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PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon: Cloudy tonight and Friday.

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Hunt's Daily Letter

(By Harry B. Hunt)

WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—Snapshots from the galleries as Congress swung into action for the battle of the short session.

In the Senate: Curtis, the new G. O. P. leader, and Reed Smoot, old guard brigadier, with their heads together talking things over as the rank and file of more senators assemble.

A subdued buzz of conversation. Old friends and fellow-partisans shaking hands, slapping backs and talking things over. Also ancient enemies and party rivals doing the same.

Senatorial courtesy, for this one day, is being spread on thick.

Jim Watson, for instance, a "10-minute-egg" from the reactionary nest, just named as assistant leader of the Senate majority, greets Bob La Follette, whom he has just helped give the "bum's rush" across the party threshold, like a long lost brother.

To strangers in the gallery they must appear like two bosom pals, greeting each other with boisterous affection after a summer's separation. But—

As their right hands clasp, each probably wonders what the other is getting ready to do with his left.

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New faces on the floor. Yes; that stocky, gray-haired, bristly mustached man in Senator Lodge's old seat is the Republican national chairman — Butler of Massachusetts.

The thin-haired, ruddy-faced man in the wine-colored suit is the new senator from Colorado, Rice Means. He supplants Alva Adams for the unfinished term of the late Senator Nicholson.

The dignified, senatorish-looking gent in the cutaway coat is Jesse H. Metcalf, Rhode Island Republican, who comes to serve out the term of LeBaron B. Colt, deceased.

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The Democratic side of the aisle, however, as always, is the most colorful.

Tom Heflin's cream-colored vest is like a patch of sunshine in a somber sky.

Copeland of New York is wearing his old-time red carnation. A red badge of courage, perhaps.

But look, Dill of Washington is wearing a posey, too. Crimson. Looks like a rose.

Not a sign of crepe in sight. Democrats do bear defeat bravely. They're so used to it.

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Over in the House, Speaker Gillett gives evidence of having had his Van Dyke trimmed. He'll be the fashion plate of the Senate when he gets over there next Con-

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COMMUNIST IS HELD GUILTY

LANSING (By the Associated Press)—Charles E. Ruthenberg's conviction for violation of the Michigan syndicalism act was affirmed late yesterday by the state supreme court.

The conviction of Ruthenberg in the lower court followed his arrest in August, 1922, by agents of the United States department of justice and local officers who raided a secret convention of the Communist Party of America near Bridgman, Berrien county. The meetings of the "underground" convention were held in an isolated, open air amphitheater. Francis Morrow, a government agent, sat in the meetings and, with Jacob Spoliansky and other federal agents, gave the local officers information which led to the raid.

Ruthenberg was not at the convention as a delegate, but appeared in an ex-officio capacity as a member of the central executive committee of the Communist party. At that time he was also the executive secretary of the Workers party national ticket in the last

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AIR TRAVEL RISKS ARE VANISHING

So Claims Major General Patrick, Army Air Chief

ADDRESSES LIFE INSURANCE BODY

Predicts That Time Will Come When Airships Will Be Safer Than Railroad Trains.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Major General Mason E. Patrick, chief of the air service of the United States army, believes that air craft transportation systems for passengers, mail and goods can, under proper conditions, compete for safety and reliability with the standards of railway train service or even surpass them. He made that statement this afternoon to the 18th annual convention of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents in urging the life insurance companies to give consideration to the granting of insurance at regular premiums on the lives of travelers by air and the operators of aircraft, declaring also that such insurance would greatly aid the development of air transportation. General Patrick, who learned to fly when about 60 years old, often uses the airship to save time in the transaction of his official duties.

"When invited to address this meeting I must confess that I was somewhat cheered and elated by the knowledge that an association of insurance men was at least willing to take some kind of a chance on an aviator. For my part I am going to venture the bold statement that before very long air traffic, air transportation, will be on a par with other transportation insurance risks; otherwise history will have reversed itself.

"I want to touch for just a moment upon the military phase of the development and use of aircraft. The experience of the world war has convinced all who have studied the matter that in future wars aircraft will play an important or possibly a decisive part; that the only adequate and effective defense against an air attack is an air force of your own; and hence such an air force properly equipped, highly trained, must be

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ATTORNEYS ARE IN CONFERENCE AT PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press) — Legislation which will be sought at the coming session of the state legislature occupied the attention of district attorneys of Oregon at the annual convention here today. Stanley Myers and Francis V. Galloway had the subject of new legislation, with others participating in the general discussion. Following the address of welcome by Ben S. Fisher, president, a talk on co-operation by Attorney-General I. H. VanWinkle was on the program for this morning. Prof. Sam Warner, of the University of Oregon Law School, presented a review of criminal cases of the year.

