

FRIENDLINESS IS INSPIRED BY HARDING

President-Elect Meets Many Persons in Washington—Does More Listening Than Talking—Plans Policy.

SEES SOLEMN DUTIES

By MARK SULLIVAN
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—When Senator Harding left Washington on Tuesday afternoon, he had spent almost exactly 40 hours in the capitol, he saw a good many persons, and they told him a good many things. Harding himself did more listening than talking. About the only thing that he himself initiated was a movement looking to as early action as is reasonable on what is conveniently called the League of Nations question, but is, in fact, the whole problem of our foreign relations. He brought this up with several members of the senate committee of foreign relations, and with other senators, and urged action on their part looking to arriving at common ground for action. Senator Harding has been himself a member of the foreign affairs committee and sat with it during all the sessions that dealt with the League of Nations. He knows the various points of view held by individual members, and he tried on Monday and Tuesday to make a beginning toward finding common ground on which all these differing views can meet.

This is about the only affirmative thing that Harding did, about the only thing in which he took the initiative. But he listened to a lot of other things. Among the suggestions laid before him by one or another of those who called were the following:

Urged to Appoint
He was urged to name his secretary of state and his secretary of the treasury immediately without waiting until he has made up his mind about the cabinet as a whole. The idea of those who urged this course was that the names of these two officials would carry a certain amount of weight with the public and would give business men and others interested a basis upon which to make their calculations for the future. It was urged, also, that these two officials should have a good deal of time before the 4th of March in which to study their problems and prepare themselves for prompt action after they take office. To this suggestion Senator Harding gave no sign or assent or dissent.

Bond Plan Urged.
Incidental to this plan for revision of taxes, Senator Harding was urged to give his endorsement to a plan for refunding the government debt, a plan which would extend all the Liberty Bonds for 60 years and would divide the refunding issue into three classes of bonds. One class free of income taxes on large incomes, another free of income taxes on medium incomes, and a third free of income taxes on small incomes. The purpose of this division is, of course, to make the new issue as attractive as possible to different groups of investors.

COMMISSION EXPENSES ARE TOLD BY WILSON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—A special message giving the complete expenses of the American peace commission during its work abroad was transmitted to the senate today by President Wilson.

Total expenditures amounted to \$1,651,191.09 from Dec. 1, 1918 to Dec. 4, 1920. The amount actually paid out was \$1,708,712.06, but repayments and gains in exchange reduced by \$52,520.97.

Some of the larger items are: Travel and subsistence, \$234,427; subsistence, \$193,629; salaries, \$209,871; wages and employees at Hotel Crillon, \$121,507; rents, \$176,833; food, hotel and kitchen supplies, \$283,560; hired and laundering of linen at hotel, \$64,969; damage and loss of property at the hotel, \$125,870.

Various missions to Russia, Germany, Poland, Turkey, Holland, and Armenia cost \$239,726. Purchase of automobiles amounted to \$14,602, and confidential expenses of presidential party, \$17,534.

Sugar Reaches Low of 5.32 Cents Per Pound

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The sugar market continued to trend downward today with a centrifugal quoted at 5.32 cents per pound, the lowest price of the season.

British Government May Inquire About De Valera

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The British government is considering whether it will request the United States government friendship to take official notice of the anti-British activities in America of Prof. Egonm de Valera, president of the Irish republic, according to a statement made today by Andrew Bonar Law in the house of commons in response to questions.

Marine Hero



Brig. Gen. Logan Feland

Brig. Gen. Feland, who has been in command of the brigade of marines at San Domingo, has arrived in Washington to take charge of the planning section of the marine corps staff.

HARDING, REFRESHED, WORKS ON POLICIES FOR ADMINISTRATION

MARION, O., Dec. 8.—With his return to Marion today from his vacation trip to the tropics, President-elect Harding was ready to begin actual constructive work on the policies of the coming administration.

In Washington during the last two days he felt out opinions on many subjects and he let it be known today that he was well pleased with the result. He told his friends that he believed his ideal of party government and common understanding had been furthered by his talks with Republican leaders in and out of congress and that his canvass of sentiment regarding an association of nations had been particularly encouraging.

