

Hunt's Daily Letter

(By Harry B. Hunt) WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—Whatever knowledge of law, domestic or international, Frank B. Kellogg has dug out for himself. Whatever capacity he may reveal for diplomacy and statecraft, in the position of secretary of state, to which he has been appointed, will be due to his own diligent struggle for self-development. Kellogg did not get his foundation in law from the lectures of any learned LL. D. He had to work the whole thing out for himself, except for such crude suggestions as he received from the old-school lawyer who permitted him access to his library in return for his services as chorist and general helper. This condition is no doubt responsible for the deeply serious bent of the new secretary-to-be. Kellogg, as a youth, was a "grind" without the advantage of a college. He had to do his grinding by himself. But while this developed reserves of mental strength, vigor and resourcefulness beyond what might have developed in college, it developed, also, an aloofness, a reserve amounting almost to shyness in personal contacts. Next to President Coolidge, Kellogg is probably the poorest "mixer" in public life. This extreme diffidence, amounting to actual timidity in his early years, almost cost him admission to the bar when he first sought to test his legal wings. After some years of self-directed study in the law office of H. A. Eckhoff, in Rochester, Minn., during which time he earned his board and clothes by doing stable chores and by working on nearby farms during seeding time, young Kellogg was admitted to the bar in 1894. (Continued on Page 5.)

WHEAT HITS \$2.25 MARK IN COUNTY

Hard Federation Wanted for Seeding Purposes, Tops Ladder.

OTHER GRAINS ARE IN DEMAND ALSO

Winter Wheat in Union and Willowa Counties Practically Undamaged—Normal Crops Expected.

Hard Federation wheat, raised in Union county is hitting a new high mark and was quoted yesterday at \$2.25 per bushel. The reason for the advance in the price of this choice wheat is because there is such a strong demand in some of the Oregon counties, which have suffered loss because of the severe zero and colder weather of this winter, for seed wheat and hard Federation for reseeding purposes. The cold weather had the direct result, especially in Umatilla and adjoining counties, of killing a large amount of the winter wheat.

Demand Strong. By reason of this misfortune there is a strong demand in Union county for seed wheat to be shipped to these unfortunate districts resulting in the sharp advance in hard Federation. Other types of wheat have also gone up in price but not in comparison with hard Federation.

Many Farmers Selling. Taking advantage of the advancing market several wheat growers here have sold their wheat at fine prices. Grover Grinnett, according to C. W. Bunting who is perhaps in closer touch with the farmers in this county than any other one man, sold his wheat about a week ago at \$1.95. Johnson brothers, of Hot Lake, sold a few days ago at \$2 per bushel and since that time the market has climbed to its present mark. Many wheatmen are holding their crop, not wanting to sell on an advancing market and hoping to get even better prices if the rising prices continue.

Wheat Undamaged Here. Reports from this county, according to Mr. Bunting, are practically all that the winter wheat is undamaged. Similar conditions exist in Willowa county, according to reports received here about a week ago. In both counties the wheat withstood the severe cold remarkably well and of late, with the melting of the snow and warmer weather, the sprouts have started growing. Both Union and Willowa counties expect at least a normal crop. Yesterday Associated Press reports from Winnipeg, Canada, placed wheat at \$2.07 and Portland quoted hard white at \$2.12. (Continued on Page 5.)

Dares Death



Phoebe Jane Fairgrave, 22, St. Paul girl, holder of the woman's parachute jumping record, will attempt to beat the mark she set for the world in 1921, when she jumped 11,500 feet from an airplane. She will attempt a new record jump at New Orleans or San Antonio in May.

Child Labor Amendment Near Death

Enough States Oppose Measure to Make Ratification Impossible.

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Barring possible reconsideration, the child labor amendment to the federal constitution Tuesday night had been defeated, the proposal having been defeated in either one or both houses of the legislatures or by referendum in 13 states. Under the constitution the amendment would have to be ratified by three-fourths of the 48 states, so that an adverse vote in 13 states would make this impossible.

Oklahoma, Kansas and Ohio Tuesday were added to the list of states finally rejecting the amendment while similar action was taken in the senate of North Dakota and Washington. In Washington, however, the senate sent to the house a bill which would submit indorsement to the people in a referendum in 1926.

Fourteen state legislatures have acted upon the congressional proposal to amend the constitution so that the congress might legislate in regard to employment of children under 18 years of age, while in Massachusetts the proposed amendment was rejected by referendum last November.

