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Hunt's Daily Letter

(By Harry B. Hunt) WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—Official society in Washington is getting more excited every minute over the Scott divorce case. The excitement probably will continue for quite a while after the case itself has been disposed of. A great many people have been mentioned in connection with the divorce, in ways that promise to keep them explaining indefinitely. Just as one little item— There were 57 members of Congress, with their families, along on the Panama trip from which Congressman Scott is said by his wife to have returned bringing two barrels and a trunkful of liquor into the country. Quite a few of these congressmen represent very dry constituencies, and if it is established that the Panama junkies were drinking party they will not benefit a bit by it politically. They are denying it already, but the word picture painted by Mrs. Scott's lawyer of a Kansas statesman carrying a whole pitcherful of liquor about the steamship Cristobal, is pretty vivid. Denials may not prove sufficient. There may have to be a regular investigation.

An investigation into the Washington smart set's morals wouldn't be so easy. What officialdom fears is that Scott's side of the story will give the country the impression that the capital hasn't got any. This wouldn't be fair. A great many of those in the official class live as decorously as anybody. All the same, none but very unsophisticated Washingtons are unaware that their town is pretty naughty. They look on it indignantly but are quite conscious that the "provinces" are extremely apt to raise a howl if they find out about it. For one thing, probably nowhere else in the world are there so many attractive women with nothing to do as in Washington official circles. They don't live here. They are simply staying in the capital for a few years, during their husbands' official terms. Instead of having women to manage, they put up in hotels or apartments, where every-

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FLIWWERS WIN THE WORLD RACE

SAN FRANCISCO (NEA Special) When Capt. Walter Wanderwell pulled out of Detroit in 1921 he said he was going around the world. And although he drove a humble fliwver, Capt. Wanderwell is back in America, on the last lap of his globe-circling ride. Arriving on ship from Shanghai, car and all, of course, including his sister, Aloha, Wanderwell has behind him 26,000 miles, 44 countries, scores of hardships, fire troubles, strange meals, hundreds of acquaintances and more important, seven competing world riders. Aloha, who is 15, started with the captain, drove her own fliwver, and incidentally caused a lot of trouble. In various countries the inspired kidnaping plots. In this country she insisted an investigation for she is not a true sister of the captain—just an adopted one. Anyhow, the pair are far ahead in what developed into a world race and it won't be long before they are back in Detroit.

CLUB MEETING TONIGHT

The annual meeting of the Country club will be held this evening. General business matters pertaining to the management of the club and also election of the directors will be brought up.

Game Birds In County Must Be Given Food

An urgent S. O. S. is being sent out by the Wing, Pin and Pilefoot club to all sportsmen of Union county to aid in feeding the game birds of the valley. Great numbers of birds are starving to death, according to the reports. W. C. Kelley, president of the Wing, Pin and Pilefoot club, stated this morning that he estimated one-third of the Chinese and Hungarian pheasants in the valley had already perished and a great number were threatened with extinction unless steps are taken to alleviate the present condition. The long winter and the heavy fall of steel and snow are blamed for the present condition. It is planned to feed as many of the birds as can be supplied with food from the limited funds at the disposal of the Wing, Pin and Pilefoot club. It is hoped to swell this fund for the purpose by donations from citizens throughout the valley and in La Grande. Subscription lists to this effect were being circulated by members of the club this afternoon and it is expected to bring the sum up to a considerable amount by evening. Wheat Distributed. Twenty sacks of wheat were distributed by club members. These were placed in fields throughout the valley and in many instances it was reported that pheasants should be seen feeding before the men were out of sight. An appeal is also being made to La Grande citizens to place scraps out of doors where they can be reached by the common song birds who stay with us during the winter months. Many of these are also starving to death and may be saved with slight effort.

OREGON LEGISLATURE OPENS

WITNESS SKIPS; PRISONERS FREED

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—Because L. A. Garner, formerly peace officer in La Grande, and later dry officer in Multnomah county, is missing, six federal court liquor cases will have to be dismissed, Deputy Federal Prosecutor McGilchrist announced today. The federal authorities say that a warrant is out for Garner in Pendleton. Babe Mothersbaugh, Mrs. Getchel, Clifford George, Pete Buffington and George Noble, all of La Grande, were returned their bail and released on their own recognizance today by Federal Judge Wolverton because the government could not find the chief witness. The cases against them have been postponed repeatedly since last July. All will likely be dismissed, shortly, McGilchrist said.

