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THE WEATHER
PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon: Rain in the west, rain or snow in the east tonight and Thursday.

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Hunt's Daily Letter

(By Harry B. Hunt)

WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—Even a president can pull a "boner." Which is exactly what President Coolidge accomplished during the call at the White House a few days ago of 300 officers and privates in the "Coolidge Army of New Jersey."

This Coolidge Army is an exclusively feminine outfit. Perhaps because of this, it didn't seem strange to Calvin that arrangements for the call were not made through regular political channels.

Instead of having the meeting framed through their senator or congressman, "General" J. Mabel Brown and Mrs. Louis Thompson made the arrangement themselves direct with the White House.

Finding the delegation of New Jerseyites on his program, it seemed to Coolidge that the occasion would be made more noteworthy if the Republican senator from that state was included in the party.

So a phone call from the White House asked Senator Edge to run up and join the president in shaking hands with his constituents.

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Had the president been at all psychic, he could not but have noticed the constraint with which the ladies of the "army" greeted their senator.

However, he seemed to sense nothing wrong. And when the handshaking was over, the president, putting an arm affectionately across Edge's shoulders, told his visitors that he wished they'd pledge themselves to see that New Jersey soon sent down another Republican senator "like Senator Edge."

Had the president kept himself up-to-date on the internal politics of New Jersey, he would have known at once that "army" mad intentionally manoeuvred so it would owe nothing in connection with its call on president.

He would have known that this "Coolidge Army" in the last campaign fought just as hard to defeat Edge for re-election as it did to re-elect Coolidge.

Under the circumstances, for Coolidge to tell the ladies that the finest thing they could do would be to send down another senator "like Senator Edge" made an already embarrassing situation still more so.

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Coolidge's economy program is

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BRIBE TALE IS TOLD PROBERS

ATLANTA, Ga. (By the Associated Press) — Further testimony relating to the alleged sale of special privileges at the Atlanta federal penitentiary and a denial by one of the witnesses, a prisoner, that he had been threatened with prosecution if he did not testify against the defendants Tuesday marked the trial of A. E. Sartain and L. J. Fletcher, deposed warden and deputy, respectively, of the prison, and Laurence Riehl, Columbus, Ohio.

Sartain, Fletcher and Riehl are charged with conspiracy and bribery, the indictments against them having been handed down by a federal grand jury during a government investigation of the penitentiary.

Haar Tells Story.

Willie Haar, who was convicted in the Savannah "rum ring" exposure and sentenced to the Atlanta prison, was on the stand most of the day, following Samuel Rothberg, Atlanta business man, who testified relative to a $15,000 bribe offer he made Fletcher.

During direct examination Haar testified he paid Riehl $10,500 for "soft jobs" at the prison for himself, two brothers, Fred Haar, jr., and Carl Haar; his father, Fred

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Heroes

They Toiled and Prayed to Free Floyd Collins

Johnnie Geralds, top, is ill with pneumonia contracted from his attempts to rescue Floyd Collins from Sand Cave, near Cave City, Ky. Lee Collins, center, Floyd's father, pleaded for persons throughout the country to pray for his son's release. Norman Parker, below, was the last man to talk to Collins. He was in the cave when the passage to Collins was blocked the second time.

VALE VISITED BY OFFICIALS

HOT LAKE (Special)—Dr. W. T. Phy, a member of the state board of health, went to Vale, Ore., this morning accompanied by Dr. Frederick Stricker who arrived at Hot Lake early this morning. Dr. Stricker, state health officer, has been conferring with Governor Pierce about the situation in Vale. Upon the request of the governor Dr. Stricker and Dr. Phy left for Vale this morning in Dr. Phy's car.

The situation in Vale has become a menace to health because of the large number of carcasses of dead animals which are lying strewn about the devastated areas. The exact situation is not known as yet but the state is planning on assisting with whatever aid is needed.

COURT RULING HELD VOID

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The practice of Federal Judge John S. Partridge of this city of imposing long jail sentences upon convicted prohibition law violators in a case a heavy fine not paid was declared contrary to law by the United States court of appeals here Monday.

