

## SEE HARDING'S NEXT BATTLE ON PRIMARIES

### President Deplores Weakness of Pres- ent System.

### 'PLAN IS FAILURE'

### Expects to Work for Return to Conven- tion Method.

Special to Indiana Daily Times  
By FREDERICK WILLIAM WILE.  
WASHINGTON, March 6.—To  
what political ideal will President  
Harding next turn his hands?

There are increasing indications,  
radiating from the White House,  
that the abolition of the direct pri-  
mary may be the issue to which  
President Harding henceforth will  
devote his energy and influence.

His friends know he feels more strongly  
than ever the time has come to call na-  
tional attention to the weaknesses of the  
primary system. The President is far  
from terrified by the fear that he will  
be pilloried as a "reactionary" in ad-  
vocating a return to the old-time dele-  
gate-convention method of nominating can-  
didates for public office. Opposition to the  
primary is no suddenly conceived notion  
on Mr. Harding's part. He always has  
disliked it. He seldom engages in a  
serious political conversation with his  
party intimates without seeking to per-  
suade them that the primary, brief as  
its existence has been, has outlived its  
usefulness.

What will encourage President Hard-  
ing openly to espouse abandonment of  
the direct primary, if and when he does  
so, is his conviction that the fight against  
it needs only virile leadership. Ninety-  
nine men of the hundred who from time  
to time talk politics at the White House  
are outspoken in the belief that the pri-  
mary has signally failed to contribute  
to American political progress.

They have little hesitation in express-  
ing their views in the executive mansion.  
But scarcely one of the primary op-  
ponents who agree with the President  
has the courage to take an open stand  
for his convictions.

It was manifestly President Harding's  
intention that his impromptu speech be-  
fore the District of Columbia Republican  
club on Lincoln's birthday should prove  
a "keynote" for a Nation-wide dis-  
cussion of the primary. Conference  
treasuries and bonus controversies were  
absorbing popular thought at the time.  
The President's plain hint of his incorrigible  
hostility to the direct primary was in  
consequence lost in the shuffle of other  
public considerations. The White House  
is gratified to observe the subject is re-  
ceiving treatment now.

The President is sincerely convinced  
that many of the United States' pres-  
ent-day governmental ills would be curable  
if the true spirit of party sponsorship and  
collective responsibility could be re-  
stored to its former predominance. The  
spirit which made the Republican party  
come to birth under Abraham  
Lincoln, Mr. Harding would have the  
collective responsibility of a party or  
organization supersede the expression of  
personal ambition. There is hardly a  
politician of stature, either Republican or  
Democrat, who is not ready to concede  
that the convention method of selecting  
candidates produced a larger crop of  
political first-runners than the primary  
system has bred. Accidents and "false  
alarms" mounted in the primary system  
of the last few years, but on the average  
men of merit emerged. Under the primary  
system many politicians are "false alarms"  
the rule, rather than the exception.

**PRESENT SYSTEM DISAPPOINTING.**  
Mr. Harding, who is rounding out a  
quarter of a century in the hurly-burly  
of American politics, believes the pri-  
mary is the first fight for a seat in the Ohio  
Legislature, freely conceding the abuses de-  
veloped in the practice of the convention  
system. He has seen the corruption in-  
fluence and the malcontents' aspects of  
"bossism" in full swing. But the Presi-  
dent's thought is that instead of abolish-  
ing the abuses of the convention system  
the country took a long step in an experi-  
ment which, he makes no bones about  
confessing, is disappointing to him in  
the extreme. Mr. Harding believes any  
one seriously interested in politics can  
reach no other conclusion if he will  
take time to weigh the pros and cons of  
the primary situation in the light of  
actual experience.

President Harding's preference for the  
convention as against the primary  
springs from no selfish inspiration or  
from personal disappointment. He  
came to the United States in 1915 as the  
first nominee of his party under the Ohio  
State primary law. It is significant that  
political leaders in Ohio are considering  
a modification of the existing primary  
system, somewhat on the lines along  
which progress has been made in New  
York. It is being suggested in Ohio  
that conventions-delegates, selected  
under the primary law, shall have the  
right to name candidates for county and  
State offices. The proposal would not  
perpetuate the primary, as it now op-  
erates, but it would, in the judgment of its  
supporters, ameliorate objectionable fea-  
tures.—Copyright, 1922, by Public Ledger  
Company.

