

SENATOR HARDING ADDRESSES SENATE

HOPES FOR BETTER TEAM WORK THAN THAT ACCORDED TO PRESIDENT WILSON.

PLEASED WITH HIS GREETING

Recognized he was There Under Some What Peculiar Circumstances and Appreciated his Position.

Washington.—A day of co-operation and friendly relations between the white house and congress was forecast by President-elect Harding in a short address from the floor of the senate.

Though disclaiming any desire to criticize the present administration Mr. Harding declared it one of the ambitions of his four years as chief executive to insure better team work between the two branches of the government.

The speech, which did not touch on detailed questions of policy, was delivered by the president-elect in response to an ovation that greeted him when he went to the senate chamber in his capacity as a member and answered to the opening roll call.

Senator Harding rose to speak after Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the republican leader, has called attention formally to his presence and asked that he be recognized by the senate president. "I am pleased at this greeting by fellow members of the senate," said Mr. Harding. "There is still greater satisfaction in having this opportunity to say to you informally some of the things in my heart which I could utter in no other way. I recognize that I am here today under somewhat unusual circumstances, and there is a delicacy about it that one in my position cannot escape except through some form of self-effacement which does not seem quite possible."

All Charges Dismissed. Mexico City.—All charges against William O. Jenkins, American consular agent in Puebla, who was arrested last year, charged with complicity in his own kidnapping, have been dismissed. The superior court ordered Jenkins given complete freedom, and directed that the bail furnished for him be returned.

Discourages Bonus Drive. New York.—"The solicitation of \$1 from war veterans to be used in a national bonus drive is unnecessary and will have an adverse influence on prospects for the passage of the American Legion's four-fold compensation bill in the senate," said Charles G. Blakely, commander of the New York department of the American Legion.

Brazilian Press on Japs. Rio de Janeiro.—Concession by the Minas Geraes states government of certain favors to a Japanese company which proposes to settle 200 or more Japanese families on 250,000 acres of land and employ them in silk making has again raised a discussion in the press of this city.

League is Not a Trust. Washington.—The District court of appeals reversed the recent judgment for \$264,000 granted by the major baseball leagues in favor of the Baltimore Federal League club, which claimed a violation of the anti-trust laws.

Western Union loses Fight. Washington.—The Western Union Telegraph company, lost its fight for an injunction restraining the Louisville & Nashville railroad company from moving its telegraph lines from the railroad's right of way.

Son of Ex-President Injured. Indianapolis, Ind.—Four men were killed and Colonel Russell B. Harrison, son of the late President Benjamin Harrison, was seriously injured when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by a traction car.

Recognition for Oregon. Rio de Janeiro.—The Brazilian government has recognized the government of President Obregon of Mexico. It was announced from the state department.

Loan for Railroad. Washington.—The interstate commerce commission has approved a loan of \$1,000,000 to the Trans-Mississippi Terminal railroad company toward meeting the maturity of its 6 per cent gold notes, due December 1. The road must finance \$2,000,000.

Less Coal Produced. Washington.—Production of bituminous coal during the week ending November 27 totalled 11,416,000 tons compared with 11,721,000 tons the previous week.

Socialists Become Angry. Chicago.—Riot calls were turned in when a meeting of 3,000 Socialists became disorderly after Meyer London Socialist congressman-elect from New York, had criticized the Russian Soviet government. A number of arrests were made.

DELEGATION FROM ARGENTINE QUILTS

MOVE MAY BE PRELIMINARY TO COMPLETE BREAK WITH THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

SORE OVER ACTION OF LEAGUE

Argentine Withdrawal is the First Definite Break to Occur Between the League and its Members.

Geneva.—Honorable Puerrredon, the Argentine foreign minister, handed to Paul Hymans, president of the league of nations assembly, a letter announcing that the Argentine delegation had ceased its participation in the league. Senator Puerrredon told the Associated Press his action does not mean that Argentina has withdrawn from the league of nations, but refused to say if the move was the preliminary to a final break between the league and Argentina.

