

LEAKS ALWAYS PLENTIFUL AT WASHINGTON

History of Numerous Investigations Show Source Never Traced—Probes Afford Much Innocent Amusement to Spectators—History of Previous Investigations Related.

By CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL, WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—My idea of a good racy indoor sport is a committee that goes solemnly about looking for a news leak.

It doesn't find anything, but it affords no end of amusement to the spectators, and pure, innocent amusement is what the world most wants for these days.

Leads, why, they are commoner than green onions! There isn't a ship of state that hasn't had them until it looked like a sieve, and nobody has ever been able to tell where they come from or to caulk them so they would stay caulked.

Twenty seven years ago a special committee of the United States senate started out to discover how the news of every executive session invariably "leaked."

Leads Continue.

A few months ago another senate committee of the same kind was appointed to make the same inquiry.

The first committee didn't discover, and neither did the last nor all the other committees in between, and yet the news of executive sessions continued to "leak" just the same and does yet.

There isn't a new president's cabinet that isn't perfectly well known in Wall street as fast as it is selected, no matter what pains may be taken to keep everything dark. Three weeks before Mr. Wilson took office Wall street learned whom he had picked for the treasury and, not liking the choice, was depressed. A few days later the first selection fell through, another was made that was more satisfactory, and up went the market like a balloon.

Historical Leaks.

In spite of every attempt to maintain the strictest secrecy the essentials of every president's message are perfectly well known before it is delivered. In the latter part of 1904 some rumor monger started a story in Wall street that President Roosevelt's forthcoming message was to deal a heavy blow at trusts. To know exactly what it would say became a matter of vital importance. President Roosevelt had his message tightly locked up in his desk, but before it was delivered Wall street knew its essentials just the same.

A historical "leak" at the census bureau a few years ago isn't likely soon to be forgotten in Washington. It was advance information about the government's cotton crop bulletin. Somebody got hold of that and played the markets, resulting in a horrible scandal and an indictment. As a result, the government's crop reports are now prepared in secret and in sections. On the day when they are put together nobody is allowed to enter or leave the bureau, and the telephone wires are cut off. When the totals are added in, the whole thing is placed on a table, at a given signal, the newspaper men are admitted at once and they rush away with copies to be hung on the wires.

A Famous Leak.

One of the famous "leaks" occurred in Cleveland's second administration and revealed the fact that government clerks knew in advance about the Hawaiian revolution and that the sugar trust had a hand in it.

Sometimes, though not often, "leaks" have seemed to be organized as a continuous business proposition. For a long time a great New York bank had a desk and a representative in the treasury department to scoop up "leaks" concerning banks and bankers and other inside information. It objected vehemently when a new administration threw its trough into the street.

In 1895 and 1896 "leaks" from the treasury department gave two big financial houses in New York inside information about coming bond issues on which they were supposed to have made millions. There was a loud howl about this, but no investigation.

Jerry Risk a Leaker.

When Uncle Jerry Risk was secretary of agriculture, he used to sit out on old newspaper row in Washington and tell the correspondents everything that happened at cabinet meetings. This caused intense annoyance to the administration but nobody quite dared to call Uncle Jerry down for it and for some time the newspapers had spy and complete reports of every cabinet session until the president found means to choke off a cracking good reporter.

Other nations have plenty of trou-

MILLION DOLLAR HATCH IN COUNTY POULTRYMEN'S AIM

By W. W. WATSON, Secretary. The Southern Oregon Poultry association, at a meeting Saturday afternoon deferred the election of officers for the ensuing year until the regular meeting to be held next Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the public market.

Sentiment favoring a Southern Oregon Poultry association show, exclusively, early in December of this year, was unanimous. The state poultry show in this city in the month of January was a bad investment, due largely to the fact that the date is incompatible with up-state conditions, intensified somewhat by the lack of cohesion in the state organization. Many local exhibitors refused to enter their birds in competition with those of the older poultry districts, while yet a larger number found it impossible to get ready for a fair exhibition in the brief time allotted between the decision to hold the show here and the date of the opening day.

Interest Increasing.

That the interest in poultry development in Southern Oregon is rapidly increasing and breeders are entering the industry in a systematized manner, not so much for the production of fancy show birds as for the profit they have found in the business, is evident from the preparation being made for the hatch this year. It may safely be estimated that the production of poultry in Jackson county will be doubled during 1917.