California and Arkansas were the only states favoring the proposal while the amendment was rejected by one or both houses of the legislature in the following states: South and North Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, South and North Dakota, Kansas, Ohio, Washington and Delaware.

In Wyoming the senate voted to postpone indefinitely a resolution of ratification. While it is possible in some states for the legislatures to reconsider, no move in that direction has been made and in several instances the vote has been so large against the amendment that reconsideration apparently would be futile.

TOPEKA, Kan. (By the Associated Press)—The Kansas senate by a vote of 20 to 9, late Tuesday adopted a house concurrent resolution rejecting the proposed federal child labor amendment. The vote was taken at the close of a four-hour debate and under a point of order no consideration was allowed thereafter of two senate resolutions proposing submission of the question to the voters for ratification.

OHIO OPPOSED. COLUMBUS, O. (AP)—Ohio Tuesday refused to ratify the federal child labor amendment. (Continued on Page 5.)

2 CHARGES FACING MEN FROM UNION

Robbery and Volstead Act Violation Complaints Against Them

BRESHEARS MAKES A "SPEEDY VISIT"

Owner of Union Garage, Plied of Coin, Had Eye on Suspects When Sheriff Arrived.

The officers of the law struck it lucky at Union last evening and as a consequence Mort Beckwick and J. A. Bentley of that city will face charges of burglary and also of violation of the 18th amendment to the United States constitution. Jess Breshears, county sheriff, received a telephone call about midnight from Union telling him of the robbery of the Oregon Trail garage. G. L. Hess, owner, had been in a lodge meeting and on his return shortly before midnight had occasion to enter the garage and discovered that the place had been looted by burglars.

Noticed Men Loitering. Earlier in the evening Mr. Hess had noticed Bentley and Beckwick about the place and suspected them of the robbery. When Breshears arrived from La Grande Mr. Hess had already obtained a search warrant to enter the Beckwick home in Union. The officers immediately went to the place and upon arrival Beckwick and Bentley who had been (Continued on Page 4.)

7-Inch Pin in 9-Inch Dog



Ostriches may be able to eat barbed wire, and men may drink moonshine liquor—but when a puppy swallows a seven-inch pin there is plenty of trouble. But that is what "Brown Eyes," Dr. J. C. Gensberg removed the pin, and placed "Brown Eyes" on a strictly milk diet.

WHEELER IN DEEP WATER SAYS STONE

Tells Senate Judiciary Committee Case Will Not Be Dropped

CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD CHARGED

Attorney General Says the Montana Senator's Connection with Graft Plain to See.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Attorney General Stone today told the senate judiciary committee the justice department was fully determined to proceed with its case here against Senator Wheeler, of Montana. Stone said the proceedings here involved a case of conspiracy to defraud the government out of oil and mineral lands through violation of permits held by the Gordon Campbell syndicate. Numerous "court acts" Stone declared, had been committed in the District of Columbia, and evidence could not be reviewed without giving the impression of possible connection between Wheeler and these acts.

Wheeler Deeply Implicated. The case could not be submitted to the grand jury without developing Senator Wheeler's connection, Stone declared. Because of this, he said, he had directed "in all fairness" that Wheeler be given an opportunity to explain before a grand jury. Although the case pending in Montana also involved Campbell land permits, it was brought under an entirely different section of the law, charging specially that Wheeler accepted money to appear before the interior department for his election to the senate, a counsel for Campbell.

COOLIDGE WANTS ACTION. WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—President Coolidge asked congress today to enact into law "at the earliest possible date" the measures recommended by the agricultural commission. The report recommends the creation of a federal board to encourage cooperative marketing, greater assistance to agricultural experiment stations, added protection under tariff for farm products, and enactment of certain legislation related to agriculture.

GERMANS WANT 3-POWER PACT

THE French government has received from Berlin reliable information tending to indicate that the German government will within a few days make a move to feel out both France and Belgium on the question of a security pact between the three powers. No positive indication as to the form the German note will take is known. The opinion of the foreign office is that the Berlin government is pushing the way for a roundabout revision of the Versailles treaty in order to get from under the deterrent influence of the Franco-Polish alliance. It is anticipated that the German offer will be conditional upon the immediate evacuation of the Cologne bridgehead. France's reply will probably be that she prefers the Geneva protocol for her security, according to official circles.

