

Hunt's Daily Letter

(By HARRY B. HUNT) WASHINGTON (NPA Special)—George Harbo, late ambassador to Great Britain, is more direct than diplomatic in his estimate of the work of his successor, Ambassador Kellogg, secretary of state-to-be, insuring for Uncle Sam a share of the collections to be made from Germany under the Dawes plan.

STUDENT OF YALE FIGURE IN TRAGEDY

Neeson O. Woods, Freshman, Suicides After Shooting Widow

CLARKESBURG, W. Va. (By the Associated Press)—Neeson O. Woods, 22, freshman in the law school of Yale university, shot and killed his wife today after firing two shots into the body of Mrs. Georgia Warder, 23, a widow of Bridgeport, W. Va.

Repudiation Of Debt Not Considered

Premier Herriot Makes French Stand on Obligations to U. S. Plain.

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—Security was the main theme of Premier Herriot's long awaited speech on France's foreign policy delivered before a great gathering in the chamber of deputies Wednesday. The premier occupied two hours of his three and a half hour address in drawing up a vivid but dark picture of Germany's activities in armaments while he disposed of the problem of interrelated debts in a brief but nevertheless emphatic manner.

BILL WOULD CLIP WINGS OF PIERCE

Multnomah County Senators Plan Removal of Appointing Power

SALEM, Ore. (AP Press Time Flash)—Governor Pierce in a special message to the legislature today proposed extending \$1,500,000 aid to frost-stricken farmers of Eastern Oregon, as a loan fund for purchasing seed wheat. He suggested the money be taken from the soldier bonus sinking fund. He also urged reconstruction of the public service commission.

SPEEDY DOG TEAMS CRUSH ANTI-TOXIN

Serum to Combat Diphtheria Carried Toward Nome Over the Snow

NOME, Alaska (AP Press Time Flash)—Health officials today declared the diphtheria epidemic condition here was somewhat better. No new cases were reported during the last 24 hours and some patients are showing improvement. A dog driver left yesterday to meet relay dog teams carrying anti-toxin from Anchorage.

Queen of Ak-Sar-Ben



Emma Hongland, 21, of Quinn, has been chosen as queen of Nebraska's Ak-Sar-Ben, which is conceded to be quite a social victory. The choice is made on beauty and personality.

FOUR MAJOR PROBLEMS DISCUSSED

City Commissioners Are Crowded with Important Matters

A number of important matters, including extension of the city boundaries, the water, septic tank, fighting problems, came up before the city commissioners last evening. In each case, no positive action was taken, discussions ending either in referring the questions for further investigation or holding them over for later action.

VITAGRAPH, INC., DISOWNS HAYES AS MOVIE CZAR

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Vitagraph Incorporated, the oldest motion picture company in existence, announced Wednesday through its president, Albert E. Smith, at its 28th annual meeting, that February 1, it would withdraw from the organization of which Will Hayes is czar, the Motion Picture and Producers of America, Incorporated.

O. A. C. Alumni Society To Be Organized Soon

With the belief that there is a demand for an active O. A. C. Alumni association in this city, Charles Reynolds, former president and L. A. Prescott, former secretary of the association now defunct have called a meeting of all O. A. C. alumni and former students for next Monday evening.

CHILD LABOR IS ARGUED IN MEET

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Arguments for and against ratification of the child labor amendment were heard here last night by a joint committee of both houses of the legislature to which the ratification resolution has been referred.

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CHILD LABOR ARGUMENTS HEARD AT NIGHT MEETING

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—A subpoena was issued for Dr. Linnville, federal prohibition director for Oregon, by the legislative prohibition committee, following testimony last night of Mrs. Virginia B. Washburne, social worker and vice investigator. She declared she had posed as a liquor dealer and declared that liquor dealers whose confidence she had gained complained because federal officers kept pushing them for protection, while state officers were picking them up for their liquor operations.

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SUN YAT SEN STILL LIVES

PEKING (By the Associated Press)—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, leader of the government of Southern China, operated on for cancer recently, spent a comfortable night and was not in pain today. Physicians pronounced his condition satisfactory.

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LOCAL COUPLE WED 60 YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Allen celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary Monday, January 26, at their home here. Mr. and Mrs. Allen were united in marriage in 1865 in Waukon, Minnesota county, Iowa. They have made Oregon their home for the past 35 years and have lived in La Grande at 1515 Jackson avenue for the last 27 years. Mr. Allen will be 80 years old July 7 and Mrs. Allen will be 79 November 19. They have two children, both living in this city, Mrs. Clint Haynes and John Allen.

XTRA SCHOOL BRIEF FILED.

WASHINGTON (AP).—Oregon today filed in the supreme court a brief in support of the appeal from the decision of the federal district court of Oregon enjoining enforcement of the compulsory education act. This litigation is the first test to reach the supreme court on the right of states to require education of children in the public schools. The brief was filed through Attorney General Van Winkle.

SCORE KILLED IN SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI (By the Associated Press)—Twenty persons were killed and 20 injured today in a thickly populated section of the Chinese district when a small contingent of the victorious troops, representing Lu Yung Hsiang and the Central Chinese government, were retained when they attempted to disarm about 1,000 defeated Kiangsu troops. The shooting ended with the appearance of reinforcements which compelled the Kiangsu troops to submit. Several non-combatants were killed and wounded.

