

Hunt's Daily Letter

(By Harry B. Hunt)

WASHINGTON (NEA Special).—Now would seem to be a fine time for the practice of that "economy" and "common sense" in government which one hears so much about but sees so little of here in Washington.

Tied up at the Philadelphia Navy Yard is the partially completed dreadnaught Washington, one of the largest and most costly ships ever laid down by the United States navy.

A fighting ship of 22,000 tons, designed to carry eight 16-inch guns, some \$20,000,000 were spent on her before the conference on limitation of armament listed her, because incomplete, among the vessels to be scrapped by Uncle Sam.

Now it is announced that the Washington is to be sent to a watery grave off the Virginia capes in December at the annual navy maneuvers and target practice.

She will be used as a thing to drop bombs on, a mark for gunners to fire at, until she fills with brine and goes down.

While Uncle Sam is permitting the navy to use this great hulk, containing thousands of tons of steel and materials that would repay many times the cost of salvaging, even for sale as scrap, as a target for a forenoon's demonstration, the British government, also following a policy of "economy," is spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in raising the German warships sunk off Scapa Flow in order that the materials in them may be salvaged.

One or the other of the two governments must be "out of step" with the economy time. If it is worth the British government's while to raise, at great expense, the hulks of the scuttled German fleet for the materials they contain, certainly the thorough salvaging of a ship already tied up beside a construction pier ought to yield equal savings.

If the sinking of the dismantled Washington under navy bombs or gunfire was to prove anything more than that bombers and gun-

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WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF--

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Should American voters, as some people predict, show such a diversity of preference at the polls Tuesday, November 4, that, after the final count of ballots, no presidential candidate will be able to muster a majority in the Electoral College, the House of Representatives will be called upon for the third time in history to select a chief executive.

The two occasions the House has been called upon to make the presidential selection were in 1801, when Thomas Jefferson was chosen, and in 1824 when John Quincy Adams was elected in a spirited contest. And, to carry possibility a step farther, should the House fail to make a selection before next March 4, the vice-president, whom the Senate would be called upon to elect in the event of a deadlock in the Electoral College, would automatically become president.

The constitution provides that the House make its selection from the candidates receiving the three highest votes in the college, and that the Senate choose a vice-president from the two having the highest number of votes in the college.

Those who contend that the election of a president will be fixed upon the House point out that the representation in that branch of Congress makes it possible for the vice-presidential choice of the Senate to become president.

The present Congress, the sixty-eighth, will be the Congress to decide.

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New England States Political View Given

Editor's Note.—This is the third political review by states released by The Associated Press.

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Massachusetts.—The Republicans in Massachusetts have made strenuous effort to recapture the seat in the United States Senate held by David I. Walsh, Democrat, since 1915. The state prior to that time having had two Republican Senators since the party was founded. Speaker Frederick H. Griffith, of the national house of representatives, is the Republican candidate against Senator Walsh, who seeks re-election.

For governor the contest is between Mayor James M. Curley of Boston, Democrat, and Lieutenant Governor Alvan T. Fisher, Republi-

ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN LAST LAP

Many Contests Develop for City, County and State Offices

INTEREST KEEN IN LOCAL RACE

Sample Ballots Issued; First Votes Cast in Medford a Week Before November 4th.

With the first official votes cast in Oregon for the coming presidential election, and with campaign managers swinging into the final few days before the voting day—Tuesday, November 4th, the political situation is becoming heated to say the least.

According to Associated Press dispatches from Medford yesterday the first official votes were cast Tuesday under the absentee vote law. The voters were railroad workers living in Ashland, who will not be at home next Tuesday, and who cast their vote a week ahead of time. The ballots were sealed and will be dropped in their precinct ballot boxes next Tuesday morning.

Everything is in readiness for the election in Union county. Precinct judges and clerks are awaiting the day—as are the various candidates.

In La Grande the city commission selection seems to be pressing to the national election in the minds of many. Sample ballots have been issued and the candidates for administration offices are listed as follows: C. J. Black, A. B. Cherry, John Rogers, A. T. Hill, Charles Playle and R. P. Landis.

Many Contests.—In addition to the local commission contest, several other contests promise to be close. Included in these are:

For county commissioner: J. H. Jones, Union, Democrat and W. W. Stevens, Union, Republican. At any rate Union is assured of a county commissioner.