Friday Luke S. May, president of the Northwest Association of Sheriffs and Police is to talk on criminal investigation, and there will be an address by Associate Justice George M. Brown of the state supreme court. Levy Stipp and W. S. Levens are to talk on advice to new district attorneys. Friday afternoon resolutions are to be adopted and officers elected.

Devices For Gambling Not Favored Here

City Commissioners Discuss Problem; Definite Action Was Postponed.

A long discussion, relative to the merits of various gambling devices and as to their legality, occurred last evening at the city commission meeting. The upshot of the affair was that definite decision was postponed until next Wednesday night, owing to the absence of the city attorney from the meeting. The commissioners wish to procure legal advice before taking any actual steps.

However, Commissioners Brownton, Black and Williams all stated that they were in favor of closing down any gum machines, card tables or any other gambling devices, if they were proved such.

A motion was passed during the meeting that the city pay a sum of money, approximately $200 or over, to the chautauqua board and then take over the wiring, etc., at the city park.

Al Andrews, who was present at the meeting, asked whether any action was being taken to extend the city limits to embrace approximately 2000 persons now living outside. He was informed that the city planning commission, headed by H. E. Dixon, was working on the matter at the present time.

Estimates Passed

Final estimates on improvement districts 147, 148, 149 and 150 were passed last night. The amounts were $12,799.17, $2,249.47, $9,630.61 and $1,601.81 respectively.

Several ordinances arranging for payments of the costs of improvements under the Bancroft act were also passed, affecting districts 1-9, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151 and 152.

It was announced that work would be started today in installing light posts and fences on the Second and Pennsylvania streets grade.

Bills were read, allowed and ordered paid by warrant and the meeting was adjourned.

Commissioners-Elect Charles Playle and Dr. R. P. Landis were present.

FOG BLANKETS LONDON TODAY

LONDON, (By Associated Press)—London today is still in the grip of the worst fog in years, which descended Tuesday night and continued yesterday and today.

Thousands were delayed from going to work and several persons were injured in collisions yesterday.

Its cost to London is estimated at $5,000,000.

FENG, "CHARISIAN GENERAL," RESIGNS HIS ARMY COMMAND

PEKING (AP)—Following the recent announcement that Chang Tso Lin, Manchurian war lord, would resign the inspector generalship of three eastern provinces, Feng Yu Hsiang, Christian general, has formally resigned his army command. It was semi-officially stated that the government is offering Feng a mission to study military affairs abroad.

LIQUOR TREATY HELD UP

THE HAGUE (AP)—The government in parliament Wednesday night labeled a bill which would have approved the liquor treaty concluded at Washington August 22 between the United States and the Netherlands. The treaty is identical with the Anglo-American treaty.

SECOND INDICTMENT IS DISMISSED IN TAX CASE

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press) — Federal Judge Knox today quashed the second indictment against The New York Tribune, Inc., publisher of the New York Herald-Tribune, for publication of income tax returns.

Federal Attorney Hayward announced he would appeal to the supreme court.

Crossword Puzzle Answer

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CHURCHILL WANTS NO PARTIALITY

Declares France Must Start Paying British If It Pays U. S.

ENGLAND'S PRESS, PUBLIC DELIGHTED

Treasury Department at Washington Says That Churchill's Demand Is "Logical, Obvious."

LONDON (By the Associated Press)—Winston Churchill's declaration yesterday that the government considers essential that payments made by Great Britain's European debtors to the United States should be accompanied simultaneously by proportional payments of England by those nations, pleases the press and public immensely.

Morning newspapers display accounts of Churchill's speech prominently.

The press, with significant solidarity, takes the position that if France begins paying her American debt it is only fair that she should at the same time start settling with Great Britain.

STATEMENT ACCEPTED

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The treasury department has accepted the statement of Winston Churchill, chancellor of the British exchequer, yesterday, on the allied debts, as "obvious and logical," and has no intention of making further comment.

This official expression was made after Secretary Mellon conferred with department officials.

'LEGALIZED LIVING TOGETHER' SCORED BY DR. A. S. PINTO

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—Revocation of all marriage licenses issued in Nebraska in cases where no children are born within two years, making exceptions for physical disabilities when properly certified by a physician was proposed here Wednesday by City Health Commissioner A. S. Pinto. Dr. Pinto announced that he would support such a bill before the coming session of the Nebraska legislature.

