

Hunt's Daily Letter

(By Harry B. Hunt) WASHINGTON, (NEA Special).—The arrival of new ambassadors from France, just at the time the United States Senate is "all hot up" over that nation's reluctance to arrange some definite schedule for the payment of its \$4,000,000,000 debt to us, has produced the capital's curiosity.

Close observers place what special significance, if any, there is in the termination of Jusserand's tenure as ambassador, just at this time, and the appointment of M. Emile Darcachier.

The debt situation, they believe, has been a deciding factor in the change.

After 22 years of residence in Washington, it would have been mentally and physically impossible for Jusserand to undertake to drive a hard bargain with Uncle Sam in the settlement of this debt.

He knew and recognized not only the problem facing his own country in respect to payment, but he knew and appreciated the position of the American taxpayer, who has been carrying the load of the French loan.

While patriotically presenting the French government's views on this situation, the aged little Frenchman couldn't conscientiously make as strong a plea as his country desired.

This inhibition, developed by long residence and increasing years, will not be found present in the new ambassador.

As against the slight stature and bent shoulders of Jusserand, Darcachier is a towering, erect figure, stalwart, vigorous, in the prime of life. Even in his reticence, which he diplomatically maintained for

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FALLING ROCK CRUSHES JAP

Torahichi Horinchi, a Japanese was killed yesterday morning about 10:30 o'clock while working with an extra gang above Perry. It became known here today, rocks were being transported from Perry to Millard for work on the railroad. After a large rock had been partly raised by the derrick, the rock broke, part of it falling on Horinchi, crushing him. Death was instantaneous.

Horinchi was 43 years old. His body is in charge of Snodgrass-Zimmerman's, and will be shipped to Portland tomorrow evening for interment. An investigation was held by Coroner F. L. Talbot and the accident was found to be unavoidable.

STOKES TRIAL IS UNDER WAY

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press).—The question, "are you a radio fan?" made its appearance as a test for prospective jurors in the opening of the trial of W. T. D. Stokes, New York millionaire, Daniel E. Nugent, New York attorney, and others. The defendants are charged with conspiracy to defame Mrs. Helen Stokes of Denver.

Charles Rathbun, counsel for Stokes, who introduced the radio question, asked veniremen if they had heard the delightful dissertation upon the Stokes broadcast by Charles E. Brubaker, counsel for Mrs. Stokes. Although the veniremen answered in the negative, one said he had heard Mr. Brubaker sing over the radio.

Counsel agreed upon three jurors; the defense excused three; the prosecution two, by peremptory challenges. Each side is entitled to 49 peremptory challenges. The defense asked jurors if

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13 SENATORS PLEDGED TO AID PIERCE

Independent Legislators Will Support Him in Appointive Fight

MORE THAN NEEDED TO SUSTAIN VETO

Nine of the Group Were Against Governor Last Week in Portland Port Controversy.

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—Assurance was given Governor Pierce late last night by 13 independent senators that they would support him in his fight over the executive's appointive powers.

This is two more than is needed to sustain his veto.

Turned to His Side. Nine of the group voted against the governor last week in the Port of Portland, commission controversy.

In assuring him last night that they would stay with him to the last ditch with reference to the fish and game commission, they voted against him on the port controversy because they considered it a local matter.

The fish and game commission, they explained, are state matters and they gave the executive assurance they would sustain his veto on any measure passed to divest him of his appointive power over either.

CAOBA, STRANDED ON PEACOCK SPIT, HELD TOTAL LOSS

HWACUO, Wash. (By the Associated Press).—The hull of the Caoaba, strid near the mouth of the Columbia river, Sunday night when the crew abandoned her, drifted ashore this morning at Ocean Park, north of Long Beach, Washington.

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—The steam schooner Caoaba is today lying on Peacock Spit, near the mouth of the Columbia river, according to a report to the merchants exchange here.

Four vessels had in vain attempted to work her into the Columbia. High winds late yesterday forced the tug F. A. Dooty to leave the rednet to her fate.

Reports indicated the schooner is a total loss.

INDICTMENT DISMISSED

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—The federal indictment against George L. Cleaver in connection with his raid on the British steamer London Merchant, was dismissed today by Federal Judge Bean on the motion of the federal prosecutors who said the justice department ordered prosecution dropped because Cleaver had acted in good faith.