For sheriff: Jesse Breckers, Elgin, Republican, and Lee Warnick, La Grande, Democratic incumbent. Indications are that this will be one of the closest of the dual races.

For county coroner: Hal Bohmkamp, La Grande, Democratic incumbent, and Dr. F. L. Ralston, La Grande, Republican.

C. K. McCormick, present county clerk, Roscoe Neal, present county surveyor, Hugh E. Brady, present La Grande justice of peace and John Wilson, present La Grande constable, have no opposition on the ballots.

Florence Baron, Republican incumbent, of La Grande, is opposed by Mattie H. Golden, Democrat, of La Grande, for the office of county treasurer; D. H. Proctor, La Grande, Republican incumbent, is opposed by A. C. Hess, Democrat of North Powder, for the office of county assessor.

Mrs. Dallas Green, of La Grande, Republican nominee for county school superintendent, and E. A. Skye, of La Grande, Democrat, are automatically become president.

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Grouse Season Closes Here November Tenth

The grouse season, which opened September 1 in Eastern Oregon, will close October 21st, at sundown, in all counties east of the summit of the Cascade mountains with the exceptions of Union and Walla Walla counties, where the season remains open until the evening of November 10th.

Which gives hunters exactly eleven days in which they may hunt the game birds.

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8 Planes To Buzz Above La Grande

Lieutenant Oakley Kelly and Air Squadron to Attend Armistice Day Celebration Here.

Only a storm, of such intensity that the heavier-than-air machines cannot negotiate the trip from Portland to La Grande, will prevent Lieutenant Oakley Kelly and his squadron of United States Army aviators, from attending the Armistice Day celebration here November 11th, under the auspices of the American Legion.

Assurance that Kelly and his flyers would be here has been received and if the weather man can give Eastern Oregon a 50-50 break at the least, the aviators will arrive in this city the morning of November 11th and participate in the first local annual celebration of the ending of the World war.

A communication has been received here from General Morton, United States Army, who is western commander of the government air forces with headquarters in San Francisco, stating that Lieutenant Kelly and his squadron have been authorized to attend the La Grande, Ore., Armistice Day fete if the weather permits.

Changes in the local program, to conform with Kelly's arrival, have not been made yet but they will be within the very near future.

Lieutenant Kelly occupies a position among aviators that is enviable, to say the least. Besides having a transcontinental non-stop flight record in his possession, he recently took Ezra Meeker, Old Oregon Trail trekker, from Vancouver to Dayton, Ohio, and the machine that he will use in La Grande is the same one that he made the west-eastern trip with—

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HUGE SUM IS USED BY G. O. P.

CHICAGO. (By the Associated Press).—Approximately \$3,500,000 has been collected for the Republican national campaign to date, William Y. Hodges, treasurer of the Republican national committee, testified here before a campaign fund subcommittee.

Of this sum, \$2,750,000 has been retained by the national committee and \$750,000 returned to the states, Hodges said.

MORRIS WILL NOT TESTIFY.—WASHINGTON. (By the Associated Press).—Acting Chairman Caraway, of the senate campaign fund committee, announced today he had received a telegram from George K. Morris, Republican state chairman of New York, refusing to appear before the committee "except on certain stipulations."

"I wish to state the committee is not making any stipulations with any witness. He can refuse to come if he wishes to take the consequence of refusal. I assume there is something he does not care to expose," said Caraway.

CALLS GRUNDY.—WASHINGTON. (By the Associated Press).—Chairman Grundy, of the Pennsylvania ways and means committee, whose members first quoted in charging a Republican "slush fund," was notified today by the senate committee that he "must" appear.

Grundy was a witness before the committee last week and was asked to testify again. His office notified the committee that he could not be located. His reappearance is regarded as "imperative," the committee message said.

WHERE TO VOTE

- Precinct 1. Frank Cleavenger residence, 502 Third street.
- Precinct 2. City Hall building.
- Precinct 3. W. A. Moss, residence, 2105 Cedar street.
- Precinct 4. Lane Chapel, 2802 North First street.
- Precinct 5. Ed Eckley's residence across from Riverside park.
- Precinct 6. Watson House, corner of Cove and Portland streets.
- Precinct 7. Bessie Gehl's residence, 1791 Washington avenue.
- Precinct 8. Court House building.
- Precinct 9. Presbyterian church basement.
- Precinct 10. Methodist church basement.
- Precinct 11. Carl Gassett's residence, 1901 Third street.
- Precinct 12. Harris Hall, corner 1st and Monroe streets.
- Precinct 13. Church of God Chapel, corner Spruce and Y streets.