CORONER'S JURY GIVES DECISION

G. Brady Met Death from "Unknown Causes" Is Inquest Verdict

HI-JACKERS MAY HAVE KILLED MAN

New Theory Is Advanced by Authorities; War Office Knows Nothing of Man's Identity.

With no other clues of importance brought in last evening, the coroner's jury composed of Ben Decious, John Harvey, C. W. Bunting, Robert Helvey, Ed Field and W. M. Nicbarger, concluded the inquest and brought in a verdict that "G. Brady, of Toronto, Canada, met his death from unknown causes."

Final testimony was heard from Dr. E. G. Kirby, who with Dr. F. L. Ralston, performed an autopsy on the body. Doctor Kiroy testified that a thorough post mortem examination revealed no way in which the unfortunate man had met his death. The theory that he had been knocked unconscious by a blow on the head was abandoned when examination of the head and skull showed no bruises or fractures. Death could not have occurred by strangulation, according to Dr. Kirby, for the lungs were in normal condition. The heart was also normal for a man of the age of the deceased.

No Trace of Man.

Search of all hotels and rooming houses which was conducted by Hugo Klinghammer, sheriff's deputy, revealed no trace of the man, it was stated in the testimony last evening.

An examination of the clothes of the dead man revealed no identifying marks or clues as to their place of purchase. That they were not bought in La Grande was the testimony of Warren Gilbert.

A laundry mark on the collar of the shirt was examined by Lloyd Scriber who assured the jury that the marking was not done in this city but in a larger town.

Search of the garages of the city in hopes of finding a car stored which might have belonged to Brady was made yesterday by Officer Alonzo Dunn. The search brought to light three cars, none of which apparently connected in any way with the tragedy.

Canadian Officers Report

A clue that a man by the name of George Brady had once been known in Chatam, Ontario, Canada was brought up but since the inquest a reply from the sheriff of Chatam has been received and also one from the war office in Ottawa, which stated that nothing was known of the man in those cities.

Word was received in a letter to the police office here this morning that E. J. Green, switchman at Pendleton, while listening in on his radio heard a description of a missing man broadcast by the police department of Denver, Colo. According to the letter a part of the description told about a tattoo mark on the man's arm, the letters G. B. and a horse. Mr. Green said that the Denver police had asked to be notified if such a man was located. The local authorities have wired Denver about the matter. The investigation is now in the hands of the district attorney, Carl G. Helm and Sheriff Breshears.

May Have Been Hi-jacked

One opinion held by the police here is that Brady was connected in some way with a booze ring either as a buyer or an importer from Canada and that he met his death at the hands of rum runners who enticed him to the edge of town with the story that a still was located there.

Dentists End Successful Convention

Election of Officers Closes Annual Meeting of Eastern Oregon Association.

A very successful meeting of the Eastern Oregon Dental association was brought to a close yesterday afternoon at Union.

The new officers of the association elected for the year 1925 are: H. B. Sook of Baker, president; Roy Cate, secretary; Robert Vaughn, treasurer; Dr. Kern of Pendleton, first vice-president; Dr. Momnon, second vice president; C. C. Goldberg of Enterprise, third vice president.

The principal speaker of the meeting was Dr. W. T. Phy of Hot Lake who spoke on the subject of eugenics.

Educational features of the session were the clinics given by Dr. J. H. Cardwell of Boise, Idaho on inlay construction and mouth surgery, and by Dr. C. P. Chainter also of Boise who conducted a clinic on inlay and bridge work.

Educational talks were delivered by Dr. Horton of Baker who spoke on the subject of "The Relation of Diseased Teeth to Health" and by Dr. Ray Murphy of La Grande who spoke on the subject "A Defensive Diet."

HOUSE PASSES POSTAL BILL

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—The senate postoffice committee today voted to substitute the senate postal pay and rate increase bill for the measure passed by the house yesterday.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Without a record vote the house late Tuesday passed the Kelly postal pay and rate increase bill and sent it to the senate which already has passed in a somewhat similar measure only to have it turned back by the house as infringing on its exclusive prerogative to originate revenue producing legislation.