## CEDARS ON WAY TO FLOWER SHOW

### Exposition Building to Be Bower of Green.

Word has been received from Homer  
L. Wiegand, chairman of the committee  
on interior decoration for the Fifth  
National Flower Show of the Society of  
American Florists, which is to be held in  
the Manufacturers' building at the Indi-  
ana State fairgrounds March 23 to April 1,  
that a carload of cedars from Connecticut  
are on their way to Indianapolis for use in  
transforming the interior of the Exposi-  
tion building into a veritable bower of  
green.

A carload of Southern similar has been  
ordered from a point in Alabama by the  
interior decorations committee; and a  
second carload of tufted oak from Ohio is ex-  
pected to arrive soon so the committee  
may begin actual preparation for the ex-  
position.

No bare girder or walls will be visible  
when the committee has completed its  
work, and the setting will be in keeping  
with the beauty of the flowers and in  
harmony with the plan of making the  
exhibit a garden of exquisite beauty.

Exterior and interior decoration will be  
of real features of the national flower  
show, and these committees in coopera-  
tion with the nurserymen's committee, are  
going to considerable expense to make  
the decoration effective and pleasing.

**PRIEST LEAVES TOWN.**  
SLAYTON, Texas, March 6.—The Rev.  
J. M. Keller, Catholic priest, was on his  
way to Dallas today, never to return to  
Slayton. This was his promise to a com-  
mittee of citizens who called on him yester-  
day, following a "tar party" Saturday  
night when he was "tarred and feathered" by  
a mob.

## 'BREADLINERS' WHO ARE DOWN, BUT NOT OUT



It is true the "breadliners" in New York city of some years ago have almost passed into obli-  
vion. There are, however, many who still believe that those days have passed out of existence forever. Within the last few months  
with thousands out of employment, charitable organizations at once began to realize the "breadline" was inevitable. The  
unemployment crisis is the worst ever recorded in the world's greatest city. Beggars of many churches have been  
thrown open to those that have no employment for sleeping quarters. The ill-clad and starving men shown above  
are typical of the steady stream of unemployed unfortunates daily seen in Old St. Mark's Chapel, where they are sup-  
plied with "free cats."

## LLOYD GEORGE ILLNESS HALTS POLITICAL FIGHT

Premier Confined to Bed as  
Result of Physical Break-  
down.

LONDON, March 6.—Illness of Premier  
Lloyd George today brought a temporary  
halt to the political battle with the  
Tory "diehards" in the coalition party.  
After conferring briefly with Unionist  
leaders in the coalition government, who  
were trying to effect a settlement, the  
Premier took to his bed suffering from  
nervous strain and an old bronchial  
affliction.

Announcement was made this afternoon  
at 10 Downing street, the Premier's of-  
fice, that Mr. Lloyd George's illness was  
of a serious nature, and that he would  
be unable to attend to his duties for  
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(Continued From Page One.)

Including C. F. Mortimer, State's at-  
torney of Sangamon County; his first  
assistant, Edward L. Price; James H.  
Wilson of Chicago and A. W. Smith  
of Lake County, arrived in a body short-  
ly before the judge mounted the bench.  
The defense counsel were expected to ar-  
rive with the Governor.

Last minute rumors that the defense  
would seek a continuance could not be  
confirmed. It was reported that a post-  
ponement would be asked on the ground  
that the trial at this time would make  
it impossible for the government to de-  
vise any attention to the bitter primary  
campaign now under way. The State an-  
nounced that it was "ready."

Indications were that the trial might  
not begin until early afternoon, when  
Judge Claire C. Edwards, who will preside,  
must first impeach a new grand jury for  
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nounced today.

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white handkerchiefs, held up the Groves  
Bank today and escaped with \$3,000.

**TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 6.**—Five  
thousand coal miners of the Terre Haute  
field were on strike today because, it  
was explained, a miners' train was fif-  
teen minutes late in reaching this city  
Saturday evening. Twelve miners are re-  
ported idle. A freight train blocked by  
miners' train, according to railroad of-  
ficials' explanation of the delay. The  
idle miners may return to work tomor-  
row.

## C. E. SOCIETIES HOLD GENERAL CONFERENCE

State Field Secretary to Ad-  
dress Workers in Local  
Area.

The fifty-six Christian Endeavor So-  
cieties of Indianapolis and vicinity will be  
grouped this week in thirteen different  
churches for general conferences led by  
Mr. Evan Williams, State field secretary  
of Indiana Y. P. S. C. E. The conference  
which will begin tomorrow will last to  
March 20. On Sunday March 12 and 19  
the sessions will be held at 2:30 as well  
as at 7:30.

Christians Endeavorers are asked to be  
present with note books to take account  
of the meetings. There will be no registra-  
tion fee, but a silver offering will be taken.

The following list shows groups, place  
and presiding officers at the various ses-  
sions:

**MARCH 7-7:30 P. M.**  
Park Presbyterian, Central and  
Northwest Christian, Central and  
Fourth Street, Meridian Heights Presby-  
terian, Park Seventh and Park, Broad  
Ripple Christian, Broad Ripple.

**MARCH 8-7:30 P. M.**  
Grace Evangelical, Beville and Beville  
and Delaware; First Reformed, New York  
and Temple; Westminster Presbyterian,  
State and Sturm; Englewood Christian,  
53 North Rural street.

**MARCH 9-7:30 P. M.**  
Burrin Adams presiding.  
Hillsdale Christian, Nineteenth and  
Hillsdale.

**MARCH 10-7:30 P. M.**  
South Side Christian, Ellet and Pine;  
Seventh Presbyterian, Ellet and McCarty;  
and Delaware; First Friends, Thirteenth  
and New Jersey; Troun Memorial Presby-  
terian, Cottage and Leonard; Trinity Col-  
legiate Reformed, 2423 Churchman;  
University Heights United Brethren, Uni-  
versity Heights; Bethany Christian,  
Quill and Minnesota.

**MARCH 12-2:30 P. M.**  
Monna Brown presiding.  
Downey Avenue Christian, Downey and  
Julian; Irvington Presbyterian, Johnson  
and Julian; Eastern Heights Christian,  
Linwood and East Michigan.

**MARCH 12-6:30 P. M.**  
Norwell Jacobs presiding.  
Third Christian, Seventeenth and  
Broadway; First Presbyterian, Sixteenth  
and Delaware; First Friends, Thirteenth  
and Alabama; Central Avenue Reformed,  
Twenty First and Central.

**MARCH 13-7:30 P. M.**  
Miss Gillmore presiding.  
Butler Memorial Reformed, East Tenth  
and Oakland; Centenary Christian,  
Eleventh and Oakland; Brookside Park  
United Brethren, Eleventh and Gony.

**MARCH 14-7:30 P. M.**  
Wallace Walls presiding.  
Home Presbyterian, West and West  
Thirty-First; Mansur Park United Breth-  
ren, Ely and Thirtieth; Seventh Chris-  
tian, Ellet and Berwick.

**MARCH 15-7:30 P. M.**  
Mary Reese presiding.  
Tabernacle Christian, Thirtieth  
Fourth and Central; Columbia Place  
Christian, Fortieth and Capitol; North  
Park Christian, Kenwood and Twenty-  
Ninth; Grace Presbyterian, Capitol and  
Thirty-Second; Sutherland Presbyterian,  
Bellevue and Twenty-Eighth.

**MARCH 16-7:30 P. M.**  
Harvey Smith presiding.  
Mayer Chapel Presbyterian, Norwood  
and South West; Second Evangelical,  
Church and Wilkins; Second Friends,  
Church and Lambert; West Morris Street  
Christian, Morris and Blaine.

