

## SENATE REBEL LEADERS MAY VISIT HARDING

Word of Possible Insurrection Reaches President-Elect's Ears.

### DISLIKE LEAGUE STAND

MARION, Ohio, Dec. 15.—Rumbles of possible insurrection among Republican irreconcileables were reaching President-elect Harding through various channels today.

He may call some of their leaders to Marion shortly with view to nipping any insurgent movement such as wrecked the Taft administration. Primarily the irreconcileables fear Harding is leaning too far in favor of the League of Nations, according to advice reaching him.

Among the sources of information is the new Cabinet, and the belief that Harding intends to appoint Herbert Hoover; another is the fear that he is not planning a sufficiently progressive domestic program.

Harding is in closest touch with the Senate position, often by long distance telephone, and knows of every shift in the line-up almost as soon as it occurs.

Raymond Robins, Chicago, a progressive, was to be here today to lay before Harding the views of his own wing on the party, especially as to domestic legislation and the labor situation. Should his advice be acted upon there would be little complaint from the progressive Republicans. Reports that Robins being considered for Secretary of Labor were strengthened by his appearance here today. He has always been friendly to organized labor.

Harding addresses a conference on child welfare here tonight. Tomorrow Governor Calvin Coolidge comes and Friday Harding will see William J. Bryan, Senator New (Indiana), and Chairman Will Hays of the Republican national committee. He appeared to be optimistic today regarding the conferences held so far. They indicated, he said, that it will not be as difficult to reach a common ground as some had thought.

### ASSESS GOODRICH MINE PROPERTIES

Commissioners Boost Valuations in Some Cases.

Increases for several of the large corporations of the state have been made in the fourth postwar assessments by the State Board of Tax Commissioners, according to assessments given out today for several counties. Corporations in sixty-five of the state were reassessed by the State board, while no appeals were made from twenty-seven counties.

Assessment of the property of the Canna mine and lead mill in Green County, the latter being the mine in which Pierre Goodrich, son of Governor James P. Goodrich, holds stock, and the former being one in which Governor Goodrich is interested, was placed at \$100,000 and \$148,500, respectively, in lieu of former assessments.

Some of the assessments made by the board in the various counties are: Delaware County, Minde Star, assessed by county board at \$90,000; reduced by State board to \$72,000.

Gibson County, Bosse Coal Company, assessed by county board at \$9,000; raised by State board to \$31,100.

Kosciusko County, Sandusky Portland Cement Company, assessed by county board at \$207,200; raised by State board \$325,200.

Lawrence County (in which many steel industries are located), American Bridge Company, assessed by county board at \$58,000, raised by State board to \$1,52,075; American Sheet and Tin Plate Company, assessed by county board at \$68,975, raised by State board to \$1,198,975. Other large industries of the county were raised proportionately.

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### Woman Steps on Rat, and—Behold, Drive Gets Its Inception

Mrs. W. H. Hart Tells of Striking Rodent in City Market While Shopping.

The campaign to exterminate rats in Indianapolis being conducted this week by the Women's Department Club and the United States Public Health Service had its inception, so far as the local club was concerned, when Mrs. W. H. Hart, former chairman of the community welfare section, and the head of the rat drive committee, stepped on a large rodent in the city market, according to a statement by her.

The incident, as related by Mrs. Hart, is illuminating as relating to conditions in the market which the Indianapolis Club repeatedly has desired and which the Daily Times has often pointed out.

The rat was stepped on while Mrs. Hart was shopping in the market building one morning some time ago. Mrs. Hart said she got out of the rat's way as quickly as possible and saw it run under a nearby stand. She passed to another stand and was talking to the standholder there when she saw a woman evidently the owner of the stand under which the rat had taken refuge, and to go behind her counter, Mrs. Hart said.

**SOUNDS FUTILE**

#### WARNING TO OTHER

"That woman ought not to go behind there. I just saw a big rat run in there," I told the standholder with whom I was talking. Mrs. Hart said.

"You've got company over there," the woman asked.

"What do you mean?" the other woman asked.

"Why, this woman says a big rat ran under your stand."

"Oh, that's all right, we're used to them," the standholder replied.

"You can be sure I don't buy anything on the market any more than I can't wash," Mrs. Hart concluded.

The incident recalls the fact that the Women's Department Club has urged the city authorities to clean up the market for several years without success. It was thought some progress would be made when the board of safety's special market commission, headed by Stanley Wyckoff, former Federal food administrator for Marion County, and including in its membership Mrs. Evans, representing the Indianapolis Club, made its recommendations. The commission investigated every phase of the market and recommended that the board of safety take immediate steps to make the place sanitary.

