps paraded.

H. R. H. "AT HOME"

WINNIPEG, Man. (AP)—The Prince of Wales was in shirt sleeves today for the first time since his arrival in America. The prince was able to "feel at home" and to have privacy vainly sought since his arrival. The prince disported himself like a spirited school boy.

Texas Prisoners Now
On Neff Honor Farm

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It was a dramatic sight this morning Governor Pat Neff unlocked the barred door of the barracks here and threw away the key, as the crowd assembled on the banks of the Brazos river

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