Dr. Pinto also announced that he would support a bill requiring physical examination of all applicants for marriage licenses.

"There is a growing tendency among men and women to enter the married state when both are regularly employed," Dr. Pinto explained, "and after marriage both remain in employment and have intentions of continuing at work. In many cases, I would say, their marriage is merely to legalize their living together, to give an air of respectability to their domestic relations."

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HERRIOT NO BETTER

PARIS (AP)—Premier Herriot's condition is unchanged today.

JEWELRY IS TAKEN

PHILADELPHIA (AP)— Four men today robbed the S. Rosenblatt and Son jewelry store of diamonds and jewelry estimated worth $50,000. They said the loss might reach $100,000.

ARMS MADE SECRETLY

PARIS (AP) — Recent reports from the Allied Military Control Mission in Germany have caused considerable worry in allied quarters. The mission, it was stated, has found numerous secret stores of newly manufactured arms and newly perfected weapons, including anti-tank guns.

BANK ROBBERS ON TRIAL

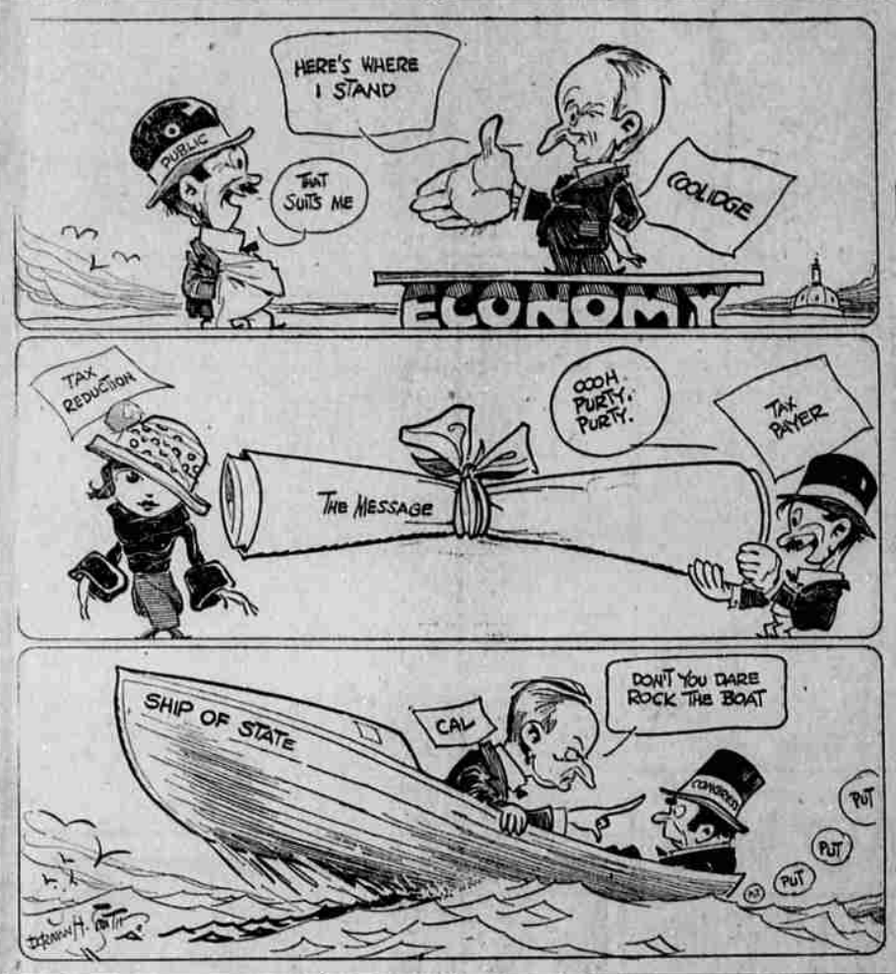
ALBANY, Ore. (AP) — Taking testimony began today in the trial of Clarence Boggie, former Linn county deputy sheriff, and Lauren Neilson, charged with robbing a bank at Shedd. Clarence Replogle testified the robbery had been planned by himself, Neilson, Boggie and Joe Sitter in Portland the day before the robbery. The plan was suggested and engineered by Boggie, he said. Replogle and Sitter have confessed complicity in the robbery.

