

Hunt's Daily Letter

(By Harry B. Hunt) WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—The verbal duels which furnish excitement may seem, at first thought, slightly exciting affairs.

Honorable but irate gentlemen unnumbered vocabularies charged to the muzzle with vocal hot shot and pot away at each other as though the national honor, as well as their own, depended upon their ability to produce the most explosive adjective or the most blasting verb.

Honor having thus been satisfied by the antagonists peppering each other with oral buckshot, for public effect, they adjourn to cloak room or ante-chamber to smoke a cigar together and spin a jovial yarn or two.

These encounters, however, are in fact very tame by comparison with the "good" old days when Washington fought its duels with duellier weapons than words.

Now the only danger to the life of either combatant lies in the possibility of a bursting blood vessel. But in the days of the "code," the spilling of blood was necessary before there could be any peace.

Those battles were fought, most of them, just over the District line at a dueling ground near Bladensburg, Md.

Typical of the way official quarrels were settled then was the duel between Admiral Stephen Decatur and Commodore Barron.

During the campaign against the Algerian pirates, led by Admiral Decatur, Commodore Barron lost his ship, the Chesapeake, to the British, and thereby forfeited his standing in the navy.

Barron sought, however, through congressional action—politics, then as now, had its "pull"—to obtain reassignment. This was bitterly resisted by Decatur.

Hot words passed. Then a challenge. And the admiral and commodore, with their seconds and a few close friends, drove out to Bladensburg to "settle" the affair.

Both Decatur and Barron were near-sighted. For their mutual advantage the duel—they were fighting with pistols—was to be at eight paces.

At that distance, the result was inevitable. The brace of pistols used were big-bored, heavy weapons which at eight paces were almost as deadly as young cannon.

Each man hit his target. (Continued on Page 5.)

INQUEST OVER BODY CONTINUED

12,000,000 FEET TIMBER PURCHASED

Roseburg Land Office Gets Price of \$32,000 for Cedar.

BIDDING BRISK; PRICES CHANGED

One Tract, Appraised at \$750, Sold at \$1300; Another, Worth \$1300, Brought \$1575.

ROSEBURG, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The Roseburg land office today sold approximately twelve million feet of timber, netting slightly more than \$32,000.

Brisk bidding on tracts containing Port Orford cedar occurred. One tract appraised at \$750 sold for \$1300. Another tract came up and three bidders raised the price from \$1300 to \$1575. The latter tract consisted of 40 acres.

INJURIES TO MR. PRICE DECLARED NOT DANGEROUS

The injuries which occurred to John T. Price when he fell from a wagon yesterday were not serious, physicians learned the same afternoon upon closer examination and by means of X-ray pictures.

MARKETS TODAY PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Cattle and sheep nominally steady, hog steady.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Butter 42c.

PUZZLE ANSWER



YOUTH ARRESTED, ADMITS GIVING POISON CAPSULES

COLUMBUS, O. (By the Associated Press)—The arrest of another Ohio state university student in connection with the investigation of the poisoning of two students is forecast today by Prosecutor Chester.

Texas Prison Situation Is Investigated

Confidence Man Starved to Death While Serving Sentence; Committee Hears Testimony.

AUSTIN, Tex. (By the Associated Press)—Charges that Joe Furey, said to be a noted confidence man, who was captured by Frank Norfield, was virtually starved to death while in the Texas penitentiary, were made Monday before the joint legislative prison investigation committee.

Dr. Boaz said he had been pardoned by Governor Neff after serving but five or six months of his sentence. He declared that C. C. Fowler, a prisoner in charge of the insane prisoners inside the penitentiary, was in charge of Furey, and testified that Fowler gave Furey but one meal a week.

Dr. Boaz said that he would slip food into the starving convict's cell. "Did you see Furey die?" Boaz was asked.

"I saw him just a few hours before he died," Boaz replied. "What did you see?"

"I saw Fowler put Furey into a bath tub of ice water, head first and when Furey was almost stiff and drowned, I saw him jerk from the water and beaten over the head with a stick of wood. He then was thrown to the floor and Fowler stomped him."

Furey was one of a band of men who defrauded Norfield of \$45,000 in Hale Center, Texas.

SOFT JOBS SOLD ATLANTA, Ga. (By the Associated Press)—A story charging bribery in connection with the sale of "soft jobs" at the Atlanta federal penitentiary Monday was told from the witness stand in United States district court by Father Thomas P. Hayden, former Catholic chaplain at the institution.

The priest, formerly admitted participation in the alleged conspiracy with Sartain, Fletcher and Ribell. After the "rum ring" exposure in Savannah in 1924, the priest said Fletcher told him some of the convicted men had offered to pay for special privileges and that the

LEIPZIG, Saxony (By the Associated Press)—Heavily armed cohorts of police, supported by a dozen machine guns, guarded approaches to the federal supreme court building today when the trial of sixteen communists, alleged to be members of the "German check," opened in a dramatic setting.

