

Hunt's Daily Letter

(By Harry B. Hunt) WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—The aviation problem is one of the hardest puzzles...

COMMITTEE TO ACT ON NAME AGAIN

Administration Senators Favor Further Probe into Appointment

WILL GIVE STONE CHANCE TO SPEAK

Judiciary Committee to Be Scene of Fireworks Hinged Around Coolidge's Choice.

WASHINGTON (AP Press Time Flashes)—The senate today recommitted to the judiciary committee the nomination of Attorney General Stone to be a supreme court justice.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Administration senators expect to localize the judiciary committee the whole controversy over the nomination of Attorney General Harlan F. Stone for the supreme court.

As the result of week-end conferences, it has been decided to seek the return of the nomination to the committee which once rejected it favorably...

ADMINISTRATION PLANS INCREASE OF ANNUITIES

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Increased annuities for the 1924 retired government employees are favored by the president's cabinet...

EXTRA EAR REMOVED

SALEM, Ore.—Jimmy Gentry, of Otis, Ore., had the distinction of having three perfectly good ears. One of the ears was removed by a local physician and the patient will be able to leave the hospital today.

ROADS TO BE IMPROVED

MEDFORD, Ore.—The principal roads within Crater Lake park will be hard-surfaced this year. Colonel C. G. Thompson, superintendent of the park, announced that congress has passed two measures which give a total of \$182,000 for road improvement in the park this year...

PUZZLE ANSWER

HOME WOMEN SEND TROTS RUPEE OPINE TENOR SEERS CHOSE HAVEN OVERT SERVE CENTER SPICES PARADE ITRONIC CANUTED SECEDE

May be Judge



Mrs. Mahel Willebrandt, Los Angeles, assistant attorney general, is the most likely candidate for federal judgeship in California...

FOG GRIPPED CITY IN NIGHT

The Grande Ronde valley milled London last night—and did a pretty good job of it. Fog and other justice department officials can present their side of the dispute centering about the move to secure a second indictment against Senator Wheeler...

LEGION DRIVE WON BY BLUES

The American Legion membership contest came to an end at 6 o'clock last Saturday night. The contest was very close, but the Blue team under the leadership of Otis Veal made a final clean-up on Saturday afternoon and won by 16 points.

Sun Yat Sen Will Go Under the Knife Today

PEKING (By the Associated Press)—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, head of the so-called South China government and one of the leaders in the formation of a Chinese republic, was taken to the hospital here today to undergo an operation for abscess of the liver. His condition is said to be serious.

MONMOUTH DINNER HELD

MONMOUTH, Ore.—The annual Commercial club banquet was given in the Odd Fellows hall. More than 100 attended. Speakers included J. S. Landers, president of the normal school; H. W. Morgan, mayor; officers of the Commercial and Civic clubs and school board.

CYCLONE HITS AUSTRIA

PERITH, N. S. W. (AP)—A terrific cyclone struck north-west Australia Sunday. The worst fishing town of Hoodoocree suffered badly. A jolly 2157 feet long was virtually destroyed by the storm.

PENDELTON ELKS INVITED

PENDELTON, Ore.—Pendleton lodge of Elks, No. 248, entertained for three prominent members who spent the day here as guests. The visitors were Harry Goldenstein, district deputy ruler of Oregon; Ben S. Yelver of Marshfield, president of the Oregon State Elks' association; and James D. Olson, executive secretary of the Elks 1925 convention.

COOLIDGE TO VISIT HOME

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—President Coolidge plans to make a trip to New England either in April or June.

Herrin Rows Ended With Two Deaths

Mayor Believes Saturday Night's Killings Will Bring Peace to County.

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—C. E. Anderson, mayor of Herrin, Ill., where S. Glenn Young, liquor raider; Ora Thomas, deputy sheriff; and two others were killed in a pistol fight Saturday night, declared here Sunday night that the killings would terminate the factional troubles which have raged there for months.

