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Hunt's
Daily
Letter

(By Harry B. Hunt.)

WASHINGTON, (NEA Special)—A new battle for peace will be fought in Washington, Jan. 18 to 24, when a conference of women's organizations called by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt convenes to consider "The Causes and Cure of War."

Members of the Post War Council, an anti-pacifist organization within the ranks of the National Council of Women, which fears the Catt conference may be a "peace-at-any-price" move, sponsoring disarmament or rigid reduction of armaments, will be on hand to combat any and all such proposals.

Members of this latter organization profess to see in the coming meeting a shadow of the influence of the International League of Peace and Freedom, which is to them an even greater menace than the League of Nations is to Hiram Johnson or Jim Ivel.

They fear "subversive propaganda," sponsored by those who wish this nation no good, which would lead us to disarm ourselves ostensibly in the interests of peace but actually only to place us at the mercy of our enemies.

Leading the ladies who see all sorts of spooky specters in the background at the coming conference, and who will attempt to reveal them as real dangers to be armed against, is Mrs. Havinth Land, formerly on the woman's section of the Republican committee and later a special representative of President Harding in the Interior Department.

Mrs. Land, it develops, was the author of an anonymous article in Hen Ford's Dearborn Independent last March, in which it was charged that the Bolsheviks have been making wholesale use of our women's clubs for the spread of their pernicious doctrines.

This article, which created quite a to-do in women's club circles, sought to show how the "international directorates" of many women's organizations led circuitously to the door of the dreadful and dreaded "International League."

"The international brains and pocketbook backing the pacifist movement," says Mrs. Land, "have a clear conception of what they are doing. The enemy realizes that women are moved through their organizations by a few women leaders in these organizations."

"The enemy see in women the great propaganda carriers of the world. Hence they concern themselves with the business of fortifying and financing the subversive movement."

While not so directly stated, stated, those on the other side wonder at the time and energy devoted by Mrs. Land, who has been an active worker in congressional circles for many years, in fighting the "Causes and Cure of War."

Is she, they ask, either willingly or unwittingly, playing a game of psychological warfare just as she alleges they are, wittingly or unwittingly, playing into the hands of the bally Bolsheviks?

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KIDDIES TREE
AT HOT LAKE

HOT LAKE, (Special)—Twenty-one boys and girls, patients in the hospital or children of Hot Lake Sanatorium employees, received a flying start on a happy Christmas season Wednesday night when the annual Christmas tree was held here. Dr. Phyllis and members of the Sanatorium staff had made up a purse of two hundred and fifty dollars and five cents from their own pockets, which had been placed in the hall room. Though the presents included dolls and doll boxes, sleds, skis, tool boxes, and toy dishes, a goodly share of the sum went for gifts of a practical nature—gay caps and scarves, sweaters, bathrobes and slippers.

Shepherds On Way To
Chicago; Deny Reports

ALBUQUERQUE, N. Mex. (By the Associated Press)—Mr. and Mrs. William H. Shepherd, foster parents of William Nelson McClintock, "millionaire orphan," whose death is being investigated, have started for Chicago in response to queries from their attorney that they had been present during the investigation.

Before leaving the Shepherds denied reports from Chicago concerning the relations between the Shepherds and Miss Isabelle Pope McClintock's fiancé. They never had been any closer than acquaintances, the Shepherds said.

He also branded as false the re-

ABOVE ZERO
WEATHER
HERE XMAS

Three Above Was Cold-
est Registered in La
Grande Yesterday

MANY POINTS HAD
COLD, HIGH WINDS

Weather Moderated Dur-
ing Night and This
Morning; Lowest Last
Evening 5 Above.

Minimum last night, 5
above zero, 9:30 today: 11
above zero.

Christmas in La Grande,
Maximum 20 degrees above
zero.

Fairly temperate weather for Christmas Day in La Grande occurred yesterday with the mercury at no time dropping below the zero mark. Three above was the coldest registered and during the warmest part of the day, the mercury climbed 17 degrees to 20 above.

In other portions of the valley, however, the high winds kept the weather cold and made the Christmas Day uncomfortably cold. At Union, Hot Lake, and other valley points a gale blew throughout the day that was so intense as to make automobile traffic difficult.