Witnesses and spectators were subjected to close scrutiny and searched for arms before being allowed to enter.

ATTACK CATHOLICS MAIRIEUILLES, France (By the Associated Press)—Nearly 100 persons were wounded or bruised during attempts by communists to break up a meeting of a newly organized Catholic party here last night.

Grade Crossing Wreck Kills 4 Men; 2 Women CHESTER, Pa. (By the Associated Press)—Four men and two women were killed and another woman seriously injured today when a shifting locomotive on the Pennsylvania railroad struck a motor truck and motor car at a grade crossing in Marcus Hook, near here.

STOMACH OF MAN TO BE EXAMINED

Authorities Turn to "Poison" Theory in the "G. Brady" Death Probe

AUTOPSY SHOWED BLOW NOT FATAL

No Word Yet Received From Toronto, Canada, Presumably the Former Home of Man.

Forced to turn to a new theory because of the results of an autopsy performed over the body of the man found near here Sunday, presumably G. Brady, of Toronto, Canada, officers now believe that Brady's death was the result of poison or drugs which he involuntarily took into his system, either in water with liquor or some other poison.

The autopsy found that the bruise on his temple, which yesterday led authorities to believe he had been stunned or possibly fatally injured, then taken to the brush where his body was found and left to die, could not have been responsible for his death. It may have been caused by contact between his temple and the frozen earth when he was placed, or heaved under the brush area.

To Examine Stomach The stomach will be shipped to Portland this morning for examination by skilled alienists to determine whether traces of poison of any nature exist in the organ. It will, of course, take a few days before the examination report is received here.

This morning the sheriff's office stated that no word had yet been received from Toronto although in that city shortly after the finding of the body. Officials here feel that the Canadian war office at Ottawa will be able to furnish identification as it is believed that Brady must have been in the Canadian army during the World War.

The inquest, started last evening at 5 o'clock, continued until 6:30 when it was adjourned until this afternoon at 5 o'clock to permit further investigation and a search of rooming houses here for any possible baggage or trace of Brady having been registered here.

Several Testify With Coroner P. L. Bakton presiding, assisted by District Attorney Carl Helm, the inquest was called to order, the jury of six sworn in, and M. L. George, one of the three who found the body, took the stand. He testified as to the discovery of the body while he and the two boys, Evan and Paul Martin, 8 and 9 years of age, were tramping beneath Rooster Peak in the search of dog wood, which the lads intended to use for making a bow. The two boys, test-

REDS ON TRIAL FOR TERRORISM

Mrs. Rambo Tells Of Near East Conditions

Mrs. W. A. Rambo, formerly of Baker, but for the last few years connected actively with the Near East Relief work, was the chief speaker at today's chamber of commerce luncheon, and in her address told of conditions there and appealed to all La Grande people to lend their aid in the work of caring for Christian Armenian orphans.

Several announcements were made during the luncheon. Mrs. J. Lynch told of art work now being observed in La Grande, and announced the Friday night program which will launch the circulation of pictures from the library. T. K. Bellamy announced that Milton Freewater had invited speakers from La Grande to appear there and tell of Wellows and the La Grande community spirit. Elmer Stoddard told of a bill now before the legislature with its object the preservation of timber along state highways and asked all to support the measure.

Reverend Wm. Crosby Rose was chairman of the luncheon which was officially opened when Rev. Fred Polard returned thanks.

Rescue Quiz Is Launched In Cave City

Miller and Fishback Testify Before Military Court of Investigation Today.

CAVE CITY (AP) Press Time Flash)—Another amplifier test today convinced investigators that Collins is still breathing, respiration about 11 to 15 per minute. The shaft is down 10 1/2 feet.

CAVE CITY (By the Associated Press)—The military court of inquiry investigating the circumstances surrounding the Floyd Collins imprisonment in Sand Cave today heard William B. Miller, Courier-Journal correspondent, and H. G. Fishback, farmer.

Their testimony was to the effect that rumors, speculating whether Collins was still in the cave, were false and that threats of danger to Miller and his rescue efforts were delivered by friends, not enemies, seeking to warn him of the hazards of the undertaking.

COURT GRINDS STEADILY ON

The steady grind of routine court work continues with civil cases occupying the time of judges and jury. Yesterday a decision in favor of the plaintiff on the case Lawrence Harrod vs. Maud W. Mays and Charles B. Mays was brought in by the jury. Harrod sued for wages and was successful to the amount of \$349.75.

The case, Hills Department store vs. United Fidelity and Guaranty company is being tried today. Hill's store is suing for their insurance alleged to be due from the robbery of the store, December 25, 1923. Ernest Watkins is the chief witness for the prosecution.

SALEM PASTOR TO LEAVE SALEM, Ore. — Rev. Blaine E. Kirkpatrick, for several years pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church here, will leave for Chicago within the next few weeks, where he has accepted a position in the administration department of the Epworth league. Announcement of Dr. Kirkpatrick's promotion was made here following receipt of a telegram from the board of education of the church. Dr. Kirkpatrick's successor here has not yet been named.