"With the leaders of factions dead as a result of the shooting from now on there will be peace and quiet in Herrin."

The mayor left Sunday night for Herrin after spending several days here.

TRINITY SUIT IS LAUNCHED

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—A suit to compel Trinity church to turn over the bulk of its property in Lower Manhattan, estimated worth more than 10 million dollars, to the heirs of Robert Edwards, was begun in federal court today by Arthur J. Edwards, of Guilford county, North Carolina, and Wesley J. Edwards, of Los Angeles.

The heirs contend that the church came into possession of the land in 1767 under a 99-year lease and at the expiration of that lease the church continued in possession as tenants at sufferance.

LA GRANDE BOY GIVEN COURSE IN RESCUE WORK

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE (Corvallis Special)—Lloyd Barnwell of La Grande, junior in mining engineering, has completed a five-day course in rescue and first aid. This course was given by the bureau of mine rescue and first aid of the safety services division of mines from the department of interior.

Planning for Economic Agricultural Caucus

Dr. W. T. Pfy, chairman of the agricultural committee of the Union County Chamber of Commerce, called La Grande members of the committee Saturday evening and went to the Crater Lake park for the purpose of taking up the results of a survey of pure bred sires. This work is being carried on by the committee in preparation for the economic conference to be held sometime in March.

News Of The Valley

Through a large circle of respondents located in practically every community in Union and Wallowa counties, The Observer is able to give such a wealth and variety of rural community news that it has become a part of the regular daily life of most substantial citizens.

FIRE HITS BEND BUILDING

BEND, Ore.—Fire partially destroyed the May apartment house owned by Frank H. May. The loss was estimated at about \$2000. The building, of frame construction and located in the downtown section, is one of the oldest in Bend. It was fully insured and the belongings of the nine families living in the apartment with the loss were fully insured.

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OPIUM BODY ORGANIZED AT GENEVA

Joint Commission Elects Dr. Zahle, of Denmark, as President

HOPES HELD FOR SUCCESSFUL MEET

Porter Declares There Is No Dispute Concerning Length of Period for Suppression.

GENEVA (By the Associated Press)—A joint commission from the first and second international opium conferences, appointed as a means of breaking the deadlock between American and leading European delegates over the suppression of opium smoking in the far east, met today, and organized.

The commission elected Dr. Herloff Zahle, Denmark, president and voted to make the sessions public.

The spirit of conciliation had entered into the deliberations seemed evident from the attitude taken by Representative Porter, head of the American delegation.

He said that no dispute seemed to exist on the length of the period in which opium smoking should be suppressed. All agreed, he said, on fifteen years, but there existed a difference of opinion on when the fifteen-year period should start.

Speakers to Rule Meeting

The Monday Evening Public Speaking Class will be in charge of the Chamber of Commerce luncheon tomorrow noon, according to an announcement by Earl Reynolds, secretary, this morning.

T. K. Bellamy will be chairman of the day. The program will consist mostly of a general discussion of various bills now before the state legislature. This will be the second program put on by the class in the last few months. The first one was much enjoyed by the Chamber of Commerce members and this one is expected to be even better.

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Mrs. Hart Wins Court Battle



Miss Winifred Hart and her baby have just left the courtroom where she won the right to return to the screen under her full name. A legal separation agreement with "Two-Gun Bill" which provided for her support, but restricted her from appearing in the movies, was declared illegal. The trust fund of \$100,000 created for her and another of \$100,000 for the baby will be held intact.

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WATER WORK AMENDMENT PROPOSED

Senator Joseph Would Have State Engage in Development

OTHER BILLS TO BE INTRODUCED

Appropriation of \$410,000 for Building of State Offices Will Be Asked Soon.

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Senator Joseph today introduced a joint resolution proposing to submit to the people a constitutional amendment authorizing that the state engage in water power development either independently or cooperatively with any other state or states, with the federal government, or with all of them.