MARKETS TODAY

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Cattle steady, calves 50 cents lower $8@$9.50, hogs steady. Sheep nominally steady today. Eggs barely steady. Butter weak, 42 cents. Butterfat steady.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Butterfat 42½ cents.

All Is Well Along The Potomac



STOLEN WATCH IS RECOVERED

Investigation, with its object the clearing up of all facts and the recovery of all possible loot taken in the recent Baker, La Grande and Pendleton house robberies, is continuing in this city and Baker today.

Yesterday a watch that was stolen last Friday night from the John Clark home here was identified as the one that J. J. Jones, one of the arrested men, was wearing. Officers are expecting to uncover more of the jewelry in the very near future.

Two women suspected of implication in the crimes, are in La Grande and are being kept under the scrutiny of the police.

Praises Baker Police.

Chief of Police Clint Haynes, who plans to go to Baker some time today and bring the prisoners, Jones and Russell, back here for trial, stated this morning that much praise should be given the Baker police department for their excellent work in assisting the La Grande police to round up the guilty ones. "Chief Waldo Caughn and his men certainly worked continuously on the problem and assisted us in every possible way," he declared.

Newberg Man Found in Portland Last Night

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press) — Ward MacMaugh, reported yesterday to have disappeared Sunday from Newberg, was located here last night.

MacMaugh, former Ku Klux Klan officer, testified against the kan in the damage suit brought by Mrs. Emma Cummins.

He said he expected to go to Newberg for a few days and then return to his home in Island Park, Idaho.

Not One Of The "Also Rans"

You never relegate a business man who is a regular, intelligent advertiser to the class of "also-rans" and "has-beens."

The fact that he takes the pains to put an advertising message before you each day indicates, alone, his sincerity and dependability. It also indicates his confidence at being able to please you. That's one reason thinking people read the ads always.

**"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"**

Asa Forgets Past; Wife Comes Back

ATLANTA, Ga. (By the Associated Press) — Asa G. Candler, capitalist and founder of the Coco Cola company, and his wife, from whom he has been estranged for several months, are today beginning domestic relations anew following a reconciliation effected last night, according to a story in the Atlanta Constitution today.

Candler and his wife were separated following her arrest several months ago with two Atlanta men in an apartment house raid.

Candler instituted divorce proceedings but the case has not been called to trial.

SAMUEL GOMPERS NOT DEAD; IS ON WAY TO U. S. NOW

MEXICO CITY. (By the Associated Press)—Reports of the death of Samuel Gompers were denied in messages received here early today from a special train carrying him home from this city.

"The report of Gompers' death was erroneous. He was ill, but is now much improved," said the bulletin issued to the Associated Press.

Gompers is suffering a slight cold, aggravated by the effect of high altitude on his heart.

SAN LUIS POTISTO, Mexico (AP) — Samuel Gompers passed the night comfortably, standing the trip to the United States fairly well.

LAREDO, Tex. (AP)—Reports received in Nueva Laredo that Gompers had been removed from the trail at San Luis Potiso could not be verified here.

PARIS COMMUNISTS PLAN AN INDIGNATION MEET TONIGHT

PARIS (AP) — A union of Communists, whose members are employed in various public services, has announced a street meeting tonight to protest against arrests and expulsions of their foreign comrades, which continue at the rate of two or three daily in Paris and suburbs.

The government has notified the organizers that the meeting will not be tolerated because it would likely lead to disturbances.

Large police forces will be placed around the scene to prevent manifestations.

TURKEY DEMAND STRONG

ROSEBURG, Ore. — The Christmas turkey market will open and continue over Sunday. It was believed there would be an unusually large number of buyers in the field and the competition would be keen.

Buyers are paying 30 cents a pound for prime dressed stock, 25 for old Toms and seconds and 20 cents for culls.

RESERVATIONS QUICKLY TAKEN

A crowd of ticket holders swooped down on the reserved seat board for the high school operetta at the Glass Drug store this morning and in a very few moments made a very perceptible hole in the number of available seats. Some choice seats are still available, however, and a few good ones will be on sale at the door the evening of the performance.

The final big dress rehearsal was held last evening and all parts of the presentation were gone over with the principals and the chorus in full makeup.

Musical Comedy.

"Once In a Blue Moon," which is to be given Friday and Saturday evening of this week is more on the order of a musical comedy than the regular operetta and much more lively and entertaining.

Aside from the musical production proper a number of divertisments have been arranged. Among these are a prologue in full costume with special lighting effects, several selections by the high school orchestra as well as the accompaniments, the chamber of commerce quartet and others.