"We feel," said Senator Puerrredon, "that there is nothing more to be accomplished in the assembly. It has refused to permit even discussion of the amendment which Argentina considers as fundamental to the league—necessary to its successful existence."

Senator Puerrredon said Argentina would not resume her place in the assembly until it had passed the four amendments he had proposed. These aim principally at securing compulsory arbitration by the international court of justice; the admission of all states and the selection of all members of the council instead of only four as now.

Argentina's withdrawal from the assembly constituted the first definite breach between the league and one of its members.

3,898 Automobile Fatalities. Washington.—A total of 3,898 persons were killed in automobile accidents or died as a result of injuries therefrom, during last year, the census bureau announced in a statement offering suggestions for traffic improvement. An automobile accident death rate of 14.1 out of every 100,000 of population was reported in 1919, an increase over every year since 1915, when the death rate was 8.0 and an increase of 245 in the total number of deaths over 1918.

"Every year it becomes more and more dangerous for a person to walk the streets," the census bureau's statement said.

Reduction of Public Debt. Washington.—Despite the increase of \$112,646,571 in the public debt during November announced by the treasury officials of the department declared that at the end of the year a reduction of \$300,000,000 could be expected from the gross debt of \$34,087,000,000 as it stood on September 30.

Unemployment Not General. New York.—Official reports from 45 states, representing 95 per cent of the nation's population, reveal a widespread industrial depression, in spite of which no serious or general unemployment has yet developed.

Administrator Sails. New York.—Dr. Frederik P. Keppel sailed for France to take up his work as American administrator of the International Chamber of Commerce. In a statement issued as he sailed, Dr. Keppel said the purpose of the chamber is to remove international friction from commerce.

Armenia Becomes Soviet. London.—Russian soviet troops captured Erivan, the Armenian capital, and Armenia has declared itself a soviet republic. It is asserted in a wireless dispatch received from Moscow.

Sinn Fein Proclamation. Belfast.—The Sinn Fein has circulated a proclamation throughout the west and south of Ireland declaring that those guilty of "treasonable conspiracy" will be executed as traitors to the Irish republic.

McLean is Again Recognized. Washington.—President Wilson again recognized the worth and ability of a North Carolinian when he appointed Angus Wilton McLean, of Lumberton, assistant secretary of the treasury, succeeding Joett Shouse.

Gigantic Wheat Pool. Winnipeg.—Farmers of western Canada announced plans for a gigantic pool to force wheat prices up. The organization was said to have attracted most of the farmers and farm organizations of the region.

Bolshevism Behind It. New York.—Bolshevism lurks behind proposed the Sunday blue laws, Judge Mitchell May declared, addressing the Kings County grand jury.

To Grant Relief to Farmers. Washington.—A concurrent resolution suggesting that the war finance corporation be revived will be introduced in house and senate as the first legislative step towards granting the wheat, corn and cotton farmers the relief they demand from low prices and slack markets.



REV. H. J. KREHBILL

Rev. H. J. Krehbill of Reedley, Cal., who was recently elected president of the General Mennonite Conference of North America.

RECENT DECISION IS QUOTED

Interpretation and the Postponement of Changes in The Covenant Were Chief Topics of Conversation.

Geneva.—Presentation and adoption of a resolution eliminating Article X from the covenant of the league of nations before the end of the present session of the assembly would occasion no surprise here, it was declared in some quarters when the assembly began its meeting.

Assertions were made that decision of the committee on the admission of new states, which held, in effect, that the articles does not guarantee the territorial integrity of any member of the league, represented the views of a majority of the delegates. This interpretation and the postponement of consideration of certain changes in the covenant were the principal topics of conversation here.

Three changes, which were proposed by Scandinavian countries, were said in no wise to prevent consideration at this session of any other amendments. N. W. Rowell, a Canadian delegate, brought this out clearly by questioning A. J. Balfour, of Great Britain.