Other bills prepared. The state attorney general would be empowered to name a district attorney of one county to act for another under certain circumstances under a bill to be introduced by Representative Pierce, of Coos and Curry counties.

A bill calling for an appropriation probably of \$410,000 for new state office buildings is likely to be introduced by the public institutions committee of the house today.

Louis Louchour, one of the negotiators of the Versailles treaty, moved by Senator Borah's reply to Deputy Marin's speech of last week is quoted by the Excelsior as saying: "I never contested our debt to America. I did say it seemed impossible physically and materially that France should reimburse the whole of that debt."

CROSS WORD PUZZLES DRIVE BOY FROM HOME

FAIRVIEW, Okla. (AP)—Cross word puzzles caused Otto Fellow, 12, to leave his home, he told authorities on his return here after running away.

MARKETS TODAY

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Cattle, hogs, calves steady 10c to 15c higher, hogs steady. Sheep and lambs strong to 5c higher. Eggs unsettled; butter and butterfat steady.

Snow Halts Camp Opening

MILL CITY, Ore.—The opening of the logging camps of the Hammond Lumber company near Detroit, scheduled for this week, had to be postponed a few days on account of the deep snow at the camps, more than three feet being reported.

SENATE TANGLE SLOWS WHEELS

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—With the senate in a rather unexpected tangle over the postal pay rate increase bill, the tale of Pines treaty and the supreme court nomination of Attorney General Stone, the house is beginning to slow up its work in order not to find time hanging on its hands.

Having disposed of the most important of the annual supply bills, the house now is giving only lessor consideration to the others. Even so, leaders expect to send two more to the senate this week. The budgets for the expenditure of the state, justice, commerce and labor departments.

The far the senate has kept pace with the house on the appropriation bills and got itself in a tangle on other matters largely through an effort to consider three things at once. The tale of Pines treaty was its unfinished business; then it gave the postal pay rate increase bill, and finally it got into a jam on the Stone nomination.

Bureau Bill Given Chance. None of the leaders will venture an opinion as to when any of these matters will be disposed of, but despite this the senate has, by a formal vote made the Bureau bill for the retirement pay for disabled emergency World War veterans unfinished business a week from Monday.

President Coolidge is exerting some influence with respect to action on both the tale of Pines

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Rocketteller Employees' Plan Success In Part

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—The Rocketteller plan of employees' representation, which was introduced in the mines of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company immediately following the famous strike of 1923 and which has since been adopted in hundreds of other plants, has proved to be only a partial success, according to a preliminary report made public today by the Russell Sage Foundation, which since 1919 has been studying the operation of this and other plans for giving wage-earners a share in the management of the industry. The full report, covering 200 printed pages, will be issued within the next month.

In making the report public.

Many Van Kleeck, director of the Foundation's Department of Industrial Studies, said it has a three-fold significance for industry generally and for the country at large. It reveals the underlying causes of the perennial controversies between coal miners and mine operators; it is the first impartial appraisal of the most prominent experiment in employee representation—an experiment which was the forerunner of the shop committees, works councils, and similar projects introduced in about 1000 companies within recent years in an effort to solve labor difficulties; it points the way to a termination

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Activity Rules In U.S. Trade Lines At Present

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Indisputable evidence of the strong underlying position of trade and industry was supplied last week by general advances in crude oil and gasoline prices, by the remarkable recuperative earning power of larger independent steel companies as shown on reports for the last quarter of 1924, by the establishment of a seasonably record for freight traffic and by new peak prices for grain.

Although some moderations in new buying of basic commodities was reported, this was offset by renewed activity in other lines, notably an increased demand for clothing, bottles, shoes and other products in anticipation of spring requirements. The trend of prices, while uneven, was mainly toward higher levels.

The most significant development, perhaps, in the week's budget of favorable news was the widespread increase in gasoline and crude oil prices, attesting to the improved conditions in the oil industry. The second general revision of prices within the past fortnight carried gasoline 1 to 2 cents a gallon higher and crude oil up 12 to 15 cents a barrel.

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