GRANGE WILL MEET FEB. 7

The Willowa County Pomona grange, to hold its regular meeting February 7 at Willowa, is making preparations to entertain one of the largest attendances in the history of the organization. The legislative committee will have a lengthy report to make. Mrs. Mary Jones, state chairman of the home-economic committee, will meet with the grange and hold a joint conference with the county and subordinate committees. Paul Carpenter, county agent, and Mrs. L. F. Bailey, county grange lecturer of Baker county, will attend as delegates from the Baker county granges. Union county will also have a delegation present. Reverend G. H. Fees is arranging a program of speaking including literary numbers of the afternoon, and in the evening County Master Davies is arranging for a special drill team to put on the work of the fifth degree.

PERKINS LEADS COUNTRY CLUB

W. C. Perkins has been elected president of the La Grande Country club for 1925, according to announcements today. Other officers selected were: Dr. A. L. Richardson, vice president; H. A. Zurbick, treasurer; Charles Reynolds, secretary; Chase Bohlenkamp, manager. Associated directors elected for 1925 are: Dr. W. T. Pfy, John Thibson, H. E. Dixon, A. W. Nelson, A. J. Stange, T. J. Scroggin, Claude Mackey and C. A. Bingham.

PUZZLE ANSWER



NAVAL ESCORT IS NECESSARY

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—American vessels in Shanghai waters have been ordered to escort American or British merchant ships which desire to leave Shanghai at night even in the face of the guns of the Wossung fort commanded by General Wang. Among the ships being guarded by American naval vessels is the steamship Helgenland with 400 American tourists aboard.

Gloria Swanson Weds Marquis de la Coudray

PARIS (By Associated Press)—Gloria Swanson, American moving picture actress, was married today to the Marquis de la Falde de la Coudray.

SENATE APPROVES OLD POSTAL RATE

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The senate refused Tuesday, to eliminate the proposal for a preferential mail rate for religious, educational, scientific and philanthropic publications and adopted by a vote of 51 to 22 an amendment to the postal pay and rate increase bill, by Senator Butler, Massachusetts, to retain the present rate of one and one-quarter cents per pound on advertising sections of such periodicals.

MARKETS TODAY

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Livestock nominally steady. Eggs three to three and one-half cents lower, 26c-28c. Butter 45c. Butterfat steady.

HERRIN PROBE IS UNDER WAY

HERRIN, Ill. (By the Associated Press)—Funeral services for Deputy Sheriff Oda Thomas, (two-gun leader of the anti-klan forces in the county, were held Tuesday while the coroner's jury took up the task of unraveling Saturday night's shooting which cost the lives of Thomas, E. Glenn Young and two others. All of the 11 witnesses Tuesday gave testimony which tended to support the version of the shooting related by Young's friends. Those witnesses who saw the shooting asserted that Thomas fired first and that it was his bullet that killed Young. Another testified that Thomas earlier in the day "appeared to have been drinking" and that he was seen (Continued on Page 5.)

SOVIET REGIME THREATENED BY CZARIST GROUP

WARSAW (By the Associated Press)—Russian emigrants here report that Grand Duke Nicholas has issued an appeal to former Czarist officers, and that Russian monarchists have received material help from some Americans. The emigrants expect anti-soviet military intervention this spring. Reports current state that agents representing Nicholas have arrived in Poland well supplied with money to send to Jugoslavia and Bulgaria, and that former Czarist officers are willing to join a movement to be organized in these countries.

Service By Stage

Delivery of The Observer by stage to many towns in the valley permits a service that is highly appreciated by subscribers in those communities. Immediate distribution at the postoffices after the papers arrive give readers complete news reports within two or three hours after the last telegraphic dispatches reach this office. This is another reason why the smaller towns receive such quantities of The Observer every evening. "Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

MISSIONARIES HEAR COOLIDGE

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Christian churches and governments have no greater responsibility than to make sure that the best use of the world, which Christian society is capable, shall be given to other peoples, President Coolidge declared today in an address before the Foreign Missions conference of North America. "We know that missionary movements have been repeatedly (Continued on Page 5.)

OREGON BANK CLOSES DOORS

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The Bank of Jordan Valley has voluntarily closed. Assistant Superintendent of Banks Hickok has been placed in charge. It was announced today at the state bank superintendent's office. JORDAN VALLEY, Ore. (Special)—A. H. Olson, representative of the state banking department, Tuesday night was in charge of the Bank of Jordan Valley following its failure to open for business. The closing of the bank, officers attribute to the year's drought and the general unfavorable conditions of the livestock industry. Inability to meet with draws during the past few days was the immediate occasion. The bank assets amounting to \$409,000, T. C. Crawford, cashier, said Tuesday night, while liabilities total only \$287,000. Officers of the bank are Fred J. Palmer, president; T. R. Coe, vice president, and Mr. Crawford, cashier.

