

What's Daily Letter

(By HARRY B. HUNT) WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—When Associate Justice Joseph McKenna of the United States supreme court resigns his seat on that high bench, as he is understood to be about to do, he will have set a record as the most resigned gentleman in high official circles.

Back in the early '80s, after a couple of terms as prosecuting attorney of Solano county, California, and a brief period in the California legislature McKenna was elected to congress.

In the midst of his fourth term he was offered appointment by President Harrison, as United States circuit judge. Whereupon he resigned as member of congress and mounted the bench.

When McKinley was elected president, he spotted McKenna as likely cabinet material and tendered him the post of attorney general. So McKenna resigned the judgeship and entered the cabinet.

Within a year, however, Justice Field having retired from the supreme bench, the little lawyer from the west was picked for the vacant seat, and so resigned his cabinetship.

That was 27 years ago. Since then he has served continuously on the supreme bench, being now in point of service the oldest member of the court. Justice Holmes, who is two years older, is three years younger in service on the bench.

Physically frail and now in his 82d year, McKenna has decided to resign once more, this time retiring to the quiet of private life for the few years that perhaps remain to him.

The scrappiest member of the supreme court, however is its oldest member, Oliver Wendell Holmes. Justice Holmes, son of the Oliver Wendell who helped make Boston the American literary center of the mid-19th century, is in his 84th year.

And although rumor also has attached itself to him as about ready to resign the seat he has held for 22 years, it is now considered certain he will outlast McKenna on the court.

Justice Holmes has an enviable military record as well as judicial record behind him. Within a month after he was graduated from Harvard college in 1871 he had been commissioned first lieutenant.

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Fir Loggers Are Going Back To Former Jobs

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special)—Labor turnover following the annual midwinter shutdown of the fir timber industry has been at a minimum, and loggers and sawmill workers are generally returning to camps and mills where they were employed before the holidays, as fast as operations are resumed, according to reports from 41 employment service offices in various Northwest cities received at 41 headquarters here today.

Logging has been resumed on Grays Harbor and in the Puget Sound district with practically the

same crews that were working before Christmas, the reports state. There is a surplus of both skilled and semi-skilled help in all districts, with many unemployed loggers in Portland and other labor centers waiting for camps to open.

If present mild weather continues, the valley campaign will be running by summer 25. Condensed reports from the various 41 employment service offices follow:

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LA GRANDE FIRE LOSS

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Yearly Report of Fire Chief C. O. Murchison Is Prepared.

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Had it not been for the month of December, the fire loss in La Grande, both in property and lives, would have been normal. But 12 fire calls in the last month of 1924 added three deaths to the yearly report of Fire Chief C. O. Murchison, and over \$4,000 property loss.

The total fire calls for the year was 68, total actual loss \$31,791.79, and total deaths three: Mrs. Mary Knapp, Mr. and Mrs. Will Church.

Property at Risk. The value of the property at risk during the year was \$371,650 and the amount of insurance at risk \$192,820. Insurance paid for loss totaled \$18,367.29.

"There were \$53,850 more insurances at risk in 1924 than in 1923," the report states. " \$4,540 more insurance paid in 1924 than in 1923 and \$83,850 more value on property in 1924 than in 1923."

At the present time there are 15 volunteers ready to answer a call to a fire at any time and during the year just ended 636 volunteers were out to blazes.

Other items in the report show that the number of lines of hose laid in the year was 26, the feet of hose laid—12,000; gallons of chemical used—522; miles traveled and from fire—75.6; average speed to fire—31 miles per hour; number of vehicles returned—287; amount of insurance received on buildings, \$105,772; amount of insurance carried on contents, \$86,000.

Chief Murchison's report will be tendered to the city commission at its regular session at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

PLANE CRASHES AGAINST TRUCK; TWO ARE KILLED

DAYTON, O. (By the Associated Press)—Two employees of the Wilbur Wright Flying Field were killed when their truck was struck by an airplane flying over the speed course.

The dead are Leon C. Harness, field inspector, and Paul Long, truck driver. Two occupants of the plane escaped injury.

POSTAL BUSINESS DROPS

ALBANY, Ore.—For the first time since 1922, receipts in the postal department of the Albany postoffice have shown a decrease. The drop amounts to about \$300 for the calendar year. In 1922 a total of \$26,782.53 in the business was done, but last year the total was \$26,433.14. The 1923 total was the largest in the history of Albany. Money order business also dropped a little during the year.

School Superintendents Dine

SALEM, Ore.—County school superintendents who have been in Salem for the last week grading papers in the teachers' examinations held last October, held their annual banquet here. J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools, was the principal speaker.

From now until the work of grading the papers is completed the superintendents will hold conferences daily to consider proposed legislation and other matters important to the best interests of the schools.

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McCormick



Cyrus K. McCormick, multimillionaire head of the International Harvester company, is defendant in a \$500,000 allegation of affections suit filed by Edwin Jacobs of New York. Jacobs charges McCormick with his wife's love away from him. McCormick's attorneys deny there is any basis for the action.