The work done in Washington was purely preliminary, however, and at least some of the senators with whom he discussed foreign affairs will come to Marion later to take part in the league conferences that are to begin early next week.

Consultations Continue
Meantime consultations about selections for the cabinet will continue, and it is not probable that the final list of appointments to Mr. Harding's official family will be complete before inauguration day.

During the remainder of the present week the president-elect plans to devote his attention almost wholly to correspondence that has accumulated since he left for his vacation on Nov. 6. He also hopes to find opportunity to make up on the golf links some of the outdoor exercise he missed during his voyage to Panama and his four days of travel and conferences in Virginia and the capital.

SOVIET MOVEMENT SPREADS IN ARMENIA

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 8.—Reports reaching this city declare the war minister of Armenia has proclaimed a military dictatorship over that country. He is said to have joined Bolshevik troops at Baku and to be advancing toward Erivan, where a soviet government was proclaimed Dec. 3.

Following the announcement that a soviet government for Armenia had been established a council of people's commissaries was constituted. It is composed of five members, including two generals.

The communist movement is reported to be spreading swiftly in Armenia and outbreaks are said to have occurred in the region of Alexandropol, which is occupied by Turkish nationalists.

Weather Forecast

Moore's Special Forecast
Although fair weather now prevails over the central states, the eastward movement of two storms over the far west will cause a return to unsettled weather by Friday, if not Thursday, as the storm covers great territory.

For Indiana, by the United States Weather Bureau—Fair tonight, Thursday increasing cloudiness and warmer.
Temperatures Yesterday
Maximum 39
Minimum 31
Today
Maximum 40
Minimum 30

For Wayne County, by W. E. Moore
Fair tonight, freezing or somewhat below; Thursday increasing cloudiness and rising temperature.

General Conditions—The unsettled weather conditions over the central states yesterday and Tuesday caused by the general Pacific coast rainstorm, which crossed the states south of the 40th parallel, has given away to fair weather, which now extends north to southern Canada. Seasonably cold weather prevails over the provinces of Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec. It is zero at Winnipeg, while a mild wave covers western Canada. A maximum of 50 degrees above zero is reported from Medicine Hat. The third Pacific coast storm within a week is now crossing the Rocky Mountains, while another storm has appeared over western Canada and Montana. Four inches of snow covers the Texas panhandle, but as yet there is no severe cold weather in any portion of the United States.

FARM CROPS POOL URGED FOR RELIEF

Lever, Joint-Author Agricultural Extension Act, Recommends Nation Wide System to Steady Values.

BANKS ARE DEFENDED

By WILLIAM R. SANBORN.
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 8.—"Agriculture is the greatest of all professions, involving the labor of 49 percent of our people, and has \$25,000,000,000 of capital invested," said A. F. Lever, at the Farm bureau convention on Tuesday evening. Mr. Lever is joint author of the Smith-Lever agricultural extension act.

The speaker recommended that a nationwide system of pooling farm products in bonded warehouses, under national or state control, be devised, to prevent the flooding of our markets at harvest seasons. Mr. Lever says that it takes 12 months to prepare the land, sow the seed and to cultivate, harvest and market our various crops.

A system which would lead to the marketing of our crops over the entire crop year, instead of forcing 75 percent of the output on the market in four months, would steady values, and act to prevent the annual drop in prices, even year after year. This can be accomplished under our present credit machinery, said the speaker.

Outline of Lever Plan.
The Lever plan as outlined, would embody the following features:

1. The standardization of staple agricultural products of a warehouseable character, into grades or classes.
2. The building of a system of bonded warehouses and elevators for these products, under federal, state or both, regulation and inspection.
3. The issuance of uniform warehouse or elevator receipts for a given product.
4. The pooling, regionally, of these warehouse receipts in the hands of a government appointee.
5. The issuance against the pooled receipts of a certificate or bond, and the selling of the same to the investing public at such rates of interest as such collateral will command.

New Banking Laws Needed.
Mr. Lever insisted that our present banking laws do not cover the needs of the crop growers. The federal reserve act, he said, is a makeshift. "But neither the federal reserve act, nor the farm loan act, furnishes the kind of credit necessary, if a real system of orderly marketing is to be built up."

