

Hunt's Daily Letter

(By Harry B. Hunt)
WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—Washington, "The City Beautiful," may once again become a tented city unless a truce is reached between the capital's landlords and tenants.

More than 2,000 notices of eviction, effective Nov. 1, have been served by landlords on tenants who have refused to meet rent increases which went into effect October 1.

This threatened wholesale eviction is the culmination of a warfare between renters and rentiers that began with out entry into the World War. Congress, however, put the brakes on sky-rocketing rentals at that time by declaring a housing emergency and providing a rent commission for the District of Columbia with power to regulate rentals.

This commission, under fire by District landlords, has been continued from year to year by Congress. But recent court decisions adverse to the local rent act and the powers of the commission have given the property owners courage and the flood of dispossession notices is their declaration of war.

That it may be an intense and dramatic battle is indicated by the raising of threatened renters into a "Tenants' League," sworn to resist the demands of their landlords to the limit.

Preparatory to the "zero hour" for battle this organization has applied for permission to erect tents in the ellipse, a large open park space immediately south of the White House, for the housing of members who suddenly find themselves and their possessions in the streets.

These grounds were thrown open a year ago, for tents to house thousands of visiting Shriners during the national convention. Secretary of War Weeks, however, says permission for such use by Shriners was specifically granted by Congress, and that lacking congressional sanction similar use cannot be made of them for the relief of evicted renters. Weeks also says the army will not supply tents, blankets or cots in the landlord-tenant war, as was done at the time of the Shriners conference.

Undaunted by this, those who are defying eviction are obtaining

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CASE IS NEAR ENDING TODAY

Final testimony, followed by arguments, on the \$29,000 suit, Oskman and Harrington vs. Baker county, are being heard today in the circuit court.

The case will no doubt go to the jury this afternoon.

DAVIS' VIEWS OPTIMISTIC

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—In the fourth statement, issued today, John W. Davis, Democratic nominee for president, explained reasons for the "spirit of optimism" outstanding today in the Democratic camp, and summed up what he said was "cumulative evidence of the last few days."

ATTENDS CONVENTION
Mr. and Mrs. John Harvey, Dallas Green and Earl Hough drove to Portland yesterday to attend a convention of Coca Cola bottlers held there. They returned last evening and Mr. Harvey states that the snow was about four inches in depth on top of the Blue Mountains and still falling when they came through.

Middle West And East Political Review Given

(Editor's Note—This is the fourth political review by states released to The Associated Press, this time covering middle western and southern states.)

(By the Associated Press)
ILLINOIS
State house news has far overshadowed national questions in the Illinois campaign that calculations as to the net results nationally were based on speculations concerning the outcome in the state contests.

AMOUNTS OF DONATIONS ARE GIVEN

Republican Contributions to Date Approximately \$3,700,000.

DEMOCRATS SPEND MORE THAN GIVEN

Total Receipts to October 25th Show \$552,368; Expenditures Amount to \$725,050.

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Hodges was directed to furnish accurate figures for collections to next Monday, Chairman Borah saying the senate campaign fund committee wanted figures of all national parties to go to the country before the voters go to the polls.

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Chairman Borah adjourned the investigation until after election today.

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Republican contributions to date total approximately \$3,700,000, National Treasurer Hodges told the Chicago section of the senate committee today.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The Democratic national committee, in a supplemental report to the clerk of the House of Representatives, shows total receipts of \$552,368 to October 25th, with expenditures \$725,050.

CHICAGO (AP)—After exploring new and old trails of political financing for another six hours Thursday, the Chicago section of the senate campaign investigation committee was still without direct evidence to sustain charges of a Republican "slush" fund or of the expenditure of "anonymous sums" on behalf of the La Follette-Wheeler independent ticket.

Chairman Borah gave notice that the hearings here would be closed at 4 p. m. Friday. He will leave for Washington immediately afterward with a view to attending a conference with the other members of the committee there regarding the investigation of a statement on the investigation up to this week end.

That statement probably will

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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. El Eckley's residence across from Riverside park.
- Precinct 6. Watson House, corner of Cove and Portland streets.
- Precinct 7. Bessie Gebel's residence, 1701 Washington avenue.
- Precinct 8. Court House building.
- Precinct 9. Presbyterian church basement.
- Precinct 10. Methodist church basement.
- Precinct 11. Carl Gasset's residence, 1801 Third street.
- Precinct 12. Harris Hall, corner Fir and Monroe streets.
- Precinct 13. Church of God Chapel, corner Spruce and Y streets.

REMEMBER THAT IT IS EVERYONE'S DUTY TO VOTE!

Democratic Meet Hears 3 Speakers

Richard W. Montague, Will R. King and Stanton Lapham Address Local People.

Interesting phases of John W. Davis' career were dwelt upon at some length last evening by Richard Montague of Portland speaking in the Eagles' hall before a Democratic audience.

