

FIRM MEXICAN POLICY IS SAID TO BE OUTLINED

New Administration Plans Embrace Recognition With Definite Understanding.

MARION, Ohio, Jan. 6.—Friendly, but firm. That is the way close counselors of President-elect Harding outlined the policy of the next administration toward Mexico. Consideration of recognition of the Oregon government will not be long delayed after March 4, it was learned today on unquestioned authority. In fact, it is said that the several candidates for Secretary of State now are familiarizing themselves with Mexican conditions by way of personal investigation.

Recognition, however, must be based on a firm and unalterable understanding, it was made plain. That understanding may extend far enough to include revision of the Mexican constitution. The procedure to be followed, according to men in close touch with the new administration, will provide, first, for friendly conversations between the Secretary of State and Alvaro Obregon, of whoever may be the accredited representative of the Oregon regime at that time.

Following these conversations it is probable that a joint commission will meet to draft, accept and interpret the terms of the agreement on which recognition and all future relationships between the two countries will be based.

Senator Harding was entitled to make his views on the other thermometer registered when he began his cold trip back from Columbus. The President-elect showed no ill effects from his long and strenuous session when he was raised to the thirty-second degree of Masons.

Senator Bevill of Indiana and Senator Sherman of Illinois were unwilling to talk to him when he reached home.

Each was expected to discuss strength of the Harding plan for an association of nations, and also to talk over the legislative program of the Senate at the present and special sessions.

M'CLURE PICKED AS HOUSE PILOT

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Then Dan Strode of Kokomo, Senator James Nejdl of Whiting and Senator Whinfeld Miller of Indianapolis. On the first ballot Ratts received 20 votes, Strode 12, Nejdl 7 and Miller 1. On the second and final ballot the vote was: Ratts, 22; Strode, 10; Nejdl, 8 and Miller, 1. The 22 votes were necessary to elect. Senator Miller's name was not presented formally to the caucus, but it appeared in the balloting.

Zel Swain of Middletown was elected principal secretary of the Senate over M. E. Watkins of Rosedale by a vote of 27 to 14. Mr. Swain was roll clerk during the last session. He was Indiana campaign manager for Senator Hiram Johnson, and the residential emergencies, and served with the Republican State committee during the campaign.

For the first time in the history of the Senate a woman was elected assistant secretary. She is Miss Katherine Smith of Indianapolis. She defeated Claude Phillips of Caron on the first ballot by a vote of 32 to 9. Miss Smith has been connected with the Republican State committee.

WOMAN DEFEATED FOR POSTMASTER.

Another woman candidate, Miss Ethel Green of Indianapolis, who sought the position of postmaster, was defeated by George Brattin, a reporter by a vote of 12 to 10. Mr. Brattin was postmaster during the last regular session.

The hardest fought contest in the Senate was for principal doorkeeper in which Jerome Brown of Anderson won on the fourth ballot. The other candidates were Orion Peet of Petersburg, James R. Henry of Indianapolis, and Grant Blankenship of Indianapolis. The final vote was 22 to 22, Peet, 7; Henry, 12 and Blankenship, none.

Senator Miles J. Farnas was elected caucus chairman by a unanimous vote.

The Senate caucus lasted less than two hours.

The contest for the principal clerkship of the House excited considerable interest, a selection being necessary before a selection was made.

John Thiel of Hobart, who served as principal clerk through the 1918 session and the special session in July, and Frank E. Wright of Lynn, Randolph County, who served as a member of the House for three sessions, were candidates for the position.

The first ballot resulted in a tie, the two standing 43 to 43. One man switched on the second ballot, leaving the vote 44 for Thiel and 42 for Wright. The final ballot stood 44 for Wright and 42 for Thiel.

There were no contests for the assistant clerkship and principal doorkeeper. The former place went to Arthur L. Stagg of Knightstown and the latter position was given Everett Newlin of Hendricks County.

COMMITTEE TO FILL HOUSE VACANCY.

The position of postmaster of the House will be filled by the House Employment Committee.

Raymond E. Ellis of Angola served as chairman of the caucus last night, with Noble Malott of Tipton, Lawrence County, serving as vice-chairman.

Frank J. Nolt of Marion County was named caucus chairman to serve during the session and the position of permanent caucus secretary went to Chester A. Davis of Pennville, Jay County, one of the aspirants for the speakership of the House.

Senator Joseph M. Cravens of Madison, veteran member of the Senate, was chosen at the Democratic caucus as minority floor leader in the upper house. This was the only position the minority attempted to fill. The House Democrats gave complimentary votes to R. U. Barker, Mr. Mycock, for speaker, George W. Crandall of English, for chief clerk, and D. D. Coons of Franklin, for chief doorkeeper.

