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Letter(By HARRY B. HUNT)
WASHINGTON (NEA Special).—Anyone who wants to beat George L. Jones, the new Republican "Whip" of the United States senate, will have to get up early.

For Jones in the undisputed early riser of Washington officialdom. Even President Coolidge, who turns out early for his breakfast-lunch, has to concede the getting up laurels to Jones.

In summer, Jones opens the day's play on the Potomac Park golf course about 4 a. m.

In the winter, he opens the senate office building.

Because he gets to his office before the rest of Washington has had its crullers and coffee, Jones carries a pass-key to the office building and to the elevators there. He lets himself in, unlocks an elevator and hoists himself to the fourth floor.

By this method he has two or three hours for quiet, uninterrupted work before the line of callers with axes to grind begins to form in his anteroom.

The job of majority whip in the senate is one which requires constant diligence. The whip must be regular in attendance. He must be better perfect in his party's program. He must know the plans and programs of his colleagues so as to be able to round them up quickly and efficiently in an emergency.

By all these qualifications, Jones is a wonder of the party. Jones is a quarter of a century in congress, 16 years of which have been in the senate, no member has a higher record for attendance or for steady though unspectacular labor in behalf of legislation.

No man in the senate qualifies more aptly for that overworked description of "self-made man" than does Jones of Washington.

Three days before his birth, his father, who had been wounded with Grant at Ft. Donaldson, died.

What he would have done had there been child labor laws in those days he does not know. As soon as he was able to turn a penny at odd jobs he did it. From the time he was ten years old he made his own way.

By working, much of the time for just his board and keep, he managed to get through the grade school at Bethany, Ill., his birthplace. One benefactor who had taken an interest in him helped him to a period at the Southern Illinois college. Then he taught "district school" and earned

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DEATH RATES
SHOW INCREASE

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—The department of commerce announces that 1,195,017 deaths occurred in 1923 within the death registration area of continental United States, representing a death rate of 12.5 per 1000 population as compared with a rate of 11.3 in 1922.

The death registration area (exclusive of the Territory of Hawaii) in 1923 comprised 33 states, the District of Columbia, and 14 cities in non-registration areas. The total estimated population on July 1 of 26,983,371 or 87.6 per cent of the estimated population of the United States.

The increase in the rates from influenza, from 21.4 per 100,000 population in 1922 to 44.7 in 1923, and from pneumonia (all forms) from 102.1 per 100,000 population in 1922 to 109 in 1923, accounts for nearly half the increase in the rate from all causes. Some of the other causes for which the rates increased are diphtheria, scarlet fever, whooping cough, cancer, automobile accidents, nephritis, railroad accidents, and accidental falls.

Decreases appear in the death rates from tuberculosis (all forms), diphtheria, malaria and typhoid and paratyphoid fever.

State Submits Village
Talk in Murder Trial

MOUNT VERNON, Ill. (By the Associated Press).—Smith town gossip was brought into the light by the state today Tuesday as circumstantial evidence in the trial of Mrs. Elsie Swettin and Lawrence M. Hight, former clergyman, who are charged with the murder by poison of Wilford Swettin and Mrs. Anna Hight. In this manner the prosecution attempted to supplant the damage to its case resulting from the rejection of a confession made by Mrs. Swettin as evidence. The town folk of Iowa, Ill., were called in large numbers to tell of what they had seen and heard last summer that resulted in an investigation prompting the arrest of

REMAINS OF
GOMPERS IN
METROPOLISBody Arrived in New
York at 7 O'clock To-
day for FuneralDUNCAN TO GIVE
FINAL EULOGYRabbi Stephen I. Wise to
Officiate at Thursday
Services, Conducted by
Elks, Masons.

NEW YORK. (By the Associated Press).—The body of Samuel Gompers arrived here at seven o'clock this morning accompanied by his widow, members of his family and a large delegation of union officials. The casket was put on an artillery caisson and, escorted by police, soldiers, sailors, the national guard and a committee of labor officials, was conveyed to the Elks club, where it will lie in state until tomorrow morning.

Funeral services are scheduled to be held at nine o'clock in the morning and will be radio-cast, according to present plans.

Rabbi Stephen I. Wise will officiate at the services in the lodge hall. The eulogy will be delivered by Gompers' old friend, James Duncan, vice president of the federation.

Final rites will be at Sleepy Hollow cemetery, under the direction of the Elks and Masons.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN
REGION IN GRIP
OF COLD WEATHER

DENVER. (By the Associated Press).—Sweeping southward along the eastern slope of the Rocky mountains, the storm that Monday entered the United States at the northern boundary of Montana, Tuesday had spread its icy grip and snowy mantle into Wyoming and northern Colorado.

