

NEW EXECUTIVE GETS DOWN TO WORK QUICKLY

Task of Passing Out Fifty Thousand Jobs Is First Big Worry.

WHITE HOUSE GATE OPEN

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The Harding Administration today formally shouldered the burden of government.

President Harding settled down for work at his desk in the executive office, adjoining the White House. One big job facing him was that of passing out jobs, some 50,000 of which will ultimately be filled from a list of applicants several times as large. But only a few of the most important received attention today.

The White House, with its gates open for the first time since war was declared, presented an old-time picture. Hundreds roamed over the lawn and through the corridors.

Harding's first conference was with Secretary of Agriculture Wallace. Later he talked with Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce.

Because of his heavy duties the President was unable to attend the funeral services of Champ Clark at the Capitol. Harding's first official act was to sign a bill for the release of the Klu Klux Klan, who will be his personal stenographers at the White House. The use of women stenographers is an innovation, former Presidents having employed men.

NEW CABINET TAKES OFFICE

The Cabinet was inducted into service today, each member taking oath of office at the department of which he is head, in the presence of the retiring Cabinet members.

The most formidable tasks facing the new administration must be handled by Secretary of State Hughes, Secretary of the Treasury Andrew Mellon, Secretary of the Navy Edwin Denby and Secretary of War John W. Weeks.

Hughes must execute Harding's policy in defining future international relations or plans for a new association of nations. Harding, in his inaugural address, turned his back on the league of nations. Peace with Germany is to be made by passage of the Knox resolution, according to the assumption here, with immediate withdrawal of the American troops from Germany.

Hughes also must take up the mandate controversy with allied powers, involving the American contention for the "open door" in former enemy territories. Hughes now has on his desk replies from the League of Nations council and the British government to the American protests against the Japanese mandate over Yap and the Franco-British oil agreement in Mesopotamia. Hughes' two next important tasks are settlement of the Japanese protest against the California anti-Japanese land laws and adjustment of the situation in Mexico.

To Mellon falls the task of settling the question of the allied debts of \$100,000,000 and executing the new revenue policy to be framed by Congress. Denby must formulate the American naval policy toward disarmament and decide the question of the superiority of the battleship or the airplane.

Secretary of War Weeks' problems are expected to be mostly internal ones of army reorganization. LONDON AMBASSADOR SOON TO BE NAMED.

One of the first diplomatic appointments to be announced by the Whitehouse is expected to be that of Ambassador to Great Britain. Ambassador Davis is again to sail for home, leaving American representation in the care of a charge d'affaires. President Harding is understood to have a number of names under consideration for this post, including Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, and George Harvey.

Harding expected to consult Cabinet members further today regarding assistant secretaries of the various departments. Theodore Roosevelt already has been named Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Ex-Congressman W. H. Miller, Delaware, is mentioned as a possible assistant Secretary of War. He saw service in France and was active in organizing the American Legion.

Henry P. Fletcher, former ambassador to Mexico, has been chosen under Secretary of State, but there are three assistant secretarieships to be filled.

Two vacancies on the Interstate Commerce Commission, the entire seven places on the Shipping Board, five on the Federal Reserve Board, three on the United States Tariff Commission, two on the Federal Farm Loan Board and several on the Railway Labor Board are to be filled in the near future.

J. J. Esch, defeated for re-election to Congress from Wisconsin last November, will be offered a place on the Interstate Commerce Commission. Howard Mannington, Columbus, Ohio, may be offered the other post vacant.

Judson C. Welliver, journalist, who was associated with Harding during the campaign, is expected to be offered a position on either the Federal Trade Commission or the Tariff Commission.

Ex-Senator George Chamberlain, Oregon, a Democrat, is certain to receive minority appointment to the Shipping Board.

Plays to Be Read for Little Theater

At the fortnightly meeting of the Little Theater to be held in the Cropsy auditorium of the Central Library Tuesday evening, the following plays will be read and discussed: "The Anonymous Letter," by J. K. Nicholson, and "Ideals," by E. D. Munyon.