Mr. Montague is candidate for presidential elector of Davis and Bryan, author of a review of the Oregon laws and a lawyer of note. His speech dwelt in an interesting manner on important events in the life of the Democratic candidate for president. He told Mr. Davis' early boyhood days, his training and incidents during the educational period of his life bringing the biography down to the present day.

Will R. King of Portland, national committeeman of the Democratic party in Oregon, spoke on various alleged misjudgments by the present administration. He censured some of President Coolidge's actions very severely particularly in regard to the reclamation work. In a sense Mr. King replied to a talk made in La Grande recently on the subject by Ex-Governor Davis of Idaho.

S. C. Lapham of La Grande gave an address on the title, "Issues of the Day." For his part Mr. Lapham dealt principally with political corruption. He cited the administrations of Salem, Portland and Washington, D. C., as particular offenders.

John Hodgins, local attorney presided in the chair for the evening. Toward the close of the program the Democratic nominees for county offices were introduced and received an enthusiastic response from the assemblage.

A fair crowd was present and at times gave vent to much enthusiasm. Proceeding the program the band played several patriotic selections including "The Star Spangled Banner."

EVIL SPIRITS MUST NOT BE MAY CLEAR UP BOMB MYSTERY

Tonight will be the night of nights for the juvenile of La Grande for tonight is Halloween. What a number of mysterious visions that simple words conjures to the mind. Ghosts, goblins, mysterious phantoms, witches riding broomsticks through the air and occasionally silhouetted against the peeping moon, black cats, ill omens, jack o' lanterns, gales unaccountably removed from their parent fences, other articles just as carefully spirited away, tickling the imagination and the superstition of a short inclosing the youngsters.

Yea, verily, a night of nights for the kiddies—whether they cast restraint aside and depart into the darkness for a purpose no one knows, or whether they frightfully scare their elders with spirit-like lanterns, affixed to the uppermost portion of a sheet inclosing the youngster.

Tonight is the night when nothing

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Mysterious Gas Barred From Sale in New York

NEW YORK (AP)—Forty-four persons are under observation or treatment as New York and New Jersey health officials joined today to investigate the dangers of ethyl gas, the manufacture of which at the Standard Oil plant at Elizabeth, N. J., has caused five deaths.

NEW YORK (AP)—Gasoline containing tetra-ethyl, the mysterious "foamy gas" compound, no longer may be sold in New York city. The board of health has adopted a resolution prohibiting its sale after the death of the fifth of the 23 laborers affected by the fumes while experimenting with the mixture in the Bayway N. J. laboratories of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey.

The health board also made it a misdemeanor for anyone to use the gasoline in motors in the city. In addition, the officials authorized Health Commissioner Monaghan to make a thorough investigation of the elements in the mysterious death-dealing gas and seek a mode of effective treatment for its victims.

Eleven more gas-affected men have been taken to Reconstruction hospital. This brought the total of those affected to 23 out of the 45 who were employed in the laboratories experimenting with a mixture of tetra-ethyl and gasoline in an effort to add power to the fuel and eliminate knocks in motor car engines.

COOLIDGE LANDSLIDE PREDICTED

Straw Vote Gives President More Than Required to Win

LA FOLLETTE AND DAVIS NEAR DRAW

Wisconsin Is Only State Giving the Progressive Candidate Plurality in Electoral Votes.

President Coolidge seems certain to receive more than enough electoral votes to retain his office for another term on the basis of the final returns of The Literary Digest's non-partisan national poll which will appear in tomorrow's issue of the periodical.

Of the grand total of 2,386,022 ballots recorded, Coolidge receives 1,284,022 votes, La Follette, 508,516, and Davis, 595,419. The balance of 24,093 votes are scattered among the other five regular candidates.

Wisconsin, casting 12 electoral votes, is the only state which accords Senator La Follette a plurality in The Digest poll. The states credited to Mr. Davis include Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas representing a total electoral vote of 129.

Robt Shows Strength.

But according to The Digest's figures Senator La Follette has evidenced considerable strength in California, Nevada, North Dakota and South Dakota, which if he gains on election day would increase his electoral votes to a total of 39.

The Digest states that in pursuing this policy of giving the ben-

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GOVERNOR IS MUCH ARMED

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The governor said the tax levy was made this year contemplating the money raised from income tax and therefore the tax levy on property was reduced the amount of the income tax collections, or as nearly as could be computed, by the amount of the money raised from the income tax.

He asserted that the state will be over a million dollars short and no way to raise it for department expenses.

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In December, 1923, the state tax commission levied a state tax of \$1,377,990.14. This was the amount of revenue required for the state of Oregon for the year 1924 under the 6 per cent limitation. At the same time there was levied a tax of \$5,523,079.36. This amount was required by reason of "railroad" taxes imposed, which are outside of the 6 per cent limitation.

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It is my judgment that the following state appropriations will have to be dispensed with during the coming two years if the income tax is repealed.

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But John Citizen Isn't Scared



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Davis and Coolidge To Use Radio Monday

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Plans have been completed to make available radio facilities for Davis Monday night when Coolidge is to make a radio address, but at a different hour.