And then in the play itself the general presentation is out of the ordinary. The characters have been selected with care and the entire production utilizes the best talent available at the high school in the cast, the coaching and the manner of presentation.

Home-made candy will be on sale at the door both before and after the performance by members of the commercial classes.

Kendall Transferred; George Brace Successor

F. W. Kendall, forest ranger of the Grande Ronde district for the past year, has been transferred to Pendleton and will work from there in the future. George Brace has been appointed to succeed him in the district which will hereafter be called the Meacham Ranger District.

NAVAL BILL IS PASSED BY SENATE

Calls for a $110,000,000 Program to Be Followed by U. S.

14 WARSHIPS TO BE CONSTRUCTED

Battleships Will Be Converted from Coal to Oil Burners, According to Measure.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—The senate today approved the naval construction bill authorizing a program expected to cost one hundred and ten million dollars.

The bill provides for the construction of eight light cruisers, six gunboats for duty on the Yangtze river, China, and conversion of battleships from coal to oil burners.

WELL KNOWN TURFMAN DIES

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press) — Major August Belmont 71, financier and turfman, died Wednesday night at his apartment, 550 Park avenue, after an illness of a little more than 24 hours. The cause of his death was given in the medical certificate as "cellulitis complicated by septicemia."

At his bedside at the time of his death were Mrs. Belmont and his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Belmont. The other surviving member of the family, Capt. Raymond Belmont, was in his home at Midleburgh, Vt., at the time of his father's death.

Mr. Belmont's death came with startling suddenness. In good health until Tuesday morning when he complained of a slight indisposition, he went to his office at 45 Cedar street, downtown, at noon. About 2 o'clock in the afternoon he showed signs of illness to such an extent that his son Morgan, accompanied him home.

Later in the afternoon his right arm began to trouble Mr. Belmont and blood poisoning set in. He was operated on Wednesday morning in his apartment, five surgeons taking part. To the encouragement of those attending him Mr. Belmont rallied for a brief period but at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon he became unconscious, dying two and a half hours later.

BEND WILL GET $2000

BEND, Ore.—Bend is one of the 50 towns and cities in the United States which will receive $2000 from the Harmon foundation for the purchase of equipment of a children's playground, according to word received.

Requirements for winning the money for such a playground were that the town must be of more than 2000 population and have had a growth of at least 30 per cent since 1900. Eighty-six cities of 750 applying were selected as meeting all requirements and from this number 50 cities were chosen. Bend was placed twenty-first on the list, according to the notice received here.

Portland's Death Rate Lowest In America

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special)—The Department of Commerce announces that the mortality rate in 1923 for the registration area was 12.3 per 1,000 population, against 11.8 in 1922. Seven states, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, South Carolina, Utah and Washington, show lower mortality rates for 1923 than for 1922.

But crude mortality are less reliable than are rates refined for differences in the age and sex distribution of the population and for deaths of non-residents.

Of the six states which show, by color, such refined rates for 1923, Maryland has the highest rate (12.6 per 1,000 population) for the white and also for the colored (22.8), and Mississippi the lowest (9.7 for the white and 15 for the colored.).

Of the 24 other states which show refined rates, but not by color, the highest rate (13.3) appears for Delaware, and the lowest (8.7) for Montana.

Of the 11 cities of 100,000 population or more in 1920, which show, by color, refined rates for 1923 New Orleans has the highest rate (14.5 per 1,000 population) for the white and Atlanta for the colored (31.6), while Norfolk has the lowest rates for both the white and

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Xmas is Nearing--And: "What Shall I Give?"

One of the greatest problems mankind has to solve at the present time, paramount to the league of nations, prohibition and the Anglo-Egyptian row, is:

"What shall I buy him (or her, as the case may be) for Christmas?"

Does everybody agree? We thought so!

What a big problem it is, after all!

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"The gifts without the giver is bare."

No truer words were ever spoken—or written, but there is another one that is equally true.

Make It Please.

"The gift that doesn't please is barer still."

Isn't it the truth?

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"But how can one give a gift that pleases?"

Of course that question comes next, and it is probably one of the hardest to accurately answer in the world.

Find Out!

But, first, find out what he or she really wants—not what he or she needs!

For instance, hubby, if friend wife needs a new pair of shoes about December 25th, don't burst forth that Xmas eve and give her a nicely wrapped package that contains a pair of shoes. She will open it with fluttering heart and when

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