Warmer Today.

Last night the coldest weather recorded here was 5 above zero and at 9:30 this morning the thermometer registered 11 above. Below zero weather continues, however, at nearby points, making La Grande several degrees warmer.

Idaho Cold. (Special)—Idaho is again in the grip of a cold wave.

Below-zero temperatures were reported throughout the eastern part of the state and in eastern Oregon, Utah and Nevada. It was the coldest spell in Idaho in many years. In Boise Wednesday temperature was the lowest, or a December day in 59 years.

The official maximum in the city at 3 o'clock Wednesday morning was 9 degrees below zero, while at the same hour, at the bench, the mercury registered 21 below. At 5 o'clock in the morning the bench temperature was 27 degrees below, according to Clinton E. Norquist, head of the weather bureau.

The mercury Wednesday night was rapidly going down, and at 9 o'clock the government thermometer showed 9 degrees below. Minimum temperature in the city for today was forecast for 8 degrees below. West to Baker temperature was to be 12 below today and east to Pendleton 10 below. Shippers have been warned to protect against these extreme temperatures.

Continued cold for Idaho was official forecast for Christmas day. Boise valley will have its first white Christmas since 1922. Mr. Norquist said. Weather bureau records show that in 25 years the valley has had 14 white Christmas seasons.

Temperature records from other sections of the state Wednesday.

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FUNERAL SERVICE
OF MRS. KNAPP IS
AT 2 TOMORROW

The funeral service over the remains of Mrs. Mary Ann Knapp, who died recently from burns sustained on the evening of December 16th, will be held at two o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Stedman and Zimmerman funeral service parlors.

Interment will take place in the Masonic cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Knapp were married in 1900 and had three children. Mrs. Knapp was a member of the Methodist church.

Liquor Plays
Havoc In N.Y.
On Thursday

NEW YORK. (By the Associated Press)—Three men are dead and thirty-one others ill in the hospital and police count calendars are crowded as the result of liquor drinking yesterday here in celebration of Christmas.

Besides the dead and ill, between 40 and 50 are in accident wards from injuries sustained from fights or falls due to liquor. Yesterday fatalities increased to 34 the total deaths here during December from poison liquor.

SANG CAROLS
ON XMAS EVE

Although there were not so many people out Christmas Eve at 5:15 o'clock to hear the Community Christmas Carols because of the cold weather there was a good turnout of singers and the carols were excellent. Approximately one hundred school children gathered near the Elks' Christmas tree and sang two songs "Silent Night" and "Little Town of Bethlehem." Because it was so cold the fifty people partaking in the carols sang from the upstairs of the Elks' Temple, through the courtesy of the Elks lodge. The songs rendered were "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," "Joy To the World," "Far, Far Away on Judea's Plains," and "Christmas Carols."

In connection with the carols Dr. E. P. Moorman showed stereoscopic slides of the Christmas Story. The carols were sponsored by the Monday Musical of the Neighborhood club, with Earl Stoddard carol leader.

Next day's afternoon Paul Lavelle's orchestra played several selections and the Chamber of Commerce Quartette sang a number of songs at the Grande Hotel hospital to cheer those who are unfortunate enough to be spending Christmas there.

TROJANS WIN
XMAS TUSSELE

COLISEUM, Los Angeles. (By the Associated Press)—The Trojan football gladiators of the University of Southern California had their meal in addition to Turkey yesterday. In the second international gridiron contest played on the Pacific coast this year, the Trojan defeated the Long gridiron team of the University of Missouri, champions of the Missouri valley conference, 26 to 7.

Outplayed by the middlewestern team throughout the first half, the Southern Californians clinched victory in the third period. Forward passes gave the Trojans two of the three touchdowns they scored in this period. The Missouri touchdown came in the last six seconds of play when Tattle recovered a fumble 20 yards from the Trojan goal and dashed across the last white line.

Alumni Win 6-6.

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special)—Be it recorded that the "Tiny Shields" benefit game played here yesterday was a veritable football melodrama. The Oregon alumni beat down Mike Moran's All-Stars 6 to 6, after a heroic struggle.

BODGING TO BE TAUGHT.