Davis, speaking at New York, will begin at 8:15, eastern time, and Coolidge, at the White House, will follow. Twenty-three stations will be hooked up in a coast to coast chain.

UNION GRANGE TO BE ACTIVE

At the regular meeting of the Union Grange held Wednesday plans were made for the organization to take an active part in a number of community projects.

Dr. W. T. Rhy, master, in speaking on the work said "We are no good to the community if we are like every one else and it is when we do something different and introduce new lines of work that we make ourselves of good to the community."

Roy Conklin read the rules of standardizing the grange and outlined the work to be taken up under the lecture program.

At the next meeting committees will be appointed to cooperate with the Union Live Stock show, to take up the securing of purebred sires, of working for a permanent agricultural exhibit to assist in gathering a bigger harvest from the tourist crop, to take up the work of getting a community fair with the school and farm health program to be carried on in connection with the home economic committee work.

Mrs. Gene Pratt, chairman of the committee for Muddy creek, and Mrs. Doris Cation, chairman of the committee for Telocome, were present and are planning on taking similar steps.

The meeting room in the upper story of the experiment station building, artistically decorated with garlands and grasses on all sides, is inspiration to the members of the grange for a better agricultural community, and, as one speaker expressed himself, that in "these surroundings we could not help having the best grange in the state."

Telocome grange furnished a literary program and the members from Union served refreshments. The regular meeting of

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FIRE LOSS \$300,000
PUVALLIE, Wash. (AP)—Fire, of unknown origin, destroyed the lumber mill and box factory of the Soudown Lumber company here with an estimated loss of between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

FIRPO NOT INDICTED
NEW YORK (AP)—The federal grand jury today refused to indict Luis Angel Firpo, accused by Canon Chase of having committed perjury when he entered the country from Argentine last summer.

EXPECT FLOOD WATER
PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Flood water is expected in streams in southwestern Oregon where the storm struck the hardest yesterday and last night according to the local weather bureau. Rosburg reported to be the center of the heaviest rainfall with a record of 2.9 inches in a 24 hour period ending at 5 a. m. Marshfield reported 2.56 inches, Eugene 1.87 inches, Albany 1.08 inches, Salem .57 inches and Portland .60 inches.

DELANEY WINS BOAT
PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Jimmy Delaney, St. Paul light heavyweight, last night won a decision from Frank Farmer, of Tacoma.

PRINCE IS HOME
SOUTHAMPTON (AP)—The Prince of Wales arrived home today on the steamship Olympic from a tour of the United States and Canada. He had a wonderful holiday, but of course, an glad to get home again, the prince said, adding that he was shown the greatest hospitality and kindness in America.

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Dirigibles Will Reach High Commercial Plane

BALTIMORE PARK, Mass. (Special)—The fourth milestone in the progress of transportation has been reached, according to Roger W. Hanson, who points out some exceedingly interesting developments possible with the perfection of lighter than air transportation. The Shenandoah's transcontinental trip and the landing of the Ziegler at Lakeland, New Jersey, after a record breaking flight, make possible certain revolutionary changes according to the Statist.

REGIME NOT VET READY TO RESIGN

Labor Rule in England to Continue for a Few More Days

TO STEP OUT WHEN PARLIAMENT MEETS

Committee Named to Investigate Zinovieff Letter Incident; Soviet Protests Alleged "Forgery."

LONDON (By the Associated Press)—The Laborite cabinet, headed by Premier Ramsay MacDonald, after a session this morning is understood to have decided to remain in office for a few days and then resign before the assembling of a new parliament.

An official communiqué was issued announcing that the cabinet had appointed a committee to examine the authenticity of the Zinovieff letter.

SOVIET PROTEST LODGED

LONDON (By the Associated Press)—Kary Radok, soviet chief of publicity, writing in the newspaper Pravda, warns Great Britain to expect reprisals for the Zinovieff letter incident, according to the Daily Express Moscow correspondent.

SHIP ASHORE NEAR BANDON

BANDON, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The Acme, wrecked early today south of Cape Arago, near here, is a total loss. Captain Fred Wilson and 17 members of the crew were taken off the ship in a breeches buoy.

BANDON, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The steam schooner Acme is ashore on the beach at Whiskey Rock, six miles north of Bandon. Twenty-two men are aboard.

It was not known at eight o'clock if they were safe or if the ship could be saved. The Bandon coast guard crew rushed to the scene. The wreck was discovered at day break by the Bandon lighthouse keeper. A heavy sea is running.

TO OBSERVE LEGION DAY

The chamber of commerce luncheon to be held in the I. O. O. F. hall next Tuesday noon has been put completely in charge of Ray Williams, commander of the local post of the American Legion, who will spread the news of the Armistice day celebration.

So far Mr. Williams has refused to divulge the nature of the program but a full quota of entertainment is guaranteed.

Ad to U. S. Mail.
The only real practical use being made today of the heavier

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