PUZZLE ANSWER

COAL SUM PUNT
O TART ODES O
NO YOU RAT TO
END ANENT OIL
LOAM R ACNE
EYES IRE HERD
B TEN ALE O
BORE NET CHAT
BURS L SKIT
SON ADMIT DOR
HE FLY DAM ME
I GATE ERAS A
NOON SEA POND

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Bodies of Two Missing Girls Are Uncovered

LOS ANGELES (By the Associated Press).—Two little girls who wandered away from home here on August 23 last, with 52 cents taken from a baby sister's bank, were found Wednesday, dead, in a shallow brush-covered grave in the suburbs, with indications pointing to the conclusion that they had been attacked and then slain.

Their names were May Martin, aged 12, and Nina, aged 8. They were the daughters of Mrs. Paul Hous of Los Angeles. Their father is Eddie Martin, who was sought at the time of their disappearance and was located in

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That Smile



The photographer catches President Coolidge as he smiles. The first picture shows him "as usual," the second shows the birth of the smile and the third—anyway it must have been a funny story.

FARM PRODUCT RATES UPHELD

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Rates on farm products from points in Washington and Oregon south of the Snake river to north Pacific ports are reasonable, it was held today by Examiner Weaver for the interstate commerce commission, in a tentative report.

LEGION SPENDS JOLLY EVENING

The first American Legion and Ladies' Auxiliary meeting and social held in the Honan hall last evening proved an entire success. About 60 members were present and all were in the best of spirits for the occasion.

The evening economies commenced with a banquet held in the basement of the building served by the members of the auxiliary. Incidentally, everyone had enough and more than enough to eat.

UNION, STANDARD OIL COMPANIES' GAS BIDS BEST

At the county court yesterday bids for furnishing the county motor vehicles with gasoline and oil were considered and contracts awarded.

MARKETS TODAY

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—Oats and hogs steady, sheep nominally steady, pigs very weak Butter 45c; but-terfat steady.

Brennan Case Is Ready For Jury's Hands

Arguments by Attorneys End; Gamble Plea Near; Appeal Case Is Next on Calendar.

The taking of testimony on the case of State of Oregon vs. Clifford Brennan was concluded this morning and the lawyers are now arguing the case.

It is expected that the case will go to the jury immediately after noon.

The Brennan case was brought here on change of venue from Willouwa county. Brennan is facing a statutory charge of which he was once convicted in Willouwa county. The present trial is being held as the result of a reversal of decision by the supreme court.

AIRPLANE TO CARRY SERUM

SEATTLE (By the Associated Press).—Of 2,100,000 units of antitoxin on their way to Nome, Alaska, where an epidemic of diphtheria was reported January 27, 620,000 will be taken in by airplane and the remainder by United States mail. Dr. G. C. Magruder, in charge here for the United States public health service, said today.

The mail is carried by dog team down the Yukon river from Nenana, on the Alaska railroad, and across the ice of Norton sound to the Seward peninsula, on which Nome is situated. The plane is to be flown from Fairbanks, 59 miles east of Nenana, by Roy Darling, former navy aviator, and is to pick up the antitoxin at Nenana.

One million units of the antitoxin shipped from Seattle to Seward on the Pacific Steamship company's steamer Admiral Watson Wednesday, was wrapped in cotton, cork, waterproof paper and adhesive tape to keep the serum from freezing. Three hundred thousand units of anti-toxin carried by relay dog teams from Nenana to Nome last week arrived frozen.

Conditions Improve.

In a cablegram received by Doctor Magruder from Dr. Curtis Welch, representatives of the United States health service in Nome, Doctor Welch said: "If the airplane shipment gets through Nome will be amply provided with anti-toxin. Subsequent shipments can follow by ordinary mail. No new cases reported yesterday. All other conditions remain the same, hence very favorable."

Continued 24-hour communication service between Nome and the United States by way of Seattle was announced here by the United States signal corps to aid in relief of the epidemic. Twelve hours a day is the usual service to Nome.

Messages to the states from Nome travel 2700 miles on three handlines before being received here. Radio is used between Nome and Fairbanks, land telegraph from Fairbanks to Seward and cable between Seward and Seattle.

BAND CONCERT IS ANNOUNCED

Another free public concert will be given on Washington's birthday anniversary—February 22—by the La Grande municipal band, according to an announcement today by Andrew Lenz, director of the organization.

COLLINS IS SEALED BY FLOOR MOVE

Man Imprisoned in Sand Cave Now Cut Off from "Passage" Rescue

SHAFT MIGHT BE SUNK FROM ABOVE

Flood in Cave Swelled Until Passageway Is Blocked; Collins Tells Story.