"By the application of principles of business already operating successfully, the thing can be worked out, and this to the benefit of all our people," said Mr. Lever.

Reserve Board Talks
W. G. P. Harding, governor of the Federal reserve board, made a most vigorous defense of that banking institution. He made a plea for the American farmer to face the industrial crisis bravely, with no undue feeling of anxiety or depression. There was no ground for despair on the part of the farmer, he said.

Mr. Harding declared that a wrong idea exists in the minds of many many that the Federal reserve system has adopted a policy of radical deflation and that the farming interests have been the chief sufferers from this policy.

"No such policy has ever been undertaken," Mr. Harding asserted. "As a matter of fact, there has been during the past year an increase in the net volume of bank credit in currency, but efforts have been made to correct abuses and to bring about moderation and better judgment in the use of credit, which a year ago were being diverted into all kinds of speculative and non-productive channels."

Mr. Harding declared that efforts have been made to conserve the resources and credit power of the Federal reserve banks in order that they may better respond to the seasonal needs occasioned by the harvesting of the crops.

"Remember," he continued, "that things are not as bad as they seem, and that the morale which is so necessary for an army to maintain in military campaign is just as essential in fighting industrial and business depression. Let us look on the bright side, and take care before overreacting measures which seem to promise temporary relief, to consider their ultimate results."

Organization Work Program
The work of the convention Wednesday is being principally devoted to matters of organization. Great interest centers in the annual election, to be held this evening. It is not thought that J. R. Howard will have any opposition to re-election as president, no rival candidates being in sight.

Twelve directors will be elected and there are numerous candidates in the field. There are two prominent candidates for the office of vice-president: John G. Brown, president of the Indiana state federation, and Howard Leonard, of Eureka, Illinois, president of the Illinois Agricultural association.

Believe Smugglers Work On American Vessel

GENEVA, Dec. 8.—Search of the steamer America upon its arrival here yesterday revealed a quantity of tobacco, sugar and coffee, which it is alleged, was being handled by smugglers.

In addition, the officers found 400,000 rubles in the custody of the wireless operator. He declared the money was not to be used for political purposes, but belonged to speculators. The money and goods have been requested by the police.

FORMER SERVICE MEN IN PRESENT CONGRESS IMPATIENT AT DELAY

The Palladium News Bureau.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—Former service men in the Sixth congressional district of Indiana are entering numerous complaints over delays experienced in having their claims for compensation acted upon by the Bureau of War Risk Insurance.

It is stated, however, that dissatisfaction with the methods of the War Risk Insurance bureau is general throughout the country and members of congress realize that one of the most important problems they are now confronted with is a reconstruction of that bureau so that it will function properly.

A flood of complaints has been turned loose upon the bureau in the past few days by members of congress returning to Washington for the reopening of congress. The complaints were principally against long delays in the consideration of claims for compensation and against disability classifications given in compensation awards.

Complaint From Richmond
Among the complaints submitted to Representative Richard N. Elliott of Indiana to be filed with the bureau is one that involves the case of a former soldier living in Richmond, Ind., who is now unable to do any work because he is suffering from tubercular peritonitis and who has been awarded only \$18 a month compensation notwithstanding the fact he is married.

Reclassification of disability has been asked for another Richmond service man, who has been unable to work for several months because of a dilated heart and who now receives only \$13.50 a month compensation, although he is married and has a wife and baby to support. This small award was granted to him several months ago, but his claim for compensation had been filed.

Soldier Suffers
The American Legion Post in Richmond has called attention to the case of another former service man suffering from tuberculosis and said to be unable to do any work who is receiving only \$23.50 a month, on which he is expected to support himself, his wife and a child. It is stated that the Red Cross has been obliged to assist this man from time to time.

An opinion frequently expressed in Washington is that the system under which the bureau of War Risk Insurance operates is too cumbersome ever to accomplish satisfactory results.

Investigate Payments.
The investigation of war department payments to steamship owners for reconditioning ships used as the transports during the war which was begun yesterday by the special war expenditures investigation committee, continued, with officers of the transport service as witnesses.