SALEM, Ore. — How to dodge automobiles will be a new course of instruction at the Parish Jr. high school here, according to an announcement made by school officials. The curriculum is based on the route of the Pacific highway and has been the scene of several near accidents. The city council at a recent meeting introduced an ordinance providing that all motor vehicles should come to a full stop when approaching the school from either direction. This ordinance probably will have considerable opposition when it comes up for final passage.

The principal of the school has been authorized to expend whatever money is necessary to prevent accidents.

MEMORIAL THANKS CHIEF.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — A memorial thanking President Coolidge and Secretary Hughes for their emphatic denial of malicious rumors regarding the nation's relations with Japan, was received at the White House today from the Federal Council of Churches, prepared on behalf of the commission of international justice and good will and the national committee on American-Japanese relations.

The resolutions also endorsed the announcement of President Coolidge in opposition to competitive naval armaments.

H. BEAVER
IS WINNER
OF CONTEST

Carrier Boys' Campaign
for Subscriptions
Comes to End

CITY COVERAGE
NEAR 100 PERCENT

Evening Observer Goes
to Practically Every
Home in La Grande at
End of Drive.

Harry Beaver, the smallest carrier boy on The Observer's force, Edwin Jack, the largest boy, and Ellis Watkins, the next smallest of the crowd, carried off the first three prizes Wednesday night in the contest for new subscribers carried on by The Observer during the last five weeks. The first prize was a \$10 gold piece and a pair of hardwood skis, the second prize a \$5 gold piece and a regulation football, and the third was a \$2.50 gold piece and a pair of ice skates.

The fourth and fifth prizes amounting to \$1.50 and \$1 in cash, were won by Merritt Burnett and Ewen McEwen, respectively, for the efforts they put in during the campaign for new readers in La Grande. All of the boys, whether or not among the first five winners, received cash commissions on all the new subscriptions turned in and the non-winners also participated in a candy distribution.

The contest, in addition to providing all of the carrier boys with a nice amount of Christmas money and some desirable gifts, more

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XTRA

BUREAU COLLECT.

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Persons seeking jobs in Oregon during the last two years have paid a total of \$358,704.44 in fees to employment bureaus, or an average of \$1.82 per job according to the biennial report of the state labor commission. Placements through the public employment bureaus during the two years totaled 80,235, including 5539 at Marshfield.

MORE BODIES FOUND.

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—Four more bodies were found today in the mud from a dam which broke Wednesday night, flooding the lower valley sections of Salisbury, bringing the known dead to thirteen. The bodies found today were those of children three to 10 years of age. Three dead were from one family. Four of the five rescued are not expected to live and many are suffering from pneumonia and burns from the all-kiln mud.

ASKS ALIQUOT.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y. (AP)—Counsel for Alice Jones Rhinlander today sought before Supreme Court Justice Tompkins \$250 a month temporary alimony for their client, pending trial of a suit brought by her against Leonard Kip Rhinlander to annul the marriage. The amount is based on charges Mrs. Rhinlander fraudulently represented herself to be white, whereas she is part negro.

CONTINUE TRIALS.

CHEYENNE, (AP) — Judge Kennedy today granted a continuance until March 30, 1925, of the trial of the government's suit for annulment of the Mammoth Oil company's lease on the Teapot naval oil reserve.

Resolve
For
Economy

New Year's resolutions are more or less out of date, but they are still made by most of us—consciously or subconsciously.

If you plan to practice greater economy during 1925, you will of course plan to make greater use of the ads. They are a constant source of valuable economy. All practical people read them regularly.

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"

Cold Wave Is
Unabated In
State Today

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Hazy skies, and the forecast that the east wind would shift slightly to the south-east, are only specks on the cold wave horizon today.

The minimum here today was 13 degrees above zero. Eugene registered one above, Salem five above, Baker ten below and Umatilla 2 below.

HOOD RIVER COLD.

HOOD RIVER, (AP)—The coldest Christmas night in the memory of oldest inhabitants prevailed over the mid-Columbia region last night when the thermometer dropped to 12 below here. This is the lowest temperature since December 17th, 1919, when 27 below was registered. Pedestrians crossed the river on ice yesterday.

COLUMBIA RIVER FROZEN.