Meat Warns Water Users; Work Halts

Tells Conference That No Further Measures for Reclamation Projects Can Be Expected.

DENVER, Colo. (By the Associated Press)—No further blanket relief measures for the benefit of 25 federal reclamation projects, embracing 1,692,000 acres in western states, can be expected from the reclamation bureau, Reclamation Commissioner Mead declared in a communication read at the opening of a conference of representatives of farmers and water users of all western states and government officials of the reclamation bureau. The conference is the first step toward carrying out the provisions of the new reclamation act.

"This meeting," Commissioner Mead explained in his message, "was prompted by a desire to secure the advice and recommendations of many of those who will either participate actively in the surveys to be made or whose interests will be vitally affected."

"I wish to call attention to the unmistakable intention of congress that operation and maintenance charges hereafter accruing must be paid without delay or extension. Under the new law such charges must be paid in advance in all cases where adjustments are made on old projects or where new projects are initiated."

Oppose Blanket Relief. After pointing out that the reclamation bureau was not created as a credit agency, Commissioner Mead in his communication said: "I do not believe that we should contemplate any further measures for blanket relief to projects."

Whatever relief is extended should be individual in character and adjusted to meet the needs of each case."

Surveys will be made of the government projects with a view to readjusting construction costs owed to the government by settlers or water users. Mr. Mead gave it as his desire and that of Secretary Work that all adjustments necessary to render it possible for payments to be made by the water users will be made under these surveys and time mark the end of adjustments.

More than 150 delegates from all western states attending a conference of water users and government officials here Tuesday expressed the opinion that difficulties encountered by water users in making payments on government reclamation projects will be ironed out during the sessions.

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WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Recommendations that the National Council of Farmers' Cooperative Associations undertake development of a national system of education on the cooperative movement were made in an address prepared for today's session of the organization's convention by Secretary Petet.

He urged that an educational movement that would "reach down through national, state and local leaders to farmer members of the cooperatives and to the general public" be sought.

Exposition Plans for The West Are Boosted

PORTLAND (By the Associated Press)—A move for an exposition in 1928 or soon after was given impetus at a meeting here Wednesday by business representatives from nearby towns. It was suggested that ten Pacific coast states be invited to assist in determining the location and that state governors be asked to name committees to act as the "Exposition government body."

The "Pacific Coast Empire Exposition" and the "Oregon Trail Exposition" were names suggested.

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GERMANY IN PROTEST ON EVACUATION

Declares Allies' Refusal to Quit Cologne Area a Reprisal

PARIS WILL NOT ANSWER NOTE YET

Report of Military Control Commission to Be Received Before Further Action.

PARIS (By Associated Press)—A German note replying to an allied communication on continued occupation of the Cologne area was received here today. The note declares that the allies' action is a reprisal and violates the Versailles treaty.

French official circles regard the note merely as a note of protest which does not call for an answer.

Matters to Stand. It is thought likely that the allied powers will allow matters to stand as outlined in their note to Berlin, giving notice of non-evacuation on January 10th, until the final report of the military control commission on armament conditions in Germany is received. Then they will reply simultaneously to the Berlin protest and make known their future attitude.

FIREMEN ELECT OFFICERS FOR PRESENT YEAR

Officers of the fire department for the coming year were elected at a meeting this week. C. L. Murchison remains chief of the force. L. L. Snodgrass was elected assistant chief, Jim O'Neal, captain; Lloyd Zerby, first lieutenant; Ed Taylor, second lieutenant; L. M. Mackey, president; L. M. Hoyt, secretary and C. L. Murchison, treasurer.

MASONIC ORDER INSTALLATION HELD LAST EVE

The officers of the Royal Arch Masons, La Grande chapter number nine, were installed last evening with the exception of Carl Helm, high priest of the order, who took his oath of office last week.

The officers were installed by George Cochran, officer of the Grand Chapter of the state of Oregon. The officers installed last evening were: Fred Kiddie, king; George Birnie, scribe; Cassius Humphrey, treasurer; L. H. Russell, recorder; John McCachran, captain of the horse; John McEvan, royal arch journeyer; H. E. Dixon, royal arch captain; Thomas Wilson, master of the third veil; Andrew Loney, master of the second veil and W. G. Sawyer, master of the first veil.

U. S. Grain Exports Show Large Increase

CHICAGO (AP)—Grain exports from the United States last week amounted to 2,466,999 bushels compared with 2,357,900 the previous week.

The commerce department in making public the figures Monday gave the following comparisons between grain exports last week and those of the preceding week.

Wheat 1,917,999 bushels against 1,841,999; barley 346,000 against 292,000; corn 93,999 against 145,000; oats 62,000 against 52,000; rye 54,000 against 54,000.

Canadian grain shipped from the United States last week amounted to 2,618,999 against 2,392,999 bushels the previous week. Wheat flour exports from the United States last week were 273,999 barrels compared with 493,999 the previous week.