Brought up under a special rule which limited debate to less than two hours, barred amendments from the floor and required two-thirds majority for passage the measure was approved in about two hours without a record vote.

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JARDINE MAY BE SECRETARY

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Although the White House withheld any comment, administration officials elsewhere indicated today that their belief is that William M. Jardine, Kansas, has virtually been decided upon by President Coolidge for the position of secretary of agriculture.

The Kansas congressional delegation, which once endorsed J. C. Mohler for the post, met and changed its support to Jardine.

Members of the delegation have been in constant consultation with the president, but declined to say they had definite information regarding his decision.

Skunk and Crows Fight: "Poison Gas" Inadequate

WEISER, Ida. (Special) — How one skunk staged a battle with a flock of crows and was worsted by them on a floating cake of ice in Weiser river is told by Sam Atchison, a farmer living east of here. His attention was attracted by the uproar of the crows, he says, and he watched the battle for some time.

The birds were apparently excited by the skunk's proximity. Occasionally a crow would lose control of itself and fall into the water and drown. As the ice floe floated nearer the battle seemingly grew fiercer.

The crows were fierce in their attacks, but the skunk was just as fierce, using not only his claws, but apparently also his poison gas equipment. This latter, his best weapon, he would dart into the eyes of his assailants, and there would be one less crow to combat.

Gas supplies finally gave out and the unequal battle ended when several of the birds alighted on the floe and picked out the skunk's eyes. As the floe drifted out of sight the skunk was stretched feebly on his side with the crows picking viciously at him. Mr. Atchison counted more than a dozen dead crows in the stream.

14 SENATORS BACK FISH BILL VETO

Pierce's Frown on Measure to Receive Support of Group

BILL UP BEFORE SENATE AT 2:30

Game Commission Control Transfer Measure to Be Treated in Similar Fashion.

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The bill transferring control of the fish commission from the governor to the state board of control is coming before the senate at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. Four senators are now opposed, more than enough to sustain the governor's veto.

Representative Kirkwood's bill transferring control over the game commission from the governor to the board of control is also pending in the senate, having passed the house with enough votes to carry over the executive veto.

A group of thirteen in the senate will sustain the veto should it pass the senate. The bill is scheduled to follow the fish commission bill.

PROPOSED CHILD LABOR MEASURE DRIVE PLANNED

MIAMI, Fla. (By the Associated Press)—The American Federation of Labor will carry on a campaign for a national child labor amendment to the federal constitution in those states which have failed to ratify the amendment until such time as legislators favorable to ratification are elected, the federation's executive council decided today.

WISCONSIN IN FAVOR OF CHILD LABOR AMENDMENT

MADISON, Wis. (By the Associated Press)—The legislature today ratified the federal child labor amendment.

CONNECTICUT TURNS DOWN BILL IN LOWER HOUSE

HARTFORD, Conn. (By the Associated Press)—The house of representatives today refused to ratify the federal child labor amendment.

HILL'S CASE FOR $1,000 INSURANCE IS NON-SUITED

The circuit court case, Hill's Department Store vs. the United Fidelity and Guaranty company which was tried before Judge Knowles yesterday was dismissed without being presented to the jury as the plaintiff had no case.

The action was to collect insurance money for about $1000 which was stolen from Hill's store in 1923. The insurance contract specified that the safe when robbed must show marks of violence on the outside and as there were no marks of this sort the judge was compelled to dismiss the case.

Jose Quiana charged with robbing Jimmy Woe while armed with a dangerous weapon will be tried next Friday morning.

MARKETS TODAY

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Cattle and sheep nominally steady, hogs slow. Eggs one cent lower, 27c and 28½c. Butter 45c. Butterfat steady.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Butterfat 56c.

The Crowd Is There

If you're going to give that speech to a giant crowd every day—the crowd represented by the total readers of The Observer—you don't want to go to the trouble of making careful preparation of what you want to say, spend your good money, and then have only a handful to talk to.