The immigration exclusion bill regarded by its supporters as one of the most important matters to be dealt with at this session, will not be taken up until Thursday when it will be the special order of business in the house.

LEAGUE'S MILITARY SCOPE CONSIDERED BY GENEVA MEETING

GENEVA, Dec. 8.—Relations between the technical organizations of the league of nations, as well as those between the council and assembly, were considered today by delegates to the assembly meeting here.

It was expected the discussion of the scope and powers of the military, naval and aerial commission might develop what connection it may have with the league's international force that is being sent to supervise the plebiscite in Lithuania.

On one occasion Lord Robert Cecil, delegate from South Africa, referred to this commission as a "staff". This appellation, however, was distasteful to many delegates who do not care to encourage the idea of the militarization of the league.

May Provoke Conflict
The possibility of conflict between the league and the various powers has arisen as a result of the decision of the committee on admission of new states respecting Albania and it is likely to be discussed on the floor of the assembly when that committee's report is considered. Lord Robert Cecil has insisted stoutly that Albania should be admitted to the league.

Rene Viviani of France and Signor Pagliano of Italy have opposed this step on the ground that Albania has not been recognized by any power would not admit to this time might interfere with national policies of some governments.

Italian Naval Submarine Joins D'Annunzio Forces

TRIESTE, Dec. 8.—Submarine chaser No. 68, part of the Italian naval force blockading Fiume, joined the D'Annunzio forces today.

SIMPLE CEREMONIES UNVEIL FRENCH SHAFT

(By Associated Press)
VERDUN, France, Dec. 8.—Dedicated ceremonies of the simplest character were held here today at the unveiling of a monument to the famous "trench of the bayonets." This monument, which is over a trench in which was entombed a battalion of French soldiers during the great struggle here in 1916 was made possible by a gift of 500,000 francs by George F. Rand, of Buffalo, N. Y., who was killed in an airplane accident in England last December, his son assuming the obligation.

President Millerand, surrounded by Marshals Foch, Joffre and Pétain, Premier Levesque, Minister of Pensions Magniot and other members of the cabinet, took part in the exercises. Hugh C. Wallace, American ambassador to France, standing uncovered on the steps of the long, massive concrete structure made the presentation address. He was followed by President Millerand.

NEW TARIFF FIRST WORK OF CONGRESS

Revision to be Sought at Extra Session Which President-Elect Harding is Expected to Call.

WILL RUSH MEASURE

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Revision of the tariff will be one of the first things sought at the extra session of congress which President-elect Harding is expected to call immediately after his inauguration, Charles Fordney of the house ways and means committee said today, after a conference of the Republican members of the committee to decide on a legislative program for this session.

Changes in the tax law also will be considered by the committee before the Christmas recess of the present congress, Mr. Fordney said, and hearings probably will be held. The hearing on the tariff revision will begin on Jan. 6, and will end on Feb. 16, under the tentative program adopted today. This would give the committee two weeks on which to summarize their findings before the present session of congress ended.

Begin Work at Once.
Chairman Fordney said it was planned to begin actual drafting of the new tariff bill as soon as the special session of congress convened, probably in mid-March and that it was hoped that the measure would be ready for house action late in the spring or early in the summer.

With preliminaries over and the president's annual message out of the way congress got into its regular business stride. In the senate actual debate was expected to begin with the taking up in the day of the measure designed to regulate the meat packing industry. There also was a likelihood the proposed former relief legislation, temporarily blocked yesterday would be called up for action.

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WAR COST AMERICA 24 BILLION DOLLARS NET, SAYS SECRETARY

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The net cost of the war to the American government was fixed by Secretary Houston today at \$24,000,000,000. This, he said, represented the "adjusted" expenditure of the treasury, excluding all other outlay which had no relation to the actual prosecution of the war during the period from April 6, 1917, to June 30, last, which he said covered the extremes of the government's war time fiscal operations.

Total expenditures by the government during the period covered, excepting only postal disbursements from postal revenues, were \$38,830,812,935, treasury figures showed. Of this amount, \$16,078,844,097 was obtained in taxes and revenue from sources other than borrowed money.