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THE FARM THEIR MECCA



Dale Rowan, 23, who deserted the farm to make his way in a big city, yearns for the country life again. But it probably will be some time before he can return to it. He is under arrest in San Francisco charged with absconding with nearly \$50,000 from the bank where he was employed. He and Georgiana Brewer were taken into custody when they dropped in from Utah for a little visit. The girl, seen here with him, says she'll stick to Rowan to the end—and they'll spend their after-prison days back on the farm.

SHORT TREMOR ROCKS BOSTON

BOSTON (By Associated Press)—An earth tremor, lasting 15 seconds, of considerable intensity, was recorded at 8:07 o'clock today at the Harvard seismograph.

Towns in the northeastern part of the state reported heavy shocks lasting from 20 to 30 seconds.

Pictures were knocked from the walls in Nahant and stove covers dislodged at Swampscott.

The shocks were accompanied by a rumbling.

RIVER, HARBOR BILL REDUCED

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The house rivers and harbors committee today reduced by \$12,214,000 the 52 millions rivers and harbors bill.

MEETING OPENED

PARIS (AP)—The allied finance ministers called to consider the distribution of German reparations payments, opened their meeting today.

SOLON HOTLY SCORED

WASHINGTON (AP)—After a tongue lashing by Democratic leaders in the senate, Senator Dial, Democrat of South Carolina, today withdrew from the senate record an address he made last Saturday, blaming Democratic congressional members for the party's defeat in the recent election.

SCOTT DIVORCE TRIAL TO RESUME MARCH 10

ALEPNA, Mich. (AP)—With a court room jammed with sensational hungry constituents of Congressmen Frank D. Scott waiting eagerly for some new developments, they knew not what, Circuit Judge Frank Emerick Tuesday afternoon abruptly adjourned until March 10 the Scott contested divorce trial.

The adjournment followed upon the heels of the conclusion of Mrs. Edna James Scott's cross-examination. It was taken to permit Mrs. Scott to obtain additional depositions in support of her cross bill that Mr. Scott rambled and was otherwise improvident toward her.

It had been expected that rebuttal testimony would be introduced following Mrs. Scott's cross examination and the adjournment came as a distinct surprise.

Judge Emerick ordered that \$200 be made available to Mrs. Scott immediately for expenses attendant upon the taking of the depositions and that she be given \$50 monthly pending resumption of the hearing.

CHAMBER FUND PLANNED

SALEM, Ore.—Andrew M. Collier, Klamath county representative, will introduce a measure in the legislature next week providing for an appropriation of \$50,000 annually for support of the state chamber of commerce.

Under the provisions of the bill the money would be expended by a board of five, to include three members of the state board of control and two to be named by the state chamber. T. E. Vining is president of the chamber and A. S. Dudley is manager.

SHERIFF BACK TO FARM

MEDFORD, Ore.—When Sheriff Terrill became a "has been" officer by his successor, Palpa Jennings assuming office, Jackson county lost its picturesque and widely known farmer-sheriff, who after holding the office for the past six years returns to his ranch in the Lake Creek section of the county. During his tenure of office Mr. Terrill was the target of organized gossip, several grand jury investigations and a recall election and survived them all.

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NAVAL QUIZ IS TAKEN UP BY SENATE



President Asked What Situation Is at the Present Time

GERRY RESOLUTION QUICKLY ADOPTED

Naval Appropriations Committee Declares the 5-5-3 Ratio Is Being Upheld.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The senate today asked President Coolidge what protests had been made by foreign nations against the elevation of guns on American battleships.

Without a debate the senate adopted a resolution of inquiry by James G. Thompson, Democrat of Ohio, which asks the foreign relations committee.

Needs Be No Alarm. After examining Secretary Wilbur and other high navy department officials, the senate naval appropriations committee concurs in the house committee's views that the country need not be alarmed by reports that the American navy is below the 5, 5, 3 ratio.

The senate committee declared that with the exception of the battleship Florida, being repaired "no one can say that as to capital ships, the 5, 5, 3 ratio does not prevail."

ARMY BILL APPROVED

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The house today approved provisions of the department bill for the maintenance of a regular army at its present strength of 12,000 officers and 118,000 enlisted men.

STUDENT AND TEACHER SHOT

MADISON, Wis. (By the Associated Press)—An unidentified student is dead and Miss Laura Palmer, chaperone at the French House, is dying at a hospital as the result of a shooting early today in the receiving room at French House. Miss Palmer, who is also romance language instructor at the University of Wisconsin, was shot twice. Students found the body lying near her.

The student's name, according to Miss Palmer, is F. K. Palmer, aged 20.

RAUCHER VICTIM OF FREEZE

BEND, Ore.—His feet frozen by the recent cold weather, Henry Rockey, 80 years of age, died here and will be buried in Madras tomorrow. Rockey, who lived in the Grizzly community of Jefferson county, was found last week near his home in a semi-conscious state. In attempting to warm himself the aged rancher was severely burned.

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