INSURGENTS SWEEP DOWN ON SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI (By the Associated Press)—All the Chinese territory surrounding Shanghai was captured today by Chi Hsueh-Yuan and his ally Sun Chuan-Pang, and outlying villages were looted as a gesture of defiance in the provisional government at Peking. The attack was aimed particularly to prevent the return to power of Lu Yung-Hsiang, former leader of the Chinese Nationalist government, who was reported to be proceeding from Nanking toward Shanghai with Pengfei, (Maochun) troops. The soldiers of Chi and Sun made a surprise attack Monday morning, by night they were in complete control of the region surrounding the foreign settlements. Fighting in the Lung-wei district had subsided, leaving Sun in undisputed possession of Lungwei and the arsenal there. Chang Yung-Ming, the defense commander appointed by Peking, has taken refuge with his insubordinate commanders in the foreign settlements. Chang's troops made an unsuccessful resistance. Foreign defense units were guarding the barricade approach.

A. C. HAMPTON IS AGAIN MEMBER OF TEXTBOOK BOARD

SALEM, Ore. (Special)—Governor Pierce has appointed the members of the new textbook commission, which, under the law, is appointed every four years. The members of the new commission are: Milton A. Miller, of Portland, A. C. Hampton, of La Grande, H. R. Turner, of Dallas, George W. Hux, of Salem, and Mrs. Marjorie Newberry, of Medford. Although the appointments become effective at once, there will be no change of the textbooks used in the Oregon schools for two years. The appointment of Mr. Hampton, superintendent of the La Grande schools, comes as an especial honor to him inasmuch as he has already served for four years on the commission.

George Ohl Manager Of New Skagg's Store

George Ohl, who has been employed in the Skagg's store in La Grande, has been appointed manager of a store in Tacoma, Washington. Mr. Ohl left for his new location Saturday evening. Mrs. Ohl left La Grande today to join her husband. MARKETS TODAY PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Cattle and sheep steady, hogs strong to 10 cents higher. Eggs firm. Butter 10c. Butterfat steady.

LIBRARY AIDS PUZZLE FANS

"Can you tell me the names of some of Bulwer-Lytton's novels?" comes in an appealing voice over the telephone wire. That La Grande is giving all of its attention to solving the Hill crossword puzzle, printed in the Evening Observer Saturday, was very evident at the public library Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. When the assistant arrived at the library Sunday afternoon, she found much to her amazement, a large delegation anxiously waiting for her to open the doors. "Why this unusual demonstration of interest in the library?" was her mental query, for never before had there been such a crowd on a Sunday afternoon—in such haste to get in. But her question was soon answered as all of the "library" straightaway made for the notices, plentifully posted of synonyms, etymology, and other facts. "Haven't you a copy of Agatha Christie's 'The Mysterious Affair at Styles'?" queried one youngster searching for an elusive town in the Nubian desert. "This busy matrons, dignified professors, small boys, and all, looked over the atlas at the library in an attempt to find a word of five letters meaning thrift and other baffling problems of the crossword puzzle. Incidentally, the puzzle resulted in the sale of a large amount of 'extra' Saturday Observers.

RELIEF GIVEN STARVING NAGS

BAKER, Ore. (Special to the Observer)—At last aid to starving horses has come. Saturday a roundup of 1500 unfortunate nags was started and the work continued Sunday and today. A range of riders scoured the Lookout district Saturday and brought in a disconsolate band of horses which was rustling in a vain effort to secure fodder. Sunday Missouri Flat and districts near Baker were the scenes of humanitarian efforts and today residents of the Vinton district took up the work. Some ranchers have also commenced rounding up their own stock. The drive will continue throughout the week until the job is done to the satisfaction of all. Horses are dying in the Beaver creek section, according to reports reaching here, and though efforts are being made to get feed to the animals, the work is impeded by the depth of the snow. Numerous horses in Eagle Valley are also reported to be in such condition that they will perish unless they are fed within the next day or two. "Eagle" Fleetwood, pioneer stockman and president of the Baker Humane society, has been chosen by Sheriff Henry McKinney to direct operations which will clear the county ranges of the starving horses. Next Sunday Vesper hour will be "High School Night" with the orchestra and Glee club of the school featuring special music.

Wheat Is Undamaged.

PENDLETON, Ore.—Wheat seeded in the county grain nursery on the Henry Jacobson ranch, north of Pendleton, on or before October 21, last fall, is not materially damaged and has not suffered by winter killing according to a report made by Fred Reinton, county agent. There may be some loss in the spring varieties. The winter wheat is undamaged.

2 Arrested For Murder In Klamath

John Taylor and Sim Pate in Jail; Posse Seeking Three Others Alleged Implicated.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—John Taylor, 25, and Sim Pate, are in jail here charged with first degree murder and a posse is seeking three others as the result of a confession secured early today through the efforts of local newspaper men. The confession, according to the officers, tells the details of the card room holdup January 4th, in which Oscar Erickson was shot and killed.