CAVE CITY (By the Associated Press).—The federal government today lent a hand towards Collins' rescue when agents arrived under orders from Secretary Weeks. It is not known whether Collins is still alive. His voice was last heard at four o'clock this morning. Roy Hyde thought he heard Collins mumble, "Oh, God, help me." It will probably take several days to sink a shaft.

CAVE CITY, Ky. (By the Associated Press).—Flood Collins has been completely entombed in his sand cave prison 150 feet underground by a rise in the floor of the cave and all hopes of escape through any natural passage have been abandoned.

Two trips into the cave have convinced rescue workers that the only chance of reaching Collins is by sinking a shaft from the top of the hill. The slow rising of the flood within the cavern began shortly after midnight.

A rescue crew which entered at 1 o'clock found that the floor had apparently swelled at the innermost "squeeze," only a few feet from Collins. Two more trips confirmed the rising of the floor. A fourth trip revealed that the passage had been completely sealed.

COLLINS' STORY

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (By the Associated Press).—"I was crawling out of a sand cave, which is the most beautiful I have ever seen, when, soon after ascending a steep wall, I dislodged a huge rock. It caught my left foot. That was 10 o'clock Friday morning."

Thus begins Floyd Collins' own story of his experiences of the last five days, trapped in a narrow passage far underground, as told to William Burke Miller, staff correspondent of the Courier-Journal and published in a copyrighted dispatch from Cave City.

"The first night I spent in yelling at the top of my voice," he said. "I knew my chance was slim, but I couldn't give up without doing something. So I just shouted and shouted."

"After a long time I was unable to call any more. I got hoarse. I struggled on though until I finally lost consciousness. Maybe I slept. I don't know. But I felt better when I awoke."

"Surely," I thought, "no man was ever trapped like this! I prayed as hard as I could. I begged God to send help to me. Finally, I heard a voice and it sounded better than anything I ever heard. I called back and got an answer, and found it was Jewell Esters. He couldn't get to me but before long Clyde Hester came back to me. He told me it was Saturday morning. I told Clyde to get word to my brothers Homer and Marshall, and my father. He left."

"My brothers came down Saturday afternoon and saw how I was fixed. They tried to dig me out but they couldn't."

"Saturday night, I felt better. A blanket had been brought to me and it helped to keep out the cold."

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Wheat Girl at White House



(By NEA Airmail Service) Miss Vada Watson, Kansas Wheat Girl, presents President Coolidge with what Kansas claims is the best wheat in the world—Kansas wheat.

ROADS CLOSED TO BIG TRUCKS

The highways between North Powder and Quartz (about 6 miles beyond Baker) and between Wallace and Joseph have been closed to heavy traffic by order of the state highway department, the local highway office announced this morning.

The order is of temporary nature to be in effect while the roads are softened by the early thaws and rains. The regulation will in no way affect ordinary motor traffic. The load limit combining the gross weight of both vehicle and load has been limited to 6,000 pounds.

CITY DADS IN QUIET SESSION

The city commissioners had a quiet session last evening at the regular weekly meeting. A vacancy on the city planning commission by the resignation of H. A. Pratt was taken under advisement and a successor is to be appointed later. Mr. Pratt recently moved to Maxville and will no longer be able to serve on the commission, he said last night in a letter.

A communication from the Woodmen of the World lodge and one from the Oliver P. Morton relief corps was read asking that no licenses for dancing, baseball games or other forms of public amusement be issued for Memorial day. The communications were filed as it was understood that other letters of the same nature are to be received later.

A letter from L. G. Gates suggesting solutions to the La Grande water problem was read and filed. The city salary list was read and allowed. The firemen appeared in a body to take up with the city the matter of adequate accident protection while in the municipal employ. The matter was turned over to the city manager and the city attorney, who will investigate the legal status of the proposition.

CHINESE CAUCUS REPORTED TO BE ON ROCKS TODAY

PEKING (By the Associated Press).—China's unification conference, by which it was hoped internal faction and strife would end, today headed toward a babel of misunderstanding before being formally organized.

Adherents of Sun Yat Sen, south China government head, issued a manifesto declining to participate because the conference had not taken Sun's plan for a "people's conference" as a basis for re-organization of the Chinese government.

Radio Heard All Over Ship.

LONDON (AP).—The 22,000-ton liner Arand, the world's largest motor ship, is the first ship to be fitted with apparatus whereby radio broadcasting can be heard all over the ship. The installation, a ship's orchestra re-creator, can be used for music, lecturing, concerts or any other purpose for which simultaneous hearing on all parts of the vessel is desired.