Prelude to Civil War. Rome.—All statements made by Captain Gabriele D'Annunzio at Fiume, seem to be a prelude to civil war, in spite of the fact that the post-soldier has declared to the people of that city that "the blood of brothers shall not be shed." He is urging nationalist non-combatants to build barricades and resist attacks by Italian regulars.

Foodstuffs for Fiume. Ancona, Italy.—A steamer having a full cargo of foodstuffs sailed from this port for Fiume. This is considered as evidence the blockade of Fiume is essentially a military measure, that the Italian government does not intend the town shall be reduced by starvation.

"Take a Week Off." Susquehanna, Pa.—In a voluntary effort to help the company in its readjustment policy, workmen in the Erie shops here have organized a movement to "take a week off" December 24 to January 2.

Holding Potatoes for \$100. Traverse City, Mich.—Potato buyers here estimate that northern Michigan warehouses hold 1,000,000 bushels of potatoes for which the growers are demanding \$1 per bushel. They are being offered 60 cents.

Would Admit Costa Rica. Geneva.—The league of nations committee on the admission of new states recommended unanimously the admission of Costa Rica into the league as a sovereign state.

No Tax Extension. Washington.—The fourth installment of 1919 income taxes must be paid December 15 to avoid penalty, according to a warning given out by the internal revenue bureau.

Immigration to Be Stopped. Washington.—Tentative approval was given by members of the house immigration committee to the bill framed by Representative Johnson of Washington, chairman, which practically would suspend immigration for a two year period.

Hogs Cheap on Hoof. Chicago.—Hogs on the hoof have returned to what is practically their 1913 pre-war price, judging from figures obtained from one of the "big five" packers.

Collections of \$5,407,580.251. Washington.—Collection of \$5,407,580.251 in taxes and efforts to control the liquor traffic under the prohibition act formed principal work of the internal revenue bureau during the last fiscal year, Commissioner Williams said in his report.

WRONG PLAN FOR CROP REDUCTION

RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

OPPOSE WANNAMAKER'S IDEAS

The Regulations Point Out That the Farmers of the South Badly Need a More Positive Policy.

Raleigh.—Resolutions adopted by the state board of agriculture oppose unqualifiedly any horizontal reduction in the cotton acreage of North Carolina, saying "it is wholly unfair to require the man planting only one-fifth of his land in cotton to cut his acreage the same percentage as the man who plants four-fifths of his land in cotton."

This action puts the state board on record as opposed to the proposal of J. S. Wannamaker, president of the American Cotton association, that December 11 be set aside in every cotton growing state as "cotton reduction day" when it is urged that cotton farmers be committed to an agreement to cut their acreage for 1921 exactly one-half.

The regulations point out that the farmers of the South need a positive policy "with everlasting insistence upon a permanently safe farming foundation" as a means of preventing the constant change from prosperity to bankruptcy every four or five years.

Halve Working Hours. Manchester, England.—The American section of the cotton trade, which constitutes three-fourths of the whole industry, has decided by ballot to reduce the weekly working hours from 48 to 24. This decision affects 100,000 operatives.

French Loan Heavy. Paris.—Unexpectedly heavy subscriptions from the provinces to the new French six per cent loans, which closed November 30, were said to have raised the total beyond estimates of something over 26,000,000,000 francs.

Swat That Fly! New York.—A pair of flies effectively swatted now will avert the possible plague of \$24,000,000,000 potential descendants next autumn. It is asserted on posters circulated by the Merchants' association of New York.

Would Protect Cotton. Chicago.—A protective tariff on cotton, rice and wheat was advocated before the National association of Commissioners, Secretaries and Representatives of departments of Agriculture by Harry D. Wilson, of Louisiana who declared that although he was a democrat, he favored protection for the farmers.

To Consider No Amendments. Geneva.—A resolution rejecting the consideration of amendments to the league covenant at this session and providing for a committee to study changes before the meeting of the next assembly was passed by the assembly of the league with but one dissenting vote.