Editor Makes Arrest. Taylor, arrested by W. H. Perkins, news editor of the Klamath Falls Herald, Tom Maloney, reporter for the same paper, and Fred Morely, ex-constable, signed the confession before District Attorney Ganong, admitting complicity in the holdup and implicating Pate and others. The newspapermen, after obtaining clues, offered their services to local authorities, but were refused. They then obtained telegraphic appointments from Governor Pierce, drove 95 miles to a cabin where they arrested Taylor and returned here. They secured the confession after giving him a severe grilling.

STOKES TRIAL TO CONTINUE

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—The prosecution of W. E. D. Stokes, New York millionaire, will go on even if Mrs. Helen Edw. Stokes of Denver, does not come here to testify against him, the prosecution attorneys said. Stokes is charged with conspiracy to defame Mrs. Stokes against whom he lost a divorce suit. The case was continued until February 4th.

KOREANS FACE STARVATION

TOKIO (By Associated Press)—As the intensity of winter in Korea increases, more than three million persons are reported suffering from famine, according to word received here today from the Associated Press correspondent at Seoul. Zeira reports received at Seoul indicate that more than 50,000 extreme cases of starvation exist in that district. Postscript is attempting to stave off death by living on tree roots. Government relief measures are wholly inadequate.

Many Present at M. E. Vesper Services Sunday

A large audience gathered last evening at the five o'clock Vesper service at the First Methodist church. Rev. Keith, the pastor gave a live discourse on the "Waste of Sin" which was greatly appreciated by the audience. Other sermons will follow on the same subject. At the close of the address he threw upon the canvas 50 pictures, featuring the pools, reservoirs, lake and grand canyon of the Yellowstone park. Next Sunday Vesper hour will be "High School Night" with the orchestra and Glee club of the school featuring special music.

R. H. Baldock Elected Director of N. S. H. E.

At the meeting in Portland Saturday night of members of the Northwestern Society of Highway Engineers J. H. Baldock, of La Grande, was named on the board of directors. J. H. Scott, of Salem, was named president. J. A. Carey and Chairman Tubby, of Oregon highway commission, spoke at the meeting. Wheat Is Undamaged. PENDLETON, Ore.—Wheat seeded in the county grain nursery on the Henry Jacobson ranch, north of Pendleton, on or before October 21, last fall, is not materially damaged and has not suffered by winter killing according to a report made by Fred Reinton, county agent. There may be some loss in the spring varieties. The winter wheat is undamaged.

GUS MOSER NAMED HEAD OF SENATE

Representative Burdick Elected New Speaker of the House

ALL SOLONS TAKE OATH OF OFFICE

Thirty-Third Session of Legislature Opens Quietly Without Even a Ripple of Discord. SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The thirty-third session of the Oregon state legislature opened here today. Formal organization was effected without a ripple, positions in both houses having been practically agreed upon in advance. Moser, Burdick Chosen. Senator Gus Moser, of Multnomah county, and Representative Burdick, Dechutes county, is the new speaker of the house. Neither had any opposition. Chief Justice McBride, state supreme court, administered the oath of office to members of both houses. Moser received 28 of 30 votes. Moser, accepting, said "at the start we are a harmonious body. Factionalism has been dissipated and has disappeared. We are starting in a big happy family."

Governor Jovial for the regulation flash lights just before beginning his annual message. During recesses the governor was surrounded by old friends and shaking hands with strangers. He was as smile as big as his Eastern Oregon hat. If he is worrying over what the lawmakers may do this session, he did not show it.

IRVING VINING TO ARRIVE HERE TOMORROW NOON

Irving E. Vining, president of the state chamber of commerce, is scheduled to speak twice in La Grande tomorrow. Mr. Vining's first talk will be delivered at the regular chamber of commerce luncheon at 12 o'clock sharp. The subject of this address will be "What Other Chambers are Doing and What the State Chamber Plans for 1925." At the evening talk to be given at a special meeting to be held in the Methodist church basement at seven o'clock in the evening the subject has been announced as "Oregon, the Land of Opportunity." This talk will deal in part with Mr. Vining's experiences while on a recent speaking tour in the east. Victor DePinto, violinist, accompanied by Mrs. W. W. Berry, will play a number of selections at the evening meeting. Both meetings are open to the general public and every indication points toward a large attendance both at noon and in the evening. Ladies are especially invited to attend the evening meeting. Reservations for the meeting to be held in the church should be in the hands of Earl Ecnordia, secretary of the chamber of commerce, not later than Tuesday noon and by this evening if possible.

Off Again, On Again, Gone Again--

Some advertisers are that way—they jump from one method of advertising to another, and then on to a third, seeking greater returns each time. Of course they are disappointed—not because of the means they use, but the way they go about it. It's our business to help solve advertising problems. "Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Did They See Spooks?