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NAVY OFFICERS UPHELD

WASHINGTON (AP).—The house aircraft committee, considering charges that army and navy officers are gagged by superiors on the military policy questions, was informed today by Secretary Wilbur that naval officers are free to express their views fully.

READY FOR WORLD'S END

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP).—With all their worldly affairs settled, a dozen followers of the Bowen cult at College View, a suburb, awaited the millennium which they declare is due at midnight on Friday.

REID SEEMS DOUBTFUL

NEW YORK (AP).—Praying, fasting and singing hymns, thirteen Seventh Day Adventists of Long Island today are awaiting the end of the world, which they think is coming tomorrow.

DENTAL MEET PROGRAM OUT

The program for the two-day conference of the Eastern Dental association to be held at Union February 9-10, has been completed and is as follows:

- Monday
9:00 A. M.—Registration.
9:30—(Div. A) Direct Inlay Construction—Dr. C. P. Charrier, Boise.
(Div. B) Indirect Inlay Construction—Dr. James H. Cardwell, Boise.
12 noon to 1:30 P. M.—Lunch.
1:30—Talks—Preventative Dentistry and Pulpal Surgery—Dr. James A. Cardwell.
Paper—A Defensive Diet—Dr. H. E. Murphy, La Grande.
Table Clinics.
2:20—Continuation of Morning Clinics.
Hall Method of Impressions—Dr. C. W. Erwin, Union.
6:30—Banquet—Union Commercial Club, Host.

- Tuesday
9:00 A. M.—(Div. B) Inlay Construction—Dr. C. P. Charrier.
(Div. A) Inlay Construction—Dr. J. H. Cardwell.
11:00—Impressions—Dr. C. W. Erwin.
12 noon to 1:30 P. M.—Lunch.
1:30—General Assembly. Completion of Table Clinics. Election of officers.

The election of officers will conclude the program. The present officers are: Dr. C. W. Erwin, Union, president; Dr. E. P. Mossman, La Grande, secretary; Dr. H. J. Vaughan, Baker, treasurer.

Light, Power Company In Brisk Battle With Storm

One of the most severe wind-storms of this winter of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company last night, but with every available man called into duty service was maintained with only temporary interruption over the system.

Rock Creek hydro-electric plant, the load dispatching point for the system, has been unable to operate since last Saturday night as the result of high water and heavy snows breaking down a 60-foot trestle supporting the tuncarrying water to the plant. A crew of 10 men have been busy in deep snow and in a continual downpour of rain, to erect a temporary structure which would support the tuncarrying water to the plant. This work is expected to be done this week. Meanwhile, the system load has been carried by the Fremont hydro-electric plant, the South Baker steam plant and the Cove and Morgan lake hydro plants.

DAM BREAKS; VALE, OREGON IS FLOODED

Irrigation Dam on Bully Creek Gives Way; Torrent Tears Down

CASUALTIES, IF ANY, ARE NOT KNOWN

Water, Foot in Depth, Is Rushing Through the Streets; a Number of Bridges Washed Away.

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RAILWAY BRIDGE GIVES WAY

The Oregon Short Line bridge and a wagon bridge near Vale are reported washed away, one house was washed away and others jarred loose.

A crew of men working at 225 dam are reported to have been caught in the rush of water but the first reports did not indicate whether they escaped or not.

WEST OREGON FLOOD IS REPORTED FROM EUGENE

EUGENE, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—Flood water over the Pacific highway north of here, near Junction City, today turned back motorists. The Willamette rose more than a foot during the night.

CONFERENCE IS WELL ATTENDED

BAKER, Ore. (Special).—The Western District Intermountain Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church opened its first business session yesterday morning, with Bishop H. Lester Smith in the chair.

Devotions were conducted by the Rev. G. W. Barnes, of Emmett, after which a roll call of the district was taken; and each pastor gave a report of his work, and the condition of his church.

The reports as a rule were very encouraging. Especially was this true of the churches at Boise, Caldwell and Baker. Baker Church Progresses. "In Baker the past four months have been months of material and spiritual progress," said Dr. E. E. Wining, of the local church. Dr. Wining was credited by Superintendent H. S. Hamilton with having "brought order out of the chaos." Twenty new members have been received into the Baker church, and the Sunday school attendance has more than doubled. The congregation has increased one hundred per cent, and every interest is well cared for, said Dr. Wining.

Following the reports Bishop Smith discussed with the ministers

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