ST. HELENS, Ore. (AP) — The Columbia river here is frozen from bank to bank today, the first time in several years. The temperature is six below.

CAROL SERVICE
AT ST. PETER'S

Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, goodwill to men, was the dominant note in all the Christmas festivities of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. The new Church, beautiful as it is, seemed glorified by the warm lights, the fir-studded chancel and flower-strewn altar. The spirit of joy and gladness was everywhere present.

On Christmas eve at 4:30 p. m., the children's service was given. Carols were sung and a new Christmas story was told by the Rector, "The Shepherd Boy Who Saw the Kings." At the close of the service each child and person received a present. At this service three splendid presents were given the Rector and his wife. A beautiful quilt by Mrs. G. N. Tarkington's class, a fine turkey by the Daughters of the King, and a wonderful big basket filled with all the good things imaginable were given by the Ladies Guild of St. Peter's Church.

At 10:30 that night the Christmas Carol Service was rendered by the Choir. Many old-fashioned carols and hymns were sung and three solos were given by Miss Isabelle Miller, Miss Daisy Robbs, and Mrs. H. N. Ahlby. At 11 o'clock all joined in the great Christmas service of worship, the Communion Service with its beautiful musical setting.

On Christmas morning services were held at 8:00 and 10:00. This Church has had a good and glorious Christmas season.

SALVATION ARMY
CHRISTMAS TREE
PROGRAM TONIGHT

The Salvation Army poor children's program and Christmas tree will be given tonight at the army hall at 7:30 o'clock according to Adjutant Peterson.

Mrs. Peterson is busy today making preparations to make the little folks happy that otherwise would have been forgotten, he stated.

A crowded house is expected.

ICE CAUSES ACCIDENTS.

SALEM, Ore.—Miss Esther Neurons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Neurons, of Liberty, fell from the porch of her home and it was first thought that her injuries were confined to a sprained ankle. Miss Neurons came to Salem and upon consulting a physician found that one leg was broken. Although painful the injury is not considered serious.

Alex. Faust, 27, an employee of the Hillman Fuel company, suffered a broken foot today when he slipped and fell while ascending a stairway.

Leo Corlaine, a student at the Salem high school, suffered a fracture of the hand when she fell on the ice while skating near the Klau school.

MRS. COFFIN ASKS AID.

SALEM, Ore.—The widow of Joseph Coffin of Portland, who was killed recently by a member of the vigilante there, filed application for relief under the workmen's compensation law. Mr. Coffin was employed at watchman by the Columbia Contract company and was a subcontractor for a rubber by the vigilantes.

Mrs. Coffin is survived by her widow and two children. Members of the state industrial accident commission under whose jurisdiction the compensation act is administered estimated that approximately \$200 would be paid for Mrs. Coffin and her children.

"Christmas Shopping Baby"



They will call him the "Christmas Shopping Baby" until another name is chosen. Mrs. Louise Partwick, 19, was buying some Christmas presents in a Toledo, Ohio, store when she suddenly turned to the clerk and asked her to call an ambulance. The ambulance came about the same time the baby did.

MRS. IVANHOE
SAYS GOOD-BY
TO 'SWEAR IN'
NEW OFFICIALS

Closing her career with the educational fair of Union county, Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, county school superintendent, who will probably on the evening of January 2nd, locate in a southern climate soon, 1924, according to announcements has issued a parting appreciation to the teachers and pupils of the common schools of this county which is filled with thanks and some pathos.

It must be remembered that Mrs. Ivanhoe has been one of the pioneers in educational work in Eastern Oregon; that she has T. Hill, Dr. R. P. Landis and Charley Playle, the new commission-ers will then officially elect a command in leaving the office which she has so successfully conducted for many years, it is but natural that she express the feelings of her heart.

While it was hard just before Christmas, nevertheless the final communication from her to the teachers and pupils, is worthy of printing now, even though it contains references to the Christmas period.

La Grande, Ore., Dec. 26, 1924.

Dear Teacher and your Pupils:

As the holiday season approaches, you must all realize that my Christmas greetings and wishes for a truly "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year" must also be a "Farewell" wish to you, one and all.

I shall miss you all, because events subsequent to the killing of your unfailing courtesy to me has been a source of strength to me. I worked together, hand in hand, and shoulder to shoulder in all school duties and activities.