#### NOW CALLED

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As the place is now operated it is a paradise for rats, statement of health conditions prove. Many of the stands counters have wooden fronts and sides, covering dark recesses within which rats may hide and grow fat. It is no secret that standholders let refuse accumulate beneath their counters. While some attempt frequently is made to keep the premises clean, the refuse need not be left long for the rats to get at the food necessary to enable them to have a well-fed appearance. Health authorities state that the only way to prevent the evil is to have the counters set on legs so there will be wide open spaces beneath. Rats do not reside near places where they may be easily seen and driven out.

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the community promiscuous handling of rats or rat tails would be a severe menace to the healthy individuals who handled them, but if one thoroughly washes and cleanses the hands after this procedure there is no more danger in handling any other animal object.

The Department Club plans to reopen its fight for better market conditions at an early date. It is understood, meanwhile, Mayor Charles W. Jewett has announced that remodeling of the city market is part of the city's 1921 building program and it is quite noticeable ever since the city administration adopted the new market project, sanitary conditions in the market have been permitted to grow worse.

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### TRAPPERS SEE LITTLE DEMAND

Few Animal Furs to Be Sold This Year.

Many trappers in Indiana will not follow the business of taking fur this season because the hard work it entails offers very little remuneration, according to George N. Mannfeld, superintendent of fish and game of the State Conservation Department. Mr. Mannfeld bases his opinion on numerous letters received from fur takers all over the state who claim that an exceedingly weak market for pelts is no inducement to continue. The situation existing in Indiana is to be found in other states. It is to be expected that as a result of the market situation and the active demand for pelts, thousands of animals which otherwise would have fallen victim to trappers and trappers will escape this season.

The unusual slump in the price of fur attributed to a strike among workers in the fur garment industry in the fall of 1919 has been in force since last May, with 100,000 skilled workers refusing to resume operations. Dealers were forced to hold vast quantities of fur which, had they been worked up into articles ready for the consumer, would have found a ready market. The expense of holding over last season's catch forced dealers to hold it over in order to retain their stocks. In view of the large stocks on hand dealers are not bidding actively for this season's catch, and the market has declined until a mink pelt which last year commanded \$10 now brings only about \$4.

Thus the United States and Japan are the only two nations active today in extensive naval construction.

At the present time, however, Britain's fleet is the largest, valued at \$61,000 tons, nearly twice that of the United States.

The tonnage of the entire British navy today is placed at 2,345,712, which embraces 395 ships of all classes. The United States has 347 ships in service today, totaling 1,137,914 tons, but 12 American ships are either building or projected, with a combined tonnage of \$90,459. Prospective American vessels are said to represent newer types and greater speed.

Japan's future provision for smaller craft includes nine light cruisers, forty seven ocean-going destroyers and forty six submarines, most of them more than 800 tons.

The United States has provided for the construction of 11 super-dreadnaughts, 8 dreadnaughts, 14 of the pre-dreadnaught period, 6 battle cruisers, 10 destroyers, 45 destroyers and 54 submarines.

#### M'CUMBER RAPS SOLDIER BONUS NOW

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Granting of a soldier bonus at present would inflict a great hardship on taxpayers, Senator Mcumber of North Dakota, acting chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, declared today.

The fight to have the Senate adopt the bonus bill, introduced by the House last week, was opened today before the Senate Finance Committee by representatives of World War veterans.

A decision on the bonus will be reached at this session of Congress, Mcumber predicted.

"I have no doubt Congress eventually will grant a liberal bonus to veterans," said Mcumber, "but the principal question now is whether it would be wise to grant it at the present time.

"We are now providing for the war disabled," he said.

#### BRITISH ALARMED FOR SEA PRESTIGE

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The British are taking serious alarm over the possibility of losing their maritime prestige to America. The Globe in a leading article today said:

"Britain's supremacy on the sea, upon which our existence has depended for 300 years, appears to be very seriously menaced. As poor as we are at the moment, we will begrudge no expenditure that is required to preserve mastery of the seas. We would rather scrap every other department of Whitehall than to see that.

The newspapers gave conspicuous display to dispatches from Washington regarding the action of the Senate in its agreement about an agreement between America and Great Britain and Japan to reduce their armaments, but the morning papers printed no editorial comment.

"Can the nations disarm?" asks the Daily Mail. "The answer is no. The Senate has agreed to a reduction of naval armaments, but it is not clear whether it is a genuine or a nominal reduction."

Sir Percy Scott, famous British naval expert, is leading a strong movement against the continued construction of dreadnaughts. In a letter to the Times and an interview in the Evening Standard, Sir Percy Scott pleaded the cause of the submarine against the capital ship. He argued that the submarine of the future will not only use twelve and four-inch guns, but will be fitted with machinery for the projection of poison gas.

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