You are not in such danger when using The Observer circulation—it has been built over a long period of years by reader interest and reader confidence. It's out of the handbill class.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Insured Against Love

But nobody can stop us from falling in love with Sally Long, candidate for 1925's choice as most perfect Hollywood beauty, who was brought to pictures only after D. W. Griffith obtained $100,000 against her falling in love and leaving his company.

Local Armory Placed Second In Importance

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Senator Magladry and Adjutant General George A. White spoke before the ways and means committee here last night for a bill providing for an armory at Cottage Grove.

There are bills pending in legislature providing for armories in five cities. Asked to name these in order of their importance White named Cottage Grove, La Grande, Astoria, Forest Grove and Portland.

HIKER FACING TASK OF SIZE

Facing the seemingly herculean task, which he has outlined for himself, of walking from Portland, Oregon to Newark, New Jersey, a distance of approximately 3500 miles, in 120 days, Peter Pendergast arrived in La Grande yesterday afternoon and left again today, headed toward Baker.

He started from Portland February 3 and arrived here seven days later, traveling at the rate of better than 33 miles per day, which he figures he must maintain to be successful in his cross country jaunt.

The hiker, who carries a 60-pound pack, is not making the journey on a bet but simply to prove to himself and others that he can do it and also for the "educational benefits" which such a trip would hold, according to a statement he made to an Evening Observer reporter this morning, just before leaving for Baker.

His home is in Newark, although he has been in Portland for some time. He expects to make a living during the 120 days by selling magazines, post cards and newspapers. He was formerly a member of the A. E. F.

Suspect Is Released In Ohio Poison Case

COLUMBUS, Ohio (By the Associated Press)—With the release yesterday of Louis Fish, 19, student at Ohio State university, city prosecutor John J. Chester, investigating the mysterious death of two university students, declared that Fish was not implicated in the affair, as he was "the victim of unfortunate circumstances."

Fish admitted to authorities that he had gone to the college dispensary without authority, and secured the "quinine" capsules for David Puskin, in an effort to relieve his illness, and save him a few cents. How the bottle of strichnyne — supposedly aspirin — capsules came into the dispensary is still a mystery.

GREECE APPEALS

GENEVA (AP)—Greece has appealed to the league of nations against the action of Turkey in expelling the Greek patriarch from Constantinople, claiming this action endangers friendly relations between the two countries.

XTRA

GOODING BILL KILLED.

WASHINGTON (AP). — The house commerce committee today voted in executive session, 11 to 6, to decline to report the Gooding bill, prohibiting higher railroad rates for short hauls than for long hauls over the same route. The measure had passed the senate.

WASHINGTON (AP). — Assent by the German government to reservations attached by the senate to a commercial treaty between the United States and Germany will be sought immediately by the state department. The senate's resolution on immigration and shipping clauses have received approval of the state department.

STOCK MEET SET.

WASHINGTON (AP). — By direction of President Coolidge, Executive Officer Cooper, of the farm loan board, and A. C. Williams, board member, will meet with cattlemen and others interested in livestock financing at Los Angeles February 16th to consider the livestock loan companies. Later strategical points in the west will be visited for conferences with cattle men and bankers.

CHINESE WITHDRAW

GENEVA (AP) — The Chinese delegation today withdrew from the first, or Far East opium conference, when that body convened to reconsider its findings.

The delegation, in a letter to the conference said the reason for withdrawal was the conferences failure to adopt a system for the suppression of opium smoking in the far east. The Chinese now have withdrawn from both opium conferences.

CAVE CITY RESCUE MEN ON LAST LAP

Diggers, Seeking Floyd Collins, Working Feverishly Today.

AMPLIFIER TESTS GET NO RESULTS

Broadcasting Station KYW in Chicago Believes Tests Taken Are No True Indication.

CAVE CITY (AP Press Time Flash)—Barring unexpected developments indications at noon today were that Collins would not be extricated before late tonight from the cave. The shaft is down 48 feet. Leaders said the sudden striking of a cavern in which Collins entered would be the only unexpected development that might possibly lead to earlier rescue.