Zero and sub-zero temperatures prevailed to the north of here in the mountain regions and rapidly sinking mercury presaged the coldest night of the season for Colorado.

Montana is still suffering from extremely low temperatures and discomfort brought about by steady falling snows. Wire traffic through that state and Wyoming was affected to some extent during the day, as was rail service.

Snow began falling in Cheyenne, Wyo., late Tuesday with the thermometer hovering about 10 degrees above zero. Fluffy snow flurries visited most portions of Colorado during the day and heavy snows are predicted for both Colorado and north New Mexico Tuesday night, together with a severe cold wave that extends into northern Arizona.

A pre-storm indication of great early was reported from points in New Mexico throughout the day, where fogs were in evidence.

ALBANIAN REVOLUTION
THREATENS NOLI REGIME

ROME (By the Associated Press).—The gravity of the situation in Albania is not only emphasized by official reports to the Italian government but is admitted by the Albanian legation here. It is generally believed the regime of President Fan S. Noli is seriously threatened.

It is reported that numerous bands, well equipped and armed with bombs, machine guns and cannon, are participating in a revolutionary movement in northern Albania. These bands, it is said, are composed of Serbians, Montenegrins, Bulgarians, Jugo-Slavians and native Albanian elements.

It is generally believed that the movement is inspired by partisans of Ahmed Zogu, former Albanian premier.

Negro to Hang Friday
For Hope, Idaho Murder

BOISE, Ida. (Special).—Noah Arnold, negro, will hang at the Idaho penitentiary Friday morning for the murder of an aged storekeeper at Hope, Idaho, in July, 1923. Idaho's last hanging was in 1909, when Fred Seward paid with his life for the murder of a Lithuanian girl.

LIQUOR SEIZED IN HOTEL

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal. (AP).—Deputy sheriffs raided the fashionable Beverly Hills hotel here Monday night and seized approximately 150 cases of liquor they found in a basement vault.

Stanley Anderson, manager of the hotel, said the liquor was pre-war stock, owned by him and certain guests at the hotel, and held under a government permit.

WILL NOT TAKE ACTION

CAIRO (By the Associated Press).—The Egyptian government of Zouar Pasha has refused to convene parliament if it was announced today, despite petitions for such a convocation sent to King Fouad and the premier from parliamentary clubs and other quarters.

BINGHAM LEADING HOIT

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP).—With more than one-third of the state reported in Tuesday's special election for United States senator, Governor-elect Hiram Bingham, Republican, had a margin of 21,661 votes over Hamilton Holt, democrat. The figures for 61 towns out of 169 in the state, were: Bingham, 80,990; Holt, 59,329.

Postal Bill
Conference
Held TodayCoolidge Summons Sen-
ators to White House;
Stanfield, of Oregon,
Is Called.

WASHINGTON (AP Press Time Flash).—The senate has agreed to vote January 6th on President Coolidge's veto of the postal pay increase bill. The agreement was reached at the suggestion of Senator Reed, Democrat, of Missouri, after Republican leaders conferred with the president on ways and means to delay the vote.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—A situation resulting from successful efforts of opponents of the vetoed postal pay increase bill in bringing the measure yesterday before the senate led President Coolidge to call to the White House several Republican senators for discussion of means for delaying consideration of the measure until revenue producing legislation can be considered.

The senators summoned included Coolidge, of Idaho, and Stanfield, of Oregon.

THAW CHARGES
ARE DISMISSED

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press).—Three indictments, charging Harry K. Thaw with second degree assault, kidnapping and conspiracy, were dismissed by Judge McIntyre in the Court of General Sessions.

The indictments were returned in 1917 and alleged that Thaw assaulted and kidnapped Frederick Gump.

Assistant District Attorney Pecora, who recommended dismissal of the indictments, said that Gump, complaining witness in all three cases, was in Los Angeles and was reluctant to appear as a witness. Pecora presented an affidavit to the court from Gump declining to proceed further with the case.

WARMTH IS NOT
DUE TOMORROW

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—Fair and continued cold is forecast for tonight and tomorrow by the weather bureau.

Oregon and Washington continued today in the grip of a frigid spell which brought the mercury to 14 below in some eastern Oregon sections and 12 degrees above in western portions.

Under reported 14 below, La Grande 16 below, Baker 19 below this morning. The minimum in Portland was 12 above. Medford reported a minimum of 25 above last night, moderating today.

5-YEAR-OLD TOT
SAVED, FAMILY
FROM GAS DEATH

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press).—Antoinette Pierce, 5, saved her parents, two sisters and two brothers from death by gas in their home in Brooklyn today and then collapsed, sinking into unconsciousness from which she was revived by a physician.