**MARCH 17-7:30 P. M.**  
Fred Wolf presiding.  
St. Paul's Reformed, 111 North Bel-  
mont; West Washington Street Presby-  
terian, West Washington and Wiley;  
West Park Christian, Addison and Wash-  
ington; West Side Mission Christian,  
West Ohio and Koehner; Ellet M. P.,  
Churchman and West Nineteenth; Eighth  
Christian, Pershing and Walnut; Fair-  
fax Christian, North and Berwick.

**MARCH 19-2:30 P. M.**  
P. Shellhouse presiding.  
Olive Branch Christian, South Pennsylv-  
ania and Raymond; Seventh Reformed,  
South Pennsylvania and Hoeggen; Zion  
Reformed, Bluff road.

**MARCH 19-6:30 P. M.**  
Elizabeth Cooper presiding.  
Central Christian, Delaware and Wal-  
nut; Second Presbyterian, Pennsylvania  
and Vermont; First Evangelical, New  
York and Third; Memorial Presbyterian,  
Eleventh and Ashland; Zion Evangelical,  
North New Jersey and North; First  
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## NUMEROUS JOBS AWAIT HUGHES ON HIS RETURN

Secretary of State Scheduled  
for Conference With  
Harding.

**PROBLEMS ARE MANY**  
WASHINGTON, March 6.—The first  
business upon the long schedule awaiting  
Secretary of State Hughes on his re-  
turn from Bermuda today, was a confer-  
ence with President Harding on the sub-  
ject of reservations to the various treat-  
ies worked out by the arms conference.

While President Harding has very defi-  
nite ideas on the subject of reservations,  
he has let it be known he will not op-  
pose any provision calculated to reas-  
sure those who may have qualms as to  
the United States entering into an "en-  
tangling alliance" and he is anxious to  
consult with Mr. Hughes as to the exact  
bearing the numerous reservations sug-  
gested will have on the treaties.

This problem, however, is only one of  
a number of major importance which  
confront the Secretary. There are  
numerous matters left over from the  
armament conference which must be ad-  
justed and the communication today,  
conference, a meeting of which is sched-  
uled for today, has yet to solve the question  
of the allocation of the former German  
cables in the Atlantic.

**EXPERTS OFFER  
CABLE SOLUTION.**

American experts have worked out  
what apparently is an satisfactory  
solution of this problem and this plan  
was scheduled to have been presented to  
the conference by Acting Secretary of  
State Fletcher last week.

It now appears that Mr. Hughes him-  
self will have an opportunity to O. K.  
this plan before it is presented, and  
probably will fill the vacancy in the  
conference caused by the prospective de-  
parture of Mr. Fletcher for his new post  
as Ambassador to Belgium.

With the arms conference off the way,  
the Mexican question and the  
transportation act of 1920  
are the subjects of the day.

**NEAR EAST CASE  
DEMANDS ACTION.**  
The Near Eastern middle is another  
matter pressing for prompt diplomatic  
action. Numerous protests are pouring  
in upon the State Department from  
American business interests in Turkey,  
Palestine, Persia and Mesopotamia of  
alleged discrimination by the allied gov-  
ernments against the American nationals.  
The State Department has been asked  
to bring this matter to a head as  
soon as possible and it is known  
Secretary Hughes will give his attention  
to the recognition of the Ottoman gov-  
ernment immediately upon his return.

## CHILDREN WILL VISIT HARDING

**Score of Young Crusaders to  
Plead Release of  
Fathe s.**  
WASHINGTON, March 6.—Twenty  
children "crusaders" are coming here  
soon to ask President Harding to re-  
store to them their fathers, now in  
prison as war time soldiers. They  
will ask the Executive to follow  
the course of other governments and free  
men whose crimes were strictly political  
and who languish in cells more than three  
years after the close of the war.

For instance, little Elbertine Rieder,  
daughter of Walter Rieder of Oklahoma,  
leader of the so-called "Green Corn Re-  
bellion," will tell the President her fa-  
ther didn't take up arms against the  
Government, did register for the draft  
and only expressed opinions. She will  
tell the President he is needed at home.