For your many kindnesses to me, I wish to thank you from my meeting of the Unistilla Project heart. Union county has been my home for 27 years, and so I am sure you will realize it is not an easy matter to say farewell.

All things change. To something new. To something strange. The clouds and mist will turn to rain. The rain to clouds and mist again. Tomorrow be today.

Think of me as I go out from among you as one who will ever be pleased to hear that you are making good.

To me, success is not measured by dollars and cents, for it is a spiritual value, and only the true good can possess it.

So, in saying "Farewell," "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year," I wish to add that for each one of you "I pray the prayer of Plato, old, God make thee beautiful within, and may time eyes the good be hold."

In everything but sin. Again thanking you for your friendly thought and acts of kindness, I shall always remain, Your friend,

MRS. A. E. IVANHOE,
County School Supt.

MARKETS TODAY

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Live stock nominally steady. Eggs one to three cents lower. Wheat 1 1/2 to 2 cents higher. Butter 1/2 cent higher.

33 BURNED
IN SCHOOL
FIRE XMAS

Babbs Switch People to
Bury 16 This Afternoon
and 17 Tomorrow

LIGHTED CANDLE
CAUSE OF BLAZE

Large Tree Flared Up
Quickly, Setting Building
Afire and Trapping
Victims.

HOBBART, Okla. (By the Associated Press)—Having completed identification of 33 victims of fire which destroyed the school house during a Christmas Eve entertainment, the people of Hobart today prepared to bury the dead.

Joint funeral services for 16 dead are set for this afternoon. The remaining seventeen victims will probably be buried tomorrow.

HOBBART, Okla. (By the Associated Press)—More than 20 persons were burned to death in a fire which destroyed a country school, seven miles south of here, during a Christmas Eve entertainment, Wednesday night, according to reports here.

The school, a one-story frame building, was packed to capacity when the fire started from a lighted candle on a Christmas tree. In an instant the tree and the flimsy structure was in flames while those inside fought to escape through the one exit.

The exact number of dead and injured could not be ascertained shortly after the fire, which started about 9 o'clock. Officers are making a check of the community to ascertain number and identity of persons missing. When the fire reports reached here, the fire had not died down sufficient to permit a check of the victims, but at least 3 were said to have been caught in the embrace.

The school is known as District School No. 42 and the community in which it is located as Babbs Switch. It is about 75 miles southwest of Oklahoma City, in Nowata county.

The heavy snow and sleet which has blanketed the community for several days made transportation and communication difficult and only meager reports of the disaster were available here. The little settlement is without facilities to care for the injured and most of them were brought to hospitals and homes here. The heavy snow made rescue work slow and difficult. Among those reported missing was

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ARMS STORE IN
BERLIN FOUND

PARIS. (By Associated Press)—Officers from the International Control commission have discovered in Berlin a depot of rifle and machine gun barrels, the Echo De Paris learns from an "unconvertible informant" in Germany.

An inventory is being taken and has accounted for 40,000 barrels and is expected to reach 100,000. The depot was found in a cunningly devised hiding place.

The allied council ambassadors are meeting here tomorrow to determine whether Germany fulfilled the Versailles treaty obligations to the extent of making available the evacuation of the Cologne area by the allies.

The French contend that the Germans have violated the disarmament clauses and that the cabinet has approved the memorandum declaring evacuation impossible.

The Salvator army has distributed groceries and other necessities to 25 needy families in La Grande during the Christmas time and reports received here say that the Ku Klux Klan has gave 20 big boxes of food to poor families.

Baskets of good things containing all the necessities of life and a good many of the things usually considered "luxuries" were also distributed by the Elks. Fifty-five families were served in the two days just preceding and on Christmas morning.

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Elks' Tree Gladdens
Hearts Of Children

In the neighborhood of 1,600 children turned out for the Elks' Christmas tree yesterday and in spite of the difficulties of distributing, due to the cold weather, all received toys, candy, nuts and fruit. In fact it would have taken a good deal more than cold weather to spoil the good spirit of the occasion.

Preceding the distribution of the gifts the band played a number of musical selections in the Elks' building. It had been intended to play outside but the weather made such a program impossible.