Many poulterers on the farms confessed during the recent slow period that they found it easy to pay their taxes from the profits in poultry production; that they are in hearty sympathy with the association slogan: "A million dollar hatch for Jackson county in 1920;" and that they propose both to improve and enlarge their flocks this year in greater measure than ever before.

Co-Operation Promised.

Co-operation is promised among poulterers and farmers in the matter of general improvement of breeds and market. The industry has heretofore been pursued in a desultory way in southern Oregon, as indeed it has been throughout the entire state. A \$10,000,000 annual output of poultry and poultry products for Oregon is a mere bagatelle in comparison with what it should be. Jackson county alone ought to be putting out half of that output at this time. It is a much-neglected industry. We are put to shame by the fact that we ship eggs into one of the most favorably conditioned poultry regions on earth. Considering the greed of an unsatisfied market for that product on the Pacific coast, we ought to be shipping out carloads of eggs at a good price. Deducting the unreasonably extortionate tariff rates from the market price, there would yet be left a handsome profit.

Memberships Increasing.

Memberships in the Southern Oregon Poultry association are coming in most encouragingly by every mail. A membership card for the year costs one dollar. The secretary is mailing them to all parts of the county as fast as applications come in. The local association is probably the most methodically active organization of the kind in the state today. Business men and women throughout the valley are encouraging it by becoming members and enjoying the advantage of that relationship. They are at liberty to write to the secretary for information of any kind pertaining to the industry and how its products may be reliably obtained. Such information will be cheerfully supplied at all times.

ble with leaks. While the Boer war was on the alleged manipulation of war news by eminent gentlemen on the inside, some of them very eminent, made a scandal in England that made things totter. Somebody always seemed to be able to get the big news in advance and play the market in time to make a killing. At one time there was a leak investigation about this also, but it never amounted to anything, even an indoor sport.

If you could convict on a moral certainty there would probably be vastly more go and ginger to this amusement. About nine men in ten that know the ropes in Washington have an over-supply of moral certainties about the present situation, but you can't prove a leak that was and trying it would be like taking a match to find a leak in your gasoline tank.

Attention!

All members Chrysanthemum Circle No. 84, are requested to meet at 234 North Holly street, at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon to attend the funeral of neighbor Ella Shoultz.

By Order of ELIZABETH SOLISS.

SCHOOL AGE IS EXTENDED IN BILL FATHERED BY GORE

SALEM, Jan. 22.—Representative Gore of Jackson county has introduced a bill extending the school age from 9 to 15 years to 7 to 16 years. The bill reads as follows:

House Bill No. 121.

Introduced by Mr. Gore and read first time, January 17, 1917.

Section 4119. Every parent, guardian or other person in the state of Oregon having control, or charge of any child, or children between and including the ages of seven and sixteen years of age, shall be required to send such child or children to the public schools for a term or period of not less or more than the number of months of public school held annually in the district in which such parent guardian or other person in parental relation may reside; provided, that in the following cases, children shall not be required to attend public schools:

(a) Any child, or children, who is, or are being taught for a like period of time in a private or parochial school, such branches as are usually taught in the first eight years in the public school, or has, or have, already acquired the ordinary branches of learning taught in such schools, the fact of which acquisition of such ordinary branches of learning by such child, or children, shall be determined by the school board in charge of the public school in such district;

(b) Any child, or children, who is, or are, physically unable to attend school. In such cases the trustee officer shall require a written statement of a competent physician certifying that such child, or children is, or are, physically unable to attend school;

(c) Children between the ages of seven and ten years of age, whose parents live more than one and one-half miles, and children over ten years of age whose parents live more than three miles, by the nearest traveled road, from some public school; provided, that if transportation is furnished pupils in said district this exemption shall not apply;

(d) Any child, or children, who is, or are, being taught for a like period of time by the parent, or private teacher such subjects as are usually taught in the first eight years in the public school, but before such child, or children, can be taught by a parent or private teacher, such parent or private teacher must receive written permission from the county superintendent, who is hereby authorized to grant such permission only in case of necessity and such permission shall not extend longer than the end of the current school year. Such child, or children, must report to the county school superintendent or some person designated by him at least every three months and take an examination in the work covered. If, after such examination, the county superintendent shall determine that such child, or children, is, or are, not being properly taught, then the county superintendent shall order the parent, guardian or other person in parental relation to send such child, or children, to school the remainder of the school year. Failure on the part of the parent, guardian or other person in parental relation to comply with the order of the county superintendent, shall render such person liable to the penalty provided for in this act.