Mr. Houston said a deduction of \$9,520,000,000, the amount loaned to foreign governments, should be made from the grand total since these loans will be repaid and consequently cannot be charged as an actual expenditure. The secretary made other deductions aggregating approximately \$4,500,000,000 which he said represented the excess cost of actual government operations for the three years and three months over what they would have been in normal times.

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Revision of the Tariff Program is Begun

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Republican members of the house ways and means committee meeting today in executive session to draft a program of procedure for the present session, decided to begin hearings as soon as possible with a view to revising the tariff. Chairman Fordney said it also was possible that the committee would undertake hearings on tax revision.

Youngest Consul



Henry M. Hill

Henry M. Hill, the youngest consul general of the republic of Panama, is a student in the diplomatic class at Georgetown college, Washington, D. C. His father is an American and his mother a native of Panama. He was born in Santiago de Veraguas, Panama, June 1, 1907. He became attorney general of his state at nineteen.

GERMAN SPY ADMITS SERVICE AS CAPTAIN IN AMERICAN ARMY

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Hans Willet, alias Captain John A. Willers, commander of Company I, 48th U. S. Infantry during the war, was held in Castle William, Governor's Island, today awaiting action by army officials on a confession he is alleged to have made to police detectives here yesterday that he was a German spy.

Although he had been sought as a deserter, alleged to have absconded soon after the armistice with \$56,000 in company funds, his confession of espionage came as a complete surprise. Hugh J. Hannigan, a former lieutenant under his command, on whose identification Willet was arrested, said not a man under the captain's command had ever suspected he was a German sympathizer.

Trained For Spy Work.
Willet said, according to the detectives, that he was one of 500 cadets who had trained in Germany and were sent to this country to enlist in the United States army. The scheme he is alleged to have said, was for the cadets to lead units of soldiers to France and expose them in dangerous position for slaughter.

Willet protested vigorously at first that he was not the man sought for desertion, but, after two other former officers of his company corroborated Hannigan's identification, he sank down in a chair and murmured: "You've got me!"

A few minutes later he became calm and deliberate and said: "I have nothing to regret. It is just the fortunes of war. Luck was against me and I'll have to pay."

IMPORTANT BUSINESS, BANQUET, SMOKER FOR YOUNG BUSINESS MEN

Eats, a smoker and a docket full of important business will face the members of the Young Men's Business Club at their meeting in the K. of P. building at 7 p. m. Wednesday. Officers of the organization urge that every member be present and take part in the meeting which, they say, will be over by 8:30 p. m.

A meeting of the board of directors and some interested parties was held at the Arlington hotel at noon Wednesday to discuss the matters to be presented at the meeting. Action will be taken on these by the club.

The challenge from the Kiwanis club for a basketball game to be played for the benefit of Christmas baskets for the poor was read at the directors' meeting, and will be up to the club tonight.

Civic interests of the organization were discussed and these will be further delved into at the regular meeting.

Members of the board and club present at the luncheon were R. Nustbaum, W. Hibbard, R. G. Leeds, Harry Oliver, J. H. Hill, H. R. Marlatt, Ray Weisbrod, J. Baker, Westcott Hanes, Paul Beckett, E. K. Quigg, E. N. Wilson, Paul James and LeRoy Hodge.

Wilson Answers Request of Council of Nations

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—President Wilson's reply to the invitation of the council of nations to name representatives to sit in a consultative council of nations on the commission studying the reduction of armaments has been prepared and will be forwarded today. It was announced at the State department.

Officials would not say whether the President has accepted the invitation.

Twenty are Injured When Bus Overturns

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The driver of a Fifth Avenue bus was killed and 20 persons injured when the vehicle overturned at 79th street. The accident occurred when the bus swerved sharply in an attempt to dodge a truck.

Many wealthy women residing in the vicinity helped in rendering first aid. Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney was among those who arranged for removal of the injured to hospitals in taxicabs and automobiles before the arrival of ambulances. Mrs. J. F. Feder turned her Fifth Avenue house into an emergency hospital.

WEIDNER IS ACCUSED OF EMBEZZLING

Wayne County Treasurer Released on \$2,600 Bond Following Arrest Tuesday—Faces Three Indictments.