In the first play the part of Elmer Swank will be read by Arleigh Walz, Honey by Marie Marie Cotter and Charley Gott by Chester Lafferty. The second play parts will be read as follows: Doc Gimes, Raymond Steffen; Ted Trimble, Chester Lafferty, and Betty Dean, Loretta Sullivan.

The readings will be in charge of Rex Tyler, and Mrs. Isaac Born, general chairman of all fortnightly meetings of the Little Theater, will lead the discussion. Miss Charlotte Chance, solo whistler, will be on the musical program.

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OFFICE-SEEKERS SIZING UP JOBS AT POST OFFICE

Those Politically Hungry for 8 Years Hope Soon to Break Fast.

Long lines of politically hungry Republicans, after an absence of eight long years from Uncle Sam's pie counter, are straggling through the Federal building with the light of greed and conquest in their eyes.

They seem to feel that the inauguration of a Republican President at Washington gives them full possession of the big building, and there is no doubt that most of them are prospective candidates for some job ranging from janitor to United States district attorney, and their visits are largely in the nature of preliminary scouting trips.

Among the faster jobs on which the "faithful" are casting their eyes were now held by Frederick Van Nuy, United States marshal, now held by Mark Storen; William L. Elder's position as collector of internal revenue, and last, but not least, the postmastership now held by Robert E. Springfield.

Some of the names still have from one to three years to run, but there is a general feeling among both Democrats and Republicans that the distributors of federal jobs at Washington will lose no time in willing for resignations of Democrats now in office, regardless of any trivial matters such as the fact that a term is unexpired. These resignations will be hard to obtain, for the work of the office holders are very willing to let go the reins. For instance, William L. Elder has been trying for a long time to get out of the collector's job and will really welcome the appointment of a successor. Mark Storen will make no effort to hold his position as marshal until the end of his term if Washington wants to put a Republican in his place.

By executive order issued by ex-President Wilson the postmastership was made a life job, subject to good behavior, but a well as have gone up that no such important place should be permitted to remain in the hands of a Democrat, and there seems to be little doubt but that President Harding will issue an order on his own hook within the near future throwing all the big postoffice jobs open to political appointments. This of course will mean that Mr. Springfield will be replaced.

Mr. Van Nuy fully expects to be removed just as soon as the politicians can ride upon his successor, and in expectation of this he is arranging his work so that it can be turned over in as short a time as possible to his successor. It is well known he has no desire to stay on the job against the wishes of the new administration.

Church Celebrates Birth Oldest Member

WESTFIELD, Ind., March 5.—A meeting of the congregation of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Westfield was held Thursday night in honor of the ninety-first anniversary of the birth of Oscar F. Brown, the oldest member of the church.

Talks were made by the Rev. A. G. Hoover, pastor, and several of the older members of the church, but the principal address was made by Mr. Brown, who gave a history of his life and his connection with the Westfield church since the 40's.

He is the father of the Rev. Frank G. Brown of Indianapolis, for many years a prominent member of the North Indiana Methodist Episcopal conference, who has held charges at Tipton, Ft. Wayne, Huntington, Columbia City and other cities in northern Indiana.

Mr. Brown settled in Westfield in the 50's and opened a harness shop which he conducted for sixty years. Only three persons are living in the town who were there when he came. He served in the Civil War. His health is good considering his age.

Government Seizes Eagen's Automobile

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., March 5.—Officers from the office of the Federal prohibition agent confiscated the automobile owned by George Eagen of Indianapolis, who, with John Cameron also of Indianapolis, were placed under arrest here Wednesday after they had caused a series of accidents while driving the car, when they are said to have been badly intoxicated.

Local authorities were ordered to hold the car for the Federal officers and Eagen was refused its possession when he was released from the county jail on bond of \$1,000.

The auto was seized by the Government for having been used in the transportation of liquor. The two men were arrested a quart bottle containing a small quantity of "white mud" was found and taken as evidence by the local police.