REMEMBER THAT IT IS EVERYONE'S DUTY TO VOTE!

LABOR RULE LOSSES OUT IN ENGLAND

Returns Today Give the Conservatives Parliamentary Power

MAJORITY FOR PARTY IS LARGE

Liberal Party Sinks to Weakest Position Experienced in 90 Years.

LONDON. (By the Associated Press).—The people of Great Britain have put a crushing end to their first experiment with labor government by returning the Conservative party to power in parliament by one of the largest majorities recorded during the last century.

The Liberal party has sunk to the weakest position experienced in 90 years.

With 545 seats of a total of 615 in the House of Commons accounted for at four o'clock, the standings of the parties were: Conservative 353, Labor 137; Liberal 37; Other Parties 12.

MACDONALD SPEAKS.—CARDIFF, Wales. (By the Associated Press).—Prime Minister Macdonald, on his way to London declared in reply to calls for a speech that defeat sometimes was the finest thing that could happen to a party. With the present state of trade and the general outlook, he said he did not envy the Conservatives their job.

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WALLACE LAD TO FINAL REST

DES MOINES, Ia. (By the Associated Press).—While all of Des Moines paused reverently in memory of him, the body of the late Secretary of Agriculture Henry C. Wallace was buried in Woodland cemetery here Wednesday.

Former Premier Herbert H. Asquith went down to defeat along with many of his followers. It had been intimated that if Mr. Asquith were defeated in this election he would retire from politics. This, however, he has not confirmed.

The Conservatives made new conquests in all sections of the country. Early returns from the industrial midland showed that the Conservatives were snatching back seats which the Liberals had won from them last year on the free trade fight against protection, favor of the cities in the south and west of England also began to turn in their triumphs.

The country constituencies which are largely made up of agriculturalists and villagers which generally vote conservative, will not be heard from for a considerable time.

MOOSE MEMBERS CELEBRATE DAY; PROGRAM TONIGHT—Today is the big day among the members of the Mooseheart Lodge, it being the eleventh anniversary of the lodge along with the completion of the payment of the mortgage on the Mooseheart children's home near Chicago. This institution is worth over \$5,000,000 and at the present time over 1200 children make it their home. Along with the buildings are one thousand acres of land.

October 29 in called Mooseheart Day and this evening the local Moose lodge will hold a program at the I. O. O. F. hall to which the public is invited. A number of interesting numbers have been arranged and all members and friends of Mooseheart are especially urged to be present.

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Teddy, Smith Ringleaders In Hot Race

New York Gubernatorial Campaign Attracting National Attention.

NEW YORK. (By the Associated Press).—New York's gubernatorial campaign, which impartial observers concede is the most hotly contested in years, has attracted national attention because of the prominence of the two leading candidates—Governor Alfred E. Smith and Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, former assistant secretary of the navy.

Although the issues involved are mainly state ones, the campaign between one of the most popular men who ever sat in the governor's chair at Albany and the son of the former president has been closely watched by the Democratic and Republican national leaders.

Governor Smith, seeking a third term, has made his campaign solely on his record in office. When eliminated as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for president he let it be known that he would not seek re-nomination for governor. He explained he had given many of his best years to the state and that he would welcome a respite from office. As the weeks sped by, however, the demands that he again head the state ticket became so insistent that he finally yielded. When the Democratic state convention assembled at Syracuse the governor was nominated by acclamation.

Father Won.—Colonel Roosevelt, known as "Young Teddy," whose name went before the Republican state convention at Rochester as one of several favorites for the nomination, emerged a victor on the first ballot, and thus after 26 years another Roosevelt is running for governor of New York.