Antoinette awoke at 4 o'clock and smelled gas. She failed in her efforts to awaken members of the family. Then she ran to the window and called for help. When the police and ambulance surgeon arrived all except Antoinette revived quickly.

DIVIDEND DISBURSEMENTS
BY RAILROADS INCREASE

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press).—Dividend disbursements by the railroads of the country during 1924, it is estimated, have been increased by approximately \$100 million dollars to a total of three hundred and three million dollars. Constructive developments along this line were taken by a half dozen or more carriers this year, although their full effects will not be felt until 1925.

MARKETS TODAY

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP).—Cattle steady, hogs and sheep nominally steady. Eggs one to two cents higher, 42c to 44c, butter 45c, buttermilk 42c.

Rush!
Run!
Hurry!

A week from today and your Christmas shopping must be done—just six days in which to secure final evidence of the existence of the Christmas Spirit.

Do your shopping early in the six days and early in the day—and avoid the last mad scramble. There are still large stocks and real values waiting for you.

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"PORK BILL
HELD UP BY
COMMITTEE53 Million Dollar Approp-
riation for Rivers,
Harbors Must WaitAIRMAIL PROBLEM
HAS RIGHT OF WAYSenator Norris, in Heat-
ed Debate on Under-
wood Muscle Shoal Bill,
Delivers Sharp Thrusts

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Holding to a programme of conceding appropriation bills right of way, the Republican house steering committee declined today to give preferential status to a bill to appropriate \$25,000,000 for river and harbor improvements.

Several bills pertaining to the postal service including a measure giving the postmaster general wide powers to establish and maintain air mail routes, had the right of way in the house.

Millionaire
Implicated
In RobberyAmerican, From Middle
Western City, Under
Suspicion of Scotland
Yard Officials.

LONDON (By the Associated Press).—Following the recovery of art treasures and jewels taken from the London mansion of Lady Ludlow last June, which were recently mysteriously surrendered to Scotland Yard, the Evening News publishes a story today asserting that the robbery was planned by an unnamed American millionaire, a resident of a middle western city in the United States.

The American, according to the newspaper, was an aged connoisseur, and coveted the Ludlow collection but was unable to purchase it because the owner was unwilling to sell.

Expert Cracksmen Employed
The American is said to have employed a gang of expert cracksmen in the United States to go to London and loot the Ludlow house.

After obtaining the collection, the robbers escaped in an automobile and went to France, then sailing for New York. When they arrived there they found their millionaire patron had died. Unable to dispose of the collection, the robbers anonymously informed Scotland Yard where the collection could be found.

LOCAL LIBRARY
RANKING HIGH

C. M. Humphreys, secretary of the library board, announces that the La Grande Public Library now ranks as third in circulation in Oregon among municipal institutions. Only Portland and Salem ranks above La Grande.

In both city and county libraries La Grande ranks sixth.

This is a most creditable showing inasmuch as it not only places the local library at the very top in eastern Oregon but throughout the state with the exception of the two cities named above, both much larger than La Grande.

Pension Bill Approved
By U. S. Senate Tuesday

WASHINGTON, (AP).—The senate Tuesday approved the conference report on the omnibus pension bill passed last session by the house and senate.

The report ironed out differences between the senate and house bills. It was brought up by Senator Bursum, Republican, New Mexico, author of the pension increase bill passed last session by President Coolidge.

Senator Dial, Democrat, South Carolina, opposed the omnibus bill, declaring congress by approval of such measures had become a "sympathetic society."

FORTY-FOUR WORD LETTER
REPOSES IN NEEDLE'S EYE

WASHINGTON (AP).—A 44-word letter, replying in the eye of a needle, has been received at the Smithsonian institute, the micro-people believe, which was sent to the institute for display before the annual meeting of the board of regents, is so small that it has to be magnified 88 times before it can be read. It measures exactly one-11,250th of a square inch.

The text of the letter follows: "This is a crude, hurriedly prepared, large sample of micro-writing. I trust it will contain a moment of interest to the regents, and regret that time prevents preparing an exhibition more worthy of their inspection. Believe me to be, yours cordially, Alfred McGowan."

WOMAN TAKES OWN LIFE

NEW YORK (AP).—Mrs. Dorothy Stothart, wife of Herbert Stothart, a composer, ended her life by drinking poison early Tuesday, at their home, while her husband was at his piano, Stothart told the police.

The composer said that Monday evening they had quarreled, but had been reconciled. At 4:15 o'clock Tuesday morning Stothart was found at his piano and in a few minutes his wife entered and knelt in front of a chair. When he went to her, he said, he saw she was ill, and called an ambulance. Mrs. Stothart died before she could be removed to a hospital.