PROPOSAL REJECTED

WASHINGTON (AP)—The proposal to reduce second class mail to the 1920 level was rejected by the senate today as an amendment to the postal pay and rate increase bill.

GAME BILL IS SPURNED

PENDLETON, Ore.—The Pendleton Exchange club refused to endorse the game refuge and public shooting grounds bill now before congress when a vote was taken following a discussion of the merits of the bill by Captain A. E. Burghdoff, state game warden and E. E. Averill of Pendleton. The vote was 24 opposed to enactment of the bill to 23 in its favor.

Tornadoes' 1924 Toll Placed at \$29,875,000

NEW YORK (AP)—A total of 124 tornadoes in the United States during 1924 caused approximately \$29,875,000 of property loss. John P. Finley, U. S. A., (retired) said in a 12-month study made public Wednesday by the Insurance Press. The heaviest single loss was \$12,000,000 suffered by Lorain, Ohio, in the disaster there last June.

Burglars Enter Ashland Homes

ASHLAND, Ore.—Two homes were entered here while the families were visiting, but no clues to identity of the burglars have been found. For the second time within six weeks the home of Fred Pennington was robbed of articles valued at more than \$50. Burglars at the home of R. D. Hill in the same neighborhood obtained a similar amount of jewelry.

Jury List For Circuit Court Term Selected

The jury venire for the coming term of circuit court has been prepared at the court house, three of them women, having been selected as possible jurors. La Grande leads with 13 men and women in the venire and Cove, Elgin and Union have four each. Sumnerville has three and Medford Springs, Ashland and North Powder one each.

ASQUITH WILL RETAIN REINS

LONDON (By the Associated Press)—Rumors widely prevalent since former Premier Asquith's elevation to the peerage that he would relinquish active Liberal leadership to Lloyd George were quieted for the present at least when speaking before a great convention of the Liberal party here today he said: "I have not resigned my post. It is therefore in that character that I presume now to speak to you."

MERCURY UP; EAST CHEERED

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Warmer weather is predicted today for the metropolitan district which with the Atlantic coast from Maine almost to Florida, was in the grip of an intense cold wave last night.

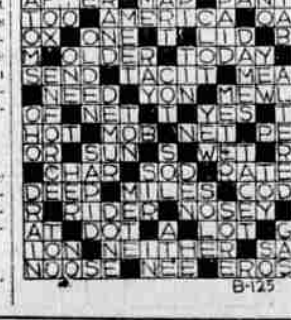
BECKWICH IS FINED, JAILED

Mort Beckwich, of Union, has perhaps established a new record in court annals. Beckwich appeared twice, once yesterday and once today under two different judges and on two different charges within the space of 24 hours. In fact, his arrest, and two hearings were all within 26 hours of the time the Oregon Trail Garage at Union was robbed Tuesday evening.

Believes Public Swaying Toward 18th Amendment

WASHINGTON (By Associated Press)—It is the observation of Prohibition Commissioner Haynes that public opinion, expressing itself through various channels ranging from great industrial corporations to the theatre, is making easier the enforcement of the prohibition law. The addition of the name of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company to those of other concerns which have forbidden their employees the use of intoxicants, has just been recorded a enforcement headquarters. Scores of employers, Mr. Haynes says have posted notices in their establishments that users of liquor will be automatically dismissed.

PUZZLE ANSWER



FIRE DAMAGES O AVE. HOME

Fire, which gained great headway before an alarm was given, partially ruined a residence at 1198 G street last evening. Only exceedingly speedy work on the part of the fire department saved the building from total loss. The house was owned by Mrs. Susan Zuber, who purchased it from Cassius Humphreys a short time ago. Mr. Humphreys formerly lived in the dwelling place.

COURT OPENS HERE MONDAY

The February term of court will open next Monday morning with J. W. Knowles, circuit judge, on the bench. The first two cases to be tried are State vs. C. A. Brennan and Swift and Company vs. Sam Harris.

PORTLAND POLICE INVOLVED IN RUM RING, WOMAN SAYS

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Testimony of a sensational nature was presented before the legislative committee investigating the state prohibition department Wednesday by Virginia B. Washburne, who circulated among bootleggers as Madge Burns. The woman worked for the Anti-Saloon league and reported to George L. Cleaver, the state prohibition commissioner. She testified that she found corrupt policemen in Portland, who wanted to show her how to set up in the bootlegging business and when she consulted with the managing editor of an afternoon newspaper he advised her not to go the mayor with the alleged fact but to go to W. J. Herwig of the Anti-Saloon league. Names of state officials, federal officers, and liquor dealers were readily mentioned by Mrs. Washburne.

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 postoffice 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.

Long Skirts a "Flop" Style Dictators Say

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Seven American dictators of style, meeting here agreed that the long skirt for women in 1924 "was a flop." The short skirt has returned, according to Patrick A. O'Donnell of Boston, because "an American woman rebelled." It is said that although the dictators of fashion at Paris expostulated the sentiment would "not be denied." The meeting agreed that brighter, newer colors will be in vogue for 1925.

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