He declared that the first great issue of the campaign was economy

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She Was in Police Chase



(By NEA Animal Service).—This little crippled girl, 10-year-old Leota Morton of Cleveland, was a pathetic figure in a thrilling police chase in and around Wheeling, W. Va. With her mother, Mrs. Margaret Horton, she was riding in an automobile in which Albert Holt, wanted for murder of a policeman in Shaker Heights, O., a Cleveland suburb, was taking flight. Police pursued Holt's car more than 30 miles before it crashed into another machine. Holt, who meanwhile had jumped out of the car, leaving Leota's mother at the wheel, was captured a few minutes later. Leota is shown in the arms of Detective Lieutenant Emmett Potts of Cleveland after the three had been returned to Cleveland.

LOSS HEAVY IN OIL BLAZE

SAN FRANCISCO. (By the Associated Press).—Six men are missing and damages estimated at over one million dollars and the destruction of the 6000-ton tanker Alden Anderson, of the Associated Oil company, and a barge owned by the Erickson Barge company, was the toll today of a fire on the Associated Oil property at Avon, twenty-five miles northeast of here. A broken power transmission line is believed the cause.

Sparks from broken electrical lines ignited the oil line and swept quickly to the deck of the Anderson. Several explosions followed as the fire caught a 10,000-barrel of oil cargo in the Anderson which had been unloading at the wharf. Members of the crew leaped into the river and others launched lifeboats.

Men Missing.—The missing are: Vice Mate Schroeder, of the Anderson; Third Mate and four of the crew of the Anderson.

Pendleton Store Loss By Theft Is \$475.00—PENDLETON, Ore. (Special).—A robbery of Vaughn's store here Wednesday netted burglars approximately \$475 in cash and checks. The glass was broken in the rear door, a heavy lock on the inside of the door was pried off and the door was forced open. About \$20 was taken from the cash drawer and the remainder was taken out of the safe, after it had been opened. This is the second time within six months that the store has been robbed.

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REPUBLICAN CARAVAN IS WELCOMED

Candidates for Office Toured Union County Yesterday

ALL COMMUNITIES GAVE GREETINGS

Island City Alicel, Summerville, Imbler, Elgin, North Powder, Union and Cove on Itinerary.

Following an oldtime custom prevailing in political campaigns, Republican candidates in district and county, headed by the county chairman, J. H. Pearre, H. M. Bodmer and Colon R. Eberhard, former senator from Umatilla-Union-Morrow district, made a trip around the Grande Ronde valley interviewing the voters and holding meetings at some of the towns.

They left La Grande in the morning at 8 o'clock, and after visiting the people of Island City drove to Alicel where they interviewed a number of voters, then to Imbler where they spent a couple of hours. From Imbler they drove to Summerville calling on the people of that section, and then drove into Elgin where they met a delegation from the Ladies Republican club of Union county.

The Rebekah ladies of Elgin served a very fine dinner for the entire party including a number of Elgin citizens. During the dinner hour Colon R. Eberhard presided. He spoke of the mission of the trip, told of the achievements of the Republican administration and then introduced the candidates for office, each of whom made a short talk. Discussing at some length the reasons for continuing in power the Republican administration Bruce Dennis, of the Evening Observer, who is a candidate for re-election to the office of state senator, reviewed the business depression which have invariably automatically followed Democratic success. His reference to Mr. Davis, the presidential candidate on the Democratic ticket was most kindly and he stated that Mr. Davis is one of the big men of the country, thoroughly safe personally, but should

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POISON TAKES FIFTH VICTIM

NEW YORK. (By the Associated Press).—Herbert Fuson, 29, died today making the fifth victim of the mysterious gas poisoning in the Standard Oil research laboratory at Bayway, N. J.

Fuson became very violent before death and was placed in a straight jacket. Eleven others are suffering from the strange poisoning.

Will R. King Here.—Will R. King, formerly a resident of Eastern Oregon and now actual head of the Democratic forces in Oregon owing to his holding the position of national committeeman for this state, arrived in La Grande today to be present at the Democratic meeting to be held here tonight at Eagles hall at which time Richard W. Montague, presidential elector candidate from Portland, and S. C. Lanham, are scheduled to speak.

Wants Wun Capture—PEKING. (AP).—Feng Yu Hsiang, "Christian general," controlling Peking, today issued a proclamation offering \$100,000 reward for the capture alive of Wu Pei Fu, deposed military leader. Fifty thousand dollars was offered for his body. Feng is expected to launch an attack tonight against Wu's forces at Langfang, between Peking and Tientsin. Tientsin reported said Wu's troops continued to arrive there.

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