CHARGE CONVERSION

Edward J. Weidner, Wayne county treasurer, was arrested at his home here Tuesday evening as a result of three indictments returned against him by the grand jury. One indictment charges embezzlement of the county funds, and the other two allege that he failed to return property for taxation purposes in 1919 and 1920.

Bond totaling \$2,600 was furnished by Weidner. \$2,000 of this went for the embezzlement charge and \$300 was given on each of the other indictments.

The first count of the embezzlement indictment charges that Treasurer Weidner converted \$20,000 of the county's money to his own use; the \$20,000 of the county's money for other funds which belonged to him, and which were on deposit in the Farmers' bank at Milton; the third charges that he deposited \$20,000 in the Farmers' bank, which was in excess of the maximum legal amount of the maximum legal limit of \$5,325 which he could deposit there as county treasurer.

Text of Charge.
The embezzlement charge reads that while acting as treasurer of the county of Wayne, as treasurer charged with the keeping of \$20,000 belonging to the county "which had been collected by him and which was then and there in his possession and keeping as such treasurer for said county of Wayne, and that he, said Edward J. Weidner while acting as such treasurer, and while in possession of such money, as aforesaid, and while charged and intrusted with the safe keeping and disbursement of said money as aforesaid, did then and there, during said time, unlawfully feloniously and wilfully embezzle, convert and appropriate the same to his own use, the exact time and date of the commission of said offense by him, the same Edward J. Weidner, being to the grand jurors unknown, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided, against the peace and dignity of the state of Indiana."

Ask Investigation
When it became known, shortly after the Farmers' bank of Milton failed and a shortage of between \$100,000 and \$125,000 in the accounts of Cashier Oscar M. Kirlin was discovered, that Treasurer Weidner had on deposit there county funds in excess of the legal maximum, authorities asked for an audit of his books. Exceeds Maximum Sum

At the time of the failure of the institution he had \$47,551, including four certificates, on deposit in it. Weidner, as county treasurer, filed a claim of \$27,551 for the county against the bank, but previously, when Oscar M. Kirlin committed suicide, Weidner went to a Richmond bank and paid the county \$20,000, taking over the four certificates, Prosecutor Freeman said.

The prosecutor said the county would not lose the \$27,551 in the defunct bank, as the stockholders of the bank must make good all losses, which will protect the county's money.

Exceeds Maximum Sum
At one time Treasurer Weidner had as high as \$55,000 of the county's money on deposit in the bank.

Prosecutor Freeman said that the four certificates of deposit belonged to Weidner personally. Instead of depositing county funds in the bank, he took out \$20,000 himself and then indorsed the four certificates over to the county. Exchanging these certificates for county money constituted embezzlement, under the statutes, Prosecutor Freeman said. In that event, the bank, under its bond, would be liable for the payment of the four certificates, because they were not issued on a deposit of the county, the prosecutor said.

Sequesters Taxables
The other two indictments charge that Weidner on March 1, 1920, had on deposit personally in the Farmers' bank \$28,319, and on March 1, 1919, \$19,000, which he had failed to return for taxation purposes.

The failure of the Farmers' bank was investigated by the grand jury, which was charged to ascertain if any criminal action might have taken place. The state board of accounts recently made an audit of Treasurer Weidner's books in connection with a request from Prosecutor Freeman.

Generous Robber Returns \$10 to Penniless Victim

STEVENSVILLE, O., Dec. 8.—Daniel Cable, a pottery worker, reported to the police here last night that a robber who held him up while he was enroute to his home in a sack pulled out a roll of bills and offered to give him \$10 after the highwayman discovered that he was penniless.

Cable said that the robber leaped upon him, overpowering him, and then went through his pockets. Finding no money, Cable said, the highwayman reached into his home in a sack pulled out a roll of bills and offered to give him \$10, saying "Here, brother, you need it worse than I do." Cable said he was too surprised to take the money.

Cox Offers His Help In Appointing Willis

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 8.—Governor Cox today wired President-elect Harding proffered his co-operation in appointing Senator-elect Frank B. Willis to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Harding in the senate.