COOLIDGE DISAPPROVES WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—President Coolidge disapproves of suggestions in congress for the abandonment of the flexible provision of the tariff act. The president contends it has not been demonstrated that the flexible provision is unworkable. He recognizes that difficulties have attended its workings, but believes it will be extremely helpful in the determination of rates and schedules based on differences between production costs here and abroad.

Senate Favors Reading of Bible in Schools

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The senate by a vote of 24 to 5 yesterday approved a bill providing that certain sections of the Bible shall be read in the public schools of the state.

THE CROWD IS THERE

Mc Kennon Explains Building Loan Ass'n

McKENNON, Ore.—Jasper Bolden, postmaster of Beagle, this county, died suddenly of heart disease at his home.

ASTORIA, Ore.—Harold Wilson, 15, died here while participating in a V. M. C. A. basketball game. He was resting after a short intermission in the game when suddenly he fell to the floor from a standing position. Thinking he had fainted, attempts were made to restore circulation, but a physician later pronounced the boy dead.

JOHN OSHEA IS FREED KILMATH FALLEN, Ore.—John Oshea, indicted as one of the gangster house officers who shot and killed Oscar Erickson during a robbery early last month, was found not guilty by the jury.

Hair-Raising Scene



Just to prove that those movie stunts aren't all faked after all, "This was snapp'd 'em location" near Hollywood and Eddie Gordon himself, not a double, is walking the plank. By the way, how many fans have seen this cliff?

AIRMEN MEET DEATH SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP)—Major Lee O. Wright, of Lyons, Ind., and Lieutenant Arthur L. Foster were killed and their bodies buried in an airplane crash near Brooks field today.

MARY AT THE HELM BERLIN (AP)—The Prussian diet today elected Dr. Wilhelm Marx, former chancellor of the reich, ex-premier of Prussia. He will try to form a government from the parties of the left.

MESSANGER ROBBED ST. LOUIS, (AP)—Joseph Williams, 50, messenger for the State Bank of Wellston, a suburb, was held up on a street car today, beaten and robbed of \$7000 by three men.

HIGHWAY OPENED ROSEBURG, Ore. (AP)—The highway north of Myrtle Creek is open and the slide cleared away.

BILL PASSES SENATE SALEM, Ore. (AP)—The revised rule bill passed the senate today. The debate was brief. Gordon's mutual savings bank bill passed the house without opposition. The senate bill designed to relieve dry farmers on the North Unit project, passed the senate today.

ASTORIA BOY HOOPER DIES

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McKENNON EXPLAINS BUILDING LOAN ASS'N

QUESTIONS AND CONDUCTED A GENERAL DISCUSSION MOST CAPABLY. OTHER SHORT TALKS WERE ALSO GIVEN ABOUT THE SAME TIME.

EXPLAINS PURPOSE Mr. McKennon explained the purpose of the La Grande Building & Loan Association, as outlined in a previous announcement in these columns, and gave a wealth of reasons why Union county investors should prefer placing their savings in such a home institution. He stated that the stock could be purchased on the payment plan in denominations as low as a hundred dollars.

FARM BILL EXPLAINED TO SOLONS

Members of Coolidge's Commission Make Plain Their Relief Plans

RECOMMENDATIONS SCORED BY YOKUM

Senator McNary Challenges Jardine's Statement That the Oregon Body Is Cooperative Example.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Members of the president's agricultural commission today explained their recommendations to the senate.

Senator McNary of Oregon challenged the statement of W. M. Jardine that the Oregon Prune Growers' association was an example of successful cooperative marketing.

He asserted he is one of the largest prune growers in the west, head of one of the biggest cooperative organizations and "as a matter of fact, the Oregon Prune Growers' association is now on the rocks" because the members tried to spread out too far.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The Wheatman bill, designed to carry out the recommendations of the president's agricultural commission, was passed today before the house agriculture committee by Chairman Yokum of the Farmers-to-Consumers league, who said it would protect those now engaged in depriving the farmers of their "just dues."

The measure would "so strengthen aggressive powers" controlling farm prices, that the farmers "would be left the choice of losing their farms through foreclosure or deserting them," Yokum contended.

NEW YORK FOG STILL INTENSE

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—The heavy fog which yesterday caused traffic accidents resulting in two deaths and injury to 40 persons still lay over the city today.

LAND SEA TRAFFIC IS HAMPERED AND SERVICE ON SOME FERRY LINES DISCONTINUED.

THOUSANDS OF COMMUTERS AIR DELAYED.

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THE YOUTHFUL DEFENDANT IS A PROMINENT SHEPHERD OF THIS COUNTY AND IS WORTH AT LEAST \$25,000, ACCORDING TO HIS ATTORNEYS.

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