XTRA

EAST IN COLD'S GRIP. NEW YORK (AP)—Winter laid a heavy hand on the eastern states today, driving temperatures down to 50 below in some sections of New England. The temperature here is one below. Malone, N. Y., is 40 below. In the north, near the Canadian border, unofficially reported 60 degrees below zero. Pittsburgh, Pa., reported 3 below. Philadelphia 3 above. Danaham's Ferry, Pa., 40 below.

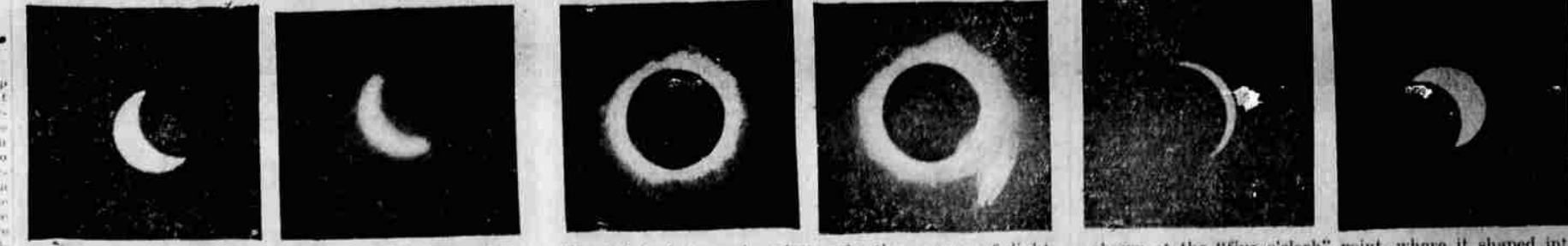
REDUCTION ADVOCATED. PARIS (AP)—Refraining from any sentimental outbursts and trusting France's debt to the United States from which he characterized as a business man's standpoint, Louis Dubois, former president of the reparations commission, declared at the conclusion of a long address before the Chamber of Deputies today that the United States must considerably reduce her claims against France, not only in equity and right, but also to safeguard her own interests.

SNOW STRIKES BEND. BEND, Ore. (AP)—Snow, accompanied by a strong southwest wind, began falling here today.

Eclipse Pictures Give Local Paper Big Scoop. Saturday morning a total eclipse of the sun occurred, visible in the eastern, New England and some middle western states. Today, Wednesday, three days later, the Evening Observer is printing six excellent pictures of the eclipse taken by expert NEA service operators in the east and rushed west by airmail service. The pictures arrived in La Grande this morning and were mailed from New York January 25 at 12:30 a. m. The NEA service, which the Evening Observer features, has an enviable record of being first in the field against powerful opposition and with its wonderful operation and system, it—over another scoop for its files with the pictures.

First Pictures of Saturday's Eclipse of Sun

(By NEA Airmail Service)



The progress of the moon as it crossed between the earth and sun, shutting off the earth's light, is graphically told in these pictures, taken in New York by Bob Dorman and M. J. Ackerman, NEA Service photographers. On the left is the sun in half-eclipse. Then it is shown just before total eclipse, which is pictured in the third photograph, when only the corona of light behind the moon could be seen. The fourth photograph was taken just two seconds after total eclipse and is a most unusual one in that it shows the flaring corona with an enormous "prominence," extending into space hundreds of thousands of miles. This "prominence" is shown at the "five o'clock" point, where it shaped into a perfect image of a butterfly. The fifth and sixth pictures show the sun as the eclipse declined, the crescent of light now being in opposite position to that of the start of the eclipse.

Bachelor To Reign In England, British Fear

LONDON (By Associated Press)—Even those people who speak with foreboding of the matrimonial shyness of Prince of Wales are now getting uneasy with the announcement that the royal heir, who is to visit South Africa next year to include a trip to the Argentine. This can only mean to these Englishmen that another year will be added to the interval until the prince announces he has picked out a girl to be the future queen. And Englishmen have listened to the same tale of postponement for the last five years. Whenever the Prince of Wales remains in London for a long period, the busy bodies, working mostly through the newspapers, get up a series of stories intimating that a certain interesting announcement on royal nuptials will be forthcoming from Buckingham Palace, and even speculating who the girl is. Such great expectations have never been given a chance to materialize, for the prince has stepped out of the country on a trip to his future domains just in time and the ladies in question have, in most cases, married before his return home. Now there are not so many eligible for speculation. The ladies Mary and Rachel Davon. (Continued on Page 5.)