Represents The President. Washington.—The representatives to be chosen by President Wilson to mediate between the Armenians and the Turkish nationalists will act for the president of the United States and not Woodrow Wilson personally, it was said at the state department.

Five Burn to Death. New York.—Five persons were burned to death by fire which swept through a five-story apartment house on West 57th street just off Fifth avenue. The dead included: Miss Marjorie Lescomb, motion picture actress recently arrived in America from England.

But Little Change. Doorn, Holland.—There was little change in the condition of former Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany.

Inserting Probe in Coal. Washington.—Senate investigation into the prices of anthracite coal will begin in New York was announced by Senator Calder, chairman of the senate committee on inquiry.

Employes Cut Wages. Durham, N. C.—Facing serious industrial depression due to the readjustment period, the congress of the industrial democracy government of the Durham Hosiery mills has passed a bill putting into effect shorter hours of operation and wage reductions.

Glad to See Harding. Washington.—President Wilson will be very glad to see President-elect Harding when Mr. Harding comes to Washington for the opening of congress, it was said at the white house. There was no suggestion, however, that the president-elect planned to call at the White House.

Public Debt Increased. Washington.—An increase of \$122,648,571 in the public debt during the month of November was announced by the treasury.



MME. MILLERAND Latest portrait of Mme. Millerand, wife of the President of France.

ON REDUCTION OF ARMAMENT

Following Council's Approval, a Note Embodiment Invitation was Sent to The Washington Government.

Geneva.—The council of the League of Nations unanimously approved the invitation drawn up by the military commission calling on the United States to name a representative to sit on the commission. The invitation expressed the view that the general consideration of the subject of a reduction of armament would be "greatly facilitated" if the United States government could see its way to send a representative to sit in a consultative capacity with the commission.

Following the council's approval of the invitation, a note embodying it was dispatched to the Washington government.

The text of the invitation was suggested by Brigadier General George S. Clive the British member of the commission. The invitation requests the United States to send a representative during the study of the question of a reduction in armaments.

"It would, of course, be perfectly understood, the invitation says in part, "that the presence of a representative of the United States would in no way commit the American government to whatever opinions may be finally put forward in the report of the commission."

Readjustment Period On. Washington.—The end of the readjustment period in business is not yet in sight, the Federal Reserve Board in its review of business conditions for month of November says.

Salient features of the month's business developments include: Continued decline in prices, the board's general index registering a net loss for the months of 18 points.

Further curtailment of manufacturing, with consequent increase of unemployment.

Reductions of buying power, which is lessening particularly the volume of wholesale trade.

Diminishing market for agricultural products.

Improvements in transportation.

Easing of credit conditions.

Increasing cancellation of orders for export, particularly for South America.

Austria is Recommended. Geneva.—Austria was unanimously voted a member of the league of nations by the commission for the admission of new states here. It is expected the assembly of the league will ratify the action.

Chinese Troops Loot City. Shanghai, China.—Messages received by business houses here report that the troops in Chang, a treaty port of Hu-Pu province, have mutinied, seized and set fire to the city and are looting it.

New Greek Representative. Athens.—Elias Panas, former Greek foreign minister, left Athens for Geneva as representative of the new government to the League of Nations.

Sale of Camp Custer. Chicago.—Bids for the sale of Camp Custer, near Battle Creek, Mich., will be received by the war department at Washington December 22, it was announced at the headquarters of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, commander of the Sixth army corps.

To Consider Farming Interests. Washington.—Possible remedial legislation for agricultural interests will be considered at a joint meeting of the original committees of the senate and house.

Receiver for Steamship Company. New York.—Theodore J. Kenne was appointed federal receiver in equity for the Standard Steamship company, Inc., of this city on application of the Carter & Weeks Stevedoring company of West Virginia.

MAY SELL BONDS BELOW PAR VALUE

IMPORTANT OPINION HANDED DOWN BY NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT.