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## Seek Sands on Land and Sea as Slayer; 'Husband' Confesses

NEW YORK, March 6.—A manhunt  
spreading over New York, New England  
and extending to ships at sea within  
radio distance of this coast, was on today  
for Edward F. Sands, suspected slayer  
of William D. Taylor.

Search was asked by Los Angeles au-  
thorities following receipt of a written  
"confession" sent from a Connecticut  
town. It is believed the handwriting is  
that of Sands.

The writer of the letter said he was an  
avenging husband and he killed Taylor  
because the movie director had an affair  
with his wife and then scorned her.

## Senate Asks Light on Japanese Rights

WASHINGTON, March 6.—President  
Harding was requested by the Senate  
today to advise it as to the present sta-  
tus of the famous Lansing-Ishii agree-  
ment involving Japan's "rights" in  
China.

The request was embodied by a reso-  
lution sponsored by Senator Borah, Re-  
publican, Idaho, which was passed by a  
viva voce vote.

**TEACHER GIVES ADDRESS.**  
Miss Gertrude Ruth Schoppens, head  
of the English department of the In-  
dianapolis Normal School, addressed the  
staff of the Indianapolis public library at  
its bi-monthly meeting today. She ap-  
peared at the request of the library  
on juvenile literature. Members of the  
staff gave reviews of children's books.

## Toll of 'Flu' Greater than World War

Wherever crowds gather—in  
street, elevator, shop, theatre or  
office—deadly influenza germs  
lurk in the air you breathe.

Caution should be your watchword.  
The influenza epidemic of 1918-19 snuff-  
ed out more lives than the greatest  
catastrophe in history—the World War.

In the present emergency common-  
sense demands that you protect yourself  
and those about you by strengthening  
your resistance to disease.

## Take Hill's Cascara Bromide Quinine Tablets regularly and avoid colds, headaches, grippe, constipation and other strength-sapping disorders that weaken your resistance to deadly influenza germs.

Wherever there is a drug store you will find  
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## SAYS RUSSIA INVITES U. S. ENTERPRISE

Relief Commissioner Looks  
Into Trade Relations and  
Possibilities.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Russia is  
again holding out the lure of rich min-  
ing and oil concessions to Americans in  
the hope of American recognition and  
resumption of trade relations. Inciden-  
tally the rich grants made Washington  
D. Vanderlip of California, a year or  
more ago, are still open, though the  
soviet regime claims it will ratify them  
when business relations are resumed  
with the United States.

These developments followed the visit  
of Gilbert A. Johnson, chairman of  
the American commission to Near East  
Relief to appear before the Senate Agri-  
cultural Committee.

Johnson while in Russia talked pri-  
marily relief of the famine there, but in-  
spired on collateral subjects, such as  
trade relations. He was told rather  
terse that Russia "was going to make  
good" on the Vanderlip deal, but that it  
had not been closed finally since there  
were no actual trade relations with this  
country.

"You have given him about the whole  
country," Johnson remarked facetiously to  
one of the Soviet committee members who  
replied: "We have plenty more rich con-  
cessions in various lines which we stand  
ready to give to Americans. We are anx-

## YOUNG BANDIT SHOOTS HIMSELF

Sends Bullet Through Neck  
When Posse Presses  
Capture.

Special to The Times.  
WAVELAND, Ind., March 6.—Fred  
Morcan, 16, sent a bullet through his  
neck here late yesterday and died in-  
stantly as a posse closed in about him.  
The youth had just robbed the Spencer  
hardware store of three revolvers, some  
ammunition and all the money he could  
find.

When he was discovered in the store,  
the youth ran through a rear door and  
took refuge in a barn, and fired several  
shots at the pursuers. While Sheriff  
Luddington was being called from  
Crawfordsville, he dashed from the barn  
and ran home, where he committed  
suicide.

## TROTSKI TO EXPEL FATHER.

BEVAL, March 6.—It is reported here  
that Leon Trotsky will expel his father,  
Moses Bronstein, from Russia for disown-  
ing him (Trotsky) as a disgrace to his  
race.

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