

HARDING'S CHOICE FOR SWITZERLAND PLEASES HAPGOOD

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Washington, June 8.—In case you have been losing sleep wondering who is to be the next American minister to Switzerland, I will announce that he is to be Albert Henry Washburn of Massachusetts. This fact may not be epoch making, but it leads to a subject I want to discuss.

Mr. Washburn is a lawyer, graduated from the law school of Georgetown university in 1895, was consul at Magburg, Germany, five years later, holder of two legal positions by government appointment and named professor of political economy and international law at Dartmouth in 1919.

More important than any of these things, he was private secretary to Mr. Lodge from 1899 to 1906.

SKINNER KNOWS A LOT
It is rumored that Robert P. Skinner is to be ambassador to Belgium, but about that I know nothing. All I know is that Mr. Skinner would be a remarkably good appointment for interesting reasons. He has risen steadily in consular service until he is now at the top of it. He has been a success in France, in Germany, in England.

He knows a lot. His reports on situations even during the war have been sound, uncolored by bias. The best consuls nearly always understand more than the diplomats. They have to.

Before the Great Eastern laid the Atlantic cable a diplomat was an important person. Nowadays a diplomat gets his orders in a few minutes from his bosses at the home base.

Usually all he does is to dance, go to fancy dress parties, exchange compliments and make more or less foolish or more or less tactful speeches.

INFORMATION THE THING
The most complete thing a diplomat can do nowadays is to send home useful information. Most of them do get little, because they live only in official and fashionable society, and most of them send what they know is wanted rather than what is true.

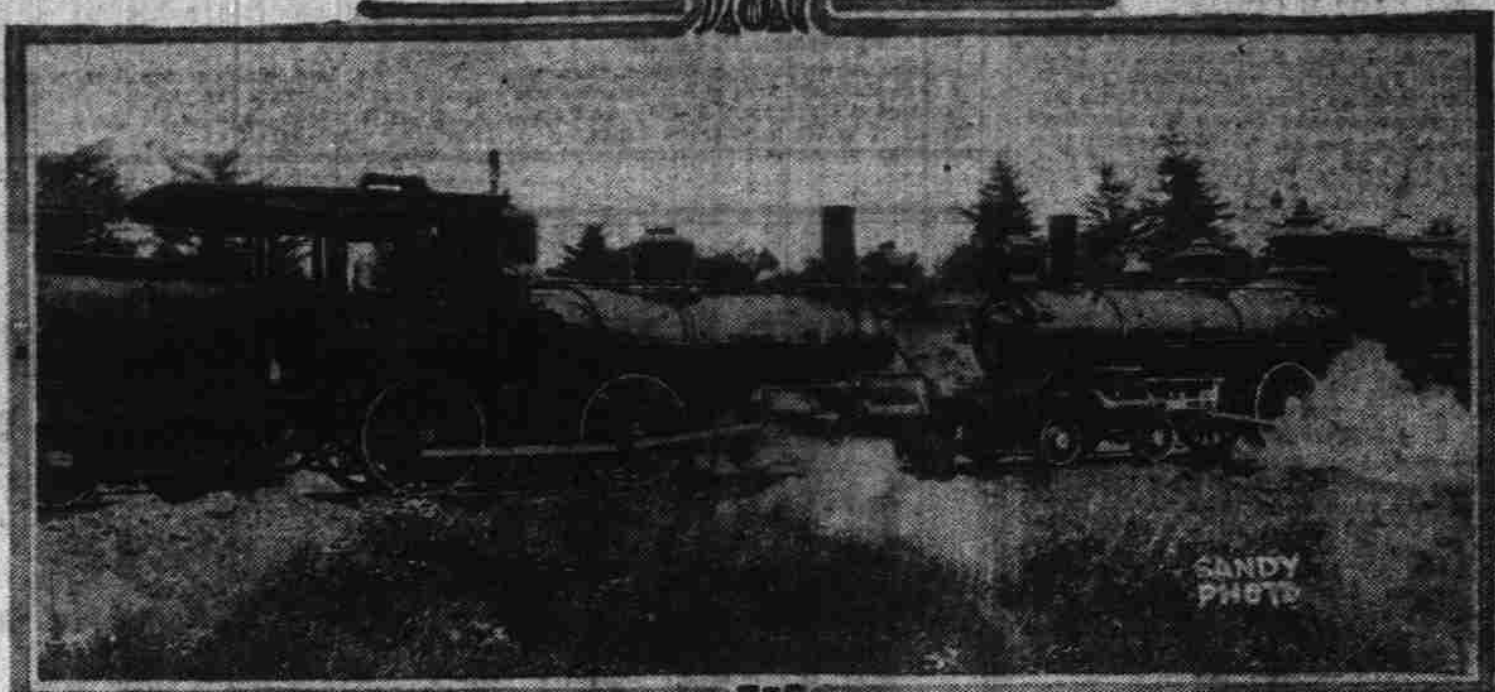
The preceding administration was particularly fortunate in the Orient. Rowland Morris' views are in some ways different from mine, but everybody knows he was a first class observer. So was Dr. Reinach in China, and his successor, Charles R. Crane, has learned, in a lifetime of interest, to know the Orient as few Americans know it. John W. Davis batted 100 per cent.

Seldom, indeed, does a diplomat understand the country in which he works as well as it is understood by the best journalists. It will be a tough job to find anybody for Germany who will understand a tenth as much as Karl H. von Wiegand.