FIRST BASKET BALL OF SEASON TONIGHT

The first basketball game of the season will be played at the Nat tonight between the Phoenix high and Medford high teams. Phoenix has an exceptionally fast and capable quintette composed of the same members who won the championship of the Southern Oregon High School League last year. They are undefeated so far this season. The local high schoolers have been working hard, but owing to the fact that they have been practicing but a short time, the outcome of the game will be watched with anxious eyes by the loyal backers.

Medford will line up with Jones, Gentry or Williamson, forwards; Normie, Wallace or Young, guards; Brandon, center. "Clam" Hall will officiate.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the friends who were so kind and thoughtful during our recent bereavement.

MRS. SARAH HESSLER, MRS. IRVIN DALEY, MR. MILO CONLEY, MR. MANLY CONLEY.

SWEENEY'S BILL IS REVISION OF FISH SCREEN LAW

SALEM, Jan. 22.—Representative Sweeney of Josephine county states that his bill (H. B. 102) for fish screens has been misrepresented by the press. The printed measure shows that it is not a bill to prevent fish from being scared by fish screens as represented, but a revision of the state screen law. The bill as drawn has the O. K. of the state game and fish commission and also the irrigation committee to which it has been referred. It reads as follows:

Section 1. That section 1 of chapter 257 of the general laws of Oregon for 1913 be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. Any person owning, in part or in whole, or leasing, operating or having in charge any irrigation ditch or canal, millrace, or other artificial watercourse taking or receiving its waters from any river, creek or lake in which fish have been placed, or may exist, shall, upon order of the board of fish and game commissioners, place or cause to be placed, and shall maintain to the satisfaction of the board of fish and game commissioners over the inlet of such ditch, canal, millrace, or other artificial watercourse such device as shall reasonably prevent fish from

entering such ditch, canal, mill race, or other artificial watercourse to the satisfaction of such board.

Provided, that such device may be of such design as shall tend to frighten such fish and otherwise thereby prevent them from entering such ditch, canal, millrace, or other artificial watercourse. Inadequate devices for such purposes may be ordered removed and new devices ordered installed, when upon investigation after full hearing upon which all interested parties have the right to be heard, it is determined that any device, either by construction, operation or otherwise, is found inadequate by the board of fish and game commissioners, for the purpose of preventing such fish through fright or otherwise from entering such ditch, canal, millrace, or other artificial watercourse.

Provided, that the order of the board of fish and game commissioners requiring the installation of such device in any ditch, canal, millrace, or any other artificial watercourse shall be served in writing upon the person required to install the same, and shall specify such device as shall be best suited to the conditions prevailing in the particular locality in which such ditch, canal, millrace, or other artificial watercourse is situated.

Any person found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not to exceed thirty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

PRESIDENT PLEADS FOR WORLD LEAGUE TO PRESERVE PEACE

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this: To add their power to the force of the nations to guarantee peace and justice throughout the world."

At another point the president said:

"No covenant of co-operative peace that does not include the peoples of the new world can suffice to keep the future safe against war."

At that point the president went on to say:

"If the peace presently to be made is to endure, it must be a peace made secure by the organized major force of mankind." Later he said:

"The equality of nations upon which peace must be founded, if it is to last, must be an equality of rights."

In holding out the expectation that the United States would join other nations in a "league for peace," the president declared it must be clear

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Medford, Oregon, Jan. 18, 1917 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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(Signed) W. R. JOHNSON, Witnesses:

- M. A. Anderson, Medford.
- S. B. Holmes, Eagle Point.
- Frank Lewis, Eagle Point.
- Wm. Lewis, Eagle Point.
- W. L. Childreth, Eagle Point.
- C. E. Moore, Eagle Point.
- J. V. McIntyre, Eagle Point.
- Geo. B. Von der Hellen, Eagle Point.
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