A CASE FROM WAYNE COUNTY

Suit Was Brought by The Citizens of Goldsboro to Restrain Council in Sale of Certain Bonds.

Raleigh.—Constitutionality of an act passed at the special session of the general assembly last August authorizing the sale of bonds by municipalities, townships and school districts below par is upheld by the North Carolina supreme court in an opinion filed several days ago.

The case came up from Wayne county on appeal, citizens of Goldsboro having sought to restrain the sale of that city's improvement bonds in the sum of \$10,000 on the allegation that the act of the legislature authorizing their sale at below par, was unconstitutional and void. An opinion was also handed down in a similar suit, being that of Pennington versus the town of Tarboro.

In the Goldsboro case Associate Justice Allen writes the opinion and holds that in selling the bonds at 90¢ by virtue of an act of the legislature the city's officials were within their rights, the sale was not usurious and the act is constitutional since it was passed to meet an emergency and is of limited duration and must be sustained.

Steadman Opposed to Blue Laws. Washington, (Special).—Representative Hannibal L. Godwin is uncertain whether the proposed bill to restrict commercial activity on the Sabbath will have his support or not and Major Charles M. Steadman, Fifth district member, is unqualifiedly opposed to program. Other North Carolinians hesitate to say whether the proposal will have their support or not.

"Of course, I favor the proper observance of Sunday," Major Steadman said. "I do not, however, favor the passage of a bill in which are incorporated provisions making traveling illegal and the publication of newspapers on Sunday also illegal. I do not believe such a bill is necessary in behalf of morality."

Contributions for Relief. Contributions amounting to \$1,465.22 were received by Henry A. Page, North Carolina Chairman, American Relief Commission, Aberdeen, N. C. This brings the total amount contributed in North Carolina during November to \$5,002.41.

Kellum Appointed Solicitor. Appointive lightning struck Woodus Kellum, lawyer with Wilmington as his habitation, while he was sitting without the inner chamber of Executive Offices and when he emerged from the shock, he found himself solicitor in the Eighth Judicial district to succeed Homer L. Lyon.

Prospective Vice Raids. Washington, (Special).—Nothing further "for publication" has come from the International Reform Bureau regarding its plan to conduct a vice raid in Raleigh and Wilmington, Rev. Harry N. Pringle, who directed the drive in Norfolk, is said to be here for the general conferences next week, but his staff of detectives may be loosed upon the Tar Heel capital at any time. The program is Raleigh after Norfolk and on to Atlanta.

State in Fourth Place. Despite disasters that have come to the North Carolina farmer in the demoralization of prices, the state still retains its position of fourth from the top in the value of its agricultural products, and but for these disasters would have been first, according to the annual report of the Commissioner of Agriculture submitted to the Board by Commissioner W. A. Graham.

State Moves Too Quickly. Washington, (Special).—North Carolina and Tennessee are moving too rapidly in their plans for Sunday observance for the radical reformers of Washington. The bill proposed by the North Carolina Methodist conference, has excited Washington as nothing else has done since General Robert E. Lee threatened during the Civil war. "Too drastic," the local reformers say. Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts is for a Sunday between that of the Puritans and continental Europe.

Bickett Goes to Philadelphia. Governor and Mrs. T. W. Bickett, left here for Harrisburg, Pa., where the governor will make the response to the address of welcome at the twelfth annual governor's conference. From Harrisburg Governor Bickett will go to Philadelphia where he will be honor guest of the North Carolina society. He will make the principal address.

Entertainment features will include a reception given at the mansion of Governor and Mrs. Sprout.

Recent Vote for Congressmen. The state board of canvassers has released the congressional vote for the 10 districts in the state.

The vote by districts follows:
First—Hallet S. Ward, democrat, 21,814; Wheeler Martin, republican, 7,459; majority 14,355.

Second—Claude Kitchen, democrat, 20,890; W. O. Dixon, republican, 3,367; majority 17,523.