SAME OLD STORIES
Wiegand's dispatch in today's American, for example, is more complete than anything I have seen about Russia in a long time. United States officials can make faces at Russia, to their hearts' content. England and Germany will do business.

A few hours after reading Wiegand's dispatch I was exchanging amenities

LOCOMOTIVES READY FOR DEATH STRUGGLE



Here are the two Southern Pacific passenger engines nose to nose at Rose City speedway, where they are to race to their own destruction for the benefit of Portland Post No. 1, American Legion, Saturday afternoon.

with a man who had a conspicuous part in shaping our Russian policy. He began to talk to me about "theft" about the wickedness of the British in recognizing such a government, etc. A hopeless feeling came over me as I heard the same old words.

It is amusing to watch a group of 30 or so Washington correspondents as they listen to the old records grinding out the same songs. The records squeal fearfully, but the correspondents are polite.

Imagine the government having to pull that one about the impending collapse of the soviet government. And then that other one about the prisoners, gaily ground out, with no distinction between spies and other persons detained, and no little side remarks about the length of jail sentences we give to people for speaking amicably of the soviet government.

When Mr. Harding picks his diplomats he ought to seek above all things men who have sense enough to get the right kind of information on which a journalist would risk a lawsuit. He has done it twice already.

Free Dentistry Is Provided at Clinic

Olympia, Wash., June 8.—Dentistry of the most modern type was provided free of charge by 24 dentists at the state clinic at the official state examination for licenses to practice dentistry in Washington, conducted by the department of licenses and held under the direct supervision of the dental examining board, composed of Dr. J. B. Hoska of Tacoma, Dr. George A. Ellsperman of Blaine, and Dr. H. D. Keenan of Spokane. Next Wednesday a score or more of applicants are expected to arrive from Portland where they have just graduated from the North Pacific dental college.

Union Votes Wage Cut
Spokane, Wash., June 8.—The painters' union voted Saturday to reduce

wages of its members from \$8 a day to \$7.20, according to announcement by T. O. Slack, secretary. About 150 men are affected. Slack said the union hoped to stimulate building and painting activity.

U. P. to Carry Relief Free
Clothing and foodstuff being sent to the Colorado flood district will be carried to Denver free by the Union Pacific railway system, when consigned to the American Red Cross or the mayor of Pueblo, according to an announcement made Tuesday afternoon by H. E. Lounsbury, general freight agent for the O. W. R. & N. Relief articles from connecting railways will also be carried free by the Union Pacific, providing the shipment is carried free over the connecting line or is prepaid.

Grange Commends Assessor
Goldendale, Wash., June 8.—Pomona Grange No. 6 of Klickitat county passed resolutions commending Charles F. Jackson, county assessor, for reducing the working forces in the office of the assessor.

Mrs. S. A. Covey, who resides in the American apartments, 424 Johnson street, was run down by a motorcycle at Twenty-first and Gilsan streets Tuesday night. One of her hands was injured and she was bruised. She was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital and later was taken to her home.

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ENGINES LINE UP FOR COLLISION

The two locomotives which will furnish the spectacle of a head-on collision at the Rose City speedway next Saturday when the members of Portland Post No. 1, American Legion, will present a varied and entertaining program for Festival visitors, were moved into the infield of the speedway yesterday.

The engines made a quick trip, comparatively at least, from a spur on the O. W. R. & N. railroad down side streets and across fields to the speedway. Robert Crowell and his men working with clocklike method and precision at their task.

The two machines were linked together head to head and under their own steam were propelled slowly while cradles of steel rails were laid down before them and taken up to be used again after they had passed.

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Santa Fe and Thomas Myers of the Northern Pacific, have been engaged to start the engines on their last run. They will get up full steam in the boilers, the tracks will be heavily sanded to gain quick headway, the throttles will be thrown wide open and the huge machines will be on their way while the engineers leap for safety from the running boards. A mighty crash with attendant hissing of steam and groaning of bolts is the expected result and thrills are promised by the management of the spectacle. Both locomotives are veterans of the passenger service of the Southern Pacific.

Five fast motorcycle races, a fat man's

Ford race and a two heat-quarter mile running race with women jockeys are other features of the program.

Umatilla Pioneers Hold 2-Day Reunion; Officers Are Elected

Weston, June 8.—The 48th annual reunion of Umatilla county pioneers in Weston on Friday and Saturday was one of the most enjoyable gatherings in

the history of the organization. While man college conservatory of music furnished entertainment the last afternoon, James A. King of Weston was unanimously chosen as president of the association.

Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Jeter of Sacramento, Cal., arrived in Weston Friday to conduct a revival meeting for four weeks under auspices of the Methodist church, South. A large tabernacle has been erected on the normal school campus.

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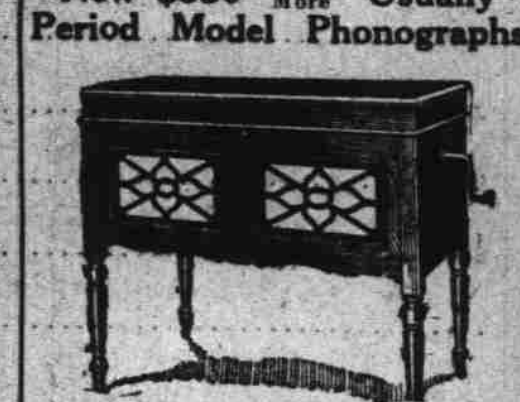
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