5 ALBANIAN SLAYERS OF
TWO AMERICANS TO DIE

TIRANA, Albania (AP).—Five of the men convicted by court-martial of the murder last April of Robert L. Coleman of Salt Lake City and George B. DeLong of New York, have been sentenced to death. Three others have been condemned to 10 years' imprisonment with hard labor.

"Miss Bureau Of Standards"

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Other Cities Cold
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AGED LADY IS
BADLY BURNEDMrs. Mary Knapp, mother of
Horace Knapp, city water superin-
tendent, was very painfully and severely burned last night about ten o'clock when her clothing caught fire as she was warming herself near a stove prior to going to bed.

Mrs. Knapp's clothing caught fire and she rushed to the back porch and plunged into a drift of snow, rolling herself in an attempt to extinguish the blaze. Neighbors rushed to the scene and in the consequent attempts to aid Mrs. Knapp.

M'COY COUNSEL
SCORES POINT

LOS ANGELES (By the Associated Press).—The defense counsel of Kid McCoy, ex-prize fighter, charged with the murder of Mrs. Theresa Moss, divorced wife of an antique dealer, last August, scored a point in his favor at the trial here late Tuesday when, by the witness of the prosecution they proved that domestic felicity did not reign in the Moss household.

Page Morris, Former
Federal Judge, Passes

ROCHESTER, Minn. (AP).—Judge Page Morris, who retired more than a year ago, after 20 years on the federal bench in Minnesota, died in a hospital here Tuesday. He underwent an operation two months ago.

Judge Morris, who was 71 years old, came to the hospital here from California, where he made his home after his retirement from the bench July 1, 1923. While a resident of Minnesota his home was in Duluth.

A member of the national house of representatives, where he served three terms, Judge Morris took a prominent part in framing legislation that cleared the way for building the Panama canal.

U.S. Farm Crops For '24
Highest Priced in Years

WASHINGTON. (By the Associated Press).—This year's harvest of farm crops, the highest priced in five years though not the greatest in volume of products, are valued at \$2,479,382,999 by the department of agriculture.

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Cotton, planted late, was affected by drought to some extent, but a fair crop was produced. A large crop of potatoes on a small acreage than in recent years resulted from unusually favorable weather.

Corn maintained its rank as king of crops and although production was 400,000,000 less than last year its value was \$158,000,000 more than the 1923 crop. The total value of corn was placed at \$2,405,444,000. Cotton ranked second with a total value of \$1,582,274,000, of which \$1,456,225,000 was the value of lint and \$126,049,000 the value of seed.

Hay with a total value for tame and wild of \$1,447,543,000, was third, corn in point of income. Wheat ranked fourth with a total value for spring and winter of \$1,136,596,000.

"Miss Bureau Of Standards"



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This may seem against the law, but such is far from true. It's strictly government business. Betty Grace Tucker will be known as "Miss Bureau of Standards" in Uncle Sam's Palace at Washington. The show is being given by girls from the various government departments.

XTRA

GOV. PIERCE WOULD PUT
EX-SERVICE MEN ON JOBS

SALISBURY, Ore. (AP).—Urging against employment of married women by the state department while thousands of ex-service men and women are vainly seeking work, Governor Pierce has written a letter to the heads of all state departments under his jurisdiction. He urges employment by the state of those with war records rather than married women whose husbands are able to provide their support.

SUIT FILED BY U. S.

SEATTLE (AP).—The government filed suit today against Skinner and Eddy corporations asking \$7,536,132.08 paid to the company as first payment on ships never built.

MURDER AND SUICIDE IS
VERDICT AT POCATELLO

POCATELLO, Idaho (AP).—The jury called Monday afternoon by County Coroner Arthur W. Hall to investigate the deaths of Mrs. Martha Tuttle and John Payne, which occurred in this city December 12, returned a verdict that Mrs. Tuttle came to her death by a gunshot wound at the hands of John Payne, and that Payne came to his death by his own hand. The verdict substantiates the murder and suicide theory advanced by officers who investigated the double tragedy.

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THREE DIE IN
HOTEL BLAZE

TETONIA, Ida. (Special).—Louis Hoopes, 48, proprietor of a rooming house and confectionery here, and two daughters, Laura, 15, and Della, 10, lost their lives Tuesday when the building, a one story structure, was burned to the ground. Mrs. Hoopes and another daughter, 8 years old, escaped through a window.

The father had gone into an adjoining room to arouse the two daughters and was overcome by smoke. A traveling man in another room escaped through a window. Two buildings close by, a drug store and a hardware store, threatened by the flames at the height of the fire were saved. Low water pressure interfered with the work of firemen, it was said Tuesday.

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