Third—S. M. Brinson, democrat, 21,467; R. L. Herring, republican, 16,347; majority 11,386.

Fourth—E. W. Pou, democrat, 26,479; Parker, republican, 14,080; majority, 11,386.

Fifth—Charles M. Steadman, democrat, 45,301; W. D. Merritt, republican, 35,484; majority, 6,817.

Sixth—Homer L. Lyon, democrat, 24,174; R. S. White, republican, 11,040; majority, 13,134.

Seventh—W. C. Hammer, democrat, 37,071; W. H. Cox, republican, 32,784; majority, 4,287.

Eighth—R. L. Doughton, democrat, 32,984; J. I. Campbell, republican, 31,556; majority, 1,428.

Ninth—A. L. Bulwinkle, democrat, 40,195; Jake Newell, republican, 35,686; majority, 4,509.

Tenth—Zeb Weaver, democrat, 36,923; L. L. Jenkins, republican, 34,393; majority, 2,530.

The total vote cast in the state this year is nearly double that of the last campaign. Incomplete figures show that a total of nearly 540,000 votes have already been accounted for.

Firemen to Reduce Speed. Realizing that excessive speed in responding to fire alarms by motor fire apparatus is both tempting and dangerous, Insurance Commissioner Young has proposed to Captain J. H. Wood, of Asheville, president of the North Carolina Firemen's association, that he take the matter up with the chiefs of all fire departments for the purpose of concrete action.

While assenting that fire departments should not be held to the same traffic restrictions as the public, Commissioner Young suggests to President Wood, that the chiefs should lay out the routes for their apparatus to various parts of the towns and cities, choosing the nearest and least used way and see that excessive speed is not used—only such speed as gives the driver complete control of his machine.

National Guard for Thirtieth. North Carolina and its sister states of Tennessee and South Carolina, which furnished the machinery for breaking the Hindenburg line some two years back, is to have that same organization, the immortal Thirtieth Division, reorganized in the National Guard of the three states, and ready for another emergency whenever it may come, according to an announcement from the office of Adjutant General John Van B. Metts.

Kitchen Again Taken Ill. Washington, (Special).—Congressman Claude Kitchen, of North Carolina, who suffered an attack of indigestion soon after leaving the post office department where he had been in conference with Postmaster General Burleson, is resting easily and there is no cause for alarm, according to Dr. Lewis Battle, also a Tar Heel. In conversation with The correspondent at his home, Dr. Battle said there was not the slightest sign of another paralytic stroke.

A Meeting of Committee. The joint legislative committee appointed by the last general assembly to recommend a bill providing for workmen's compensation will hold a special session in the office of the state Insurance Commissioner Tuesday December 14, beginning promptly at eleven o'clock, when the committee hopes that those who have suggestions or views on the proposed legislation will present them.

Appointment of Col Williams. The secretary of war has appointed Colonel Alexander E. Williams, quartermaster corps, to be assistant to the quartermaster general of the army with the rank of brigadier general.

Rapid Progress With Guard. The North Carolina national guard is making satisfactory progress in reorganization and three companies of infantry have been inspected by an officer of the regular army this month for federal recognition.

Seaboard Laying off Men. A 60 per cent cut among the Seaboard employes at the general shops at Portsmouth has been made according to information received here. Besides the reduction at Portsmouth there will be a reduction of approximately 15 car repairmen from the car department. Only a few men of this classification will be thrown out of work at Raleigh the brunt of the lay-off being felt at Hermitage, Va., a small station beyond Richmond.

The reason assigned for the laying off of the force is slack business. Legislation seeking to force the railroads to install gates or watchmen at every railroad crossing in North Carolina will be urged at the regular session of the general assembly which meets January 6, according to Walter Murphy, of Salisbury, representative-elect from Rowan county, who spent the day here.

The statement was made incidentally by Mr. Murphy in an address before the corporation commission when he spoke for citizens of Spence and East Spencer.