CAVE CITY (By the Associated Press)—Daylight found diggers in Collins' rescue shaft, working feverishly, hoping any moment to break into a tunnel which might lead to the imprisoned man.

For the first time amplifier tests across the light circuit leading to Collins failed completely to record anything in the head phones.

Observers said the test indicated the globe was out of Collins' socket and burned out. The last successful test was made at midnight.

DOUBT TESTS VALUE

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press) — Tests made by radio broadcasting station KYW here, duplicating those made at Sand Cave which were said to indicate Collins was still alive, have failed to show breathing or heart beats, says today's Herald and Examiner.

POLICE HOLD WEALTHY TRIO

LOS ANGELES (By the Associated Press)—Dr. Samuel B. Mollin, wealthy Detroit dentist and politician, and his two sons, Harry and Fred, were arrested here today on fugitive warrants charging them of conspiracy to defraud the Detroit Insurance Co., by staging a "fake" diamond robbery.

Officers said they are also wanted in Detroit for questioning concerning a $200,000 diamond robbery.

REFUSES TO WED COUPLE

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Judge V. J. Stentz of the city court Tuesday declined to marry Arnold Barnum of Talmadge, Neb., and Amanda Stonebraker of Clarinda, Iowa. Barnum gave his age at 20 and the prospective bride said said she was 45, but Judge Stentz said she appeared to him to be at least 70 years old. The young man had consent of his parents to wed.

Louisiana judges have the privilege of refusing to marry any persons and without offering any reasons.

BORAH INVITED TO ITALY

ROME (AP) — A report that William E. Borah, chairman of the United States senate's foreign relations committee, is to visit Europe was received here Tuesday. In political and government circles in Rome the hope was expressed that should Senator Borah make the voyage he will come to Italy to study Italy's situation at the source.

Trainmen of 40 Roads Given Salary Increase

CLEVELAND (By the Associated Press) — Forty railroads and their engineers and firemen have negotiated settlements of wages and working conditions, all of them involving a wage increase of approximately 5 per cent, according to a bulletin just issued by D. B. Robertson, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.

Thirty-seven of these agreements, a number of which have been named in announcements of individual settlements, were made on the basis of the Southern Pacific (Pacific system) settlement. During January three new western settlements, on the basis of the New York Central settlement, were negotiated between the Ann Arbor, the Buffalo & Susquehanna and the Detroit & Toledo Shore line and the engineers. Among the 37 roads are: Arizona Eastern; Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe (proper); Panhandle & Santa Fe; Chicago & Alton; Chicago & Northwestern; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy; Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha; Davenport, Rock Island & Northwestern; Des Moines Union; El Paso & Southwestern system; Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe; Los Angeles & Salt Lake; Ogden Union Railway & Depot company; Oregon Short Line; Southern Pacific (Pacific system); Union Pacific; St. Joseph & Grand Island; Western Pacific; Chicago Great Western; Fort Worth & Denver City, and Northern Pacific.

With but few exceptions the wage question has been settled in the eastern and southwestern territories, the bulletin says, and settlements have been reached on a majority of the western railroads.

Friday Night Art Week Program Is Announced

The program for the Art Week meeting Friday night at the library when the thousand pictures will be presented to the library board by the Neighborhood club has been completed by club women in charge of the movement here. The entire community is invited to hear the program and view the picture display to be made that evening.

Following is the program in detail:

Music by the band.

Introduction by Mrs. Harry Cleaver, chairman of the Art department of the Neighborhood club.

"The Child and Art," by Mrs. Stella Ingle.

"Art in the Community," by Elmer Stoddard.

Presentation of pictures to the library board by Mrs. Harry Zurbrick, president of the Neighborhood club.

Acceptance by the board, C. M. Humphrey.

"The Schools," by Supt. A. C. Hampton.

"Contest and Prizes," by Mrs. O. E. Silverthorn.

"City Beds," by A. T. Hill, president of the city commission.

Reception and viewing of pictures.

Picture Distribution.

With the conclusion of this program and the opening of the library Saturday morning the picture collection will be ready for

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PUZZLE ANSWER