Youths Sentenced in Monticello Robbery

MONTICELLO, Ind., March 5.—After Cecil G. Wert, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wert of Monticello and Dock Purdie, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Purdie of Logansport, pleaded guilty to charges of burglary in the second degree at a hearing before Judge B. F. Carr of the White Circuit Court here yesterday, they were sentenced to two to fourteen years in the State Reformatory at Jeffersonville and disfranchised for five years.

The auto was charged with complicity in the robbery of the Monon railroad station and an attempt to rob a hardware store here on the night of Jan. 8.

ASKS FOR \$800 DAMAGES.

Judgment for \$800 was asked today in a suit filed in Superior Court, room 3, by Vernon Perry against the Indiana State Highway Commission for rental due and damages done, it is alleged, to a concrete mixer which was rented by the commission from the plaintiff in road construction. Perry claims when the mixer was returned it was "useless."

FIX STANDARDS FOR TEACHERS

Provisions of Bill Passed by Senate Govern Granting of Licenses.

Revision of qualifications for teachers and of the methods of granting licenses to teachers are contained in House Bill No. 118, which passed the Senate today. The Senate revised its former action in adopting an amendment to provide that the Legislature shall fix qualifications for teachers. The bill now provides that present qualifications shall stand for two years. The vote was 28 to 20.

The Senate also passed House Bill No. 441, permitting the school commissioners of Indianapolis and in cities of the second class to provide lunches for children. It specifies that children who are unable to pay for their lunches shall be served free of charge.

The House anti-nepotism bill, which prohibits State officials from employing any member of their families in connection with the business of the State, was passed in the Senate, 37 to 0, without debate. The bill is a substitute for the anti-nepotism provision which was stricken out of the general appropriations bill.

The following other bills were acted on:

H. B. 348, amending law concerning insurance rate making bureau, passed 31 to 4.

S. B. 283, fixing standards for hamper and baskets, passed 37 to 0.

H. B. 290, admitting children of Spanish War veterans to Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home at Kutztown, passed 38 to 0.

H. B. 283, providing method for sale of school buildings by counties which have no further use for them, passed 37 to 0.

H. B. 107, providing a township having property valued at \$125,000 may establish a high school for the education of pupils, passed 35 to 0.

H. B. 382, providing for regulation, liquidation, control and supervision of insurance companies, passed 27 to 14.

SUNDAY SERVICES in City Churches

Central Universalist—The Rev. Edwin Cunningham will speak at 10 o'clock in the morning on "Jesus and Healing," at 11 o'clock on "The Spirit of Fearlessness."

Eastern Heights Christian—The Rev. K. C. Hendricks will speak on the subject of "The Kingdom Come" at the morning services.

King Avenue M. E.—The Rev. W. W. Cunningham will speak on the morning on "The Gospel of the Narrow Gate" and in the evening on "Music." There will be special music by the Macon Jubilee Singers of Macon, Ga.

St. Matthews Evangelical Lutheran—K. C. Hendricks will speak on the subject of "When Will a Pastor's Grievous Past Transpire in Joy?" At 7:30 his theme will be "Christ Appears Before Pilate." Sunday school services will be held at 9:30 a. m. The Ladies Aid Society will make a Thursday afternoon with Mrs. John Bart, 326 Beville avenue.

Brookside Park U. B.—The Rev. J. P. Parsons will talk on "Some Results from Religion" in the morning and "Jonah at Nineveh at Last" in the evening. At Sunday school in the morning the Rev. John Mahon, justice of the peace of Center Township, will address the Men's Bible class on "Divine Disappointment."

Hall Place M. E.—The Rev. Horace A. Sprague will speak in the morning on "The Kingdom of God" and in the evening Miss Bell, missionary from Africa, will speak. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the morning service.

Grace M. E.—The pastor, the Rev. C. E. Jones, will speak at both services. Morning, "Saving Faith" and evening, "God's Dearest Hope in Sin."