SANTA CLARA (NEA Special)—No such thing as ghosts? Adeline and John Santos, 18 and 16, respectively, claim to see them nearly every day. And, as a result, hundreds of Santa Clara folk flock to the Santos home every night. Some come to pray that the spirits be exorcised—but most of the crowd are motivated by the same impulse that impelled the bear to go over the mountain. Regardless of one's attitude toward spirits, the case of the Santos children is one to give scholars cause for study. Six different evenings, both children have gone into a trance at 7:30 o'clock, remaining in that state for two hours or more. The boy and girl declare they see the spirits of departed friends. The parents say the children inherit psychic powers.

U. S. ACCEPTS PARIS PLAN

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The tentative agreement reached at Paris by American representatives and allied finance ministers has been accepted by the Washington government, according to the state department's announcement. It was said no departure from the American policy toward the collection of claims under the Dawes plan from German annuities was involved. FIGHTS LIQUOR PROBE. WASHINGTON, (AP)—Arrested by published charges of liquor drinking by members of congress, Representative Tillman, Democrat of Arkansas, urged the house today not to dignify them by authorizing an investigation to determine their truth. RULING HANDED DOWN. WASHINGTON, (AP)—The states have no authority to compel a private carrier by motor vehicle to engage to the public traffic for hire, the supreme court decided today.

FIRST POINT SETTLED

PARIS (By Associated Press)—Allocation of two and one-quarter per cent of the receipts from Germany under the Dawes plan, beginning with the first annuity to payment of American war damage claims, is the first definitely settled point in the later-allied financial conference. French officials today expressed only a slight hope of inducing the Germans to sign even a modified modus vivendi to avoid the prospective tariff, war as the result of a deadlock in negotiations for a new trade pact intended to replace the Versailles treaty customs provisions which expired Saturday.

LONDON AGAIN IN FOG'S GRIP

LONDON (By the Associated Press)—London is again fogbound. The worst fog in years has caused numerous street accidents and some deaths. Scores of omnibuses are parked at curbs. One bus was overturned and several collisions, injuring passengers, were recorded. SEVEN NEGROES BURNED. CALDWELL, N. J. (By the Associated Press)—Two women and five children, negroes, were burned to death when fire destroyed their two-family home here today.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE IS GIVEN BODY

Taxation Occupies Large Portion of Pierce's Message

PRAISES PROHIBITION FORCE'S WORK

Recommend Much Legislation, Including Lowering of Used Car License Fees. SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Taxation and law enforcement occupied the largest sections of the message of Governor Walter M. Pierce, which he delivered today to the legislature. Referring to his campaign promises, he said that he could point to a substantial measure of achievement in tax reduction. He stated that in 1922 the state tax levy, including fixed millages, was \$9,375,289.11, and that this year the state levy is \$7,492,701.47, a reduction of substantially \$2,000,000 in state taxes. He expressed regret that the voters of the state had repealed the state income tax law, and asserted he still believed in such a tax. Enforcement Praised. Referring to law enforcement, he said, "There has been almost certainly a decided improvement."

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HOUGHTON MAY GO TO LONDON

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The selection of Ambassador Kellogg at London as successor to Secretary Hughes points to the possibility of a more or less general shifting in important diplomatic posts in line with the promotion policy seen in that succession. Ambassador Houghton, at Berlin, is understood to be uppermost in the mind of President Coolidge for appointment to the London post. His selection would open the way for other advances.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Having accepted the resignation of Secretary of State Hughes and selected Ambassador Kellogg at London as his successor, President Coolidge will give attention now to the task of filling the vacancies in the diplomatic corps resulting from those changes in his cabinet on March 4. Meanwhile the senate will give consideration to two appointments by the chief executive of equal importance, those of Harlan F. Stone of New York to be an associate justice of the supreme court and Charles B. Warren of Michigan to succeed him as attorney general. Favorable action on both is expected.

IN LINE WITH THE PROMOTION OF Ambassador Kellogg, the president (Continued on Page 5.)

Action of U.S. Pleases European Allied Powers

PARIS (By Associated Press)—General satisfaction that the United States, through the agreement reached with the conference of allied ministers, has become one of the contracting parties to the Dawes plan and the general repatriation question was expressed by all the European delegations in the informal conversations among the representatives of the powers Sunday. The European statesman convened here held that from more unofficial observations the Americans have become "interested actors" in the solution of the reparations problem. The delegations enjoyed the usual Sunday holiday, although Ambassador Kellogg was busy receiving congratulations on his appointment as secretary of state. Details of Agreement. Despite the screen of secrecy be-