Evans Woolen, president of the Fletcher, Savings and Trust Company, former Governor Samuel M. Ralston and Glenn Van Asken, a member of the public service committee, a former Senator attended the caucus.

SELECTION OF MAJORITY RATIFIED BY HOUSE.

Selections of the majority caucus were ratified by the House members, immediately after the swearing in of the new representatives. Mr. McClure, the majority selection for speaker, was elected by a vote of 67 to 11 over R. U. Barker of Posey County, the Democratic selection.

Frank E. Wright of Lynn was named principal clerk, Arthur L. Stage, Hendricks County, assistant clerk, and Everett J. Newlin, chief doorkeeper.

Representatives Clinton H. Givan, Marion County, and Jacob Miltenerger, Delaware County, were named by Secretary of State Jackson to the committee to escort the Speaker to the stand.

In his speech of acceptance, Mr. McClure referred to the responsibilities that rest on the speaker, and on the majority members of the House.

"Upon the majority rests the responsibility of whatever record is made and it can only be had by approval of the majority of the legislature and the people which responds to the just requirements of the times. The best and not the most laws would most likely crown your efforts with success."

"Do not anticipate that all of your conclusions will be reached by unani-

Booze Served in Cafeteria Style

Special to The Times.
HAMMOND, Ind., Jan. 6.—The "Cafeteria Moonshine Parlor" has made its appearance here. Federal agents declare they found small wall cabinets divided into compartments, each large enough to hold one bottle, in the store of George Dunbar. Customers were invited to enter the store, but could sit to the rear of the building, open a window and help themselves. A monthly bill was sent to patrons.

Dunbar was found guilty of selling liquor and sentenced to six months at the Indiana State Farm.

moons agreement, but, they will be more nearly in harmony with sound policy and justice if they are openly arrived at after full and fair consideration."

CALLS ATTENTION

Mr. McClure called attention to the grave problems which confront the Legislature for solution and cautioned the House members that the paramount problem of the hour is to advance with extravagance.

"Parliament is not in progress," he said, "but economy is an impelling virtue at this time."

He referred to the obligations owed the youth of the State and stated the Legislature cannot now relax in obligations in regard to educational privileges of the future citizenship.

"The school should be the best example of patriotic thought," he said, "and should be used to promote the spirit for the laws and also encourage those homely virtues that reflect a perfect citizenship. Therefore the school should be fostered as of primal importance."

The various penal, benevolent and correctional institutions are entitled to the special consideration and interest to the end that they will be in position to charge the obligation the State has assumed in their maintenance and administration.

The helpless wards of the State are entitled to proper care both for their safety and proper treatment in order that they may be as nearly as possible restored to normal condition. They are ours—we cannot neglect them.

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

"There are a number of other matters of importance that will demand your attention and consideration, which do not demand it necessary to refer to at this time, but, which should receive careful investigation and disposition at your hands."

"At this time economic conditions are more acute than times during the past two decades. During recent years pastures, minerals and timber have been added and a series of extensions and readjustments, which now seriously add to the legitimate burdens of the World War. Present readjustments are producing very great reductions in values and lessened production. Increases in tax levies with higher valuations and decreased prices of commodities have added greatly to the public burdens. It therefore appeals to the thoughtful that any increase in the cost of public expenditures should be carefully scrutinized and limited to actual necessities. Nothing for experimentation, plenty for preservation should be our watchword."

"There are brighter skies ahead for public administration and private enterprise. The time will come, perhaps it is now, when values and economic conditions will be on a just and equitable bases. Then business will revive and commerce flow in peaceful channels. Until then we must stand where we are; we cannot do otherwise, and God help us."

"As the years have come and gone we have seen the development of the welfare of our people and the progress of our great State. The rights of man have been enlarged, the interest of the State promoted. Today we witness the fruition of a great epochal movement in which we affirmatively participated. It will be our patriotic obligation to continue to do our duty for our members as the Lady from Delware, whom we sincerely welcome to our councils and deliberations.

CHIEF JUSTICE WILLOUGHBY ADMINISTERS OATH.

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"The robbers are continuing the raiding of Sinn Fein gathering places. Early yesterday the Imperial Hotel was raided and four supposedly important arrests made. The Rev. Brother Darcy, leaping from a window of the hotel, was shot and killed.

At 4 o'clock, near Cork, soldiers burned four houses as punishment for an ambush at New Market. Shots were said to have been fired at the houses destroyed by military order.

Visitors arrive here expecting to find the streets swarming with heavily armed soldiers, with residents fearfully creeping about the streets.

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