First Church of Primitive Christians—The healing circle will be held at Morrison hall, 324 Monument Circle, at 8 o'clock. The discussion is to be on the saying of Jesus in book of Luke, Dent Broadly will give a musical program. At the night services at the Rev. J. H. Land D. Garrick will preach and there will be music by Mr. Broadway, tenor, and George Hart, soloist.

HARDING MEN WILL CONTROL SENATE BODY

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Democrats have been reduced to 131. It is therefore being advocated by some Republican leaders that the committee be distributed on a basis of three Republicans to one Democrat.

Representative James R. Mann of Illinois is slated to be re-elected chairman of the Committee on Committees. He is one of several leaders of the House who are in favor of dividing the larger committees by a membership of twenty-one members, between fifteen Republicans and six Democrats.

MAY CALL SESSION ON COLUMBIAN TREATY.

According to Republican senatorial leaders, including Lodge and Knox, Harding wishes the Colombian treaty acted on at the extraordinary session of the Senate now in session.

A considerable number of Republicans disagree with him for these reasons:

1. That having confirmed the Cabinet promptly there is no need for the Senate to stay in session for a long summer of work in Washington during the special session of Congress, expected to begin in April.

2. That the Colombian treaty should not be ratified at all. If Harding insists, he will prevail. His wishes will be made clear at conferences with Lodge and other Senate leaders in a day or two.

3. That the treaty should be one of the first steps of the Harding Administration in taking care of American interests abroad and at home against foreign aggressions. It is stated that in the case of Colombia it is considered vital to establish the most cordial relations as an offset to British activities in the oil fields of Central America.

With the Army and Navy appropriation bills left over, Harding, it was hinted today, may call both Houses in special session within two weeks.

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SENATE PASSES FRANCHISE BILL

Surrender of Contracts Now Up to Governor.

The question whether public utilities in Indiana which have not done so already may surrender their franchises and come under control of the public service commission is now before Governor Warren T. McCray for decision.

The Senate passed the House bill extending the time for utilities to abrogate their contracts with municipalities to July, 1923, by a vote of 35 to 10 yesterday afternoon.

The measure is said to have the backing of the Indianapolis Street Railway Company, which, when the commission law was originally passed, did not see fit to surrender its franchise. It was said the Citizens Gas Company, which has a petition for 90-cent gas pending, also wishes to surrender its franchise. The bill does not carry an emergency clause, and for this reason will not become effective for several months.

The bill was supported by Senator Joseph Henley, Bloomington, who declared it necessary to save the utilities from financial ruin. He said about sixty utilities will be affected and that they are fighting for their lives.

Senator Winfield Miller, Indianapolis, objected to the bill on the ground that the utilities "are trying to get out from under their contracts."

"The surrendering of franchises will cost the city of Indianapolis about \$125,000 a year," Senator Robert L. Moorhead, Indianapolis, declared.

"This is simply an attempt to violate the law of contract," said Senator William E. English, Indianapolis. "There is not an official in the city government who wants this bill."

Two Superior Court Judges Cold Victims

Two Superior Court Judges were confined to their homes because of illness today.

Judge Solon Carter of Superior Court, room 3, was suffering from a severe cold. Judge Vincent C. Clifford of Superior Court, room 4, also was suffering from a cold. Clyde Karer, a local attorney, is sitting as judge pro tem. If Judge Clifford is unable to take the bench Monday, James Leathers will sit as judge pro tem.

THINKS OVER CHARGES AGAINST 'BAD' BOYS

Special to The Times.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., March 5.—Alleged misdoers committed at the "Sand Hill" Schoolhouse, in Sugar Creek township, by four of the pupils, were related during the hearing in Juvenile Court at which Floyd and Orrville Branch and Ralph and Lewis Sandefur were charged with incorrigibility. The boys were arraigned and each pleaded not guilty to the charge, following which the hearing was held in secret. Judge Blair took the cases under advisement at the close of the hearing.

Charges had been made against the boys that they refused to obey the rules of the school, that they were abusive and immoral in their conversation with girls